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Two-thirds of the United States senators will come up for re-election within the next three years and of this total 34 are republicans. This fact is likely to have considerable influence upon the ultimate stand taken this winter by the senate on measures advocated by the president and endorsed by the people. It does not necessarily mean that the senate will fall in line and follow the lead of the president, but it points to such action, and the wise observers, after studying the situation, think they can see the senate supporting the president on the large issue now up for consideration. During the first week of the session it looked very much as if the senate would take issue with the president on many important questions of legislation. There were unpleasant words regarding the Panama canal; there were murmurings about the president's course regarding Santa Domingo; and behind it all considerable private comment upon the president's railroad rate policy as outlined in his message. Many senators have reached the conclusion that the president is recklessly usurping the powers of congress to some extent, and they have displayed evidence of ugliness on that account. For a time it looked as though there would be revolt. But will there be? Rather, will not the senate fall in line and follow the lead of the president? It is a serious thing for the party in power to break with its president, and such a move is more apt to injure those senators and representatives of the insurgent class than it is to injure the president. What is more, the party in power must suffer from any such revolt. These things are being carefully weighed, and there are those who now predict that there will be no break between congress and the president, unless it be on the railroad rate issue, and even on that issue a compromise is more likely than an open rupture. There has never been any danger of a break between the house and the president. Members of the house of representatives are chosen for only two years at a time, and they are accountable directly to the people.

In answer to the objection that under the direct primary nomination law, democrats may be scratching to help to nominate a weak republican, and republicans scratching their own ticket to aid in nominating a weak democrat, the Oregonian prints the following from a correspondent:

"The tally-sheets are separate. Suppose Mr. Blank is the weak republican and some democrats scratch Governor Chamberlain and write Mr. Blank on their ballots. Then suppose Mr. Blank has 1000 votes on republican ballots and 100 are written for him instead of for Governor Chamberlain on the democratic ballots. The 100 votes for Mr. Blank on the democratic ballots will be counted for him on the democratic tally-sheet and can no more be added to his 1000 votes on the republican tally-sheet than that 100 votes can be added to his 100 on the democratic tally-sheet. A republican can be nominated only by votes marked for him on republican ballots."

Baseball is the only one of the four prominent American sports which is played year after year without being molested in any way or pronounced either brutal or demoralizing by the public. Football, horse racing and boxing have received black eyes from which it will take them long to recover. The present agitation for changes in the rules of the gridiron sport have hurt the game and caused it to lose many admirers. Columbia university, formerly one of the colleges which made football the leading sport, has dropped the game altogether. Several western colleges of lesser note have taken the same action.

The Echo Register, one of the nearest little papers in all the Inland Empire, is before us. Brown & Stratton, the publishers, show evidence of ability as newspaper men, and by the gauge they have set, apparently do not intend to overreach themselves on the start; but have in view the sound and practical purpose of advancing as Echo advances. The Register is all right in every particular and in every department, and forever more may it record the progress of the thriving community in which it is published.

Senator DePew refuses to vacate de pew in de senate. Phew! How he is stuck on his job. Such is politics. The New York legislature will ask him to resign.

Pasco is referred to as the city of bursted booms. Better to have boomed and lost than not to have boomed at all.

DISCOVERER OF GREAT SALT LAKE
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Jim Bridger stands forth as the most conspicuous figure in the brief but glorious region of the trapper and trailmaker in the Far West. The greatest fur hunter and the greatest pathfinder of them all, and possessing the most intimate knowledge of the Indian nature ever vouchsafed a white man, Bridger will grow in stature as time goes on and accurate history is written.

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them the best trails for their wagons; and, when the chief engineer of the Union Pacific had well nigh given up hope of getting his rails across the divide, it was Jim Bridger who showed an available pass which he had traversed years before in his trapping days, and the existence of which no other white man knew.

A few months ago, this chief engineer, General Grenville M. Dodge, showed his gratitude by rescuing Jim Bridger's body from a neglected grave and interring it at Kansas City, under an appropriate monument—probably the first act of gratitude ever performed for the man who had put the whole empire of the West in his debt.

A MAGAZINE AND A MAN.

Walla Walla Union.

At last the Northwest has a magazine that is worthy. For several years the Pacific Monthly has been published at Portland. Its publisher managed by the hardest work to issue it every month and place it on the market, but it was read by a very limited clientele and in no sense prospered. It failed utterly to fulfill its mission, and was creditable neither to its owners, nor the section in which it stood as the sole magazine publication.

About six months ago a change in its editorial department was made and in the brief space of time which has elapsed it has made a wonderful advance and now stands as the leading magazine of the Pacific Coast. New blood is responsible for the regeneration of the Pacific Monthly; intelligent, industrious blood.

Its new editor, the man who is making it one of the representative publications, is Arno Dosch, a young newspaper writer with no previous magazine experience. He belongs to one of Portland's old families and gained by inheritance the best gifts of mind and character. A graduate of Harvard, class of '04, he returned to Portland and became a member of the Oregonian staff. His work attracted attention and last summer he was offered the by no means alluring task of making a real magazine out of the Pacific. He has already succeeded to an amazing degree. His work has just fairly begun. He is smart enough to appreciate his opportunity. He is able to accomplish his task. Both Arno Dosch and his magazine are worth watching. They are growing like the proverbial green bay tree.

SENATE TO CURB ROOSEVELT.

(Portland Journal.)

There has been no more important political step in recent years in Washington than that decided upon by leading members of the senate, without regard to party, with reference to the propensity of President Roosevelt to act on his own responsibility without reference to congress. It was definitely decided that Roosevelt will be curbed effectually. Whether this will be a peaceful process will rest entirely with the president.

The senate is going to investigate every act of the president that is considered unconstitutional or as invading its prerogatives, and as the first step proposes to inquire at great length and with much formality into the action of Secretary Taft, under instructions of the president, making the now famous agreement to maintain the parity of the silver coinage of the republic of Panama with the money of the United States.

The first sign of this rebellion of the senate was shown when Senator Kitteridge told President Roosevelt three weeks ago that he had better prepare for the fullest sort of investigation of his acts in connection with the Panama canal.

The next sign came when the senate, without a dissenting vote, adopted a resolution introduced by Senator Bailey of Texas, directing the finance committee to inquire into the circumstances of the agreement for the maintenance of the parity of silver money in Panama. The senators claim that the president has practically made an illegal treaty.

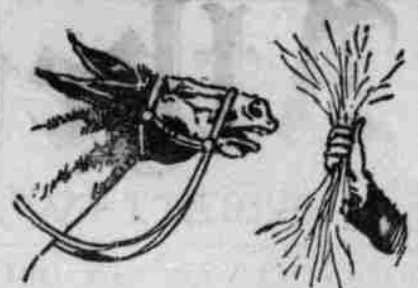
FUNSTON'S FEATS DISCREDITED.

St. Louis Republican.
The revised Kansas School History contains no reference to the daring swimming feats popularly attributed to General Frederick Funston while in the Philippines.

The history, which was written by the late Noble L. Prentiss, has been revised quite recently by Mrs. Prentiss, and she has eliminated from the chapter on the Philippine war all reference to the statement as widely printed in the newspapers that Funston was promoted for his bravery in swimming the Bagbag and the Rio Grande rivers.

This has been the subject of considerable discussion and discussion ever since the war. Mrs. Prentiss accepted as final authority in the matter the records of the war department, which show that Funston and his men were towed across the Rio Grande by two privates, who alone swam the river. The records also show that the Funston detachment crossed the Bagbag on a bridge.

A year ago, when D. O. McCray, a member of the State Textbook Commission, declared that Funston's swimming feats were the invention of an enterprising press agent in the Philippines, McCray was bitterly denounced by thousands of Funston's admirers in Kansas. Lieutenant-Colonel Little, of the Twentieth Kansas, also aroused a storm of indignation by declaring that Funston could not swim a stroke.



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