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Monday next Vice-President Fairbanks will be the guest of United States Senator Charles W. Fulton, and be entertained by citizens of Astoria.

The dinner to Hon. James K. Garfield, secretary of the interior, at the Portland Commercial club tomorrow night, promises to be the most representative affair of its kind given during 1907.

Photographs of Mrs. Wood, the Washington county lady who at 120 years of age, was crowned Queen of Oregon July 4th, and also of Gen. George H. Williams, who performed the ceremony, have been sent to 150 of the leading papers of the United States, accompanied by a story which will call to mind the splendid health giving qualities of the Oregon climate.

Portland is fairly alive with tourists, and this will continue for the next two weeks from among the delegates who are in attendance upon the convention of the National Educational association, the Christian Endeavor, and the Baptist Young People. The Seattle meeting should denounce the food-graft there at its very first session, resolve resolutely then adjourn to Portland to complete the convention work. The graft is worse than Jamestown, and cooks the Seattle-Yacon goose that was expected to lay the golden egg later on.

The St. Louis Globe prints the picture of an old-time Missouri printer who has stuck to the case nearly 50 years. Pooh! The O. Man of this shack has a record of 46 years newspaper work in Oregon; and on his 73d birth day anniversary, July 4th, 1907, was sticking up type in Moro, recording events of the 131st anniversary of American Independence, and the coronation of Mrs. Mary Ramsey Lemons Wood, as Mother Queen of Oregon, aged 120 years. Beat Oregon! who has the audacity to make any such pretension!

E. Lipton, of Falls city, has made arrangements to plant 100,000 eastern trout in tributaries of the Luckiamute, thus replenishing the waters of that once famous Oregon trout stream with a stock of gamey fish. Forty-eight years ago a deaf and dumb man, celebrated for his piscatorial exploits, kept the settlements supplied with fresh trout, and the unvarying reply as to where they come from was that the lucky mute brought them. This universal answer finally evolved the name Luckymute, for the mountain river, afterwards corrupted by Craig, in The Argus office at Oregon city. Asahel Bush had extolled Luckymute in an editorial, but the copy was so much more than usually blindly written that week, that the typo couldn't make it out and Craig guessed it off as Luckiamute which orthography 'stuck' and the corrupt spelling has since stood that way. During the Will-Wal controversy over Wallamet, which waxed hot and volitionally between sides lined up by Judge Deady and Gov. Abernethy, filling the papers and scrap books of that day, Judge Chenoweth and W. B. Carter tried to flank the movement and have Luckiamute corrected, but impossible. The war was taken up by the legislative assembly, Luckymute side tracked, and the blundering compound "Willamet" handed out for posterity as the legal name for our grand Wallamet river.

## What Constitutes True Political Liberty.

By President WOODROW WILSON of Princeton University.

**U**NDER OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT THE MOMENT AN OFFICER TRANSGRESSES HE CEASES TO BE AN OFFICER. A MAN IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT ONLY SO FAR AS HE HOLDS TO THE UNDERSTANDING ON WHICH GOVERNMENT RESTS.

I do not believe that political liberty can be summed up in any items regarding individual privileges. Generation differs from generation in respect to this and in its adjustment of institutions to government. True political liberty at any time is that which offers the BEST POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT OF GOVERNMENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL. It is a mistaken conception that liberty is the removal of restraints from the individual. We say that a piston rod works free when it moves with the least possible friction. In the same way what we want in political liberty is PERFECT ADJUSTMENT of the parts. If liberty is the object of constitutional government, constitutional government may be defined as a perfect adjustment between the governors and the governed.

Constitutional government can be maintained only in such a way as to bring planning and action of the lawmakers under the influence of the opinion of the nation. Two things are necessary to maintain liberty. One is that government shall be governed by public opinion and the other that the individual shall be kept free from the corruption of government. General welfare cannot be conceived except in terms of FREEDOM OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

We now complain if congress spends too much time in debate. Historically the chief business of a representative body was to talk, while the executive department used to make the laws. The chief business of parliament was to criticize the acts of the executives. Today the representative body has as its chief business the formation of laws. The chief objection to this system is that the REPRESENTATIVE body does not have the CARRYING OUT of the laws.

A characteristic of English and American constitutional government is that the individual looks after himself. The courts are what enable the individual to do this.

ANOTHER CHARACTERISTIC OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IS THAT THERE IS IN IT A MORE OR LESS COMPLETE FORMULATION OF INDIVIDUAL LOYALTY. THAT IS WHAT MAGNA CHARTA ATTEMPTS TO DO; THAT IS WHAT THE STATE CONSTITUTIONS ATTEMPT; THAT IS WHAT THE FIRST EIGHT AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION ATTEMPT. ALL OF THESE SHOW WHEREIN THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL LIE.

## Defects of the Sherman Law.

By JAMES M. BECK, Ex-Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

**A**FTER a personal experience of fifteen years, both as an officer of the government and later as counsel for corporate interests, let me record my own DELIBERATE conviction: That the Sherman law is so obscure that no one can determine its PRECISE meaning.

Its enforcement has been wholly ineffective to PREVENT THE FORMATION of great industrial combinations.

ITS LITERAL ENFORCEMENT AGAINST ALL BUSINESS INTERESTS WITHIN ITS PROVISIONS, AS NOW JUDICIALLY INTERPRETED, WOULD DISINTEGRATE OUR INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM AND CAUSE WIDESPREAD RUIN.

I am not criticising the work of the federal government in seeking to enforce this law. No reasoning is more shallow or foolish than that which imputes railway and industrial combinations to the ambition OR AVARICE of any capitalist or group of interests. In this as in every other civilized country a universal and irresistible economic tendency, without any conscious purpose to violate the law, has moved onward in the teeth of all hostile legislation, for combination is as INEVITABLE in the business world as gravitation is in the physical universe, and its force is so potent and irresistible that, if it conflict with the statutory law of any nation, the LATTER must sooner or later inevitably give way.

Our present policy of absolute repression of all combination, whether reasonable or unreasonable, is little better than the castoff rags of British statesmanship. Indeed, the collective wisdom of the world has abandoned the attempt TO FORCE competition where competition is IMPRACTICABLE, and the governments of Europe, unembarrassed by constitutional limitations and with far more drastic governmental powers, have long since appreciated that the laws of trade, like the tides of the ocean, RISE HIGHER THAN LEGISLATIVE EDICTS.

## Commission Rule For Cities.

By President ELIOT of Harvard University.

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