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There is slight chance of a change in the wind. The wind is now from the north, but it is expected to change to the south in the afternoon. The temperature is 55 degrees, with a high of 60 and a low of 50.

It seems probable that the Wright's newest invention may afford a gentler and easier and more stable motion, and most general interest is expressed in the coming demonstration.

But the French experience is that of trained aviators, who may be likened to old seamen to whom sea sickness is unknown. But it is the professional air men whose experiences are given.

BETTER GET TOGETHER

It would be far better if only one commission charter be submitted to the special election. It would prevent confusion. It would make certain the adoption of commission government. It would give us ridance to menagerie government.

With two charters submitted there is no certainty that either would pass. There are interests that will oppose both. Rivalry between the two charters will make either opposition for both. It would create a state of cross purposes and conflicting issues out of which definite and intelligent action can be wholly defeated.

The enemies of commission government will be highly delighted to see two charters submitted. It will be playing directly into their hands. They are laying low now, waiting for the friends of commission government to get into exactly the row that seems imminent.

Their hand will be shown later, when it will be found that they comprise forces and numbers not to be despised nor overlooked.

It ought not to be difficult for an agreement to be reached. It is assumed that the guiding motive of all the gentlemen on each committee is to give the people of Portland what they are asking for, to-wit—commission government. In a general way, commission government is commission government. It has been adopted in a long list of cities and the principle in all is the same. Some differences are manifest are chiefly matters of detail.

Some very excellent men are on both revision committees. It is not probable that in either committee there is a majority with foul designs on Portland. It is much to be desired that in a spirit of wisdom and conciliation, a strong effort be made to reach an agreement and submit a single charter.

MEASURING PROFESSORS

THE University of Vermont is a staid and ancient institution—standing on the old ways, until the opening of the new scholastic year just passed. Then, however, the progressive spirit of the times was shown by the selection as president of Dr. Benton, a western man.

President Benton, in his inaugural address, laid down his policy. As an up-to-date president he has already appointed a "committee on efficiency" of professors. Its duties are defined as to ascertain "just how much work each member of the educational staff is doing in the matter of instruction, what he is producing in connection with the literature of his chosen line of specialization, and—in short—to determine his value to the institution as compared with that of his colleagues."

Here, then, is the invasion of the new "efficiency" in an untrod sphere, and the application of weights and measures to the intangible influence of a professor on his students. Its direct effect would be to drive big men from a calling where their tenure of office would depend on periodical committee verdicts on the "output" of their teaching. College professors are not factory foremen—their output is of men, not goods, their value to their college is spiritual, not commercial. Their personal independence, the individuality that inspires their work is felt, not measurable.

President Benton pleads that he wants "big men" in the chairs of his professors. He goes about to attain his end by causing them to breathe the air of the factory rather than of the college, and will surely fail.

HUGE TOTALS

THE deposits in the banks of the United States are equal to the entire national wealth of Italy. The aggregate in each case is \$15,000,000,000.

Our bank deposits are one third the national wealth of France or Germany. They are three fourths the entire wealth of Austria-Hungary. They equal the combined wealth of Spain, the Netherlands, Portugal and Switzerland.

Our deposits in 1875, which is the earliest date of record, were a little over \$2,000,000,000. The increase to the present figures of more than seven times as much, is illustrative of our national growth.

In 1890, the population of the union was in round numbers, 5,000,000. It is now more than 93,000,000. In 1890 we had in circulation \$26,500,000, or \$4.99 per capita. The present circulation is \$33,627,002, or \$3.35 per capita.

In 1890 our exports of domestic merchandise were \$23,000,000. In the past year, they were over \$2,000,000,000.

The increase of wealth is attended

by a decrease of debt. In 1890, the per capita debt was \$15.43 and the per capita interest charge \$1.44 cents per year. In 1910, the per capita debt was \$13.53, and the annual interest charge 13 cents.

We complain at the high cost of living, and with reason. We note the increase of poverty, but it is the history of all nations with varying degrees of intensity and distribution.

But we have progressed enormously in the spread of education, in the increase of the common stock of knowledge, and in providing hospitals, churches and other facilities for ministering to the physical and spiritual wants of man. In spite of our plagues, we are a wonderfully favored nation.

WITH CLARK ON BRIDGE

WITH battlemented Oregon helped to build the Panama canal. The performance of the great ship was the sentiment maker that overcame the oldtime opposition to the canal.

The whole world watched the Oregon's progress down the Pacific, around Cape Horn and up to Florida. It was a transcendent spectacle. It was a long-continued feat that penetrated to and made every American heart beat. At every firebrand in the nation there was expectancy and hatred.

When the journey was finished, and when the thirteen-inch guns of the gallant ship had sent the Christened Colon to the bottom of the sea, the Panama canal was as good as built. There was no use to longer oppose it. Its opponents were driven into confusion, and their power of resistance overthrown. The inspiring journey of the Oregon did it.

It is by right of her own achievement and that of her gallant crew that the Oregon should lead the pageant. She won her title to the honor. She should have the place of distinction, and Captain Clark should be on the bridge. This is the position President Taft takes, and it does him credit.

WHY WAIT?

IN Portland Mr. Taft insisted that a report from the tariff board be necessary before making any revision of duties downward. But there was no report of a tariff board when the McKinley bill revised the duties upward. There was no report of a tariff board when the Dingley bill revised duties upward. There was no report of a tariff board when the Payne-Aldrich bill revised duties upward.

Here, for instance, is the steel trust selling steel rails to Americans at \$28 per ton as a result of duties revised upward without a tariff board report. Before the Dingley bill it sold them at \$17, and still sells them to Europeans as low as \$22. In spite of cheapened processes of steel making, we have been paying an extra \$11 per ton ever since the trust was formed.

In addition, farmers and others have been paying similarly increased prices on every machine, every implement, every tool, every wagon, every engine, every nail, every spike and every other article of use or convenience into which steel enters. It is the benevolent effect of revising duties upward without a tariff board, and refusing to revise them downward until a tariff board reports.

This same benevolent steel trust gobbled up the Tennessee Coal company, worth \$300,000,000 for \$29,000,000 and did not pay a dollar of cash in the transaction. The Tennessee company was the trust's chief competitor, and could produce pig iron \$4 a ton cheaper than Mr. Morgan's steel trust, and \$3 a ton cheaper than in any other country. The absorption was a violation of the Sherman law, but was permitted on the ground that it was a necessary step in order to "stop a panic."

All these facts are of public record at Washington, easy of access to the president and congress. Are they not better and more authentic data on which to base a downward revision of steel duties than any report by a so-called tariff board?

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN left yesterday for Chicago. As member of a senate committee he is to spend the interim until the convening of congress in investigating a proposed employer's liability and workmen's compensation law.

The subject is one of great moment. Equal justice between employer and employe so far as legislation can provide it, is one of the pressing issues of the time. Thinking men are fast becoming convinced that we must go much farther than we have ever yet contemplated in regulating by law the relations between capital and labor.

In our present haphazard processes there are injustices and inequities. Some get a living wage, some a starvation wage and some no wage. Issues of liability and compensations for injury are but a part of the huge question that presses for a better adjustment than has yet been reached.

Today, employers and employes on a great railroad system are at war. In Los Angeles a great court trial resolves itself practically into a war between capital and union labor. Somewhere, almost every day in the year, the seemingly irrepressible conflict is on. There ought to be room enough on earth for all, and room for them to dwell together in peace.

It is to be hoped that the committee at Chicago may make progress toward solution of one phase of the everlasting controversy. Than Sen-

ator Chamberlain, no man more just and more generous to all, could engage in such a session.

Letters From the People

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"The Land of Going-to-the-Sun"

Portland, Oct. 11.—To the Editor of The Journal—After all, there is no reason why we should put on our war bonnets because some one has written to "The Land of Going-to-the-Sun." In fact, it is inspiring to think of our country in that way rather than as "the land that is" in the title of the book. The book is finished and there is nothing more to be done. The real pleasure in living is in thinking of and seeing the things that are going to be. Life would be but more dull existence if there were nothing to do except obtain food, clothing and shelter.

It will do us no harm to examine carefully every criticism made. Even unjust criticism may benefit us, and even we have no reason to believe that we cannot enjoy our critics. Are we not limited to what the Oregonian has done, and is not this especially true of the whole Pacific coast?

See how it works out. Californians, Oregonians and Washingtonians point with pride to the climate, soil, even to the "natural resources" of all of which are gifts of the creator. Then the land speculator, taking advantage of the wide advertisement given to these advantages of the Pacific coast states, gets in and capitalizes these gifts of the creator, with the result that soldiers, sailors, settlers, even the "natural resources" of all of which are gifts of the creator, then the land speculator, taking advantage of the wide advertisement given to these advantages of the Pacific coast states, gets in and capitalizes these gifts of the creator, with the result that soldiers, sailors, settlers, even the "natural resources" of all of which are gifts of the creator, then the land speculator, taking advantage of the wide advertisement given to these advantages of the Pacific coast states, gets in and capitalizes these gifts of the creator, with the result that soldiers, sailors, settlers, even the "natural resources" of all of which are gifts of the creator, then the land speculator, taking advantage of the wide advertisement given to these advantages of the Pacific 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