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Drouth has fallen upon the state of Virginia, heavy and parching, and in the country many eyes are turned anxiously toward the skies. It is an untimely dryness, and, in a sense, an unreasonable one; for in these summer months there has been no lack of rainfall. Since March 1, so the records show, there has been a considerable excess of moisture over the normal, and June gave rain enough to soak the ground thoroughly. But after that have come fierce heat and blazing sunshine, day after day, to burn the juices from the earth and from the roots of the growing crops; and the soil has grown seared and dry as a bone. Now every scorched cornhill in the state is crying aloud for water. Men and women prayed for rain in many churches in Virginia Sunday, and prayed earnestly and in faith. It is a pleasant thing in an age of natural law and of science, of charts and weather kites, of bureaus, instruments, observations and predictions, that people should still ask relief from drouth in simplicity upon their knees.

It is a great pity that every murderous-hearted wretch who attempts to kill his wife or sweetheart and then to commit suicide does not carry out the tragedy as in the case of Ray Caldwell at Seattle, who fired two shots at his wife, neither of which took effect, and then ended his own miserable career. Too often the aim of the murderer in these cases, when directed against the woman is only too terribly true, but when the revolver is turned upon the would-be suicide his nerve fails or he finishes in his job. Thus is laid upon the public the burden of maintaining him in jail pending his trial in court and frequently the expense of long and stubbornly contested appeals. Sympathy says an exchange, is altogether wasted on men of this reckless, murderous spirit and the fact that in their rage and mad jealousy they are prepared to take the life of wife or sweetheart is proof that their victims must have suffered much in their association with men of such violent and un-governable temper.

This is the harvest season, the vacation season, the silly season by prescriptive right. Nominally, only nominally—it is the campaign season. In the reform of our presidential campaign a beginning should be made with the date. It was all well enough to name candidates five months ahead of election time in the old days when there was neither railroad nor telegraph, and nominees made "whirlwind tours" by canal. Nowadays the necessity does not exist, and the business disturbance of a national campaign is gratuitously protracted. In 10 weeks Great Britain can go to the country, elect and seat a fresh parliament and settle down to business under a new government. It takes us 10 months.

Three Oregon athletes won honors at the Olympic games in London. No other state in the Union made such a showing. The boys will be royally entertained in Portland when they return early in September. Both athletic and commercial bodies are uniting in the arrangements.

Will the Roosevelt admirers who are supporting Mr. Taft be deceived, or will the Wall street supporters of Mr. Taft be deceived? The answer to this may be found by carefully studying and finding out how often Wall street has been deceived in the candidate it supported.

Mme. Gould-de-Castellane de-Sagan says we are lacking much on this side of the ocean that foreign society possesses. Every once in a while somebody says something about this country that makes us prouder than ever that we are permitted to live in it.

The rock-ribbed standpatter is pinning his faith on the election of a republican majority in congress which will vote for a standpat speaker and no revising of tariff downward.

"You have a beautiful country," said Cardinal Lagna to Mr. Rockefeller. The Cardinal not only has an eye for the beautiful, but a rare discernment as to ownership.

The Milwaukee Sentinel notes that Uncle Sam is going to provide immigrant labor to farmers and adds: "Wise Uncle." But how about providing jobs for some hundreds of thousands who are not immigrants?

When the jack tars get to New Zealand they will be welcomed by socialists who don't welcome them; but that will make no difference to the jack tars. They will have a good time anyway.

Vice President Fairbanks is having a better time in Canada than he would be having in the United States if he had been nominated at Chicago.

A fire has been raging underground in Butte since 1889—and it rages above ground just as relentlessly. This is figurative.

### DISRUPTING THE PARTY.

The Portland Oregonian has renewed its policy of disrupting the Republican party just before a political campaign, so that factional strife thereby engendered will make possible Democratic success. It is now demanding the removal of W. M. Calkins as state chairman because he is a believer in Statement No. 1.

(Here a quotation from The Oregonian is printed.) This is a sample of the rule or ruin policy of dishonor pursued by The Oregonian, whose editor still cherishes the delusion that were Statement No. 1 out of the way he might buy the senatorship, and because it is not out of the way, and those elected will not violate their solemn pledges, he endeavors to create friction enough to carry the state for Bryan.

Calkins' removal or attempted removal will stir up such a rumpus that it will completely wreck the G. O. P. campaign, and then The Oregonian will point to Statement No. 1 as the cause of disaster, when it will not be Statement No. 1 at all, but the fends stirred up by the paper.

What the people of Oregon think of forcing legislators to vote for popular choice for senator was shown by the tremendous majority given the proposed amendment at the June election, when only a few thousand votes could be mustered in favor of the old system.—Medford Tribune.

### NATIONAL PARK NEAR BAKER.

A number of business men of Baker City, Ore., all of them staunch believers in the preservation of the natural scenic beauties of the country, have embarked in a praiseworthy endeavor to have the federal government establish a national park in a portion of the forest reserve on Eagle creek.

This section is about 40 miles from Baker City and is noted for its beauty.

Professor H. B. Smith, a geologist, has recently returned from the reserve and he is, perhaps, directly responsible for the movement now on foot. His trip was made to investigate reports of fossil formations found there, and on his return he proved the stories true by bringing with him nearly half a ton of fossils.

Professor Smith says that he has found positive proof that in this section there was at one time a great inland sea, and that the springs, streams and vegetation are worth the long trip. In presenting their argument for a national park, the Baker City men are urging that within a short time the Eagle Creek railroad will be completed, giving easy access to the park. As it is believed that it will not be difficult to transform it into a national park, which shall forever be kept for the pleasure of the American people. Their effort for the preservation of one of the beautiful spots of the northwest is commendable.—Spokesman-Review.

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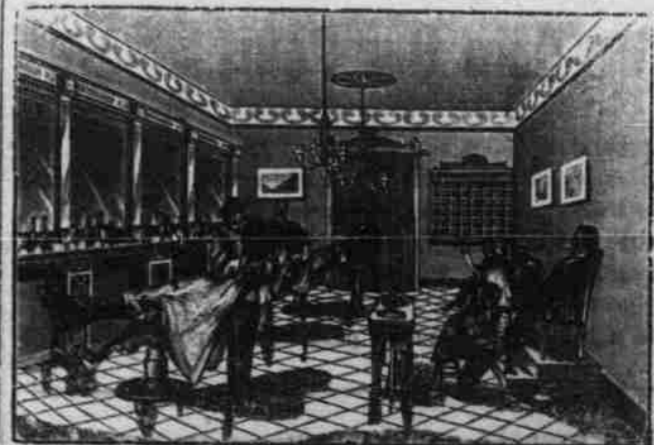
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