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THEORE ROOSEVELT. He that's liberal to all alike, may do a good by chance. But never out of judgment. —Beaumont.

EVERY public man is in peril. It was Mr. Roosevelt yesterday. It may be President Taft tomorrow. It may be Woodrow Wilson the day after.

There is nothing in Mr. Roosevelt's career to turn the armed hand of any man to an attempt upon his life. There has been much in his public life to admire. If he has been unconventional and different, he has by those tokens been a factor in disturbing an old and discredited order.

We may prove that he has faults, but his most bitter opponent must recognize that he is not without virtues. His preachments during his presidency exercised a strong influence in awakening a national public conscience.

THE NAVAL REVIEW. THE Atlantic fleet of 126 warships is under review by the president today in New York harbor. It is the greatest exhibition of naval strength ever seen in American waters.

AS a spectacle, it was an occasion of tremendous significance. There is much yet that is imperfect in the aeroplane, but there remains the fact that it has been called into existence in but a day, and that the genius of man will never be content until it has reached a far more perfected status.

A NEW EPOCH. THE feeling grows that whichever party wins, the policy will be to disturb business as little as possible.

Henry Claws, the veteran New York banker on this page. There is a practical certainty that Wilson will be elected, but the mills are running full blast.

There is everywhere an unbounded confidence in the justice and powers of the Baltimore nominee. There is a greater faith in his leadership than has been accorded any statesman since Lincoln.

inevitable, and is prepared to let him take all the people into the governmental partnership and peacefully abide the consequences.

Undoubtedly, the country is on the threshold of a new political epoch. Wilson constructiveness and Wilson purity in politics have passed from a mere party movement into a great people's movement.

THE day for which La Follette has been struggling and for which Bryan has been struggling seems nearing the dawn.

FOUR REASONS. THERE is no way to anticipate what an armed lunatic may do. No lunatic should be allowed to go armed.

Legislatures from ocean to ocean and from lakes to gulf should act. Congress should act. Sale of the tools of death and sorrow should be placed under the strictest scrutiny.

DESERVED RECOGNITION. WITH a single exception, all the members of a newly formed club for the election of Judge Munly are Republicans.

A career of thirty years in Portland entitles Judge Munly to special recognition. It has been a career of blameless private and public life.

AN ILLINOIS PLOW-MATCH. FOR thirty-six years an annual old-fashioned plow-match has been held at Wheatland, Illinois. This year there were ten thousand people present.

HELP THE HORSES. THERE are some horses left who do much work in this city, though one might doubt it who counts twenty autos and auto trucks to one unfortunate quadruped crossing the bridges.

Nothing is wanting in the composition, save the element of heading speed with its attendant perils. For the sixth time William Fairweather of Wheatland has just carried off the title of Champion Plowman of the world.

There is underlying sense in such contests at this time. Farm areas are being cut. The two hundred acre farmer is giving place to the twenty or forty acre man.

Moreover, here is one more healthy meeting of the neighborhood folks provided, to add interest for the farmer and his boy.

WOODROW WILSON is a real and sincere progressive. He has proved it by his course and conduct as a public officer and as a candidate.

Senator Works is a progressive of the La Follette type. He refuses to support Mr. Taft. He refuses to support Mr. Roosevelt.

Senator Works is right. Woodrow Wilson is a constructive statesman of the Lincoln type who offers more of hope and progress than any presidential candidate in a generation.

EQUITABLE BILLS. MERIT of the harmony road bills is that they require city property as well as farm property to aid in road building.

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WILSON AND TRADE EXPANSION. It is said that two-thirds of the half thousand business men who heard Governor Wilson's speech before the Omaha Commercial club last Saturday came to protest, but remained to applaud.

OLD PROVERB GONE WRONG. The Penrose is not mightier than the sword of Armageddon.

Letters from the People. Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper.

WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS. Glendale, Or., Oct. 11.—To the Editor of The Journal—On November 5 next, by the initiative and referendum, every elector in the state of Oregon is forced to render a juror's verdict.

SEVEN FAMOUS LAWGIVERS. Mohammed, the founder of Islam, first appears in the full light of history with his flight to Medina in A. D. 622.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

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The Activity of Business. Henry Claws' Letter. New York, Oct. 11, 1912.—This harvest has surpassed all records, and such brilliant results as were indicated in Wednesday's government report cannot but have a further stimulating effect upon business.

Wheat, bus., 72,000,000 529,000,000. Corn, bus., 3,016,000,000 5,531,000,000. Oats, bus., 1,412,000,000 2,326,000,000. Hay, bus., 35,000,000 33,000,000. Potatoes, bus., 401,000,000 232,000,000. Rice, bus., 73,425,000 45,000,000.

Experts, according to the Grants Pass Courier, pronounce the coal in Searus Basin, 40 miles west of Grants Pass, of excellent bedding quality.

Athena Press: An Australian friend writes Mr. Meldrum concerning the finding of two gold nuggets on placer ground well known to the Athena pastor.

Bend Bulletin: Four brick buildings, costing in the aggregate close to \$50,000, are being completed in Bend and will be ready for tenants by the first of November.

Pointed Paragraphs. Love and reason are seldom chums. Positions of trust and aching teeth are hard to fill.

Always in Good Humor. Mrs. Shortley was discussing the latest fashions with a young lady caller.

Warning to the Voters of Oregon. The proposed amendment to the state constitution which will appear on the official ballot in November as "No. 399-B."

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