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WHAT WOULD LINCOLN SAY?

THE disclosures in the Barnes-Roosevelt libel suit give the people of the United States new information as to the way they have been governed. Colonel Roosevelt admitted on oath that as president he did not authorize the prosecution of the United States Steel corporation, and admitted that the corporation was a generous contributor to the Roosevelt campaign fund in 1904.

He admitted that, as president, he did not authorize the prosecution of the New Haven railroad, and admitted that the New Haven was a generous contributor to his campaign fund. He admitted that, as president, he did not authorize the prosecution of the Harvester Trust, and admitted that the trust was a generous contributor to his campaign fund.

He admitted that, as governor of New York, he received orders from Boss Platt, admitted that, as vice president, he counseled with Boss Platt, and that even as president of the United States he "advised" with Boss Platt. He admitted that he did not accept the nomination for vice president until he had consulted with Platt.

He admitted that, while president, regarding the appointment of C. C. Shays and George Cabot, he wrote Platt, "I am glad you took care of my old friends." A letter introduced in the evidence showed that, as governor, Colonel Roosevelt agreed to appoint to office men suggested by Platt and Grady, the latter of whom was a notorious Tammany senator.

He admitted that, while president, he knew of the campaign contributions of \$100,000 each by Morgan, Harriman, Frick and Schiff, admitted that he knew of the \$260,000 campaign fund raised by Harriman in Wall street, and admitted that he talked with Harriman about these contributions in the White House. He admitted that he authorized the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company by the United States Steel Trust, by which a property worth \$30,000,000 was taken over at \$29,000,000 without the payment of a dollar, and by which the chief competitor of the Steel Trust was annexed.

What would Lincoln, the exemplar of Republicanism in its purity, have said in these staggering admissions of secret government at Albany and Washington? What would the great Emancipator have said if Mr. Harriman had attempted to discuss campaign contributions with him in the American White House?

tain, snow peaks, skies and all else of nature's endowments are in the picture. To see the sight is to marvel and admire. The stranger never fails to catch it all. The alertness of our highly endowed new commercial body can do the rest necessary to make every Portland visitor a Portland publicity agent. The impression it made upon the head of the great Canadian Pacific railway system is proof of its possibilities.

SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE THE importance of the coming pan-American trade conference in Washington is illustrated by figures showing what war has done to Argentina's trade. Argentina's total imports were only \$262,300,000 in 1914, against \$408,600,000 in 1913, and the country's exports were \$337,000,000, compared with \$466,500,000. Imports from Austria dropped from \$5,700,000 to \$2,450,000, and exports to Austria were \$1,300,000, compared with \$3,100,000. Imports from Germany were only \$29,650,000, against \$68,800,000 in 1913, and exports to Germany decreased from \$55,800,000 to \$29,650,000.

These conditions seriously affected trade with the United States. In 1913 Argentina bought \$60,700,000 worth of goods in this country, but in 1914 the total was only \$35,400,000. However, this South American republic sold us \$41,300,000 worth of products in 1914, against \$22,000,000 worth in 1913. These figures are said to fairly represent the general condition of South American trade last year. During the first half of the year conditions were nearly normal, the war's interference with trade being all in the last six months. It is to help South America remedy such a situation that the Washington conference will be held.

NO APPEAL AT BAKER THE proposed appeal of the damage suit against former Governor West has been abandoned by the Copperfield saloonists. The announcement drops the curtain over a struggle that made history in Oregon. The conditions revealed by Governor West at Copperfield probably did more than all other influences combined to throw Oregon into the dry column.

OUR VISITORS PORTLAND can make a friend of every stranger who passes within her gates. The impression that the Rose City left upon Sir Thomas Shaughnessy was recounted in yesterday's Journal. He pronounced it the most beautiful city on the coast. He was delighted with the modest but hospitable reception accorded him by the new Chamber of Commerce. He asserts that Portland has a most brilliant future. He has gone his way, a new friend and publisher of Portland's virtues.

A view of Portland from any of the surrounding heights is unanswerable proof of Portland's claims. The setting is one of nature's best. River, valley, moun-

into the inland Empire. There is to be a big celebration next week, and its true significance should not be overlooked. The canal will be an asset to the extent it is used. No waterway can serve its full purpose as a regulator of rates unless shippers use the waterway.

A German, stimulated by war's necessities, has invented a process for making lubricating oil out of molasses. It's nothing new, for lots of people have used maple syrup to make hot griddle cakes go down easier.

Civilization has, at last, reached Point Barrow, at the extreme northern end of the North American continent. The roller towel and the common drinking cup have been abolished by the natives.

Portland's Rose Festival queen, like some of her royal sisters in Europe, may expect a bombardment—but it will be with roses, not bombs from the air.

If everyone could see the dirt in their own backyard as easy as they can see it on their neighbor's premises every week would be "clean-up" week.

Roumania asks a slice of Austrian territory as the price of refraining from attacking Austria, and Italy wants at least two slices.

What is needed these April days is a convincing argument in favor of the job inside.

THE JOURNAL NATIONAL EDITORIAL

SOUNDING THE DEPTHS OF SPACE

BY HENRY NORRIS RUSSELL, Professor of Astronomy, Princeton University. ONE of the most conspicuous movements at the moment among American astronomers is a great increase in activity in the measurement of the distance of the stars.

The abandonment of the appeal of the damage suit against the former governor is wise action. Governor West was not at all favored in the rulings at the trial. The issue in the case was not the damages but the right of protection for the firesides and the children of Oregon. It was an issue that went direct to the foundations of home and family life in this state. If the saloonmen could have penalized West for restoring order at Copperfield, it would have been a blow in the face of every parent in Oregon, and a confession that if rowdies can capture a town, set aside law and sell whiskey to children, no governor must interfere.

Copperfield not only changed political history, but the Baker verdict has put a more wholesome tone in the whole atmosphere of Oregon. The final abandonment of the struggle, as now announced, leaves Governor West's action at Copperfield fully justified, and is, in effect, an approval of the course of The Journal, which was the only metropolitan newspaper that aided the governor in the struggle.

REVERSING THE PROCESS IT may be an idle, pleasant life to be an old man's darling, but Hiram H. Krause of Los Angeles is finding out that to be an old woman's darling means to sweep, wash dishes and make the beds. He takes satisfaction in one thing, though, and that is the action of the court compelling his wife to pay him a monthly alimony of \$40 pending her suit for a divorce.

Schools That Find Themselves. From the New Republic. Vocational training in the Gary schools means that whatever work is done is to help them in their apprenticeship. They earn their salaries by repair and construction work, while the children who desire it get a practical education. They are practically not sent to the town. Where the ordinary trade school must have large classes to make the enterprise pay, the Gary schools are able to handle them in small groups, for the shops are paying for themselves anyway.

Good Roads in Multnomah. From the Oregon Times. Portland, Ore., advances to a definite place in the good roads procession, by the carrying in Multnomah county of a road bond measure, providing \$1,250,000 for improving 70 miles of trunk highways. While probably only 40 per cent of the registered vote went to the polls, the verdict in favor of good roads is a 2-1.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Nine-tenths of a man's talk is of no earthly importance. If she doesn't own a mirror she has lost all interest in life. Some men never miss the water while the beer holds out. As a rule, when you do see a good man you see one who is as ugly as a bad fence.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS Taxpayers of Gilliam county will, on May 27, meet to complete the organization of a taxpayers' league. The Salem Journal exhorts business men of Salem to go right ahead "getting everybody in line for a Greater Salem campaign that will make Salem the finest capital city in the west."

Letters From the People (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the contributor, who desires to have the same published, he should so state.)

Telephone Slugs. Portland, April 28.—To the Editor of The Journal—In compliance with a request from a local retail merchant, I submit this article for publication: "The use of a telephone coin box is 'theft' and a violation of law. No one has any more right to use a slug in payment for telephone service than a merchant has to use a slug in payment for a clear or other merchandise, and has no more right to access to a telephone coin box than to a cash drawer."

BAKER DEMOCRAT: It has just been announced that on the closing night of the legislative session a resolution was introduced in the Oregon land grant case, which was rushed through both houses. It was done so quietly that even Attorney General Brown did not know of its existence until some time after adjournment. The land grant case involves title to 2,300,000 acres of land in western Oregon.

GRANTS PASS COULDER: The O. & C. land grant case is now before the Oregon supreme court, and the valuable acreage in the state is due to the various counties again. If the lands are forfeited to the government the revenue may not come for a while, but the state will retain the more value to a community in a good home builder, even though he is not yet a taxpayer upon his homestead.

MR. VAIL ON INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS An increase in yearly compensation of \$1,350,000,000, or over 300 per cent. The normal number employed at this time should be 12,000,000. But there are fully 2,000,000 unemployed, who are being kept from working at least \$1,350,000,000. These unemployed are not living at the expense of their savings, their friends, or the public.

A Beautiful Defendant. From the Kansas City Journal. "I want you to make the outfit for my trial." "Let me see," mused the experienced modiste. "You'll want a direct testimony suit, a cross-examination suit, and something dainty and clinging to faint in."

The Sunday Journal The Great Home Newspaper, consists of Four news sections replete with Illustrated features. Illustrated magazine of quality. Woman's pages of rare merit. Pictorial news supplement. Superb comic section.

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THE OREGON COUNTRY "THE EARLY DAYS" By Fred Lockley, Special Staff Writer of The Journal. In the winter of 1860-61 my father, W. H. Gray, built a boat 90 feet long, with 16 foot beam at the head of the Okanogan river," said Captain W. F. Gray, the pioneer river navigator, who has been selected as admiral of the fleet during the celebration of the opening of the Cello canal.

The discovery of the gold mines in Idaho and the disorganization of the river traffic with the cutting of the rates caused the owners of the different steamboats and sailboats to combine and form the Oregon Steam Navigation company. The boats took the freight but the owners plyed their trade on the coast.

Speaking of the business of the coyote hunter, the Condon Times says: "The coyote hunter in the Pacific Northwest generally gets the old she coyote from four to nine. When you figure these at \$3 per scalp, it runs into hundreds of dollars. The coyote in Gilliam county are numbered."

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