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Beware of entrance to a quarrel; but, being in, Bear it that the opposed may beware of thee.
—Shakespeare.

ATTACKING THE PRESIDENT

GAIN, the Oregonian returns to the attack on President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. In a cartoon this morning, it is malignant in its effort to discredit everything connected with the administration.

It is the same type of cartoon that in a New York paper filled the weak brain of Czolgosz and nerved his hand to assassinate McKinley. Theodore Roosevelt as president made the public charge that caused the martyrdom of McKinley, and on the stump in New York, Elihu Root, then secretary of state, publicly charged the New York publisher with responsibility.

In its attack today, the Oregonian makes an anarchistic appeal to "discontent" with its representation of a so-called "empty dinner pail." In the picture it attacks the currency act, attacks the tariff law and what it calls the "Mexican mud." President Wilson and Mr. Bryan are held up as the men to be condemned, and with a malignity seldom displayed in the public press.

President Wilson and Mr. Bryan are held up as the men to be condemned, and with a malignity seldom displayed in the public press. Scarcely another newspaper in the United States, aside from a few reactionary publications, have attacked the tariff law. Scarcely a single newspaper in the country has attacked the currency act.

In truth, both measures have been accepted and heralded in a general way as the best pieces of legislation ever enacted by an American Congress. Moreover, President Wilson is almost universally accepted as one of the most patriotic, one of the wisest and one of the most humanitarian chief magistrates that have ever served the people of the great Republic.

The only reason for the Oregonian's attacks on President Wilson and Mr. Bryan is, that they are Democrats. The incident recalls the patriotic reply of Editor Nelson of the Kansas City Star, a Republican newspaper, to the New York Herald. The Herald, when an expression of Mr. Nelson's views on what ought to be done in Mexico, Mr. Nelson replied: "I am not advising the president; I am supporting him."

THE FARMER'S WIFE
IN LANE county, it is proposed to minimize the burdens of the farmer's wife by establishing a cooperative laundry in connection with the cooperative creamery.

It is claimed that the plan is in successful operation in other states. How well it may succeed in Lane county remains to be seen.

owner of her property, and that the widow could not, after the husband's death, occupy the house more than forty days without paying rent. In France, male onlookers were different. When the Parisian suffragists paraded, youthful gallants and elderly satyrs so ogled, bowed, scraped, blew kisses and tossed compliments, that the women had to implore the police to clear the streets of their embarrassing admirers.

DEMOCRACY'S GUARDIAN

DR. C. J. SMITH was as bad an actor as the Oregonian claims he was as mayor of Pendleton, why its anxiety to prevent him from getting the Democratic nomination for governor? Since it is to support the Republican nominee for governor and try to beat the Democratic nominee, what is the Oregonian's reason for attempting to prevent the Democrats from nominating Smith?

Why is it afraid to have Smith as the Democratic nominee? It is rational to ask the question. Why two columns of words, which when analyzed, contain absolutely no charge against Dr. Smith, but which by hint and innuendo attempt to say that as mayor he merely continued the policy of preceding Pendleton mayors?

There are sixteen candidates for governor, of whom eight are Republican, two Progressive, one Independent and five Democrats. Among all these aspirants, the Oregonian has singled out but one for attack. Of the eight Republicans, it has said nothing. As it is to support the Republican, under any ordinary circumstances, its natural activity would be to discuss the Republican aspirants.

But on the subject of the Republican candidates, it has nothing to say. On the subject of the Progressives, it has nothing to say. On the subject of four of the Democrats, it has nothing to say. It has singled out Dr. Smith as a man to persecute. It has selected him as the man on whom to play its usual game of character assassination.

It is fighting Dr. Smith in the primaries because it is afraid of him as a candidate in the election. A HUMANE DECISION
JUDGE of the Supreme Court of New York has sustained the provision in the labor statute passed last year which requires employers to give employees one day's rest every week. Where Sunday work is necessary and legal, another day in the week must be given instead.

THE WORST ROAD
EFFORT is afoot to complete the six-mile stretch on the Rex-Tigardville road. Washington county will contribute \$3000. Subscriptions so far raised total \$4000. It will require another \$10,000 to finance the project.

REGIONS UNKNOWN
FROM the meagre advices received it is hard to determine whether Colonel Roosevelt has really discovered an unknown tributary of the Madeira river, stretching over eight degrees of latitude, or whether he has traced the unknown upper course of a river already known in part to map makers. In his dispatch the Colonel says:

When Women March
THE great parade of suffragists in Chicago last week was watched by vast crowds with all marks of respect.

public demand that the commission make reasonable speed in settling the case. RICH LAWBREAKERS
UNTIL guilt is made personal for the rich corporation manager, and he is punished as inexorably as the petty lawbreaker, there will be no reason for the existence of the blatant demagogue who sows the seed of social unrest.

CHINESE EGGS

DOES anybody see in Portland market places any signs displayed to the effect that Chinese eggs are for sale? They do not. Yet it is the fact that several carloads of such eggs have been sold in Portland. A great many people do not want to eat eggs produced in China. Describing his tour around the world, W. J. Bryan said his party did not eat eggs in China because of the unsanitary conditions. Whatever may be the scientific facts, most people want their foodstuffs produced and put on the market with every step completely sanitary.

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A FEW SMILES

"Want a job, eh?" said the prospective employer to the shrewd looking applicant for the position as errand boy. "Well, do you know how far the moon is from the earth?" "No, sir," said the youth. "I don't know. But it ain't close enough to prevent me from running yer errands."

SMALL CHANGE

There are no miracles, but there are many things that the wisest of mortals do not understand. If the recaller insist on a separate election unpopular old injunction would be sufficient for once. If the senate wants to adjourn early in the morning, let it do so to work more and talk less.

"CHARITY" BEATTY, THEY CALL HIM

In naval circles they sometimes call Beatty "Charity." He is the most admirable part of valor. Many people torture themselves by going to hear grand opera, that they do not care for, or to see a play, merely because it is fashionable to go.

TALKING ABOUT MONEY IN PLAIN TERMS

The second idea is to train men to speak upon the nature and elements of banks and finance before mixed audiences. The great mass of the people to put these talks in the simplest language possible, avoiding the technical and aiming to give information without savoring of advertising.

END UNCERTAINTY

The Interstate Commerce Commission has at last concluded its hearing on the appeal of the eastern railroads for an increase in freight rates. Owing to the fact that much of the hesitancy in business development is attributed either rightly or wrongly to this question it is hoped that the commission will render an early decision. Whether the increase is granted or denied the atmosphere of uncertainty that has so long surrounded the issue should be cleared. Both railroads and public should be given an early opportunity to adjust themselves to future conditions.

While the railroads are entitled to no favors or special privilege they are entitled to justice on the evidence submitted. Justice to them is justice to the business of the country. There is an urgent

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Dallas Observer: Building improvements are said to be the best indication of a community's prosperity, and the case of Dallas has no fear of the test. "The hay season has opened a little earlier this season than usual around here," says the Beaver-ton Owl. A big machine was working west of town Friday.

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IN EARLIER DAYS

A few days ago S. A. John of Portland and myself spent a pleasant hour together on the bank of the Willamette river near the dam where the Wilson boat is Champoeg.

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