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High Finance in Oregon

High finance is not all confined to Wall street. In Roseburg, for instance, F. J. Blakeley, president and manager of the light and water systems, was charged in a public meeting of the city council Monday night with not having invested a dollar in the properties he controls.

The point that interests the public in such an expose of corporation methods is the fact that they have to pay, as water and light consumers, the dividends on the watered stock, as well as interest on the bonded indebtedness, the proceeds from the sale of which have gone into the pockets of promoters who have no money of their own invested and are individually responsible for nothing.

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is upon the special privileges granted that the promoters trade and traffic, and in the end become real capitalists from the proceeds of extortionate charges wrung from the very people who presented them with their working capital in the shape of franchises, which they in turn made the basis of stock and bond issues.

President Is Right

There will be no division of opinion on one subject discussed by President Roosevelt in his Harrisburg speech yesterday. His remarks were timely and to the point. On the subject of child labor Mr. Roosevelt said:

One subject which every good citizen should have at heart above almost all others is the matter of child labor. Everywhere the great growth of modern industrialism has been accompanied by abuses in connection with the employment of labor which have necessitated a complete change in the attitude of the state toward labor.

This is above all true in connection with the employment of child labor. In Pennsylvania you have made a beginning, but only a beginning, in proper legislation and administration on this subject; the law must if necessary be strengthened, and it must be rigorously enforced. The national government can do but little in the matter of child labor, though I earnestly hope that that little will be permitted to be done by Congress.

They are trying to find out who killed one Carey Snyder near Hillsboro some ten months ago, the body having been found in a thicket a mile from that place.

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Mr. Hearst, candidate for governor of New York, promulgates a personal platform so broad that all may stand

on it. He is not only a Jefferson Democrat but a Lincoln Republican; believes in honesty in office, independence in voting, public ownership of public utilities, regulation and restraint of trusts, in labor unions and farmers' granges, direct nominations and open primaries. Even spreads himself over the big tariff question by saying it is "valuable in itself, but has been unreasonably extended and outrageously abused."

The department of agriculture is developing a new industry in the production of alcohol from corncocks, which the department says, promises to be of much commercial value. Investigations are being made at Hoopston, Ill., and have proved that the large quantities of corncocks which every year go to waste can be made to produce alcohol in sufficient quantities to justify the erection of a distilling plant in connection with a corn cannery.

Says the Coos Bay Daily Times: "The city of Eugene is making great strides in improvement. It is not because the city has tobacco saloons, but because the business men have taken hold of things right and are bound to see the 'university' town brought up to a standard where other cities will have to keep busy if they would not get left in the race."

Pennsylvania, which started in with a four million appropriation to build a state capitol, has just dedicated a thirteen million dollar structure. Excessive extravagances have been practiced, the chandeliers alone costing more than two million and the furniture three million.

According to Labor Commissioner Hoff's report over one-fourth of the increase in the state's population in the past five years has been in Lane county. He estimates that this county's population at present is 23,065, as compared with 19,604 in 1900, a gain of 4061.

The Independent Long Distance Telephone Co. is beginning to construct its lines throughout the state and expects to thoroughly cover the Willamette valley in due course of time.

Twenty cent copper is almost in sight. In Montana the earnings of the Almagamated Copper Company alone amounts to \$25,000,000. Every copper camp on the Pacific slope should be busy, and prospects like those in Lane county should be quickly developed.

Decent thinking people will coincide with Mayor Wright, of Tacoma, that the fining system by which the women unfortunates of that city are subjected to regular fines, consequent

on their occupation, should be abolished, and will be after the first of the year. Better keep such things in the shade, at least not advertise to their wives, daughters and the world that there is enough of such vice in sight in Tacoma to produce a revenue of \$40,000 a year for the city from the regular system of fines in vogue.

The Willamette Valley Co. wants an extension on its gas franchise—of course, so their morning newspaper organ states today. In 90 days they will be asking for an extension of the electric railway franchise. It's the rule that governs practically every private corporation of this nature—always asking for favors and special privileges and then after they are granted meeting the complaints of their patrons with the old Boss Tweed query: "Well, what are you going to do about it?"

At last the president of the Mormon church has been arrested charged with having plural wives. In his examination before the senate committee hearings on the Smoot case President Smith admitted that he had five wives, but it seems to have taken the Utah officials a good while to learn the fact.

We have read Mr. Hearst's letter of acceptance and conclude that Chas. E. Hughes is a boodler and a corporation tool. Also we have perused Mr. Hughes' epistle to his Republican friends and it has convinced us that Mr. Hearst is an anarchist, and an enemy to good government.

TORNADO DOES GREAT DAMAGE IN LOUISIANA

New Orleans, Oct. 5.—A tornado this morning swept a section of the state one hundred miles wide and hit this city after 8 o'clock. Property was damaged to the extent of \$200,000 here. The tornado was most severe at Pontchartroula, fifty miles north of this city, where four persons were crushed to death and many injured.

The residence of Robert Hawes at Ponthalouca was raxed and Hawes and several of his family killed. About a dozen injured in this city have been taken to the hospitals. It is reported that lives were lost at Lake Ponchartrain points, but probably not a life was lost at New Orleans.

LAS VEGAS SUFFERS FROM UNPRECEDENTED SNOW

East Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 5.—Las Vegas is cut off from all communication this morning as the result of an unprecedented snow storm last night. All local telephones, long distance lines and telegraph wires are down, and the electric light and street car service paralyzed. Every tree in the city is injured and a thousand are bent to the ground by the weight of the heavy snow.

SHIPPING NOTES FROM FLORENCE PORT

Florence, Oct. 5.—The tug Roberts sailed Saturday for Astoria, where she will receive a cargo of cannery and cold storage supplies for the Florence Canning Co., owned by Wm. Kyle & Sons Co.

The gasoline schooner Washaloro, owned by the Sinslaw Lumber Co., sailed for San Francisco loaded with lumber from the Oregon & California Lumber Co.'s mill.

The chinook salmon are running better this fall than ever known in size and will compare with the Columbia river salmon. Silversides are commencing to run, the canneries looking for a larger run of these than for several years past.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PRODUCES RESULTS.

Oh, billing and cooing is all very nice, As those who have tried it declare, And often it leads to a laudable splice With no end of trials and care.

Accidents Will Happen.

He was quite badly injured in a French duel. "Shot by his opponent?" "No; he slipped on a banana peel that somebody had carelessly left on the field of honor."

Never Grows Old.

A Philadelphia expert who may or may not know what he is talking about claims that the charming members of the female sex cease to be girls at the immature age of thirty-five and straightway become women.

Nothing to Fear.

"I think you said that he is a very brany young man." "Oh, yes, but he never lets that annoy people when he is in company."

Hard to Overcome.

"There's nothing strong about him." "Oh, yes, there is." "What is it?" "His habit of doing nothing."

Not So Cheap.

He stole a kiss, Then made it twice, But later on He paid the price.

Don't cultivate the acquaintance of a doctor.

He may in the goodness of his heart want to practice upon you.

A cold friend isn't acceptable even on a hot day.

Nothing lacerates the self esteem of a small minded man like having to admit that he is in the wrong.

It depends upon whether ingratitude is practiced by you or against you.

Whether it appears loathsome or not.

HAVE A LOOK AT THE MATRIE

Where ev'ry nerve is strained. I'll no say men are villains a'; The real harden'd wicked, Who has nae cheek but human law, Are to a few restricted;

Hire some one to say good things about you if you can't hear them in any other way.

Nothing hurts a tyrant so much as a dose of his own medicine.

Insanity experts have no occasion to point the finger of scorn at the lawyers who take one side of a case or the other for pay and make no pretensions of believing any other way than the way they are being paid all the money a man has to believe.

The experts, on the other hand, are supposed to be impartial scientists who are ready to go on the witness stand and tell the truth regardless of whom it hits. It is needless to say that they don't do anything of the sort, and the way in which they make science the handmaiden of the almighty dollar is really something of a public scandal.

It makes no difference on which side he is hired, he makes the same line of big words prove either that the man is sane or insane, according to the way it shall swell his bank account, to say nothing of dimming his reputation.

English Language Tells Most Governmental Truth

By WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

THE English language has become the vehicle for the conveyance of GOVERNMENTAL TRUTH, even more than for the spread of general information, for, beginning with Magna Charta and continuing through the era of the American revolution and the Declaration of Independence down to the present, no language has been so much employed for the propagation of that theory of government which traces governmental authority to THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED.

An idea will sometimes revolutionize an individual, a community, a state, a nation or even a world, and the idea that man possesses INALIENABLE RIGHTS which the state did not give and which the state, though it can deny, cannot take away has made millions of human beings stand erect and claim their God given inheritance.

While the era of constitutional liberty is ever widening, while the tyranny and insolence of arbitrary power are every year decreasing, the leaders of the world's thought, not only the English speaking nations, but the other Christian nations as well, have yet much to do in teaching REVERENCE FOR THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY and respect for the public servants upon whom the people bestow authority.

The belief that moral questions can be settled by the shedding of human blood is a relic of barbarism. To doubt the dynamic power of righteousness is infidelity to truth itself.

THAT NATION WHICH IS UNWILLING TO TRUST ITS CAUSE TO THE UNIVERSAL CONSCIENCE OR WHICH SHRINKS FROM THE PRESENTATION OF ITS CLAIMS BEFORE A TRIBUNAL WHERE REASON HOLDS SWAY BETRAYS A LACK OF FAITH IN THE SOUNDNESS OF ITS POSITION.

Indiscriminate Abuse of Corporate Interests

By ROBERT B. ARMSTRONG, Former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury

BECAUSE there have been some startling disclosures of corporate rapacity and individual greed it has become popular thing to denounce those individuals who co-operate their capital and vilify the vehicle BY WHICH THEIR CAPITAL IS MADE USEFUL to the community and its citizens. A man who asks for fair play for those who unite their capital in the convenient form of a corporation is always regarded as an apologist. I do not appear in that role. In business, as in all things else, there is but one measure, and that is the old fashioned standard of honesty of our forefathers. The individual or corporation that departs from that standard should be as drastically punished as any public official WHO IS RECREANT TO HIS TRUST.

There is too much unhealthy legislation and not half enough healthy respect for the laws we have. In the wave of socialism and anarchy which is now approaching us there should be one bulwark to which an honest corporation or an honest citizen can look at all times with confidence. When the courts lose the respect of decent Americans, THEN INDEED MAY PATRIOTISM SHUDDER and anarchy and socialism grow bold.

WHEN A HIGH EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL OF THIS COUNTRY PUBLICLY DENOUNCES THE DECISION OF A JUDGE OR A COURT, THAT ACT CLOSELY APPROACHES ANARCHY.

A Poem for Today

EPISTLE TO A YOUNG FRIEND

By Robert Burns

LANG has thought, my youthfu' friend, A something to have sent you, Though it should serve nae other end Than just a kind memento.

People who wear their dispositions wrong side out are more peculiar than pleasant.