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Work is the very salt of life, not only preserving it from decay, but also giving it tone and flavor.—Hush Black.

PORTLAND'S CENSUS

IT IS NOT in the mere reduction of the figures to 209,000 that the real usefulness of the Portland census appears. What hurts is the light in which the incident places Portland before the country.

EVADING THE REAL ISSUE

SUCH MEN AS James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, are participants in the high cost of living. At Chicago Saturday night Mr. Wilson was attributing high prices to the fact that the farmers were buying automobiles, also to the fact that the housewife, instead of going to the market and carrying her purchases home in a basket is ordering what she wants by telephone.

WET AND WINDY DAYS

THE CLIMATE of Oregon is admirable and excellent for various reasons, and from several points of view. It is so just now, although one may hear people complain about the briskly moving atmosphere and the contribution to earth of clouds.

THE SAFE WAY

HALL the woman or the man have the seat in a crowded streetcar? The topic has been interestingly discussed by correspondents in The Journal.

PENSIONS

IT WOULD TAKE 150 freight cars carrying 50 tons each to haul the gold that has been paid out in pensions on account of the Civil war. The yearly payments 45 years after the close of the war amount to five times as much as they did 10 years after the war.

paid out to date on account of the war between the states is \$5,456,461,840. It is more than the value of all the gold mined in the United States during the past 117 years. It is 40 times as much as has been paid pensioners of all previous wars combined.

The statements are from an article on the subject in the current issue of World's Work. E. W. Newberry of Wolcott, New York, writing to the magazine, says: "I am an ex-soldier of the Civil war, with three years' service to my credit, and nearly eight months of prison life. There are two cases in this town—one a widow whose husband received a large bounty. He never went out of the state, served only 88 days, but is by special act, granted \$13 a month. In the very same yard lives a soldier who was shot clean through the body, who was rejected by the same committee that granted the widow her claim."

The incident tells the whole story. It is the muckers, hangers-on, camp followers and the bogus that are swelling the pension lists. It is not the men who went out to be shot at that, 45 years after Appomattox give us \$46,194 persons on the pension rolls and yearly pension payments five times as large as they were 10 years after the war. The real veterans are being robbed for the benefit of those who never saw a battle or smelled gunpowder.

THE TEAMSTERS' STRIKE IN NEW YORK

PUBLIC ATTENTION has not been drawn as pointedly as should be to the aspect of the teamsters' strike in New York and New Jersey that affects the people at large. This strike tied up for weeks the channels of business for literally millions of people, who were neither directly nor indirectly interested in or parties to the quarrel, and yet submitted to it. The damage done was utterly out of proportion to the items, the details, or the results of the quarrel itself. And the chief damage fell on the wrong people.

THE TRIUMPH OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

From the Milwaukee Wisconsin. In the use of rats and guinea pigs in the laboratory of the bacteriologist a form of humanity, to be proceeded against by law? There are very good people in Great Britain as well as in the United States who take this view.

INSURGENCY AND IGNORANCE

From the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The whole fabric of this insurgency movement is based on ignorance and demagoguery, says Congressman Henry Sherman, Republican of Illinois. Mr. Boutwell has for some years been the most ardent supporter of Speaker Cannon and all that Cannonism implies.

THE FIDDLER

(Continued to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas pianist, who writes a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.) They are holding high carnival down at Charlie's frog barn, and the boys are burning money where the shining bottles are; you may hear their joyous laughter, you may hear them about and sing, and they're finding life a solace as the noisy hours take wing. But the morning, O the morning, when the singing renders wake! When the mouth is like a hen's nest, and the head a mass of ashes, O the agonies remorseful, and the walling that ascend! For all men must pay the fiddler when the dance is at an end. There are fellows all around us who are cutting quite a swath, thinking that unless they're stylish they are surely in the broth; and they're busting motor-wagons, and they're jaunting off to Rome with a lot of borrowed money and a mortgage on the home. And some day a beauteous panicle on the land will spread a pall, and a lot of stylish necks will be beaked against the wall; then you'll hear a lot of pleading—pleading all in vain, my friend; for a man must pay the fiddler when the dance is at an end. LITA Cora Jane DeJagers has her feelings badly miffed, for her mother often tells her that her girl is much too swift with her busting motor-wagons, and that she's busting motor-wagons when she ought to be at home; she is flirting with the Johnnies in her harmless, foolish way, and she may invest in a stock on some blither future day; for the law that governs mortals, never yield and never bend—girls, like boys, must pay the fiddler when the dance is at an end.

profits, and the employees their daily work and wages, from a public source. The public hands over, for a consideration, to an individual a necessity of common life, to be handled, carried on, developed, for the profit he, the individual, can make out of it.

Such contracts, have in essence just the two parties, the public on the one hand, and the individual who is to do the business, and provide the men and machinery for doing it, on the other hand. This, whether the subject matter be railroads, express business, light or water supplies, or what you will—provided that the term "public utilities" describes them.

Corporations are just artificial individuals, and the law and right and logic apply to all alike.

In the cases now in question this distinction is vital. The parties in these teamsters' and railroad strikes have no right to expect the people to make a ring, and stand round with hand claps or denunciation, as their favorites in the battle win or lose. The people have the inherent right, and it is their duty, to have removed, as quickly as may be, the obstacle that hinders the use and development of the public utility for the public good.

This compulsory arbitration, conciliation boards, and the like are justified, where quarrels between employers and employed endanger the operation of the enterprise.

The most effective agency so far devised along these lines is the public service commission of New York. The principle above laid down is the very life and motive power of that commission. It will not and should not be long before every state in the American Union will have its own commission in full control.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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NOVEMBER 21 IN HISTORY—NAPOLEON'S DECREE

On November 21, 1806, Napoleon issued his famous Berlin Decree, which had as its object the shutting out of England from all connections with the continent of Europe. This decree declared England in a state of blockade and prohibited all commerce or correspondence with them. It was one of the most radical measures ever taken by the French general. It went even still further than a blockade by declaring that every Englishman found in a country occupied by French troops or by their allies should be a prisoner of war, and all merchandise belonging to an Englishman was made lawful prize, and all trade in English goods was entirely prohibited.

No ship coming directly from England, or from a British colony, was allowed to enter any port, and any ship violating this regulation was to be seized, its cargo as if British property. Napoleon's commercial policy came to be known as the continental system, and it resulted in the springing up upon the continent of many branches of manufactures, to the loss of England. But, on the other hand, the price of foreign goods rose to an extraordinary height, enabling a few merchants to make fortunes, but seriously affecting the daily comfort of the middle classes. On the whole, the continental system, both politically and economically, was a mistake. Russia abandoned it in 1810 and with the breaking up of Napoleon's power the system collapsed entirely. On the English side the enforcement of the Orders in Council, which the English issued in retaliation, gave offense to the United States, and was one of the principal causes of the war of 1812. In fact, the Berlin Decree was the start of mischief on all sides.

In his Berlin Decree Napoleon charged Austria with having set at naught the dictates of international law, and having made prisoners of war of private individuals and with having taken the crews out of merchant ships. Charges of this kind, which the English in Council went so far, on the part of Napoleon, as to order the seizure and burning of all British goods found in France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Spain and in every place occupied by French troops. In every direction bonfires were made of British goods. And so exasperated were the French that when Frankfort exhibited the least hesitation in carrying out the decree, French troops were sent to execute the order.

The result of all this was that the two countries met on the common frontier, the coast line, in a deadly strife in which no weapon was drawn. The imperial soldiers were turned into coast guardsmen to shut out Great Britain from her markets; the British ships became revenue cutters to prohibit the trade of France. The neutral carrier pocketed his prize and offered his services to either side, and the other then regarded him as taking part in hostilities.

Napoleon, with despotic simplicity, announced clearly his purpose of ruining England through her trade, and his military really needed no other argument than his own. The Order in Council was finally withdrawn in June, 1812, but too late to avert the war with the United States. Napoleon never revoked his Berlin and Milan decrees, although by a trick he induced an over eager president of the United States to believe that he had done so.

November 21 is the birthday of Josiah Bartlett, the New Hampshire statesman and patriot (1729); George Howard, the Maryland governor and politician (1789); James Slocum, merchant and philanthropist (1802); William G. Angell, inventor and manufacturer (1811); Lewis Henry Morgan, the "Father of American Anthropology" (1818); John E. Miller, the California soldier and statesman (1818); and Mary Johnson, popular American novelist (1876). It is the date of the death of Queen Eleanor of England (1211); Sir Thomas Gresham, founder of the London Exchange (1579); Thomas Shadwell, the poet (1693); James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, poet and miscellaneous writer (1813); and James Meadows Rendel, engineer (1856).

worth one hundred times what it cost to the city of Medford. This will be the experience of the people of Eugene, if they will take hold of the Eugene-Siuslaw-Coolas Bay enterprise and put their money into it. They may build, own and operate the plant, and they may turn it over to a great system like Hill and in either case work wonders in the building up of a city here.

STATES FOR WOMEN

From the Boston Globe. Congratulations to the 130,000 women of Washington who have been added to the electorate by the overwhelming adoption of the woman suffrage amendment to the constitution. There is a magnificent opportunity to aid in raising the level of honesty and efficiency in government. And congratulations to the men who gave them the opportunity.

In a rude state of society the intelligence of one sex may have sufficed for the management of the common interests. In the vastly more delicate, intricate and important questions of a complex society, in which the interests and welfare of women are equally concerned, there is abundant room for the intelligent activity of both sexes.

Five states of the union now have equal suffrage. Women have voted in Wyoming since 1869, in Colorado since 1895, in Utah since 1895, in Idaho since 1896, and they have had municipal suffrage in Kansas since 1887. Having once given the full vote to women, no state has yet taken away the privilege.

Electric Railroads. From the Eugene Guard. Electric road building is now the most profitable investment open to capital in western Oregon. The Oregon Electric, operating from Portland to Salem, made net profits of one million dollars last year; the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, operating in Eugene, and across the river made \$28,000 during the same period. From the apportionment of \$21 to the thousand to only \$15 to the thousand.

Insurgency and Ignorance. From the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The whole fabric of this insurgency movement is based on ignorance and demagoguery, says Congressman Henry Sherman, Republican of Illinois. Mr. Boutwell has for some years been the most ardent supporter of Speaker Cannon and all that Cannonism implies. His organization in Chicago refused to endorse him for renomination and he ran as an independent. The voters gave him a crushing defeat. His vote in the contesting elections. Mr. Boutwell accordingly expresses his opinion of those who accomplished his undoing. That expression doubtless will cause the voters in his district to be better satisfied ever with their decision at the polls.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Creek county contains one of the largest bodies of irrigable land in the west, said to be 300,000 acres.

No woman in the town of Madras should have to get out and saw her own wood this winter, with two machines running, at a price she may have had to do in the past.

The past three weeks has seen wonderful progress on the railroad grading between Madras and Redmond. The next three weeks will see much more, reports the Redmond Herald.

The carpenters have nearly completed the work of rebuilding the mill town of Wandling this was destroyed by fire last summer. The last touches are being put on some 40 new residences, reports the Eugene Guard.

One thing is certain: With all the free votes and home rule laws in the state, the farmers will remain dry, says the Herald. We have a section in our city charter which we believe will effectively keep them out for all time.

Cottage Grove's postal receipts are increasing rapidly, says the Leader. Ten thousand dollars business for the first year was reported by the post office. It gives free postal delivery. And the prospects are that the receipts will reach that figure.

Ducks are a scarce article on the bay this fall from all reports, says the Nehalem Enterprise. The large bands that have made hunting so popular on this bay are not to be seen in the marshes, and in all probability will never be seen again.

As a result of being turned down by Justice of the Peace T. M. McKinney, a negro and a white girl from Pendleton, were scouring Walla Walla Thursday night in search of some one to marry. Both were in a hurry, and they did not seem to have been successful.

Nehalem Enterprise: Mr. Bash arrived last week from San Francisco to locate permanently in this valley. With wife and family present. The house is nearly finished on their farm which will enable them to move in with their household goods within a few days.

The scarcity of more people for this valley is one of the most important phases in its development and should be encouraged whenever possible by those in power. Their influence to bear upon the matter. Don't be ashamed of our little Nehalem valley where ever you may go.

THE WAY IT IS—AND ISN'T.

A millionaire who's made his pile by stealing business sleep. Retiring to his boyhood home on the night of his arrival, though it should have been asleep. The town stood up and met the special train. His shook the hands in forty styles of all within his reach. "Two shirts that riches had not turned his head. His climbed up on a dry goods box and sang a song of gloomy speech. Next day the village papers quoted him as having said:

"Friends: This is the proudest moment of my life. Adown you ayvian glades where once I used to gambol I see the old home of my boyhood. Out into the vast wilderness I went 40 years ago, noble resolutions surging in my youthful breast, etc., etc."

His speech was quoted far and wide. And no one dreamed the papers lied. But had they quoted what he said, below is what folks would have read:

"Gents an' ladies: I'm sure plumb tickled about this here meetin'. Reminds o' once when I was one o' the actors in 'Bootsie Bangs' party in Klotz county. Well, sir, they was—"

A maiden beautiful and sweet from Kiekapouls creek. Was chosen queen of Loco county fair. Her regal robes were gorgeous and her hair was smooth and sleek. Belle was she, she was quite beyond compare. Her subjects crowded round her throne to hear her and to see. With her bright eyes she gazed upon the crowd. Then in a husky, tearful voice she made her first decree; The papers said she spoke both clear and loud:

"My loyal subjects: To this your gloriously beautiful valley, the gods have been most kind. 'Tis here that the sun shines more brightly, the birds sing more sweetly, the flowers are more beautiful, the people are truer, braver, more lovable, etc., etc."

The papers said she talked like that. For fully forty minutes flat. But what she said is found below: It took her fifteen minutes, though:

"Ahem: Er—dear people, I—I—I—er—that is—today is—was—er—I stand before you today—no—this—no—this is the day that we—you—I—I—er—today is the happiest weather we—er—I—er—I—thank you."

NUTTY RUMBLES

A fellow who lived at Coos Bay. Took his girl for a dip in the spray. And he said: "My Lou, 'Tis a good place to Coos." "Of Coos," said the girl. "Let us pray."

A firm has located at Athena, Or., and expects to become a permanent fixture. O, what a fix!

WHAT A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY.

From the Boston Globe. The condition of the Massachusetts congressional districts furnishes food for thought to campaign managers.

Of the 14 districts the Democrats secured only four congressmen, whereas the total Democratic vote in all of them exceeded the total cast for the Republican candidates. In 13 districts the Democrats cast 191,194 ballots, and adding the 21,900 votes cast for the two Democrats running in the 13th district brings the Democratic total up to 213,094. The Republicans in the whole 14 districts had a total vote of 198,772. Here is a Democratic majority of more than 13,000. Only by the narrowest chance did the Democrats fail to elect more than half of the representatives.

A Democratic congressman would have been elected in the First district by a change of 375 votes, in the Second by a change of 209, in the Fourth by a change of 15 for the short term and 85 for the long term, and in the Fifth by 279, while 73 votes would have changed the result in the Fourteenth district.

Given proper campaign issues, such as they had this year, the citizens of Massachusetts would show that they are fair in their political decisions. Knowing now how easy it is to upset a political party that is not doing right, Massachusetts voters should keep up the good work they so courageously began in 1908, and fight for principles instead of man parties.

UPLIFTS

Adversity is fortune's school. Its lessons fill the air; There's wisdom in the babbling brooks And uplifts everywhere. Demisters are but stepping stones, That span life's myopic streams, Move them to the right, and you are off! Or fragments of our dream.

The hand that bringeth sorrow, Ofttimes a blessing brings; The clouds that hover over us, Are only angels' wings. If God is God and right is right, Though fools and cowards blame, Stand in the glowing beacon light, The ever shines the same. If God is God and right is right, Though fools and cowards blame, Stand in the glowing beacon light, The ever shines the same.

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