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EMPLOYERS' CONCESSION.

In the dispatches received by the East Oregonian on Thursday was the statement that the employers in the great anthracite coal regions had made a concession—under pressure from the National Civic Federation—that they would agree to admit the representatives of the laborers to the conference upon equal terms with the employers.

If there be one demonstrated truth in all the mazes of speculation regarding economics nowadays, it is that the principle of consolidation and community of interest is accepted by the modern capitalist. He believes in the theory and practice of united action—for the capitalist.

However, let the people at large rejoice that at last the anthracite coal barons have conceded that the laborer, too, may take advantage of the benefits of united action. It pre-arranges good for the future discussions of the problem of capital and labor.

THE SALARY REFORM.

While the people are centering their attention upon the question of candidates for state officers, let them not forget the issue that has been offered for consideration by the Salem Capital Journal. That paper has contended for a reform in the paying of state officials, whom it argues should be placed on salaries, with all fees accruing from the conduct of their offices converted into the state treasury.

THE VALUE OF TRUE ART.

Comparatively few persons, probably, appreciate the real merit of a performance which manifests the highest forms of art. It is true especially in the case of the musical artist. In proportion to one's knowledge of the technique will be appreciation. Yet, the value of true art cannot be gainsaid. In music true art is but an approximation to absolute harmony. It is in that respect, nature for in nature is found harmony exact. Take the contra side of the proposition. Inharmonious sounds grate on the nerves, stir the worse elements, make for no good. Frequently by using the opposite can the obverse be proven. The perfect artist combines all of the elements of the ideal—harmony, soul of expression, intelligence, purity in his work, excellence in ren-

dition, refinement of influence, all that makes the uplifting and ennobling man. These constitute the value of true musical art. And the same in effect may be said of other realms of artistic effort.

LET HIM HAVE NO SUCCESSOR.

With the defeat and overthrow of Joe Simon, it is sincerely hoped by republicans, democrats, populists, socialists and all the various breeds into which Oregonians are divided, that "ring rule," "bossism" and "hoodlumism" in Oregon will die and stay dead. In his peculiar moral and political sphere, it is hoped that Simon will have no successor. It is hoped that when he slinks into his hole he will pull the hole in after him. When his public career is at an end and his worshippers stand upon the eminence of cool and unprejudiced reason, and survey his history and the history of Oregon politics under his rule, what a moral blank will present itself to their view! In what single, solitary moral or material manner has Simon helped Oregon? His sole ambition was for self; his sole energy has been to selfish ends; if he wore a mask of public spirited righteousness for a moment, it was to accomplish a blacker deceit and more wholesale betrayal. The evil effects of his practices will remain for years, like an uncovered sewer, in Oregon political affairs. It will take a new generation of voters to bury the bitterness of faction which he has spent his life to create. It will be like taking down the yellow flag which marks the location of a pest to see him dethroned. His neighbors will draw in a deep, refreshing draught of moral atmosphere. The "heelers," grafters, "hoodlums," "lobbyists," and the whole swarm of vermin which have thriven upon his filthy leavings, will find their occupation gone.

It will be like a new baptism of truth and loyalty, to know that a clean, wholesome, intellectual gentleman fills the seat he has infested in the United States senate. Joe Simon, in his peculiar plane of degradation, needs no successor. We want a man, we are weary of this thing. That was a beautiful trait of character in Roosevelt that flashed to the surface at a White House reception a few days ago. In shaking hands with a pioneer lady from the west, he learned that she had crossed the plains with an ox team in 1854. He clasped the shriveled hand close for an instant, looked eagerly into the dim eyes and for a moment this aged veteran mother of the west banished the stern cares of statecraft, the entanglements of diplomacy and the buzz of office seekers from his mind and he was once more the rancher of the Dakota plains himself. There was an eager inquiry in his eyes, a warmth in his hand and a corner opened in his heart which no king will ever witness in his greeting. Roosevelt is almost a Westerner. He loves the old stories of the plains. His literary works bearing upon the west and its early settlers have a warmth and tenderness in them which endears him to us. He is almost a dreamer; he is a story teller a lover of the legend and the wondrous conquests of this far away land. In the busy station he occupies, thronged and beset with cares and complexities, waging an endless war with real and unreal foes, it is refreshing for the first gentleman of the land step aside from his official mask to unobscure himself to an unpretending lady whose only claim upon his attention was that she is a pioneer who pushed through the deserts half a century ago, to hold civilized and christianize a part of the great country he loves.

We must make room for the constant mental and material expansion in Oregon. She is no longer an infant. Her baby clothes have been folded away for years. She is a buxom, laughing lass—entering into that wonderful domain of nature, womanhood. She needs elbow room. She has outgrown the nursery. Her horizon is wider and her possibilities intensified. She has a station among the states. She has a unique character—an individuality peculiar to herself. She must be treated no longer as a child. One of the urgent material needs of Oregon is a Bureau of Labor Statistics. There is a demand for authentic facts and figures in relation to Oregon industries. The homeseeker of the east wants the truth about Oregon; he wants something authentic, something within the "sober realm" of reality. If he hunts up Oregon statistics today he finds himself in the mazes of an advertiser's dream. The real estate circulars are mostly of a local nature. The mining pamphlets are private enterprises and were drawn to further private ends. Crop and other industrial publications are incomplete, and therefore disappointing. The cost of living, diversity of industries, schools, social conditions and statistics and all these vital points of interest to homeseekers are left the mercy of private individuals and municipal corporations, and are always drawn from a local point of view. There is need for an authoritative source of information. The coming legislature could do nothing more worthy than to create a Bureau of Labor Statistics, invested with the

authority and the means to do so and publish the truth about Oregon. Her industries are multiple and every year. Her widening horizon, her increasing host of toilers, her vast promises of future worth and wealth demand a system of fact-gathering in keeping with the progress she is making. Give her elbow room. Tell them more about Oregon. BERT HUFFMAN.

TRUTH BECOMING KNOWN.

Little by little the truth concerning the Philippines is leaking out. Walter Wellman, the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record Herald, says: Army officers write letters home saying that the efforts to establish Filipino governments are farcical, and that nothing but the strong arm of the military enables them to stand for a moment. It is known that there is friction between General Chaffee and the Taft commission, and Secretary Root's tact and diplomacy are exercised almost constantly in averting trouble. General Chaffee is angry at the suggestion of reducing his forces. On the other hand, the commission, in defense of its own efforts to establish government by peaceful means and moral suasion, is advising the power of the military to be gradually curtailed.

Governor Taft declares that 15,000 soldiers are all that are needed in the entire archipelago. General Wheaton, however, says that 50,000 soldiers will be needed for many years to come. Mr. Wellman says that an army officer of high reputation has written a letter to a friend in Washington saying:

"Take the records of the civil commission with a big grain of salt. They are made for political reading. Taft and Wright are very nice men, and it is with no ill feeling toward them that I say civil government is a farce and exists only in the places occupied by the military. Where there are no soldiers no foreigners can live, or go in safety. The islands are not pacified. The people do not want us."

"I have been stationed in one of the quietest provinces in the islands and yet the most cordial sentiment I ever heard expressed was that the United States would remain in control four or five years until the people had learned something of civil government, and then get out and place them under our protection only. Generally they want us to get out now, and there is submission to it because of personal helplessness."

Democratic senators are armed with a good deal of this kind of argument. That the republicans are worried over the situation is apparent. Senator Lodge is sharply criticized for having proposed a public investigation, as it gives the democrats the very opportunity they have been waiting for. The defense, of course, is that the country is entitled to the truth, no matter what that truth is.

It must be apparent to everyone by this time that the situation in the Philippines has been grossly misrepresented, not only by republican newspapers but by republican officials. The people are becoming restless for the facts. Even the most stalwart republican cannot take kindly to the policy which the administration has carried on with respect to our new possessions. And now that it is generally admitted that the people have been deliberately and persistently deceived, there are indications that a strenuous demand will be made for the facts. It is to be hoped that the democrats in congress will insist upon the truth being given to the public, and it cannot be doubted that when this truth becomes known, the overwhelming majority of the American people will rise up in protest against the un-American policy which the republican party has foisted upon this government.—Commoner.

The butterflies of Central America and Mexico number 1895 species, according to Godman and Salvin. Only 645 specimens are known to occur in North America north of Mexico.

Advertisement for Herpicide hair cream, featuring an illustration of a woman's face and text describing its benefits for dandruff and hair loss.

Eczema, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum, Tetter and Acne

Belong to that class of inflammatory and disfiguring skin eruptions that cause more genuine bodily discomfort and worry than all other known diseases. The impurities or sediments which collect in the system because of poor digestion, inactive kidneys and other organs of elimination are taken up by the blood, saturating the system with acid poisons and fluids that ooze out through the glands and pores of the skin, producing an insupportable itching and burning, and the yellow, watery discharge forms into crusts and sores or little brown and white scabs that drop off, leaving the skin tender and raw. The effect of the poison may cause the skin to crack and bleed, or give it a scaly, fishy appearance; again the eruptions may consist of innumerable blackheads and pimples or hard, red bumps upon the face. Purification of the blood is the only remedy for these vicious skin diseases. Washes and powders can only hide for a time the glaring blemishes. S. S. S. eradicates all poisonous accumulations, antitoxins the ureic and other acids, and restores the blood to its wonted purity, and stimulates and revitalizes the sluggish organs, and the impurities pass off through the natural channels and relieve the skin. S. S. S. is the only guaranteed purely vegetable blood purifier. It contains no Arsenic, Potash or other harmful mineral. Write us about your case and our physicians will advise without charge. We have a handsomely illustrated book on skin diseases, which will be sent free to all who wish it. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Advertisement for Cleveland Leads bicycles, featuring the text 'The Bunch Is Off!!' and 'CRESCENT A CLOSE SECOND' with prices listed.



Advertisement for Joseph Ell, a harness and saddlery shop, located in Pasco.

Advertisement for Byers' Grove Addition to Pendleton, featuring an eye illustration and text about farm sales.

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Pendleton Planing Mill and Lumber Yard

Advertisement for Pendleton Planing Mill and Lumber Yard, listing various lumber products and contact information for R. Forster.

Advertisement for Golden Rule Pool and Billiard Parlor, located at 213 Court Street.

Advertisement for Pilsner Beer, featuring a logo and text about beer quality.

Advertisement for Schultz Brewing, featuring a logo and text about beer quality.

Advertisement for Oregon Lumber, located at Alta St., opp. Court St.

Advertisement for Crowners Bros., featuring a logo and text about transfer, trucking, and storage services.