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EDITORIAL.

From the small amount of enthusiasm elicited in the present campaign, one would conclude that candidates were running on a cold trail.

The election takes place on Tuesday, November the 8th. Socialists should be in evidence on this occasion, and register a good, healthy protest against the iniquity that is sanctioned by the ruling parties. Remember that it is the protestors who make legislators careful of their acts.

Married by telephone is the latest in the way of unique weddings. The bride and groom were in a Portland pesthouse where the groom was confined being critically ill of malignant small pox. Distance is said to lend enchantment to the scene, and on this occasion the magistrate was safely situated at a transmitter four miles away.

The alacrity with which the Baltic fleet turned their murderous guns loose on a harmless, British fishing fleet, in the North Sea, shows the mortal dread they have of anything that suggests the presence of Japanese. The act partakes of the nature of a boy with an air gun, and exhibits a rashness of action incompatible with the care that should be exercised in a representative of a great nation and commander of men.

President Roosevelt is interested in Peace Congresses just now, and will call on the powers to name delegates to a convention to be held at The Hague. It would seem an inopportune time for such Congress, and perhaps, unless he can make campaign capital out of it, he had just as well wait until the Russians and Japanese get through slaughtering heathen, and the rest of the nations remove the chips from their shoulders. Otherwise it may be a waste of good intention.

Mr. [illegible] Oliver, son of Pennsylvania [illegible], in order to the [illegible] ends of wedlock [illegible] Alfred Disomed [illegible] and the ceremony [illegible] standing by three applicants. One ceremony was performed by a Justice of the Peace, the second by a Baptist Consul, at Pittsburg. [illegible] took place in a church [illegible] for [illegible] points [illegible] the contract bind [illegible] the guess that [illegible] and a [illegible] resemble, that one de[illegible] a civil court will be all [illegible] deemed necessary to dis[illegible] these marriage contracts by the parties contracting.

General Kuropatkin is entitled to and receives in full measure the sympathy that is due to a brave man in the present hour of his humiliation and defeat. If he fails to retrieve his lost position, and there is every evidence that he will, there is little left for him of honor or place in the military system of Russia. If he had been defeated and humbled by a European General, he would have found his fate a hard one. But to be put to rout by a commander and an army that his country did not recognize as constituting a formidable fighting force, must be bitter indeed. The military prestige of the empire has so suffered at his hands, that, though the world may pity, official Russia will scarcely forgive him.—Oregonian.

Oregon Mining Journal: It is good to see that interest is being awakened in the mineral and other resources of Coos County, a section which is overflowing with natural abundance, but which, for lack of transportation facilities, has been, and is, to day, almost as completely isolated, commercially, from the rest of the state, as if it were an island in the sea. This isolation has cost Portland and commission men and jobbers many a big dollar, to say nothing of the Southern Pacific system, for the greater part of their buying and selling has been done in San Francisco, which is in reality their home port.

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The Age Limit.

The recent order of the Pennsylvania Railroad and of the Carnegie Steel Company, directing that men beyond the ages of 35 and 40 years be not taken into their service, is practically nothing new. Similar orders, if not specifically made, have been in practice by great corporations generally for several years, with the result that thousands of men not yet old have been turned adrift to begin life over again, so to speak, with the channels in which they have worked closed to them.

This is a condition, and not a theory, that confronts us, though, truth to say, it is backed by a theory that is as unrelentless as the condition, which assumes that the most active and effective days of a man's life are compressed in the two decades that divide twenty from forty. "War and business," says the New York Independent, "have their own respective exactions, for each, in its own way, is remorseless." The exactions of the first we accept as inevitable and find that to abrogate them war must be abrogated. The exactions of the second find no conceivable remedy, since, according to the general verdict of mankind as written in the progress of what we call industrialism, business must be intensified and pushed, and not checked. Perhaps an understanding of this fact will in time increase the thrift and economy of helpers in great business enterprises, during the accepted years of earning, leaving them, when the early age limit is drawn upon their behalf, a surplus with which to complete the obligations which they have assumed toward society in establishing families, and later to "keep house life along" until kind Nature closes the account. If so, what now seems cruelty and injustice, will have a measure of compensation.

Be this as it may, the present stress imposed through drawing the age limit through the still effective years of a working man's life is severe. Within the past fortnight more than 1000 men have passed the hard fleet by the Pennsylvania system and been turned adrift to earn their bread, if they can, by unusual efforts, in strange and unaccustomed occupations, or become, while still in the full possession of their powers, a dependent class. Surely there is an objective point in this that it may profit workers who are still on the morning side of the age line to study.

However this may be there are various ways, as suggested by the journal above quoted, in which a [illegible] practice of putting men over [illegible] responsible industrial positions, may work itself out in new adjustments. The experiment of continuing all business with the services of younger men only, may, at the [illegible] experiment, be regarded as of [illegible] expediency. If so, it will result in losses that will cause a reaction. "So long," continues the Independent, "as the American public is so easily [illegible] by the luxury that it carries as no other speed than the quantity of [illegible] hasty work, of half [illegible] may answer all purposes [illegible] but when thoroughness, [illegible] and discretion of quality [illegible] demand, if ever [illegible] for it that [illegible] is quite a reasonable [illegible] trial and business life-long energy of youth. If, on the other hand, the hurry of life and the rush of business continue and increase, and conditions prove to be such that corporations can make money by substituting youth for experience, a public demand for a general pension scheme will be the logical result. Should the public demand such a provision for old age," it is added, "the day of socialism would not be far off."—Oregonian.

"Your Mother"

We have just received one of the most beautiful home songs that has of late come to this office. It is called "YOUR MOTHER," written by J. T. Rider. This is a song that everybody ought to buy and everybody ought to sing.

Chorus

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Home Circle Column

Crude Thoughts As They Fall From The Editorial Pen. Pleasant Evening Reveries. A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join The Home Circle at Evening Tide.

THE VALUE OF A SMILE.

The things that goes the farthest toward
making life worth while,
That costs the least and does the most, is
just a pleasant smile.
The smile that bubbles from the heart that
loves its fellow men
Will drive away the clouds of gloom and
coax the sun again.
It's full of worth and goodness, too, with
manly kindness blent—
It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't
cost a cent.

Late hour are shadows from the grave.

The present time is the raw material out of which we make whatever we will. Do not brood over the past, or dream of the failure, but seize the instant and get your lesson from the hour. The man is yet unborn who rightly measures and fully realizes the value of an hour. As Fenelon says, God never gives but one moment at a time, and does not give a second until he withdraws the first.

"Is your father rich?" some one asked a five year old girl, and the little one replied confidently, "Why, of course! He's got me." And she was right, too, for the father of a sweet, loving, helpful little daughter is richer than some millionaires whose money can not buy them the love of a single heart. How about your father? Does he feel that he is a rich man because of the daughter of his love? There are times when this is hard "to make both ends meet" but where there is plenty of that derived wealth of love and goodness and loyalty. Is your account of them?

In the same family and under the same circumstances one lives a useful life, while his brother, vacillating and becoming vicious, lives forever in the cellar. From the same mother come opposing forces in equal proportions. We find what we are looking for. The intelligent eye discerns order in the very pavement stones. The botanist reads volumes in the flowers and grasses which most men tread under their feet.

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Labor, the dignity of humanity, walks [illegible] a region unexplored and seeing no little [illegible] at the many [illegible] in the [illegible] world, [illegible] valuable gold in [illegible] most barren [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] the