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Think that day lost whose slow descending sun Views from their hand no noble action done. —Borart.

PROVEN A PORT

WITH almost as much ease as if she had been on the high seas, the battleship Oregon has made the journey up the Columbia, bided for a period in Portland harbor, and returned to Astoria on her way back to the Pacific and other cruises.

WISCONSIN BONDING PLAN

THE Wisconsin plan for associated bonding of cut-over timber lands may be commended to the serious consideration of Oregon and Washington.

By this law twenty-five or more owners of cut-over lands in any county may jointly petition the county board of supervisors, showing that they are such owners, that it would promote the public welfare to clear the lands, and giving the estimated cost. Issues of bonds, to amounts not exceeding \$25 an acre may then be made, covering all the cut-over lands of the petitioners.

FIRST LEARN THEN ACT

SENATOR BORAH and Representative Hughes are trying through bills they have introduced, to induce congress to authorize a commission of inquiry into the industrial relations. President Taft recommended it in a special message, feeling the need of the nation for trustworthy information on the one subject that touches the interest of more people in this, and other, countries than any other.

DRIFTING LIFE BELTS

IN six years, two life belts from the wrecked steamer Stanley Dollar are said to have drifted 12,000 miles from the coast of Japan through the northwest passage and to have gone ashore on one of the Shetland islands, north of Scotland. En route, they are supposed to have passed with the ocean currents through Bering straits, through the frozen Arctic, through Baffin bay, and into the north Atlantic, to be picked up by the Gulf stream for final deposit on the shores of the Shetlands.

THE MINIMUM WAGE

THE American consul at Leeds, England, submits a summary of the award of a minimum wage for miners in the West Riding of Yorkshire coal mines just filed by the district board under the coal mines act.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES

YESTERDAY'S results at Stockholm give the American athletes a score of 88, the Swedish 62, the British 51, the German 23 and many smaller scores for widely scattered countries.

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A MURPHY PRESIDENT

WE have additional evidence as to why the secretary of the American Protective Tariff League, said, "If we are to have a Democratic president, I would rather have Murphy or Croker than Governor Wilson."

THE PASSING SHOW

IN Iowa, the state convention refused to endorse the Taft nomination, and declared that the electors could vote for Roosevelt. The Taft Republicans are going to name another set of Taft electors. The program will put two sets of electors from the Republican party into the field.

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ending June 14 from \$118,000,000 to \$124,000,000, a gain of six millions. The bank resources rose from \$147,000,000 to \$156,000,000, an increase of nine millions. The per capita of bank deposits, which means the per capita of ready money, is \$191.

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On the surface, at least, the Portland police believe pretty well. Summer days in Oregon are just warm enough, and nights just cool enough. Voters are very many who regard the third party movement as largely a farce. The Elks set an example of quick and harmonious action in electing officers. Great and strong is the lure of the far west, and it grows with experience of this matchless region. Not so many of them may ever come back to Portland at one time, but many of them will come singly. Of the many fraternal and social orders, none has been more successful and popular than the Elks. The willing and able man is a poor hustler who can't get a job these days—at least out in the country. Rochester, N. Y., is indeed a fine city, and not about Portland's population—but it won't be that, in the latter—in a few years. The old motto, "Try, try again," will always remain a good one; but it is often better to try in a little different way. There may also be a "progressive" candidate for congress in this district. What is it? Is it really progressive enough? If Taft and Roosevelt beat each other, neither will feel entirely unhappy; yet how "thick" Theodore and "Will" were not so long ago. Almost every broad visioned and keen sighted eastern man who visits Portland predicts that it will become the metropolis of the Pacific coast. Roosevelt would control the trusts, but would maintain the high protective tariff that breeds and fosters the trusts and enables them to plunder the people. The progressiveness that believes in a high protective tariff—taking the many for the enrichment of the few—will not be the ravine containing a stream of clean mountain water.

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Medford has a new ordinance that provides that trains must not exceed the speed of eight miles an hour within the city limits. A call has been unanimously extended to Rev. Victor E. Hoover of Cottage Grove, to accept an office of pastor of the Christian church at Dallas. Baker Democrat: That the Highland mine near the head of Rock creek is doing things is shown by the fact that its output concentrates alone daily amount to 15 tons. Baker boosters are arranging a tour to that region of Baker county called the Panhandle, for the double purpose of getting acquainted with the people of that section and advertising the coming county fair. Hood River News: At a meeting of the congregation last Sunday it was decided to have the last service in old Riverside church July 28, to give the pastor August for vacation and to dedicate the new building Sunday, September 1. The Estacada fire department managed the Fourth of July festivities and cleared \$250 on the financial side of the transaction. The money will be used as the nucleus of a fund for relief of firemen disabled in the line of duty. Klamath Herald: The city of Merrill is planning to macadamize all of the principal streets of the town within three months. This material has proved so satisfactory on the county roads that the town has decided to do it for streets. There is an unlimited supply of the cinders, which when packed become like cement. Albany Democrat: While excavating on the south side of the Oregon Electric depot, workmen uncovered an old well 20 feet deep and six feet in diameter, that had been covered over and abandoned, and it was necessary to fill it up with concrete before operations of grading could be resumed. Falls City News: This season's excellent crop of wheat and other grain crops proves that this is the best berry land in Oregon when given sufficient rain at the right time. This material can be done easily here, for there are springs everywhere and every canyon is a rushing stream of clean mountain water.

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More Newspaper Comment. Detroit News, Roosevelt Republican: The big question now is: What effect will Wilson's nomination have on Roosevelt's candidacy? With four months of campaigning yet to intervene, this is a difficult question to answer. The answer that fits today may be entirely displaced when November comes in view. The country seems pretty sure of one thing, that Taft should be eliminated, and that whether the third party movement succeeds or not the country is reasonably sure of his man and a progressively in the White House. Republicans who cannot stomach Taft and who have personal antipathies toward Roosevelt may be counted on to vote for Wilson. The same may be said of that great body of Democrats who heretofore have had no chance to vote for any progressive save Roosevelt, and who will now gladly flock back to the new standard of their party.

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