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The only shots that count, are the shots that hit.—Roosevelt.

LITERATURE AT WHITE HOUSE.

Roosevelt can speak as straight to the mark as he can shoot. His message has a knowing ring about it; it tells a dry story in an interesting manner. It's direct and vivid thought proves that he has handled his subjects without gloves. His message is not sterotyped. There is not a feature in it that betrays a lack of familiarity with the issue involved. Precise, elegant, statesmanlike, bold enough and fair enough if it were put into the organic law of the land, to make an ideal government. Strong enough, if it is sincere, to hold the forces of evil in check. Practical, common-place, yet inlaid with touches of scholarship and flashes of literary skill that betray the author under the robe of state. And while he is looked upon by many as an adventurous and experimental politician, yet his fearlessness and independence, his rugged Western thought and undeniable ability, endear him to all classes of men.

He touches upon the leading questions of the hour in a practical manner; with equal grace he bows to the gigantic trusts, and smiles at the laborer who is listening for a promise of relief. Emphatic on many points, yet he does not alienate the friends who differ from him. With a graceful flourish that has a score of pleasant meanings, he sweeps past the ranks of the masses and leaves a ripple of satisfaction and pride where serious thought and a decisive stand would expose a weak point in his policy. By a diplomatic reference to the inviolability of property, he diverts attention for a moment from the evils of the great combines, and touches a chord in the heart of the patriot who loves liberty and personal freedom. Yet his expressive rhetoric does not meet the crying need for restrictive legislation. By a smooth sentence expressing the bare fact that this is an age of federation, he leaves the struggling masses standing in open-mouthed wonder, after beseeching them to strive for "healthy, lofty and generous ideals."

Somehow there is a fascination in his words. Those who do not know the author personally, are compelled to halt in admiration of the meaning, which seems to be struggling between the lines that is in sympathy with the masses. If he is indeed, the reformer he seems to be if he has any intention of carrying out the plans that he has drawn with such artistic flourish, for the edification of those who are weary of present conditions, the future holds many a good fight between the clashing factions that now adorn his party.

Tariff revision is the ogre that now stands before the party altar. Will Roosevelt's roseate dream of a great non-partisan tariff commission be acceptable to those of his party who believe that the world revolves within the high tariff idea? Will he be satisfied with anything less than his ideal of a tariff commission?

This is the situation. Will Roosevelt or his party be triumphant? Will the promised relief from the trusts be forthcoming, or are his words empty and the literature of the White House a hollow mockery and less than a tinkling cymbal of nothingness?

The announcement that the Harriman lines mansgement will soon install a pension system for employes, must be well considered before it is hailed as a joyous bit of news. In the first place, so many workingmen neglect to provide insurance for their families that a compulsory insurance seems just in behalf of the family. But on the other hand, an insurance or pension plan which compels the employe to pay in a life time, with no prospect of receiving a benefit is unjust. The state should so regulate all insurance plans that corporations cannot grow richer from the use of the employes' funds.

The murderous Turk is once more butchering the defenseless women and children of Armenia. If Turkey were accessible to the United States, just one of these wholesale slaughters of the innocent would overrun her accursed territory with such a host of avenging swords that the result of the Turks' chastisement would be beyond imagination. It is a diagrace to the civilized European powers that such outrages occur within gun shot of their shores.

The recommendation by President Roosevelt in his message, that old worn-out cavalry and government team horses are used in light work about the barracks and when unally too feeble for this, that they be mercifully put to death, instead of being turned out to die, shows the kindly heart of a sympathetic man. This old barbarous practice of encouraging cruelty to worn-out animals is gradually disappearing.

There is a touch of modesty even in the common drunk. The police courts deal with "John Doe" every day, and yet John Doe is nobody. If every man answering this name or refusing to give his own name, were fined double, some of the elegant gentlemen who grace the "disorderly" record would improve their conduct.

"First come, first served," is the rule that will apply in the distribution of the irrigation fund of Oregon. Umatilla county cannot affore to delay. The little delays we indulge will grow into a large loss.

A few more swift doses of justice like those administered to burglars and safe blowers at The Dalles and in this county, will cause idlers to think twice before appropriating the hard earnings of other people.

One good feature of the failure of the Cunningham-Lafontaine-Garretson stock and land deal, is that all the men and all the money still remain in Umatilla county.

H. E. Dosch has traveled more miles, answered more questions and smiled more happy smiles in the interest of Oregon than any other living man.

How much stock have you taken in the club building? It is your institution, don't forget it.

JOAQUIN MILLER LOVES JAPAN.

"I do not like the title 'Poet of the Sierras;' let the Sierras speak for themselves," exclaimed Joaquin Miller the renowned Californian.

Mr. Miller, with his flowing white locks, his long beard, and his costume of old-fashioned broadcloth, was curiously regarded by many guests as he stalked through the lobby of his hotel at Washington. He is the same quaint, interesting, mystical, enthusiastic devotee of the muses that he has ever been.

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"I used to live here, you know, and had a cabin and five acres out on Meridian Hill, just this side of Mount Pleasant, 20 years ago. I liked Washington, but left when people got to crowding in upon me too numerously. My home near Oakland is a little paradise. Its steep cliffs run down to the edge of the ocean, and I can see every ship that enters or leaves the harbor of San Francisco.

"I live there with my mother, who is 86 years old, but who is younger than her son, and we plant trees by the thousands and never shut the doors of our house. It is abominable to live behind closed doors, and far better, I say, to let the snow come in and cover you than to shut them.

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"But I want to tell you of Nippon—which people foolishly call Japan—and its great poet, Yone Noguchi. I am in love with Nippon, the land of the purple butterfly, and have spent some of the happiest hours of my life over there. The people are of finer fiber than are we; more artistic, more responsive to great thoughts. Their civilization I hold to be superior to ours, and I will prove it at some future time. Now, I will quote you just a short verse from Yone Noguchi, who was brought up in my house and who is the greatest poet of the East. This is what he sings:

Come listen to the rain,
The great white, beautiful high-born rain;
It comes straight down out of heaven;
It never looks back,
It breaks its heart on the cold, cold ground;
Oh, tragedy!"—Washington Post.

The father of Supreme Judge Wolverton is seriously ill at Monument.

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