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Woodrow Wilson's policy does satisfy the mothers of the land, at whose hearth the president was placed a simple wooden chair. It does satisfy the daughters of this land, from whom bluster and brag have been considered the sign of manhood.

AT ST. LOUIS

THE convention that convened yesterday at St. Louis is a perfunctory affair. It has little to do. Its candidate has already been nominated by the American people.

Woodrow Wilson's work as president is his certificate of nomination. In the face of that work, no convention could set him aside.

It is a rare event in history that a man so towers above all others in his party that his availability for the presidential office is so little challenged.

Mr. Wilson has been the discoverer of this generation in America. It was knowledge that Wilson's work has been so full, so complete, so far reaching and so popular that made the Republican convention at Chicago so chilly and unenthusiastic.

That convention when it met was dumfounded with realization that Wilson's work has been so complete and so sagacious that no important issue was left with which to fight him.

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It is because of this feeling in all political parties that Woodrow Wilson was long ago nominated by the people of America and that his selection in the convention will be a mere formality.

statesman whose diplomacy in the bewildering complications of the world war, saved international law from utter destruction and kept the belligerents from plunging into final barbarism.

News dispatches tell that Senator Boise Penrose, miffed because Senator Fulton had become the chief drummer in the Hughes boom, tricked the Oregon orator out of the honor of seconding Justice Hughes' nomination.

WHEN WE CELEBRATE

PORTLAND is to have an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration. It is well. These are times to be mindful of the beginnings of this republic.

"The consent of the governed" as recited in the Declaration of Independence was a tremendous ideal. If it had been better understood by ancient peoples, the whole course of history would have been changed.

"Consent of the governed" would have spared Europe its present awful agonies. If in all the belligerent countries the state existed for the people, instead of the people for the state in some of them, the world would be at peace, just as America is at peace.

There may be times and occasions when we despair of free government. The abuses that creep into our free system are sometimes humiliating. But over and around all the disappointments and deficiencies is the great principle of the "consent of the governed."

The birthday of this nation is also the birthday of a new epoch in earth's annals. The torch of liberty planted on the New England hills became signal fires to people under every sun, and human freedom, lighted by them, is gradually encircling the planet.

One of the few major events of all time is that which the Fourth of July commemorates, and in the midst of an abounding plenty and a precious peace, America should this year celebrate it as never before.

The Oregon delegates at St. Louis promptly squelched the attempt to oust Mr. Estery as national committee man. That game went far enough formerly when Mr. King was continued in the place after Mr. Estery had been named by vote of the people.

JUSTICE

THERE has always been a good deal of missionary spirit in the United States. We do not refer to religious missions but to the feeling that our institutions are so beneficent that the whole world ought to adopt them, or something like them.

This kind of justice prevails when every accused person receives a fair trial and a just sentence. When no prejudice is permitted to pervert the right.

It will be a sad day for the United States when we are no longer eager to join hands with the rest of mankind to insure this kind of justice at home and abroad.

MEXICO'S NEW HOPE.

AS THE president's efforts to keep out of war with Mexico continue, criticisms of his Mexican policy grow more furious. What the critics want is a conquest of the country followed by annexation.

It is possible that the Germans will presently need all their troops to attend to affairs in the west. If the British advance, so often promised and so often postponed, should actually take place this summer it looks as if the Kaiser and his al-

lies might be measurably embarrassed. Russia is the only one of the allied nations that is making two forward movements at the same time.

Its motto is "Mexico for the Mexicans." It believes that the peons who work the land should own it, instead of turning over the proceeds of their toil to absentee landlords.

A recent headline says "Bishop of Cork dies." Without any affront intended it might well be said that the deceased should have little trouble in getting across the river Styx.

NOTHING THE MATTER WITH PORTLAND

HERE is a peculiarly interesting story of the accomplishment of another Portland inventor who has at last put upon the market what might be appropriately termed a steel work harness, ten times more durable than leather and at about half the cost.

J. C. Proebstel, in 1912, invented a springless snap. It was intended to supplant the common snap in use which fastens the line to the bit of a bridle.

A Portland youth who was recently before the municipal court charged with having a stolen automobile in his possession, advanced the novel story that a stranger drove up to him one day and made him a present of the car.

TAXES FOR THE FESTIVAL

THE proposal to finance the Rose Festival by direct taxation is at least worthy of serious consideration, not only by those who are directly connected and concerned with the production and management of the festival, but by the people of the city as a whole.

Few people could be found in the city, perhaps, who would not agree that the festival has grown into a distinctive Portland feature which is worth much to the city and which should be continued and sustained.

If the festival be a Portland institution, and worthy, then the public spirit of the citizens as a whole should come to its aid. While we all accept its benefits and enjoy its pleasures, so we should all be willing to bear, in proper ratio, the burdens which it brings.

NOT A HARNESS SHOP.

Mr. Proebstel has now associated with him in his enterprise M. A. Thompson, an energetic business man formerly connected with the Post cereal food company at Battle Creek. Together they have equipped a substantial machine shop in which their harness is made.

RUSSIA COMES BACK.

IT HAS always been said by military critics that Russia could not be conquered. She may receive setbacks and suffer disastrous losses but her power of recovery is so great that she is never completely undone.

But the Germans who routed the Russian armies understood perfectly that their advantage was only temporary. They knew and acknowledged that the Russians were paralyzed by want of guns and munitions.

ONLY HAMES ARE BOUGHT.

It will thus be observed that the harness is made entirely by steel working and not by leather working machinery, and that leather is almost taboo in the factory.

At the time The Journal man called shipments of harness were being made to the lumber camps of northern California, and to Seattle, Bellingham, Okanogan, Tacoma and Spokane, Wash., and to eastern Oregon and Idaho.

Mr. Ellsworth's Statement.

Vancouver, Wash., June 12.—To the Editor of The Journal.—A number of Vancouver citizens have remarked to me that they would like to see a trip over the Columbia river highway because of danger of accident from reckless drivers.

break until they decay. And they are the only part of the harness that will rot. Our tugs are so strong that two of the smallest have lifted 5000 pounds from the ground.

"Occasionally we receive a letter asking us to sell sets of tugs minus the harness. The writer probably has a set of harness with only worn out tugs. We sell these at \$12.75 for four five-foot tugs with books, or six-foot tugs with chains, total length seven feet, three inches. The shipping weight is 21 pounds the set. If made of leather, these would cost \$18 to \$25.

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"Before the links are put together and riveted, we place them in a tumbling barrel into which a quantity of sawdust has been shoveled and set it going. It is turned by electricity, and is kept running until the steel is bright. We then enamel them, they are hooked together and riveted on strips of Scandia belting, also enameled, and are ready for the market. We have made our own dies in our own shop at a cost to us of over \$2000.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

At any rate, all of us can agree with Mary Pickford: "Hurrah for the summer time."

Another reason why Hughes ought to be elected, says the Oregonian, is that he is a very vigorous, energetic and capable man. He is a very vigorous, energetic and capable man.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Foundation for the addition to the roundhouse at La Grande is under way and the pouring of cement is in progress.

"With five war vessels in Portland harbor last week, it appears," says the Gresham Outlook, that the Williams-Gresham crowd is growing more popular with the navy department and that the river bars are not such dangerous snags as they are reported to be.

The race in the major political league has narrowed down to two teams, with the 1912 champions playing for the lead.

News from the western front indicates that the Russian fight better with cannon, rifles and ammunition than they did without them.

Peace, prosperity and preparedness! Peace with honor; prosperity with honesty; preparedness without militarism. The Democratic slogan furnishes an excellent thumb-nail sketch of the Wilson administration.

JOURNAL JOURNEYS

45--Wahkeena Falls

COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY, No. 10. Wahkeena means, in the language of the Indians, "most beautiful" and so, when a suitable name was being sought for the first of the two great waterfalls that feature what is now known as Benson park, "Wahkeena" was selected.

Where the still cascading stream crosses the Columbia river highway is a fine bridge. Stop on either side and look upward. "A steep and windless stair in the watch tower of the Almighty," was my own impulsive exclamation when first I gazed upward at the beautiful view.

Wahkeena falls spurn no cliff in dizzy leap but rather, like the bighorn goat, drop from crag to crag, until the meadows are reached on the other side of the high way. Evanescent leavings and musical are Wahkeena falls.

They descend from the top above the highway and they turn in narrow course as a stairway might spiral. Their charm grows upon one who descends to pick up a refreshment by the Portland Rotary club. Already a small fountain is in use and a public comfort station has been built.

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The Once Over BY REX LAFLETTA

SIGNS OF SUMMER—certain indications of hot weather—are beginning to multiply.

For instance—this morning—coming into town—on the Oregon City car—I saw an ice wagon.

—and the driver grinned—as though to say: "Our time has come."

—and the newspapers are beginning to print hourly temperatures—through the day.

—so that people can't forget how hot it is.

—And babies are beginning to cry a night.

—And the young roosters—that came with the very violent spring chickens—are just learning to crow.

—and they have no control of their voices.

—and there's one out at oak Grove—that makes a melodramatic noise.

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