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ARE BOYCOTTING THE UNITED STATES

A mere trifle like boycotting the United States government is nothing to such a powerful person as the king of the Western railroads, Edward H. Harriman, even though uncrowned as yet, says the Fresno Republican.

When the government undertook the work of constructing the canal, it found that the Panama railway line was being operated for the exclusive benefit of the overland railroads.

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FRATERNAL INSURANCE ON BUSINESS BASIS

Today we print a communication

from Head Clerk Hawes, of the Modern Woodmen, a fraternal order with a large local membership, in which he sets for the necessity for higher rates of assessment than the present in order to pay the actual cost of life insurance furnished its members.

Fraternals insurance is a splendid thing, but we have too many orders, because they are young and growing capacity with a membership composed of the younger class of people, that are giving insurance at less than it costs and attempting to convince the public, with excellent success, too, that their rates will never be raised.

EUGENE'S GROWTH NOW MORE RAPID THAN EVER BEFORE

There is an unusually large number of houses being built in Eugene for the winter season. In every part of the city residences are going up, and architects are busy drawing plans for others that will be started as soon as the weather settles.

The plum-hunters of congress are not expected to look with favor upon the plan proposed by the director for recruiting his force of temporary clerks for the next census.

There is every indication that Eugene will be able to employ all its resident workmen steadily through the year, and that there will be a good demand for carpenters and bricklayers.

Eugene's growth in all lines is fully meeting the expectations of its most sanguine boosters, and seems destined to double in population in the next three or four years.

MISSOURI SOLVES EXPRESS RATE PROBLEM

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The trouble is that all of the states do not take concerted action, and thus is left open an opportunity for the corporations to enter the few states that do act and by political manipulation cause the defeat of the men who have taken the lead in the movement against the corporate interests.

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The constitution of the United States requires an enumeration once

in ten years as a basis for the apportionment of representatives in congress. The modern American census, which collects statistics relating to every important feature of national development, is the outgrowth of that requirement.

The next census will be the first to be taken since the establishment of the permanent Census Bureau, nearly five years ago.

The enumeration of 1910 will be taken on April 5th of that year. Heretofore the enumeration has been taken on June 1st. Mr. North says that more accurate statistics will be collected by the proposed change of date.

In the last census 300 supervisors were employed. It is supposed to have 339 supervisors for the thirteenth census. The bill provides that these supervisors shall be authorized to begin work on July 1, 1909, so that the enumeration districts can be laid out and their geographical limits clearly defined and scrutinized in every locality.

That New York federal office-holder who did not know any better than to have himself indorsed for reappointment by Senators Platt and Depew got it where he might have expected it—in the neck.

Congressman Maynard, of Virginia, has put in a claim for the belt for the most unique proposition to tap the public money drawer by introducing a bill directing the navy department to buy, for \$5000, "Don't Scorn a Sailor," a song written by a seaman on one of the battleships.

Mark Twain and Senator Tillman appear to have similar ideas about bank receivers, as Mark writes, "It costs more to keep a permanent bank receiver than it does to keep a harem."

None of the other candidates are in Taft's class when it comes to laughing—the old-fashioned, shaking, enjoyable, contagious kind. And it's an asset of value to any public man, or any other sort of man, for that matter.

It's an open season for the scartling of fake presidential booms, to give some man, about 99 per cent below presidential size, a chance to get into the limelight with a denial that he is a candidate.

Senator Tillman thinks national bank receivers have been getting more than their share of assets of "busted" banks, and wants the figures for the last fifteen years. That will make a lot of work for the treasury, anyway.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, it might really be a good thing for jurists, soldiers and sailors to stick to their specialties and keep out of the public criticism game, in which they are always out of place.

Would a judge be justifiable in sending a lawyer to jail for contempt of court, for filing a legal paper in rhyme, may become a live question for the bench, should the example of a lawyer-poet of Jamaica, New York, be followed.

Congressman Hull, of Tennessee, wants a house committee to trace all campaign contributions to both parties in 1904. He ought to know that such things are never traceable—at least, not those big enough to count.

King Leopold, of Belgium, has taken a leaf out of the Rockefeller book. He announces that he desires no personal profit from the revenues of the Congo State, but will devote the money to philanthropic purposes.

One of Hearst's \$15,000 editors—name's Tombs, Graves, or something like that—predicts a dull and lusterless presidential campaign. Guess again, old man, your salary pays for something better.

As that is the exact number of invitations to the marriage of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt with the Hungarian count with the unpronounceable name, we presume that it will now be the proper paper to speak of New York's "899" when referring to its gilt-edged pink tea wrestlers.

from adulterants and noxious substances will be the rule everywhere in the United States. It has taken decades to awaken public sentiment on this important matter, but now it is thoroughly aroused and moreover, it is supported by the laws of the land.

Oregon and the entire Pacific Northwest, need more feeders, more of those lines of steel to bring the now remote corners of the country into intimate touch with the centers of population, says the Oregon Tradesman.

We agree with the editor who says, "nominating a president is a big game." Still, like other big games, it attracts some mighty small hangers-on, and more than one of them has sneaked into the game and carried off the bank wad.

A man who has recently quit the consular service says, "Climate sometimes has more to do with the location of American consulates than commerce," which probably means that the climate to which he was sent did not suit him.

If the English suffragists really wish to do something freakish that would attract attention, they should stop such childishness as having themselves padlocked to the Premier's front fence and wear muzzles that prevent talking.

Here's an epigram, handed down from the bench, for those who think "Bohemia" a desirable place to spend their lives: "The majority of monuments to 'Bohemians' are those wooden head-pieces reared in potters' fields."

Virginia's legislature wants the justices of the supreme court of the state to wear gowns, and has resolved to that effect. Presumably no resolution is needed to enable the learned justices to indulge in night-caps.

The Dalles, usually referred to as a slow town, is putting up a \$70,000 hotel, backed by local capitalists. Eugene might do even better in this line if our property owners could get together upon a selection of site.

Instead of getting the presidency of a Washington traction company, for which he thought he was slated, Secretary Loeb was handed what he so frequently has, in the line of duty, handed to others—a lemon.

The question, "Who is the country's biggest liar?" which has been thrown at the public via the New York Sun, will never be definitely answered—it depends too much on the viewpoint and the focus.

It would seem to be time for the women of New York society to sit up and take notice when a police court magistrate issues a signed statement arraigning them for immorality, as one has just done.

We suppose those who have been convicted and are kept out of prison by shrewd lawyers—several names will suggest themselves—may be spoken of as "near-guilty" without butting into the libel law.

Perry Belmont wants congress to put anti-war handcuffs on the president, but is a little hazy how it should be done. Congress would doubtless willingly deputize Perry to pull off the stunt.

Evidently the two Pennsylvania women who fought a duel to the death for the favor of a man were believers in all fabled leap year rights.

According to the Georgia press, moonshining and blind tiggery are the most exhilarating sports in that state. Bidding for a presidential visit, eh?

However it may be regarded by the big financiers, the idea of governmental insurance of bank deposits looks pretty good to the average depositor.

volt "undesirable citizen" brand, it was not surprising that Hayward should have said in a public speech, "I must say I admire Mr. Harriman."

Careful relatives of millionaire bachelors, and widowers, whether natural or court-made, are now insisting that when sick they shall employ only male trained nurses.

Solomon, if living, would not be in the same class with Dr. W. H. Taylor, state chemist of Virginia, who said in an address that every woman should marry, but no man should.

An Oregon winter alone is sufficient excuse for inviting the residents of the blizzard-stricken east to make their homes here. So far we have had a winter without a flake of snow and no weather colder than a few mornings with white frost.

Are American women coming to their senses? Some Paris importations of gowns and lingerie which were sold at auction in New York the other day by the government, did not bring enough to pay the duties.

Somebody has discovered that Speaker Cannon is naturally left-handed. That may account for his delivery being so puzzling to the legislative batters of the opposition house team.

When the other candidates begin to retire in favor of Taft will be time enough to conclude that the contest is all over but the shouting.

Doubtless it was failure in its attempts to buy editorial space that brought about the heavy current investment in newspaper advertising space by the Standard Oil Company.

Hon. Judson Harmon, of Ohio, says he would accept the democratic nomination for president. Sure; the woods are full of men willing to do as much.

Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, is not the first politician to discover that the road to the United States senate is, like Jordan, a hard one to travel.

However, Japan has too much authentic information about our navy to be fooled into getting too gay by any fake exposure of its defects.

If the statesmen who claim that the country is not ready to accept the best currency reform will prove up, we'll back the country to do the rest.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP PAYS IN ASHLAND

The total receipts of the Ashland city waterworks for the year 1907 amounted to \$17,006.63. The total expenditures, including interest, taxes on mill property, maintenance and additions and extensions of the system, amounted to \$8,249.46, leaving a balance on the right side of \$8,757.17.

There are several mains in town which will have to be replaced with larger pipes in order to give adequate service and there must be considerable expense for betterments this year. It is understood that the water department will purchase a car of pipe early in the spring for this purpose.



Above is a picture of the kitchen set which is given away to subscribers of The Weekly Guard who pay \$2.00 a year for the paper in advance. It is a very useful present for the housekeeper.

OREGON MUST STAND BY HER STATE UNIVERSITY

(Harney County News.)

Quite a discussion is now in progress as to whether the appropriation made by the legislature last year for the support of the State University should be ratified or rejected at the polls next June, the question coming up under the referendum. The News hopes to see an intelligent understanding reached on this matter, not through prejudice or false ideas of economy, but through sound business reasoning.

The question involved is, "Does Oregon need a first-class institution of higher learning?" The man who answers that question in the affirmative will be compelled to acknowledge that such an institution must be properly supported or it cannot possibly be anywhere near first-class.

The amount provided in the bill referred to the people is \$125,000 a year, to be expended under direction of a board of regents of which the state board of education forms a part, the other regents being responsible citizens of the state appointed by the governor.

Strong Box and Dinner Pail.

(Saturday Evening Post.) Some time ago we mentioned that the Fall River cotton mills had enjoyed a prosperous year. Shareholders in thirty-three companies received cash and stock dividends averaging twenty per cent, besides which a number of mills made substantial additions to surplus.

In December the mills cut down production by one-fourth. There is a sliding scale of wages, the present base being 23.96 cents per cut; but this went into effect only in September last. Through 1906 the base was 18 cents per cut; in 1904 and 1905 17.32 cents per cut. In 1906, weavers, working ten hours a day, averaged seventeen cents an hour for males, fifteen cents for females; spinners, twelve cents an hour. Wages prevailing before September, 1907, were, we judge, not very favorable to the declaration of extra dividends and the accumulation of surpluses by operatives; and a reduction by one-fourth of the output of the mills is certainly not favorable to that process.

Whatever benefit a high tariff produced for the stockholders they retain, tucked away in their strong boxes. The operatives may still have a full dinner pail, only they must use smaller pails.

The Future of Life Insurance.

By DARWIN P. KINGSLEY, President of the New York Life Insurance Company.

THE FUTURE OF LIFE INSURANCE IS MENACED BY REFORM THROUGH DESTRUCTION. WHEN WILL THE JUSTICE OF STATESMANSHIP, WHICH WOULD REFORM BY CONSERVATION, TAKE THE PLACE OF THE ACTION OF THE POLITICIAN, WHO THINKS HE HAS REFORMED WHEN HE HAS DESTROYED?

What shall we say of the political leader who fashions a cunning appeal to all the baser passions of the human heart? What shall we say of the organ of public opinion which DELIBERATELY MISSTATES FACTS, garbles testimony, destroys reputations and cultivates suspicion and hate, which always lie near to the surface of human feeling, and DELIBERATELY brings on a social tempest in order to sell its wares? What shall we say of the great magazine which, professing to put before the world a dispassionate review of life insurance and life insurance companies, REFUSES TO SEE RESPONSIBLE LIFE INSURANCE MEN, apparently from fear that the truth in possession might deprive its article of certain sensational features?

THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE IS AS CERTAIN AS THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN CIVILIZATION. IT MUST GO ON BECAUSE CONJUGAL AFFECTION WILL GO ON. IT FITS INTO THE PLANS OF A BUSY WORLD, AND THIS IS A VERY BUSY WORLD.

Life is more productive, more generous, more effective, sweeter, HAPPIER; values are more certain, securities more abundant and better than ever before. American life insurance, with all its faults, HAS SEEN THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE NEED and splendidly answered both. Therefore it must go on. It DESERVES to go on because when subjected to the severest tests it is found to have been HONEST, SOUND AND IN THE HIGHEST SENSE USEFUL. It must go on because it performs now and is able to perform a function in civilization which has not been given to any other business.