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BEATEN. The country is shaken with the nature and extent of campaign contribution revelations at Washington.

They correctly reasoned that the extraordinary position taken by the standpat leaders released them from all obligation to support Mr. Taft.

It was not unnatural. As president, Mr. Roosevelt did many good things. He was an ardent supporter of conservation.

But no man can bear up under the weight of the disclosures that have been made public at Washington.

It is an era of independent thought and awakened public conscience. The average man in the third party is for clean politics and fumigated government.

Why is the Oregonian so exceedingly concerned in beating Mr. Wagon for assessor?

Tax dodging is a widely prevalent and infamous practice. The tax laws offer a reward to dishonesty.

There are powerful men and powerful interests who are practical citizens. They know exactly what they want.

An honest assessment would distribute the burden more evenly. An assessment that would drag sequestered property into the light and tax it justly would help the average man.

THE VOTER'S DUTY. ONLY six days remain in which voters may register.

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Not in a long time have so many pressing state issues been presented. Not in a long time has an election brought so much of responsibility to the voter.

A PREPOSTEROUS CLAIM

On this page, the esteemed Seattle Times says Portland is not a seaport within the true meaning of the word.

How about London, in point of tonnage, the greatest seaport on the planet? It is 40 miles inland.

How about Antwerp? It is 50 miles inland, on the river Scheldt. Its channel to the sea is only 26 feet.

How about Hamburg? Hamburg is described as the greatest seaport commercially on the continent of Europe.

A QUESTION to be met in the coming session of congress is whether the national receipts and expenditures for 1914 shall be based on a budget to be submitted by the president to congress for its consideration.

This action was taken by the president in consonance with recommendations of the commission on economy and efficiency.

It goes without saying that such study is essential. It is equally clear that if such conditions of confusion exist as the president asserts they should not be continued a day beyond the time necessary to insure a remedy.

AN OLD NEWSPAPER. THE TIMES, the Thunderer of Printing House Square, and certainly today the most influential newspaper in the British world.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGES. The Shakespeare-Bacon babble will probably go on as long as that of Tenney's Brook.

REGULATIONS. The city commissioners of Baker have made a decree to protect fuel buyers against short weights and measures.

WOMAN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB. The Woman's Improvement Club of Junction City, having cast up accounts, have secured for their booth at the recent Pumpkin Show.

HOLY ADVOCATE. The large volume of business transacted at Heitz entitles the city to modern depot conveniences.

BAKER DEMOCRAT. The new St. Elizabeth hospital, a grand edifice of stone, will be under cover within the next few days.

ASTORIA BUDGET. The Palmer-Libby company, which recently finished logging a tract at Blind Slough, is reported to have secured for their booth at the 75,000,000 feet in the Walluku river district and will establish its camp there within a short time.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE. The Congress Journal of Washington urges that tariff revision and the regular Republican party—the tariff's friends.

RETIRE, AVANT, YE CANDIDATES.—Bill, Woodrow, Theodore; just now, in these United States, the leader's "What's the score?" No matter what the platform means, never mind turns throwing rocks; the News is, how it stands between the Giants and the Sox.

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Seattle Discussing Portland

Seattle Times. The Portland Journal of October 3 contains as its leader an editorial under the above caption from which the following excerpts are quoted:

"There is a threat that the Portland steamer of the American-Hawkins lines are to be withdrawn. It is simultaneously announced that three thousand tons of wheat in North Bank warehouses... have been transferred to the Northern Pacific for shipment to Seattle.

"It is said that 60,000 tons or more of inland empire wheat naturally routed via Portland is likely to go to Puget sound because Portland is without adequate ocean service. Portland has had many impressive lessons of late. We saw the oriental steamship line withdrawn. We saw our former supremacy in the oriental business lost to Puget sound. We saw a great business that we are absolutely in position to control, go by leaps and bounds to northern rivals.

"We now see a further large volume of wheat being taken away, and along with it we behold a prospect of the withdrawal of another steamship line. The obvious query is, in what other ways is the maritime business of Portland to disappear?"

"The Journal then proceeds to tell the business men of Portland what they ought to do—but it forgets a few insurmountable obstacles which even the enterprising business men of Portland cannot overcome:

(1) The Journal forgets that Seattle and Tacoma as well as several other important seaport towns are located on salt water, and have all the advantages which the ocean can afford.

(2) The Journal seems to forget that Portland is not a seaport town, within the true meaning of the word—but is located 115 miles from salt water, up to two rivers, the smallest of which, while beautiful and desirable, is a constant menace to large ships, and hence an obstacle to large transportation undertakings by water.

(3) The Journal also forgets that Seattle has one of the very best harbors in the world, and has already authorized an expenditure of \$5,000,000 for the construction of a breakwater and a canal, scarcely two years will intervene between the present time and the ultimate opening of the canal for business.

(4) It is barely possible that The Journal forgets that the great shipping interests of the world are preparing for the opening of the Panama canal. It is the belief that "freight" will multiply on the Pacific ocean ten times more than those ships have been able to carry heretofore.

It therefore behooves great shipping interests to prepare for the future opening of this canal, but to do so they must take time by the forelock and act as scarcely two years will intervene between the present time and the ultimate opening of the canal for business.

Always in Good Humor

THE DREAD NEWS. From The Gaiveston News. It has just got out that a woman can always tell when she is getting stout by the difficulty she has getting her skirt on without a shoe horn.

HOW HE FOUND IT. From The Pittsburg Post. "How did you find that chop?" inquired the proprietor of the hotel. "With a microscope," answered his candid guest.

POOR IDEA OF HUMOR. From London Punch. Solicitor (endeavoring to discover client's legal status)—Madam, how long is it since you heard from your husband? Client—Well, yer see, 'a left me the day 'a was married, and truth is I ain't 'eard nothin' of 'im since, nor wanted; 'eastways, I did 'ear casual-like that 'e was dead, but it may be only is fun.

READY FOR ANYTHING. Washington Herald. The new cook came out and did very well her first afternoon at Lonelyville, after which she approached the head of the house.

"How early shall I get up in the morning?" she inquired. "Well," said Mr. Subbubs, "the first train for the city leaves here at 6:35. You'll have to get up about 8 if you want to make that."

Pointed Paragraphs. There are a lot of family trees that need spraying.

You'll never get to the front by following the crowd.

He is a brave man who has never been at war with his wife.

The way to get your expectations to come out right is not to have any.

Some men enjoy poor health—probably because they are physicians.

A woman can't see the good of having a secret if she can't tell it.

The man who stutters has one advantage; he never speaks before he thinks.

Only a girl in love with a poor man can appreciate the folly of being rich.

It doesn't console a woman with wrinkles to tell her they are the dimples of second childhood.

Many a man who begins with an occasional "smile" allows it to develop into a perpetual grin.

Every man is the architect of his own fortune, and it's up to him to keep solid with the building inspectors.

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