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We moralize when it is too late; nor is there anything more silly than to regret. One event makes another; what we anticipate seldom occurs...

FRANK MR. STAPLETON

Mr. Stapleton was frank. His speech at the Armory Thursday night was a marvel of frankness. He quietly admitted that a secret conference of Big Business lawyers took place in the Fenton building...

To Mr. Stapleton, the public is indebted for his frankness. It settles beyond cavil one question that has been disputed. One secret conference of corporationalists was held, it was held in the Fenton building...

Mr. Stapleton is unquestionably sincere in his belief that government by this method is good. Mr. Stapleton undoubtedly thinks a corporation-selected ticket to be a better ticket than one selected by the people.

But the question is, is government dominated by these big interests the best government for the great body of citizens. Some of the lawyers who attended the secret conference in the Fenton building are trying to beat the initiative and referendum in the courts.

It is an instance in which they are in conflict with the views of the great body of the people. The same big interests are trying to beat the law taxing telephone, telegraph and express companies. They went into the courts, and were defeated in the supreme court of the state.

But they have now appealed to the United States supreme court. That is another instance of conflict. The law was passed by Oregon people by a vote of 70,872 with only 6360 against. That is another instance in which Big Business and the citizen body are in conflict.

It is a conflict that is never ending. It goes on all the time. The big interests see the situation from their viewpoint. It is natural for Big Business lawyers to do the best they can for those they represent. But the public will hardly agree that it is best to let them control the public affairs of the state.

bad policy to permit them, through their secret conferences to pack the judiciary and the legislature. Mr. Stapleton's frank admission of the facts and his strong defense of corporation participation in politics will cause the people of Oregon to do a lot of hard thinking, and probably, a lot of hard voting.

IT IS SLANDER

IT IS AN insult to Roosevelt, to Taft and to Hughes to hold them up as favoring Oregon assemblyism. When assemblyites quote the Cobb bill as evidence that the three distinguished leaders are in cahoots with Oregon assemblyism, they slander Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Taft and Mr. Hughes.

Not so the Oregon assemblyites. They are attempting to put their Cobb bill into effect without the consent of the legislature. They are attempting to carry their assembly into effect in spite of the fact that the legislature refused to legalize it.

It is only in Oregon and only by the Oregon assemblyites that the constitutional authority is defied. After the legislature refused to legalize their assembly, they held it anyway. They tried to get their plan through the legislature and failed.

WHICH?

STATEMENT ONE was savagely denounced by Statesman Tooze at the Armory assembly meeting and the assemblyites present cheered the utterance to the echo. Pat McArthur led the applause and the Big Business lawyers in the audience smiled and clapped their hands vigorously.

EXPRESS RATES

THE REASON why it is not until this late day that the question of excessive express rates has been brought before the interstate commerce commission for regulation and reduction is said to be that there has been no formal course of procedure, until recently, by which complaints could be heard and determined.

more law of 1896 the express companies have made no change in their charges or practices to comply with its requirements, except in a few cases in which complaints were made which indicates that only compulsory proceedings would induce them to do so.

of jurors also, in this case, but it does not seem possible that 12 men selected as jurors can have been bought to bring in a verdict of acquittal. That corrupting influences were at work is probable, but the verdict cannot have been gained in that way.

Socialism in Milwaukee

From Success Magazine. The Socialists desired to change all this; their conception of government was that it should be conducted for the good of the people and not as part of the political game.

Home ownership of public utilities. A municipal terminal and municipal wharves. Equal and just taxation. Public slaughterhouses; public markets; public cold storage plants.

There is no brighter and more admirable a contingent or portion of this great army of American school children than those of Portland, some 30,000 strong; none healthier or happier, or more capable of making advancement through study, and in all ways.

NOW FOR SCHOOL

SCHOOL opens Monday in most places; in some it began last Monday; in some country districts the event may occur a little later. But about this time some 20,000,000 American children resume their studies in schools of one grade or another.

Very important people these children are, though most of them, and the rest of us as well, do not realize it. In them is wrapped the country's hope and destiny.

THE "R" MONTHS AND THE OYSTER

THE FORESTS, brush lands and orchards are donning their annual fall dress of crimson, scarlet, yellow and gold. The leaves are falling thickly, withered brown and serene.

We are well into an "r" month, when, back east, the oyster comes into fashion again—though out here we pay little attention, in this regard, to the "r" months.

We have in this region several and varying species of these sessile mollusks, Ostrea lurida; not so large as those of Chesapeake bay, yet very comforting to the inner man.

There were two hangings at Salem yesterday, proper and orderly extreme punishments provided by the law, which is based on the scriptural doctrine: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed."

The Republican members of the Ballinger investigating committee do not seem to be standing by him very well. They are a majority of the committee, yet they do not get together and join in a report in his favor.

Lee O'Neil-Browne, member of the Illinois legislature, tried for bribing other members to vote for Lorimer for United States senator, has been acquitted by a jury. Probably the jurymen really had no doubt that the alleged transaction occurred, but did not feel justified, in convicting a man on the testimony of one who took a bribe and then exposed his confederate in crime.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Down goes the old standpat Burrows also. Certainly the big fair will be a success. Roosevelt has never been a sleepy fellow.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

More corn is being raised than ever before, a good sign. Thousands of people are in Toledo this week attending the Lincoln county fair.

Marjorie will make her way pretty easily, even without feet, hereafter. The people will agree cordially with the Hague tribunal in its reconsideration that cannot be dispensed with, particularly a certain Cannon.

The town was scarcely ever more wickedly and viciously "wide open" than now, as any observant person can see. It is a reform administration. The "rising young attorney" may be quite a worthy young man, but the child who cannot be dispensed with, particularly a certain Cannon.

There was probably a meteor last Sunday, all right; but the testimony of the crowd who were out on joy riding is not to be considered as conclusive or very reliable on the subject. The hobble skirt may not be the best sort of garment for women to wear; we would not venture any expression of opinion on that; but it is a fine thing that cannot be dispensed with, particularly a certain Cannon.

The schools of Malheur county are all preparing for increased attendance this year, and the various towns are planning to provide increased facilities for teaching in ways that will be of much credit to the county. Vaie is making a great stride this year in the addition of a full high school course to the curriculum there.

Roseburg News: Less than one fifth acre near Roseburg produced over \$300 worth of cherries this spring. One hundred and eighty-five trees in north Dakota produced 715 bushels of oats this year.

September 10 in History—Battle of Lake Erie

Today is the date, in 1813, of the historic battle of Lake Erie, in which the gallant young naval officer, Oliver Hazard Perry, defeated the British under Barclay. The battle opened at noon and for several hours there was an incessant roar of artillery.

accomplishment of the swastika American seemed to have lost his desire to fight, and wheeled about and fled westward. It took Perry a month to find him, finally locating him at Put-in-Bay. In the battle that followed the British lost double the number of the Americans, and for the first time in all history, an entire English squadron surrendered.

Perry had named his flagship Lawrence, after the brave commander whose dying words, "Don't give up the ship," had become the motto of the great naval hero. At length the Lawrence seemed about to sink, and the undaunted Perry, waving his banner, passed in an open boat, in the face of the enemy's fire, to his next largest vessel, the Niagara. Presently two of the British vessels fouled, and the Americans, taking advantage of this, sailed their decks with a murderous fire, but only for 20 minutes, when the British fleet raised the white flag and surrendered.

On September 10, John Smith was elected president of Virginia in 1608; the Arcadians were exiled from Nova Scotia in 1758; Elias Howe received a patent for the first completed sewing machine in 1846; the fugitive slave bill was passed in 1850; and the war with Commodore Perry was unveiled in Cleveland in 1860.

The irrepressible conflict. From the Boston Globe. The notable feature of Mr. Roosevelt's address at Oswatimie yesterday was not his advance in radicalism to a degree from which he would have shrunk some years ago, and which he would have denounced in the same terms, but his actual reference to tariff reform.

That Man Once More. By Wilbur D. Nesbit. The man with the iridescent whiskers sidles into the office and immediately begins to talk about the future of the world.

Emerson and the Washwoman. From the Christian Herald. A poor washerwoman in Concord was seen to be hurrying her work and roll down her sleeves considerably before her usual hour for leaving.

Loosen Up. (Continued from The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous humorist. It possesses a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.) When a beggar asks a dime, loosen up! To refuse him is a crime—loosen up!

J. P. Morgan, King of the World. From the Spokane Spokesman-Review. Can it be possible that J. P. Morgan is king of the world? That he is king of the United States Lincoln Stephens has no doubt.

Loosen Up. When a beggar asks a dime, loosen up! To refuse him is a crime—loosen up! When we need some money down for a scheme to help the town, draw your bundle from your gown—loosen up!