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Before coming to the city to trade readers are requested to examine The Observer advertising columns.

We will not be responsible for the neglect of subscribers to notify us of changes in their address.

August 12th Porto Rico will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the landing of Ponce de Leon.

Socialist school children as they study that one of the socialist ten commandments enjoining them to honor honorable people; may be puzzled to explain their elders' nomination for the presidency of a man serving a 25 years term for murder.

Jamestown fair is yet before the people. The F. S. government has filed a petition in the Norfolk federal court asking protection as a creditor of the exposition on account of its \$1,000,000 loan and claiming priority of payment over everything else owned by the exposition company.

"Princess" Alice was ruled out of the prohibition convention as a guest of Kentucky, though invited: A news dispatch says: The invitation could not be withdrawn, but it was not expected that the president's daughter would attend the convention in view of the protest that came up.

The Republicans in convention at Chicago broke the howling record by cheering and cheering and demonstrating 48 minutes for President Roosevelt. At Denver the democrats smashed this record into smithereens by whooping it up for an hour and 28 minutes.

The work of cleaning New York streets of rubbish has been much facilitated by equipping a squad with tricycles carrying a big can. The seat is so low that dismounting is hardly necessary, and one man can pick up the waste paper and banana skins over a long stretch of pavement.

ELECTORAL VOTE FORECASTING.

Forecasting the possible division of the electoral vote is one of the favorite diversions of a presidential campaign. Any one, of course, can make a forecast. It may be a howling absurdity or it may be the reflection of careful analysis.

The electoral college now consists of 483 votes. It will require 242 to elect. The following table represents the solid south with 120 votes, which are, of course, conceded to Mr. Bryan:

Table listing electoral votes for various states: Alabama 11, Arkansas 7, Florida 9, Georgia 13, Louisiana 10, Mississippi 9, North Carolina 12, South Carolina 12, Tennessee 12, Texas 12, Virginia 12, Total 120.

Raymond next classification is the border states, which are now four in number, Oklahoma being put in that class because it cannot be registered with the south. These four states are: Kentucky 13, Maryland 10, Missouri 12, Oklahoma 7.

Table listing electoral votes for border states: Kentucky 13, Maryland 10, Missouri 12, Oklahoma 7, Total 42.

Table listing electoral votes for other states: Maine 6, Vermont 6, New Hampshire 4, Massachusetts 16, Rhode Island 4, Connecticut 4, Ohio 23, Michigan 14, Illinois 27, Wisconsin 13, Iowa 13, Pennsylvania 24, Minnesota 11, South Dakota 6, North Dakota 4, California 10, Wyoming 7, Utah 4, Oregon 4, Washington 5, Kansas 10, Total 219.

Following 10 commonwealths are listed as doubtful states: New York 39, Indiana 16, New Jersey 12, West Virginia 7, Nebraska 8, Delaware 3, Colorado 8, Idaho 3, Nevada 3, Montana 3, Total 98.

Oregon hop growers hope that the sale of Near Beer will stimulate the brewing industry and tend to raise the price of hops. While many hop growers attacked prohibition on the ground that it would hurt their business, breweries in the east and some in the west seem to be catering to the tastes of the beer-drinking public by the production of Maltona, Cincinnati, Hopana and other brands of liquor with less than one per cent alcohol in their composition.

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If Jay Gould could have foreseen the succession of the Count and the Prince he might have lost his interest in railroad titles.

Peary appealed for reading matter for his crew during their absence in the Arctic regions and in one day 3000 volumes were sent in. That long winter night will not pass unimproved.

Secretary Cortelyou explains that the national shortage shown in the treasury statement of July 1 was a misleading product of antiquated bookkeeping. The imaginary deficit thus joins the class with the constructive recess. According to Secretary Cortelyou, if the books of the treasury were kept in the European way they would have shown a surplus of \$25,000,000 instead of a deficit of \$60,000,000.

Japan takes its place with the other nations of the world, so far as the United States is concerned. The peace treaty prepared by Secretary Root and representatives of the Mikado's government has been signed by the president of the United States and the Japanese emperor, and will become operative upon being ratified by the American congress and the lawmakers of Japan.

Dr. William Osler was 60 years of age Sunday, and as he is the chap, who, while professor of medicine at John Hopkins university, declared that three score years was the limit of man's usefulness it will be interesting to observe whether he will take steps to make his exit from this big sphere of earth and water and pass onward - downward or upward. He is in London now, and is a candidate for the lord rectorship of the University of Edinburgh, the election of which will be held next November, therefore it looks as if he has changed his mind about man's working powers after the middle age is passed.

A sentence recently imposed by a Massachusetts judge upon a public official who had been convicted of accepting a bribe, calls attention to the severity of the law in that state. A former president of the Lowell water board accepted \$200 from a man for appointment as water inspector. Convicted by a jury, his sentence has been held in abeyance pending several motions in court in his behalf, but a few days ago he was brought into court, given six months imprisonment and a fine of \$500 and was "forever debarred from holding public office." The Boston Herald gives its approval to this as "a traitor's punishment for a traitor's crime." Emphasis laid upon the punishment of disqualification should result in a better appreciation of the enormity of a crime which is believed to be altogether too common, though not always actually exposed. It would be well if the courts in other states possessed the same statutory authority as those in Massachusetts, to debar public officials who betray their trust and barter public interests for private gain.

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At any rate, it can do no harm for the spellbinders to hope for better treatment from campaign audiences than most of the talkers got from the national conventions.

STATE REVENUE FROM NATIONAL FORESTS.

In addition to the benefits secured by fire protection and by regulations which control the use of timberland and range so as to insure permanent supplies for local wants, states having national forests now receive, under the new agricultural appropriation bill, 25 per cent of the gross proceeds derived from the sale of national forest resources. This amount, according to law, goes to offset any losses to the states through withdrawal of forest areas from taxation, and is devoted to public roads and schools. Several years ago complaints were made that the withdrawal of timber lands for forest purposes reduce the taxable areas of the states in which withdrawals were made. The forest service, quick to see the justice of these complaints, recommended at first that 10 per cent, and later that 25 per cent of the gross proceeds from the national forests should be paid to the states. As a result, the states are assured of school and road funds, doubtless more certainly than they otherwise could have been, since the permanence of the forest resources is now secured by conservative management. Had the forests never been established, their resources would undoubtedly have been exhausted by hasty and in-prudent methods of exploitation, leaving the land wasted and unproductive.

Henry Watterson throws doubt to the winds and is absolutely sure that Bryan and Kern will get the bag of gold at the end of the rainbow this time.

Old fashioned campaign spellbinders' occupation is about gone. The primary law shuts out newspaper talk, and the candidate is at a loss to know where he gets off at.

This chap who says he hopes to see every man the owner of an automobile must be the advance agent of universal bankruptcy. Where in the dickens would the most of us get the coin to pay for repairs?

In dignity of appearance, in cordiality of manner, in universality of sympathy and in breadth of beam Mr. Taft is an ideal front porch candidate. But of what use are all these qualities if he has no front porch?

Raymond Robbins, of Chicago, invited to help kill time at Denver, had a plank of his own: "I denounce the automobile bums who clip the coupons of idleness and live upon the labor of the people." Better get it copyrighted or Mr. Robbins may find it in a presidential message without quotation marks next December.

One of the causes of dissatisfaction among the Navajos in New Mexico, against whom several detachments of cavalry have been dispatched, is a government regulation that no Indian shall have more than one wife. Allowance should be made for them, because they have not yet been educated up to the requirements of the South Dakota courts.

We recently heard a young man remark: "The world owes me a living." It is hoped for that young man's good that he will get the notion out of his head. It's a mistake, a grave mistake. He never entertained a more foolish idea nor one which will bring him a smaller measure of respect. The world owes the young man nothing; but instead he owes the world and society an active, noble manhood, a steady, honest energy, which will enable him to associate with decent men and women in a true manliness of character that will enable him to make his friendship valuable and his presence and companionship desired. The truly intelligent activity, and this young man should contribute to society's happiness and welfare the grace which comes through study, toil and honest thought.

Suburban Life: The fact that there is a national danger in the disappearance of the birds is coming to be more and more widely recognized. A writer in Suburban Life tells of the work of the cuckoo as an insect destroyer. "To watch either the black-billed or the yellow-billed cuckoo flourish his long bill dextrously among the fruit trees or bushes affords much pleasure, as we know that he is doing his best to store away all the insects he can find, either in his own little stomach or those of his fledglings. Twelve or more caterpillars, big, fat ones, seem only a light lunch for him, and when at last his appetite is appeased, he will kill the destructive insects, apparently for the fun of it, killing, tasting and indifferently throwing them away without turning on his perch."

River Channel Expense.

All the Columbia river basin has an interest in the ship channel to the sea, but Portland has borne a very heavy part of the expense of improving that waterway. This city's share has been too heavy, when the widespread benefits are taken into account that have accrued to the Columbia river region from cheaper shipping. More than \$2,500,000 has been spent on the work by the Port of Portland, while that spent by the general government, as shown by the reports of the United States engineers, is less than \$1,800,000. While this work has built up the shipping of Portland and brought immeasurable advantages to this city, it has also done a great deal for the producing area whose traffic goes up and down the Columbia river or has the benefit of the water-level rates on the mountain routes of Puget sound. The national government owes to this region large appropriations for the Columbia river highway and to the Port of Portland a lightening of its share of the burden.

Last Tuesday members of the American society of civil engineers were impressed with this fact, on their inspection of the Port of Portland dredges, drydock and channel work. They saw a watercourse that had been deepened from 12 to 25 feet and that will be deepened to 30 feet. In a statement read before them by J. B. C. Lockwood, chief engineer for the Port, the following sums were shown to have been disbursed by the Port, up to September 30, 1907:

Table of expenses: Dikes in Columbia river \$282,229.45, Dikes in Willamette river \$5,858.79, Dredging equipment \$11,827.78, Drydock plant \$63,738.45, Redemption of bonds \$7,619.82, Dredging \$806,725.83, Drydock operating expense \$4,513.36, Interest and bond discount \$67,508.34, Redemption of bonds \$120,000.00, Engineering expense \$3,258.67, Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1907 \$8,470.83, Total \$2,478,596.31.

Of this total \$1,089,131.06 was raised from taxation in a subdivision of Multnomah county, somewhat larger than the corporate area of Portland, \$115,927.03 came from contributions by individuals and \$1,050,000 from sale of bonds. The Port has established a very expensive dredge and drydock plant, one of the dredges costing \$7000 a month to operate. Next, the Port will establish a towage and pilotage service, at heavy expense. All this is done in order to bring to Portland the biggest ships with the least possible delay and expense, on the principle that it is cheaper for a ship to go to the cargo than for the cargo to be transported to the ship 110 miles by rail to Astoria or over mountain ranges to Puget sound.

Here is a matter that merits the attention of the whole Columbia river region. It is not a local matter with Portland. Col. Roessler, United States engineers, has recommended that congress appropriate \$200,000 annually for dredging the river channel below Portland and the s-s. Col. Roessler appreciates fully the advantages of the Columbia river as a highway for commerce. He has had wide experience in such matters and his opinion will have weight with the engineers in Washington and with congress.

The Ups and Downs of It.

Country Gentleman. It is the business of the country newspaper man to boom the town that he lives in, for all it is worth, month after month, and then see people of the town send to some other town to get a little job work done, because they can get it ten cents cheaper. It is the business of the same newspaper to give every local enterprise enthusiastic and frequent send offs and then catch hell because he failed to record the fact that Mr. so and so has white-washed his chicken house. He is expected to subscribe liberally to every public enterprise and advertise them for nothing, pay his own way to everything, and then be called mean and narrow spirited, because a column is not donated to that particular affair. Do you wonder that the village newspaper man is some times a little cranky. Newspaper work is bound to make either a crank or a philosopher out of any man that tries it. Kind friends, have you heard of the town of No Good, on the bank of the river Slow, where the Some time or other sends the air and the soft Go easy grow? It lies in the valley of What's the use, in the province of Let her slide. It's the home of the reckless I don't care, where the Give it up abide. The town is as old as the human race, and it grows with the flight of years; it is wrapped in the fog of the idler's dreams, its streets are paved with discarded schemes, and are sprinkled with empty beers.

Political Information.

Registration reopens Sept. 20 for Presidential election, and closes on October 20. Electors are voted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Electors meet at the state capitol the second Monday in January and vote by ballot. The votes are counted by congress the second Wednesday in February. The president-elect is to be inaugurated on March 4 next.

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