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America asks nothing for herself but what she has a right to ask for humanity itself.
 Millions for defense, but not a cent for tribute.
 CHARLES C. PINCKNEY

IS HE ANOTHER PARKER?

GREATER than can be any result in Maine, more significant than will be any other pre-November election result in its bearing on the presidential election, is the victory of Governor Johnson in California.

Opposed by the standpat newspapers, read out of the Republican party by the California "regulars," snubbed by Mr. Hughes at the best of the old guard campaign managers, publicly branded, because he had been a Progressive, as an "enemy of the Republican party," hissed at by standpat campaign orators who proclaimed that they would rather have a Democrat for senator than Johnson, Governor Johnson has been nominated by the Republican masses as their candidate for United States senator in preference to standpatter Booth who was the choice of Mr. Hughes and the California party managers.

Nothing could be more blighting to the candidacy of Mr. Hughes than this display of their mood and their purposes by the rank and file Republicans of California.

In administering a crushing defeat to Mr. Booth, they administered a stinging rebuke to Mr. Hughes and the party managers, and it is a rebuke that bodes no good for the program of Penrose, Gallinger, Barnes, Smoot and Wall street to restore standpatism to authority at Washington.

The result recalls the New York World's query, is Mr. Hughes to be another Parker? In 1904 the Democrats nominated Alton B. Parker in a wild endeavor to sidetrack Bryanism and get rid of Mr. Bryan.

In 1916 the Republicans nominated Mr. Hughes in order to get rid of Theodore Roosevelt.

Parker's candidacy was a Waterloo because the radical Democrats would not follow a candidate whose nomination was brought about and whose campaign was managed by Wall street Democrats. The California result seems to almost certainly foretell that for the same reason Mr. Hughes' campaign is to end in rout and disaster.

It is somebody's business to see that the swimming tanks are cleaned up. They should either be cleaned up or be closed altogether.

BRIAND

IT HAS taken the allies some time to work out a practicable scheme of division of labor in the war, but they seem at last to have finished the job. Looking on from a distance one can hardly hope to figure out just how the division is planned, but it looks very much as though France had agreed to furnish the brains while England supplies the money and Russia the men. We do not mean to say that the allied nations are not all sending their share of men to the front, but Russia evidently feels obliged to furnish the lion's part.

If one were asked what Italy has contributed to the war besides the fighting force for her own frontier the answer might look a little scant. It is only the other day that she has taken a full hand in the game by declaring war on Germany. Up till now she has been, theoretically at least, been at peace with Kaiser Wilhelm and at war with Franz Joseph only. We dare say that history will commend Italy and Roumania for their caution and Rumania for their caution and Poland for their caution, but perhaps they will so conduct themselves, as the good old man urged Laertes, that nobody will ever want to fight them again.

to all appearances, the one French brain that is most effectively active is Briand's. This man set out in public life as a socialist. Maybe he still calls himself by that party name, but he has grown into something bigger than any party. He is thinking for the whole of Europe outside the German connection, and as time passes we see his thought acting more and more potently upon the course of events. Goldsmith said of Burke that he had robbed humanity by narrowing his mind down to a party. Briand has done the opposite.

"We think we know better how to run the railroads than do the politicians at Washington," said Louis Hill jauntily. And as President Wilson struggled with Mr. Hill and the other railroad presidents to keep the country out of an industrial war as he has kept it out of other war, he thought that "we think we know better how to run the railroads than do the politicians at Washington," turned the scale doubtless against compromise and peace.

GOD FORGIVE YOU; I CANNOT

RESIDENT WILSON, laboring to convert the railroad magnates to humane and rational views, presents a curious spectacle to the country. The president is a modern man profoundly acquainted with current and past history, understanding the tendencies of the time and sympathizing with the forward and upward aspirations of his fellow men. The railroad heads with whom he has been trying to negotiate are not modern.

They are industrial barons feudal in their habits of thought and action. Each of them deems himself the absolute master of a certain industrial principal, irresponsible to the public for his conduct, and the welfare of the nation is the last thing he thinks of. President Wilson cares more for the public welfare than for anything else. He intervened in the quarrel between the brotherhoods and the employers for the common good and for nothing else.

In the negotiations which he has conducted the country has seen him acting consistently as a broad-minded statesman. He has advanced no petty arguments. He has made no foolish promises or threats. He has kept his eye on the welfare of the country and that alone. If he could he would have persuaded the railroad heads to put the public first and their own advantage second, but that seems to have been impossible. With their feudal habits of mind they could think of nothing but their own power and profit.

Being a modern man with modern enlightened views, President Wilson has shown consistent sympathy with the brotherhoods. He knows that the concession of an eight hour day means nothing but dollars and cents to the railroads, while to the brotherhoods it means an increase of life, better homes, happier families, worthier citizenship. The men want time enough from their work to live the lives of American citizens. The employers would at most sacrifice but an infinitesimal fraction of their incomes should they grant the men's demands and receive no compensation. The men on the other hand would gain advantages precious beyond all estimate.

So the matter stands, the brotherhoods are fighting for their full and rightful share of our national life. The railroad magnates are fighting for dollars and power. The weakness of the employers' side comes clearly into the light when we remember that the president has promised them compensation through congressional action for all they might lose by granting the eight-hour day. But, while they are eager of course for compensation, they are far more eager just now to sustain their feudal absolutism over their men. It has often happened in the course of history that the surest way to lose absolute power forever was to assert it haughtily in times of crisis.

The purely selfish stand of the railroad heads at this time of national peril is unpardonable. The country will heartily join in the president's exclamation as he parted with the railroad chiefs, "God forgive you; I cannot."

The handicap that Portland faces is that she and the Columbia interior, though they have a water grade, are compelled to pay freight rates based on an over-mountian haul. Do Portland and the interior interrelate always to submit to the discrimination?

SPIRITS OF DEVILS

IN THE battle of Armageddon as described in Revelations, "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" were to be gathered "to the battle of that great day." This comes pretty near to a prediction of the actual state of things on the Balkan front. In the advance from Saloniki, British, French, Serbs, Italians, Russians and Rumanians march shoulder to shoulder, and among the French and British we must include troops from Africa, India and the ends of the earth.

The Russians have Japanese ammunition for their guns and no doubt some of our American products of the same sort are in use there. With the Germans stand over the lands for the public and

Turks. Really, therefore, the vision of Armageddon that John saw in Patmos seems to be coming true.

The prophet said the terrible mists would be caused by the spirits of devils working miracles. In this part of his prediction also he hit fairly close to the bull's eye.

The Portland health authorities have rendered a public service by exposing the filthiness of the swimming tanks. They can now render another important service by requiring the tanks to be cleaned and to be kept clean.

1912 OVER AGAIN

THE fight by the "regulars" on those who strayed off into the Progressive party in 1912 is not confined to California alone.

It goes forward all along the line. There is Senator Poindexter, who was snubbed by the "regular" committee during the Hughes tour of Washington. Though a supporter of Mr. Hughes and now a registered Republican, he was, because he had voted with the Progressive party, not invited to accompany Mr. Hughes on his trip through the state of Washington.

In the United States senate the other day, Senator Gallinger renewed his fight on Mr. Rublee. Mr. Rublee, a Progressive, was appointed a member of the Federal Trade commission by President Wilson. Confirmation of the appointment was refused by the senate in a fight led by Senator Gallinger.

The refusal of confirmation cut off Rublee's salary, but he has since continued to serve on the commission without pay. Even this plan was objected to by Senator Gallinger, one of the leaders of the "regulars" in the senate. In his hatred of Progressives and progressivism, Gallinger is determined that Rublee shall be literally driven from office, though the latter is acknowledged to be one of the strongest men on the commission.

The Philadelphia North American, which is supporting Mr. Hughes, entitles an article from its Washington correspondent, describing the Gallinger fight on Rublee, "Standpat Senator Reads Progressives Out of G. O. P. Ranks."

The fight of the "regulars" against the Progressives is 1912 over again.

The health authorities of Portland should immediately bring about a change in the conditions of swimming tanks and pools as described in yesterday's Journal.

WISELY DECIDED

REPRESENTATIVES of the grant land counties voted at Eugene Monday not to place the grant lands on a tax roll. It is the obvious course. It is the only course. Any other course would have been exactly the thing the railroad wanted done.

The plan of taxing the lands after congress has attempted to revert title in the public would have been a declaration that congress was without power to take the lands over for the public. It would have been equivalent to a declaration that congress had no power to set aside 50 per cent of the proceeds from sale of the lands to Oregon roads and Oregon schools.

The contention of those who wanted the lands taxed is the same contention that the railroad is making in its suit resisting the action of the government in the United States courts. Their purpose, if translated into action, would doubtless have been pointed to by the railroad in its suit as evidence that the people of Oregon are with the railroad and against the public and the government in the pending litigation. It is not impossible that representatives of the railroad slyly deluded the Eugene Chamber of Commerce into passing the resolution which inaugurated the movement for taxing the lands.

In any event, the resolution in its effect was not widely different from the notorious "midnight resolution" which slipped through the legislature while the forfeiture suit was pending, of which the supreme court in its decision said: "The interest and hope expressed seem like a prayer against the government's contention."

Nor was the Eugene resolution widely different in its effect from the action of the so-called grant land "conference" held at Salem, which passed multitudinous resolutions and whereas but did not adopt one single sentence or word demanding that any part of the proceeds from sale of the grant lands be saved for the roads or school fund or for anything else in Oregon.

The Federal government is trying to hurry the lands into settlement. It is trying to bring them under production. It is trying to people them with homebuilders.

The work of classifying the lands for settlement is being vigorously pushed, and men are waiting to occupy the long unoccupied tracts. It is a great work for Oregon, because it means more production, more importance for grant land counties, more money for Oregon roads and the Oregon school fund and more taxpayers to help support state and county governments.

What is more, the federal government in the very bill which took over the lands for the public and

thereby made them non-taxable until they again pass into private ownership, appropriated \$1,600,000 with which to pay back taxes in the grant land counties. If the county authorities had insisted on putting the lands on the tax rolls, the government would not pay the back taxes. If, as the Eugene resolution practically held, the law by which the government took over the lands invalidated the appropriation of \$1,600,000 for back taxes made in the same law is also invalid.

The action of the representatives of grant land counties in declaring against placing the lands under taxation was wise. Any other action would have been foolish.

WE PROGRESSIVES



New York World.

Letters From the People

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"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sanctity and throws them back on their responsible. It rubs out all unreasonableness. It ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and leaves the conscientious in their steps.—Woodrow Wilson."

Labor Day.

Castle Rock, Or., Aug. 26.—To the Editor of The Journal—Kindly tell us through The Journal if Labor Day is a national or legal holiday. If so, what are the regulations as to how and on what days does it occur?

[The first Monday of September is Labor Day. It is not a national holiday. In fact, there are no national holidays in the state of their being made such by act of congress, and the Fourth of July is no exception. Labor Day is a legal holiday, however, in all the states and in the District of Columbia, Porto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska. In 1882 the Knights of Labor paraded in New York city on the first Monday of September, and in 1884 another parade was held in New York. It was decided that this day should be set aside for this purpose. In 1887 Colorado made the first Monday in September a legal holiday. Its observance was taken up by state after state until it is now national-wide.]

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Admiral Cronan expects to capture Astoria without firing a hostile gun. Why hasn't somebody thought of establishing a few training homes as well as camps?

"Too Much Johnson" will continue to be a popular refrain with California's old political gang.

A dangerous crank has been discovered pursuing Mr. Hughes—and we are glad to get his followers out of the state and under other conditions.

Roadmaster Yeom says speeders are giving the Columbia highway a bad name. It's time to build another road and to use it.

Those billions of bacteria discovered in Portland's swimming tanks would be welcomed by the small boy who is a pleasant tradition of the state and same variety of that can be disproved and felt believed.

Geology experts are still proving that the Bridge of the Gods never existed. But, fortunately, there are a plenty of bridges and their construction is not to be disparaged.

Pendleton will have a larger Happy Canyon for the Round-Up, but it is doubtful whether the Pendleton can provide more happiness for her guests than she has provided in former years.

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OREGO SIDELIGHTS

The story by Klamath Falls Herald George Humphrey tells of a mole that weighed 4 pounds and had 21 joints on each leg. Humphrey says the mole was taken from a hole in Lake county. He did not learn the name of the trapper.

That Curry's untrivial pleasures and resorts are gradually becoming known outside, and appreciated when utilized, is no better news, says the Gold Beach Reporter, than the numerous published reports and letters received to such a good, but untrivial pleasure.

The northwest forest continues to score the Alabamian's record. On a side tract the depot yesterday was a car of long poles or rails, nearly covering three forty-foot cars. They were said to be 115 feet long and 8 inches in diameter.

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For keeping exultingly at it, Oregon's latest boomerang boaster "excels the lake's laker" in a column of little words. If there were a time when Baker people had an abundance of matter upon which to brag their town and county, that time is long past.

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Consistency Invoked.

Warrenton, Or., Aug. 29.—To the Editor of The Journal—Thirty thousand people made an appeal for a change in the law governing moving pictures, and 20,000 people's wishes were treated with contempt, because of a censor board that uses no discretion at all as to what should be admitted on the films. But—and here comes the inconsistency of their judgment—women will go to the beaches in bathing season and exhibit themselves to the public gaze in the scantiest of dresses. And men, who are the Bible and the Employers' association.

White Salmon.

White Salmon, Wash., Aug. 29.—To the Editor of The Journal—In your issue of August 25 appears an article on "Tourists and Road Guides," written by W. P. Reed of The Dalles, Oregon. To state the point as courteously as possible, your correspondent is not advised against the true conditions prevailing throughout the White Salmon valley regarding hotels and garages.

Remarks on Timely Topics.

McMinnville, Or., Aug. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal—There is an advanced society in New York city which reads "The Atlantic Monthly" and "The Humanitarian Magazine." I wish we might start something of the kind, also, here in White Salmon. The Journal has many editorials on these topics. Our civilization is verg-

THEY CAN'T HAVE IT BOTHWAYS

From Collier's Weekly.

Speaking of prophets, some of our economic Jeremiahs might make their lamentations more consistent and harmonious. They will predict you a Europe freed from war descending upon our hapless country and destroying our industries with a flood of goods manufactured under aggressive semi-military organization, and then, turning round in one short paragraph, will put out the exactly opposite argument that hordes of workers leaving a ruined Europe will drive our country to a better and better life. They will never have better prospects for general prosperity. It is to you, Mr. Man, to make it so. Along. This is your opportunity.

Trading With the Enemy.

From the San Francisco Bulletin.

Although England has blacklisted several American products, and a number of American firms, she has not yet blacklisted war supplies, except, naturally, as they are destined for enemy countries. The reason, of course, is that she wants all the war supplies that can be obtained for herself and her allies. There is a simple commercial principle here which will be well to bear in mind. It is that may follow a war. When trade between county A and country B, or between county A and country C, is suspended, it is difficult to continue, whether the country is encouraged or not. After the war England will buy all of American goods that she can, profitably, and it will not be long before she will be buying all the German goods she can profitably use, and trying to dispose of some of her own goods in Germany. If trade between the United States and Germany adds to Germany's purchasing power, enlightened English merchants will regard the Americans to that extent as allies and not as competitors. It is difficult to believe that a new era of mercantilism, under which each country will do all it can to choke off the import trade, will follow. There will be mutual bitterness, and many years, but if bitterness is as to cost money it will diminish. It is not recorded that the French, after their defeat after their defeat in 1793. On the contrary, intercourse between the two countries never was so brisk as in the generation after 1815. This war is different in degree rather than in kind. The recovery will take longer, but will come.

A Sonnet to Mr. Hughes' Whiskers.

By David McCord.

O, thou dividing monarch of the chin,
 Result of time and trouble—aya, of
 cares—
 Expended on thy tangled skein, that
 Even through the hard campaign, to
 Admiring glances, that have ever been
 The policy of him who fast would be
 The shepherd of this common flock
 Mere humble voters, make—his kits
 and kin.

What grace lies in thy twofold many
 What curves,
 What curves, in the straight and manly
 part!
 The quality that makes admirers scoff
 At him who wears no spinch—and
 preserves
 Distinction worthy of tonorial art:
 What would he look like wert thou
 shaven off!

Stories of a Street and Town

A "Bird" of an Owl.

LOU Reno, who presides behind the desk at the Hotel Imperial, and Mrs. Reno spent part of the vacation along the Columbia highway. One day's excursion was the ascent of Leach Mountain.

One day he barely set out on the climb when a strange sound filtered through the trees.

"Toot, toot," they went on, and the sound became plainer.

"Toot, toot," said Reno to Mrs. Reno.

"Toot, toot."

"Strange, I didn't know there were any owls around here," remarked Mrs. Reno.

"Toot, toot."

Then they came to a clearing. The owl was an industrious donkey engine used in logging.

Wreck! Total Loss! No Insurance.

THese are the days when:
 The gas is left burning in the house all day.
 The electric lights burn merrily all night.
 The garden hose is not turned off.
 The dishes are not washed.
 The cat and dog are not fed.
 The beds are not made.
 The grass is not cut.
 The front porch is not swept.
 The laundry is not sent out.
 The milk is not stopped.
 The canary gets no water.
 The mail collects dust in the mail box.
 Newspapers lie in the front yard unopened.
 And the door isn't unlocked for days and days.