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The presidency is an easy and honorable position for a man who has the intellect. It is a most humiliating experience for an individual without the capacity. This is well illustrated by Roosevelt. Reaching the presidential chair without undergoing the fire of a presidential campaign, he found in force a well settled and popular policy of government. Hardly had his administration begun when he inaugurated a series of eccentric grandstand plays that were as useless as unreasonable. In the South he allowed the negro Washington to select federal appointees both white and black. That display being too tame, he perpetrated a "nigger dinner" for the edification of Southerners. If he was anxious to get a rise out of his Southern white brethren, he certainly succeeded. They furnished him with a high grade of picturesque abuse. Having, like Don Quixote, vanquished that particular windmill, he made a verbal attack on trusts. Now if there is anything that trusts are well suited to withstand it is a verbal attack. The result is that trusts exist in all their iniquities, but their promoters hate and despise the president. When the South and East had been thus attended to, Roosevelt started a little trouble in the West. In this work he used the natural talents of Hitchcock, who proved an able assistant. For six months these two strenuous persons hunted for fraudulent homesteaders and timber claimants with much cry and little wool, and in the meantime scrippers had plastered the map with lieu land scrip. The fraudulent system under which scrip was obtained was known all over the Western states, but Hitchcock never discovered it until all the damage had been done. Turning to army matters Roosevelt made another of his happy hits. He scornfully turned down Gen. Miles, who had given his best days to his country and took up a civilian named Wood, who had proved himself a busybody and intriguer in Cuba. He is now engaged in despoiling the army of the merit system by which it has reached its present efficiency. One by one the strong men who handled the nation's affairs under McKinley, found their new master unreasonable and dropped away from him. Before his death, Hanna told the president plainly that the people of the United States considered him an unsafe president. Panama canal methods and Russian interference are the president's latest bills. Our commerce with Russia is going to pieces, as a result of our peculiar national policy. From the principal manufacturing centers, state delegations are daily receiving telegrams telling of the cancellation of Russian contracts for goods and begging for relief. The nation needs a new man at the helm. The republican party can't get rid of Roosevelt, however hard it tries. The outlook is favorable to democratic success if a strong democrat is nominated.

move along about as usual. Patents were first held up when Hitchcock raised his baseless cry of fraud against these states, and there has been no change in his attitude since. If some frauds have been committed it is not fair to punish the innocent with the guilty. Nothing can be gained by holding decisions up several years, on the contrary, the same rules should govern in the interior department as apply among individual business men. If the department has not a large enough force to do its work promptly, it should ask for an appropriation for further help. The present dog-in-the-manger policy is extremely hurtful.

Multnomah county holds its primaries March 16. The old Mitchell and Simon fight is on the boards. Betting on the outcome is 10 to 7 in favor of Mitchellites, who are now in control. In Wasco county the primaries are to be held on the same date. The Williamson men have opened headquarters with ex-Mayor Farley in charge, and a thorough campaign is being made in Moody's home town. If Multnomah goes for Mitchell, Williamson will get the delegation from that county to the convention, and that will practically settle the matter.

One hundred and ninety-one members of congress were named by Bristow as persons who had interfered with the postoffice department's administration in such matters as salaries and leases of buildings for postoffice use. "Liar," "coward," "scoundrel" were the terms applied to Bristow by the accused on the floor of the House. The list included both democrats and republicans, but the report does not show that members did anything dishonest.

The people of Springfield, O., a city of hitherto peaceful disposition, has lynched a negro and burned out the negro district of the city. When several thousand people in the North cannot control a few hundred negroes, it is clear what a burden the whites of the South must have on their hands, where nearly half of the population is black. There does not seem to have been many dear old Uncle Toms among the Springfield negroes.

The old Platt republican machine of New York has gone to pieces. The Platt leaders, who have been in the harness for a generation, and who are the most experienced politicians in the country, have been degraded to the ranks by the Odell men. Tammany will have as opponents a number of raw recruits, and that is very pleasant for Tammany.

The United States is said to be the worst debtor in the world. Debts against it are almost non-collectible. The only relief is through congress, and unless the creditor has some influential friend in that body, his claim goes over term after term.

The Japanese fleet has got between the Russian Vladivostock fleet and the harbor, and the Russian fleet is now in the open sea. Lack of coal will soon bring them back and force them to fight.

Joseph Smith, who is testifying in the Smoot case at Washington refused to desert his five wives and forty-two children. He shows himself a man of principle.

The interior department has once more got the bill for repeal

of the timber and stone act and homestead commutation clause before congress. No reform in the lieu land scrip law is proposed.

It must hurt Roosevelt to learn that no Oregon members of congress were in the scandals involving postoffice interference. Almost every other state had one or more members in the mix-up.

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This extract is from a letter written by Senator Mitchell in reply to one from Mayor Carter thanking the Senator for his assistance in securing the water-shed reserve for the city. Mr. Mitchell gives the credit to Mr. Williamson, and says he only co-operated with him.—Evening Telegram.

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Democratic Primaries and County Convention.

The Democratic County Convention, for Crook County, Oregon, is hereby called to meet at the Circuit Court room in Prineville, Oregon, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for all the county offices to be filled at the next general election; to elect four delegates to the Democratic State, Congressional, and District Conventions and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said convention.

The Convention will consist of 60 delegates which have been apportioned among the several voting precincts, as follows:

- Ashwood 5
- Bear Creek 2
- Beaver 2
- Bend 2
- Black Butte 4
- Brome 1
- Camp Creek 1
- Cherry Creek 1
- Cross Keys 2
- Hardin 2
- Hay Creek 2
- Haystack 4
- Total 50

The same being one delegate at large for each precinct and one for every 150 votes and fraction of 8 or over cast in 1902 for Hon. George E. Chamberlain for Governor.

The Central Committee recommended that the Democratic primaries be held in the several precincts at the voting places therein on Saturday, March 26, 1904, at 11 a. m.

Done by order of the Democratic County Central Committee, March 5, 1904.

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