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THE FEDERAL MACHINE

RESIDENT TAFT'S late recommendation that all local federal officeholders be placed under civil service is applauded by the press of the country.

The federal brigades have long manned the political fortresses of congressmen and senators in their respective districts. They have likewise been the power by which the White House sought to enforce its will.

The country is seeking to smash all political machines. There is no reason why it should not smash the federal machine.

It will be a sound policy to appoint postmasters for business reasons rather than for political reasons.

SPEED MANIACS

W. I. LATIMER, aged 75, was knocked down and badly bruised by a motorcycle at the corner of Third and Washington.

It is a familiar story. The recklessness of motorists is even greater than that of some of the madder auto drivers.

A MYSTERY SOLVED

MURDER mystery that has baffled the police of two continents since last August has just been solved in New York.

his flight from England to America. He was assisted by the crooks of London.

A CRUEL COMMERCER

WRITING in yesterday's Journal, Roscoe P. Hurst says: "There are loan sharks in this town who have had poor washerwomen paying them three dollars per week for years."

It is not creditable to Portland that no effort has ever been made to safeguard those whom the pluck of poverty makes the victims of loan sharks.

The Legal Aid Society of Chicago is a similar organization, and it recently rescued from the clutches of loan sharks, a woman from whom, in fifteen years, was extorted \$500 on a loan of only \$25.

In many cities, there are similar societies, primarily organized on a basis of benevolence, but actually conduct on a basis of business, and rendering splendid aid to the needy with a comparatively small percentage of losses.

One man in six years paid \$4000 to the sharks and still owes them \$4700. He has been compelled to forfeit real estate on which he had paid \$4000.

What significance has a skyscraper, when under its shadows the loan sharks ply their cruel trade? What of the wealthy churchmen, when under the shadow of the steeples, a borrowing poverty is struggling under a burden of extortion?

CRAZY ULSTERMEN

IF the Ulstermen of the grand Orange lodge of Ireland had set their souls on passing the home rule bill they could not have done better work than when on December 20 they published their manifesto.

So mad were they that the power of writing decent English left them. After enlarging with a full pen on the horrible misdeeds of the Liberal government in "robbing the house of lords of its effective voice in legislation," and suppressing any thorough criticism of their measures in the house of commons, the agony is piled up in one astounding declaration.

The prisoner is James Lowrie, otherwise known as Jimmy Johnson. The crime which he has confessed was committed at Leeds, England, on the 29th of last August.

words, but to come down heavily on acts. It is just as well that these Orangemen show their hands now.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Here's the answer, Argus. Portland, Jan. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—"Argus" writes from Myrtle Point, Coos county, asking some questions about single tax; not in connection with the article before he gets an answer.

OREGON BOYS AND GIRLS

THERE is splendid merit in the movement for holding school fairs in all the Oregon counties. Behind the plan are the bankers of Oregon, the extension department of the Agricultural college, the Portland Commercial Club, the state superintendent of public instruction, the Oregon agricultural college and many prominent citizens.

It is a backing sufficiently eminent to assure success. No organization so potential has assembled behind any other scheme to accentuate utilization of the land. There is already assurance from all the counties but one that school fairs will be held either independently or in conjunction with the county fairs.

It is now sought to have Oregon boys and girls grow better wheat, better corn, better fruit and better vegetables and excel in the general art of homemaking. The incentive will be competitive prizes, for which the youngsters will strive.

LOGGED-OFF LANDS

THE Southwestern Washington Logged-off Lands association has a long name, but perhaps it is justified when it succeeds in urging the Weyerhaeuser people to dispose of their logged-off lands at prices to be agreed on between the owners and the development league.

President Coffman asserts that by taxing the property heavily it was proved to the owners that to hold the lands longer for a rise in prices was unprofitable. The appeal to the pocket succeeded in getting these lands on the market at reasonable prices when all other influences failed.

PORTLAND AS A PORT

Portland, Jan. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—I read with a good deal of interest the editorial in last night's Journal in which the writer compares the port of Portland with that of London, but the writer failed to mention the fact that the most of this tonnage never enters London proper, but docks far down towards the mouth of the Thames, the cargoes being mostly lightered on to barges and towed up to the heart of London, whilst passengers for the various ocean lines have to take train from London to the docks; and believe me, it is quite a long ride.

As example of "Bosting culchah," we have the advertisement of a Boston book store. It contains the following attractive offers: "John L. Sullivan, pugilist, autograph letter signed, 1893, price 75 cents. Charles W. Elliott, president Harvard university, autograph letter signed, 1873, price 50 cents."

Taft is for the peace treaties. The colonel is against them. Taft defends the supreme court. The colonel assails it. The colonel's chief ambition seems to be to uphold the Taft administration. This and his cherished desire to avoid publicity and lead a quiet, reserved life are his conspicuous traits.

the bargain-hats, a lady laid her own spectacles on the counter. It was picked up by a clerk and sold to another bargain hunter, who, with it in a paper bag was about to leave the establishment when the mistake was discovered.

SMALL CHANGE

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Bend is about to undertake the enforcement of a curfew ordinance. Recommendation for a public market has been made by a committee of the city council of Medford.

The members of the church orchestra of Grants are about to combine in an orchestra club. Elmer Johnson has resigned as business manager of the Klamath Falls Pioneer Press.

SEVEN SACRED BOOKS

The Tripitaka of the Buddhists. Buddhism is the name of a religion which formerly prevailed through a large part of India, and is now professed by the inhabitants of Ceylon, Siam, Burma, Tibet, part of China and Japan.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

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Tennessee Coal & Iron can't be forgotten. Looks like the colonel was "playing politics."

Some people seem to have gone wild over the "Wide case."

Guess how many times the police department will be reformed this year.

Now Mrs. Woodcock may be in doubt whether to work for Taft or Roosevelt.

Beveridge and Borah might be a winning ticket—or Borah and Beveridge.

Henry E. Reed seems to be a near-sighted taxer, except as a candidate for office.

What's the use of delay penalty in a public building contract? Was one ever collected?

The Weyerhaeuser company is to place many thousands of southwest Washington logged off land on the market at low prices in consequence of increasingly high taxes imposed through the influence of the Southwestern Washington Development League.

Who is it whom all talk about, and many primed to rave and shout? Will he get in? Will he stay out? The crowd is wild. Who is the man so strong, and packs a club a half mile long, who never in his life was wrong? What are the men who have risen to the top, and earth and heaven almost rent? The Colonel. Who may be president again, unless defeated by the "palms" and yet might try to be in vain? The Colonel.

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The Sheldon Explanation

From the New York World. "I never, directly or indirectly, in any way, shape or form, asked Mr. Harriman or anybody else to contribute a dollar to aid my election."

September 10, Edward H. Harriman wrote from New York to "Dear Mr. Roosevelt":

"I am now getting matters that accumulated during my absence somewhat cleared up, and if you think it desirable will go to see you at any time this week or next."

October 10, Mr. Roosevelt wrote to "My dear Mr. Harriman":

"In view of the trouble over the state ticket in New York, I should much like to have a few words with you. Do you think you can come down here within a few days and take either lunch or dinner with me?"

October 14, Mr. Roosevelt wrote to "My dear Mr. Harriman":

"A suggestion has come to me in a roundabout way that you do not think it wise to come on to see me in these closing weeks of the campaign, but that you are reluctant to refuse inasmuch as I have asked you. Now, my dear sir, you and I are practical men, and you are on the ground and know the conditions better than I do. If you think there is any danger of your visit to me causing trouble, or if you think there is nothing special, I need to be informed about, or no matter on which I could give aid, why, of course, give up the visit for the time being, and then a few weeks hence, before I write my article, would you care to come down to discuss certain government matters not connected with the campaign. With great regards."

Mr. Harriman went to Washington about October 15, and discussed the situation with Mr. Roosevelt. He returned to New York, raised \$250,000 in Wall Street, and said in his letter to Sidney Webster that "the checks were given to Treasurer Bliss, who took them to the Comptroller's Office, according to Mr. Harriman. This amount enabled the New York state committee to continue its work, with the result that at least 50,000 votes were turned in the city of New York alone, making a difference of 100,000 votes in the general result."

All this took place seven years ago. George R. Sheldon, who succeeded Cornelius N. Bliss as treasurer of the Republican National Committee, now writes a letter to Mr. Roosevelt, saying that this money was raised by Mr. Harriman at the request of Mr. Bliss and turned over to the chairman of the state committee, Mr. Higinns. Mr. Sheldon writes a letter to Mr. Harriman, saying that he did not ask Mr. Harriman to raise this money, but that Mr. Harriman asked him to induce the national committee to contribute some of its funds for the campaign.

In an interview following the publication of the correspondence, Mr. Sheldon explains that "Colonel Roosevelt asked me to write the letter and I did so."

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That Mr. Harriman went to the White House at the urgent invitation of President Roosevelt.

That he returned to New York at once and raised an additional campaign fund of \$250,000 in Wall Street.

That this money was used to defeat the electorates and that it turned 50,000 votes in New York city alone.

The Sheldon explanation of the Sheldon controversy thus reduces it to a question of whether these votes were bought for Roosevelt or for Higinns, or were simply purchased for the general good of the Republican ticket as a whole.

As a candidate for president in 1912, Mr. Roosevelt naturally appreciates the necessity of explaining away his part in this scandalous Harriman transaction. Unfortunately, the more he explains the more he leaves to be explained. He has waited until Mr. Harriman is dead, until Mr. Bliss is dead, until Mr. Webster is dead, until Mr. Higinns is dead; but the record still lives.

Applauds The Journal

From the Newberg Enterprise. The Oregon Journal has tackled three tasks of generous dimensions: The establishment of a direct line of steamers between Portland and Alaska; the erection of a \$300,000 office building and the reduction of local rents for business property to a figure which will permit tenants to secure a good return on their expenditure of time, money, industry and enterprise.

The great financial gain which would come to Portland from a connecting line of steamers with Alaska ports is so evident that it is surprising that this has not been already accomplished. It is more surprising that Portland's wealthy men to the acre than has any other city of its size in the country, and it would appear that they would readily seize upon an opportunity for investment which offers such possibilities as does a close connection by steamship with the great region to the north of us.

In recent years in Portland there is a prospect of relief, in a degree at least, through the extension of the business district by the erection of many new buildings. Already may be seen a number of vacant stores in the heart of town where the former tenants have been able to secure good locations elsewhere at reduced rentals. It is said that one cigar dealer pays \$200 a year for a corner 14 feet square. This is 6 per cent interest on a lot of money.

That The Journal is carrying forward now the erection of a splendid office structure on a high priced corner lot of Portland is evidence that during the 10 years of existence of the paper it has achieved financial success far beyond the usual in newspaper publishing, and it also illustrates the confidence The Journal people have in the near future of the chief city of the northwest.

Safety

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas post. His prose is a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.)

I harnessed up my old bay plug, and said: "He beats a motor car; you do not hear him go 'chug-chug' or scateen noise near and far. I have no use for a machine that's louder than a thunderstorm, and uses up raw gasoline, which is but death in fluid form. My horse will gently haul his load and bring me safely to my home; I have no fear that he will explode and with his fragments strew the dome. He'll calmly bear his little yoke and spring a gentle horse's smile, and not produce a lot of smoke that you can smell for half a mile. My good old Dobbin I can trust, he'll take the road till he'll expire, and not an engine will be bust, or come home with a ruined tire." I climbed into my ancient stage to take a drive to other scenes; old Dobbin bucked and whaled away and kicked the rig to smithereens.

Next, perhaps, will be pensions for all the "Colonels" of the country—millionaires.

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