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The Press is in receipt of the fourth
annual report of the State Insurance
Commissioner for the year, ending De-
cember 13, 1911. The report is volu-
minous, contains many tables of sta-
tistics and shows the enormous profits
accrued, especially by the life insur-
ance companies. An item of interest
is the amount of premiums collected
for the year in comparison with losses
and claims paid by the life insurance
companies doing business in the state.
The total for losses and claims paid by
the companies amount to \$1,390,962,
while the premiums collected totaled
\$3,137,079. The sum of \$1,746,117
—the difference between losses and
claims paid and premiums collected
—went into the treasuries of the com-
panies. This is a fair indication of
the tremendous business transacted by
life insurance companies in this state
and the vast amount of money tied up
in insurance policies. If the state
were to take over the life insurance
business transacted within its borders,
and conduct it on the basis which the
companies pursue, the interest derived
from the reserve fund could be made
to go a long way toward solving the
question of taxation. In other words,
the profits of the life insurance com-
panies turned into the state treasury
to be applied on the expense of run-
ning the state government would un-
doubtedly fill up a portion of the
hole in which taxes are poured.

Every voter in Oregon is a legislator
and citizens of the state must resolve
themselves into a committee of the
whole for discussion and consideration
of vital measures that are to be passed
upon at the election this fall. If all
of the measures that are proposed were
adopted it would make a legal volume.
The list of bills, opinions an exchange,
can be materially reduced by eliminat-
ing all the proposed laws that are
purely local. They have no place on
the general ballot as they are matters
that should be settled by the commu-
nities in which they arise. Such mea-
sures as the division of counties, build-
ing of court houses and kindred sub-
jects that only affect a small portion
of the state should receive no consider-
ation from the people at large. Possi-
bly the tax measures are among the
most important and voters should be
advised on these before they haz-
ard a guess as to the efficiency and
necessity of these tills. A little later
in the season and in ample time before
the election citizens in the different
precincts would do well to assemble
for the discussion of the proposed new
laws. This is the manner in which
they may become advised so that they
may pass intelligently on the measures.

The state board of Fish and Game
commissioners have undertaken a
thorough revision of the present sys-
tem of the game laws. The idea is to
present a code for adoption at the
next legislature which will give more
complete protection to fish and game,
and correct numerous errors in the
present system of laws. There is no
disputing the fact that the Oregon
game laws need fixing. Thousands of
dollars are being paid annually into
the fund derived from hunters and
fishermen's licenses and yet the
streams and forests are being depleted
more and more of fish and game. The
irrigation ditch is still without its
screen and there is no effort made to
restock the forest. Where is the
thousands of license money going?
Multnomah county has yet to see any
benefits from the new over the old
regime, when you could kill and take
all you could and keep all you get.

The evidence given before the Con-
gressional committee, investigating the
conduct of Judge Hanford at Seattle
became so infernally hot that the
Judge fired in his resignation to Presi-
dent Taft Monday and the committee
wasn't through investigating him,
either. There is no doubt there are
judges sitting on benches throughout
the land today, who are as rotten as
Hanford and who should be "inves-
tigated" and fired. It is possible that
when a few more like the Seattle
judge and Archibald are down and out
through investigations, the record will
come into its own and be espoused by
progressive government.

Umatilla county has had her cloud
burst this week, but in extent it is not
to be compared with those of the east
or middle west.

Colonel T. R. says that his party's
slogan and his party's platform will
be "Thou shall not steal." This is
nice but we would like to amend this
literary theft from the dialogue by
substituting the first person for the
second and have it read, "I shall not
steal." Then we would know where
Teddy stand on the great question of
graft.

The success of home industries makes
home prosperity. We ship in too
much stuff that can be grown or
manufactured at home. The indus-
tries that are here at present must be
encouraged with patronage before
others can be induced to go into busi-
ness.

Senator Works his quit the Taft
camp and says he may consistently
vote for Wilson. Works is a progres-
sive republican and like other Cali-
fornia leaders intimates that it de-
pends on how Roosevelt is nominated
whether he will cast his ballot for him.

All Shad Are the Same.
Fishes are proverbial aids in magni-
fying facts. None of the funny tripe
tends more to that end than the plain,
ordinary, "house broken" shad. Florid-
ians will testify that the St. Johns river
shad is without equal; North Carolin-
ians stoutly maintain that the Cape
Fear river variety is the only kind
worth eating; Washingtonians vow
that the Potomac shad is perfection;
Philadelphians swear by the Delaware
product, and "It" old New York sim-
ply thinks that any other shad than
the Hudson river brand is unfit to eat.
And thus they go—the farther north
the greater seems to be the prevarica-
tion daring. The fact is, however,
that they are all talking about the
same old bony shad. In migrating
north it goes up each of the rivers in
turn. It is a salt water fish, in fact,
which swims into fresh water to spawn
and is captured when perpetrating the
species. It is true that the residue
from oil works, gashouses, etc., in the
several large cities enumerated may
give Mr. or Mrs. Shad a slightly local
flavor, but none to be proud of or to
provoke the unstinted partisan praise
that is showered upon this much over-
rated fish.—New York Tribune.

The Judgment of Years.
A significant bit of wisdom, to be
pondered over by the very young,
whose griefs and disappointments seem
so tragic, was that uttered by Mrs.
Dolly Madison when she was over
eighty years old and near her death.
Her life had been fortunate and beau-
tiful not only because circumstances
had proved kind to her, but from the
brightness and buoyancy of her tem-
perament. She harbored no bitterness
over past experiences, but life had
taught her the unimportance of most
trials which loom so gigantic in ap-
proaching. Not long before her death
one of her nieces went to her for sym-
pathy in some slight trouble.
"My dear," she said, "do not trouble
about it. There is nothing in this
world really worth caring for. Yes,"
she repeated, looking intently out of a
window, "I who have lived so long re-
pent to you that there is nothing in
this world below really worth caring
for!"

Not Soon Enough.
A man who is now one of the leading
members of the Stock Exchange was
rather wild in his youth, which is not
an exclusive characteristic of this
member of the Stock Exchange. But
this man was a favorite with his moth-
er and generally called on her to help
him out of his scrapes, and she usually
responded freely, even lavishly. On
one occasion, however, when his de-
mands had been especially frequent
and extravagant, it was with consid-
erable trepidation that on discovering
himself "the morning after" in a dis-
tant city and picked as clean as a new
fledged sparrow, he penned the follow-
ing heart moving appeal, to be sent
C. O. D.:
"Send \$50 and save disgrace."

His worst fears were realized when
an hour later he received the reply
from his mother, "Too late."—New
York Tribune.

Had 'Em Again.
A company of motion picture actors
and actresses gave a performance of
"Chantecler" on the grounds adjoining
the suburban studio of a film man-
ufacturing company. A little later one
of the actors, out for a walk, came
upon a man seated by the roadside
and weeping bitterly.

"What's the matter?" inquired the
sympathetic player.
"I'm one of the patients at the sanita-
rium for bugs over yonder," explained
the despairing one. "Yesterday the
doc said I was well—too well—and that
I could leave in a day or two. And
what do you suppose I saw this morn-
ing? Roosters and hens six feet high
and talkin' just like humans! If I get
away from that sanitarium in ten
years I'll be doing mighty well."—Lip-
placott's.

When Wild Winds Blow.
Most of us are apt to look on a storm
as simply a strong wind blowing
straight from one place to another.
It is not so at all, for a storm wind
always blows in a curve and a storm
is not really a wind, but a whole wheel
of winds with curving spokes. These
curving spokes represent the various
winds all blowing toward the hub.
This hub is called the "eye" of the
storm. It is the spot at which the
barometer is lowest. On the rim of the
wheel the barometer is high, and the
nearer the hub the lower is the barom-
eter. This wheel of winds is usually
several hundred miles across.

Hard Luck Stories.
"I don't like to listen to hard luck
stories, do you?"
"That depends on whether they are
reminiscences of the preliminaries to
a touch."—Washington Herald.

Hope is a daffener, but the most up-
right of all parasites, for she frequents
the poor man's flat as well as the pal-
ace of his superior.

DECLARES WOODROW WILSON.

Business, Politics and Wealth of the
Country Come Up, Not Down, He
Says—All the People Do Not Believe
in Democratic Government.

By WOODROW WILSON.

What fills me with confidence in the
future is that the world is not waiting
upon the stupidity of politics. The
world has an awkward way of taking
things into its own hands. The life of
the people must in the long run ex-
press itself in its politics, and it does
not now express itself in this country
in the politics we have been accus-
tomed to in the last decade.

There are two or three theories of
government in this country. Don't de-
ceive yourself by supposing all the
people believe in democratic govern-
ment, because they do not. You have
only to listen to the utterances of
very distinguished Republican speak-
ers to see that they do not believe and
do not pretend to believe in represen-
tative government. They will tell you
they do not believe the judgment of
the people can be trusted. And are
you going to take counsel from these
gentlemen as to the preservation of
our representative institutions when
they don't want them to represent the
great body of the people?

Prefers Judgment of Rank and File.

I don't know whether I was born so
or learned so or what happened to me,
but I know this, that the deepest con-
viction I have, arising out of observa-
tion and experience is this, that I
would rather take the judgment of the
rank and file than the judgment of the
men who have become absorbed and
successful leaders in great undertak-
ings.

And I want to ask these gentlemen
this query: What sustains business in
the United States? What is it that
makes the United States prosperous?
Is it that we have great capitals of
industry? What would they do with-
out the cunning and skill, the indus-
try and the indomitable aspiring hope of
the American people? If these people
were to find hope dying out of their
hearts they would become dumb driv-
en beasts, and your enterprises would
fall for lack of the very breath that
sustains them.

If you want to find whether a na-
tion is prosperous ask the men who
are on the make what they hope and
what they fear. Go to the country
districts and ask anxious fathers who
are looking for openings for their sons,
where they expect to get them in,
where they find doors open and where
they find doors shut. Go through the
places where men are making earn-
ings and see whether they dread or
confidently look forward to the future,
and then you will find whether Amer-
ica is waxing or waning, for if these
men are confident, full of hope; if they
know they are going to get fair treat-
ment wherever they go, then America
can conquer the world of enterprise in
their hope.

But if you find what you do find—
men everywhere asking themselves
whether the doors of opportunity have
not been locked in their faces—then
you will have to take a new reckoning
as to the future of America.

If only those who are chosen at the
top have the right of way in, what is
going to happen to America? Did you
ever hear of a nation that was renew-
ed from the top? Did you ever hear
of a nation that was not made virile
that did not account for its youth by
renewal from the bottom? Did you
ever hear of a tree that drew its sap
from its flowers? Does it not draw it
from the dark and silent places of the
soil? Does not a nation draw its pow-
er of renewal and enterprise and all
its future from the ranks of the great
body of unnamed men?

Friend of American Business.
If you are going to discourage these
men, if you are going to put the child
of fear in their hearts, then American
captains of industry can whistle for
their future, and they will whistle in
a wilderness.

I am the friend of American busi-
ness because I know where its founda-
tions are laid and where they are
weak. These foundations are solid
only when laid in the confidence of
the common people.

A Democrat? Why, a man does not
understand history who isn't a Demo-
crat. A man doesn't understand enter-
prise who isn't a Democrat. And let
me say this, Democracy is not merely
a matter of programs; it is a matter of
sympathy and insight. It depends
upon whether your heart is in connec-
tion with the great heart of the peo-
ple. It does not depend upon whether
you can cunningly devise a platform
that looks just and good. You can
build a flimsy platform and stand on
it successfully, provided its basis is in
the right kind of spirit.

It is a matter of seeing, not from
your eyes out, but from the eyes of
other men in. Getting the vision that
is in the back of the other man's head
is the thing; getting the hope that is
the universal hope; getting that im-
pulse that is the common human im-
pulse, forward. This world has been
swayed by wave after wave of Demo-
cratic impulse.

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cross fenced; good eight-room house; first class barn;
fine well and windmill, also water tank, chicken
house and root house; fine shade trees; 160 acres in
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