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If a referendum vote of the republican voters of the county could be taken on the question of repealing the tariff tax on wood pulp and print paper, is it not certain that but few would oppose it? Yet Speaker Cannon refuses to allow the bill to be reported from the ways and means committee. A majority of this committee, under pretext of not interfering with the tariff, is the barrier in the way of needed relief. This reply is but an exhibition of arrogance on the part of the "majority" members of ways and means committee—the democratic members not having been consulted—for who is silly enough to believe that a simple bill putting print paper and wood pulp on the free list would disturb the business of the country or add to "the uncertainty and disquiet always caused by a presidential election." If Mr. Payne and the other republicans had stated that it would disturb the business of the paper combine and probably prevent a liberal contribution to the republican campaign fund, they would have come nearer to the truth. This free paper and pulp bill is one of those recommended by President Roosevelt, which the democrats are now trying to force the republicans to consider, and is but a sample of other bills that the republican majority of congress refuse to consider.

A notable change is observed in the tone of the Pendleton newspapers. Apparently a truce has been declared in the newspaper war down at the county seat. Editorial space is being devoted to showing up the advantages of publicity of Pendleton's resources with the object of forcing rusty property owners to bear a share in the burden of putting new life into the metropolis of Eastern Oregon. In the limelight, flickering from the two editorial sanctums, a condition of progress is pictured which to say the least, is not alluring. However, with the aid of both papers working in unison for a better Pendleton resurrection will ultimately result and the town will come to its just reward.

Mud-throwing is not new in politics, but usually it is not of quite so literal a kind as was the case in the little town of Shedd's the other day, where Mr. Dawson and Mr. St. John are rival candidates for the high and important office of constable. Dawson was at work near a mud hole full of water, when St. John came up from behind and threw a stone in the water splattering Dawson's face full of the muddy stuff. Then Dawson grabbed a hand full of mud captured St. John and covered his face with the stuff. Then the men made up and may be good friends ever after.

According to statistics compiled by the department of commerce and labor more than one-third of the wheat exported from the United States in March, 1908, was shipped from Portland. In that month Portland exported 1,422,347 bushels, nearly three times what it exported in March, 1907, and nearly double the export of the entire Puget Sound district last month. Government statistics also show that Portland, in the nine months ending March, exported 11,400,931 bushels of wheat, more than double its export in the corresponding months a year ago.

From general appearances, it would seem that tenantless property in Athena has little or no protection from destruction. The building at the corner of Third and Jefferson streets, opposite the Press, is an object lesson of wanton destruction of property unoccupied. This building has been tenanted for a period of perhaps three months and in this time nearly every window has been broken, several of the sashes splintered, and other marks of destruction bear witness of pure cussedness and devilry on the part of those responsible for the deed. All this in a civilized community, supposed to be sheltered under the law.

Nearly all of the so-called "sooners" in the land rush of last fall will leave within a few days for their cabins in the woods to take up their residence for an indefinite period, says the Klamath Falls Herald. Despite the

fact that the land office at Lakeview refuse to accept the blings of the sooners and also refused to allow them a hearing, they have stayed with the lands and most of them have maintained a residence thereon. In many instances they have built fine cabins and have the same furnished so as to be very comfortable.

There is a science of agriculture and horticulture. Investigators and leaders have called into service the several natural sciences from geology to chemistry, and have applied them to man's service in this fundamental field of industry, until now the various contributions are being organized into a unified system of knowledge and practice. While plant culture was formerly empirical, its practice being passed from father to son by home training; now, as a science, its principles are taught in schools and colleges.

Those who have hastily declared that Statement No. 1 candidates for the legislature on the republican ticket, carried the primaries would do well to figure a little and then take it all back. The Oregon legislature is composed of 90 members, 30 in the senate and 60 in the house. Of the 30 members of the senate 15 are holdovers therefore there were 75 candidates to nominate and they were nominated. Of these 75 candidates 34 are for Statement No. 1 and 41 are not.

The Bryanites are getting worried over the Johnson boom, for it is gaining strength right along. A month ago they didn't gain to notice it. In fact, everybody is just a little surprised at the turn in Democratic affairs, and Mr. Bryan will not only be surprised but much chagrined if the Denver convention proves to be a case of "too much Johnson" for him.

Jonathan Bourne wants to head the Oregon delegation to the national republican convention and would like for county republican delegates to the state convention to be named in his interest. Perhaps they will be and then again perhaps they will not be. "Oregon would like for Jonathan to play less at politics and more at law-making," remarks the Eugene Register.

Prompt conviction of J. Thorburn Ross of the defunct Title, Guarantee & Trust Co., for appropriating state school funds to his own use, is a warning to all banks that would speculate that the practice is not tolerated in Oregon. To convict such manipulators is a protection to legitimate banking in Oregon.

By the exercise of great will power and self-restraint we have refrained from giving any advice about taking off your winter flannels, thereby escaping much abuse, for when it's hot you'll wish you had and when it's cold you'll wish you hadn't.

Idaho democracy is split in twain over the Mormon question as usual and conditions in that state are so hopeless from the democratic point of view that republicanism promises to make a clean sweep.

Passage of the Fulton resolution by the house means that the government will soon get busy annulling the railroad's title to the land grants in this state.

Portland's Rose carnival will hardly be complete without the presence of some of Uncle Sams big battle ships that are now playing in Pacific coast harbors.

Prince Helle who is engaged to marry Anna Gould, formerly Countess de Castellane is wise in taking this precaution.

GOOD WHEAT PROSPECTS.

The government report of the season, issued a few days ago, is very favorable, especially to winter wheat growers. It is a long time yet, from a crop-raising point of view, till harvest, but unless there are unusual setbacks, a big crop will be harvested, and the present outlook is distinctly encouraging. It only needs good crops and fair prices again this year to silence the Wall street and railroad pessimists, and make the panic of last fall "look like 30 cents."

The government report, as published some days ago in The Journal, shows that the average condition of the winter wheat crop on April 1—and nothing has occurred since to change it materially—was 91.3 per cent. There have been only five seasons since estimates have been made in which the April condition of winter wheat was above 90, and only once, in 1903, did the harvest fail to realize the April estimate. Large crops have always been gathered when the April condition was above average, and the average for this month is 86.2. It is the winter season that does the most damage to winter wheat; that season over, it is pretty safe to yield according to the spring estimate. The average in April last year was

89.1, and the yield was 484,000,000 bushels on an acreage of 31,665,000. The acreage this year is only 30,069,000, but the present condition indicates as large if not a larger crop than last year, which was above the average in the winter wheat belt. Besides, it is probable that the acreage of spring wheat will have considerably increased. In the Pacific northwest the area of fall-sown wheat, owing to the fine weather, is greater than ever before, and the present condition is excellent.

Everything good helps everybody. If the winter wheat-growers raise an unusually good crop, and sell it at a good price they will help everybody to prosper—and so all along the line. And it looks, however and wherever viewed, as if this was to be a prosperous year.—Portland Journal.

MAY MARK POSTAGE STAMPS.

Postmaster-General Meyer has issued an order amending the regulations so as to provide that, for the purpose of identification only and not for advertising, it shall be permissible to puncture or perforate letters, numerals or other marks or devices in United States postage and special delivery stamps.

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