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There are to be 35 Standard Oil companies after dissolution; pretty large litter, that.

Adjournment will be the next popular move in the classy precincts of congress.

A historical institute will be held at Astoria Sept. 5th, 6th and 7th, in connection with the centennial celebration.

Lincoln Beechy got his flying start in Portland, at the Lewis and Clark fair, hence Oregonians are interested in him.

Now a scientist declares there never was such man as Job; but he doesn't go so far as to say that boils and carbuncles are mythical terrors.

There is a chance even yet that the second half of the Multnomah county court house may be finished by the time the Panama canal is opened.

A physician of Anacortes was killed by a lunatic who thought he was a cougar; all men look like wild animals to a criminal fool in the woods with a gun.

When a man wishes to pay his wife a compliment in Colorado these days he tells her she is worth her weight in spuds; you'll get no potatoes from Greeley this year.

Congressman Lanterly has succeeded in getting into the newspapers all right, says a cotemporary; we think it is "all wrong." The fool and his friends have parted.

One of the sure things in connection with the campaign of 1912 is that Colonel William Jennings Bryan don't intend to be sneezed at, jumped over, side tracked, spat upon, or otherwise belittled.

A Des Moines judge settled the car men's strike by requiring the company to yield the main point, and the employes to go back to work, and both obeyed; thus, if arbitration fails, all strikes should be settled.

Some of the jubilant Oregon hop growers failed to reckon with the red spider hop pest; one Lane county grower has discovered that the bug will reduce his crop fully 50 percent of what it would be otherwise.

In Marion county a recent census reports 10,335 cows daily milk producers, and 1,536 dairies selling milk and cream which means over a million dollars a year from that one industry, with butter 40 percent too high in price for common people.

There will be no final action on the direct election of United States senators at this session of congress. The conference committee of the house and senate failed to agree upon the Bristow amendment extending federal authority over state elections; the house refused to yield on that point, which extends the proposition to the next congress for consideration.

So popular has the fad of government by commission become in Massachusetts that an attempt has recently been made to secure a general law under which every city and town in the state could 'enjoy' the Texas and Des Moines style.

Mrs. Wilson, the woman mayor of Hunnewell, Kansas, admits that politics "is not a woman's game," and appeals to the courts to oust the members of her city council; but it is claimed in many quarters, that even an appeal to the courts is politics.

The death of Senator Frye of Maine removes a true statesman from the service of the United States and illustrates the uncertainty of politics; Mr. Frye has done constructive work of great value, especially in the commerce, navigation and shipping of this nation.

Yet a great many people will not agree with Teddy that it was necessary for the steel trust unlawfully to gobble up a \$200,000,000 property for \$29,000,000, in order to stop a panic, which a few big financial guns could have done without this colossal acquisition, had they so desired.

The Chicago Tribune claims to have discovered one reason why some farmers obtain special rates at hotels; instead of taking a whole handful of toothpicks and placing them in his pocket the tiller of the soil only takes one, and when thru with it puts it back.

A wire trust attorney and manager has been fined \$45,000, besides costs; but as he has made more than \$300,000 in fees within two years besides his share of plunder, he can still look pleasant after paying the penalty; about five years in jail at actual hard labor, would teach him, and others like him, a much needed lesson.

President Taft will designate the 30th day of November as Thanksgiving day this year; it has always been the custom to fix the last Thursday in the month; this year there has been some doubt because November happened to include five instead of four Thursdays, but Mr Taft has decided not to break the established record.

Gathering pine cones may seem a small business, perhaps one hardly worth while; but it is just this attention to trifles that makes the difference between failure and success in many industries; this gathering of the cones, 200,000 lbs. of them, is the government's means of obtaining seed to reforest burned areas; that it is not so small a job as it looks to be is shown by the proposed employment of 100 men at the task in the woods of Coeur d'Alene alone this fall.

The protest of Capt W P Gray, of Pasco, whose knowledge of the Columbia river from the practical stand point is better than that of any other man in America, should be respected. He tells the government engineers that only 25 miles of the 250 miles to be opened to navigation actually needs to be improved; the betterment of this short 25 mile stretch, and completion of locks and canal at Celilo, will give people along the river 500 miles of cheap and easy transportation.

On the issue of world peace two eminent authorities differ rather widely. These are Admiral Togo and the president of the United States, the Japanese warrior says he likes to see arbitrary treaties entered into, but he is somewhat doubtful of their utility; he takes pains to say that he is not a politician, and may be mistaken in his opinion. On the other hand Mr. Taft believes that a long step has been taken in the direction of universal amity by the Anglo American and Franco American pacts; perhaps this difference of view is largely due to difference of vocation; the trade of Togo is war, and preparation for war; and though Mr. Taft was once at the head of the war office he is a man of peace, just as are a great majority of his countrymen.

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Japan Will Come In.

It is confidentially expected that Japan will accept President Taft's invitation to cooperate with the United States, Great Britain and France towards the realization of universal peace. The representation made through Admiral Togo will find the way paved for it, the mikado's government already having regarded with friendly expressions the original note sent to all the leading powers by Secretary Knox. The president's invitation at this time is, therefore, more a reminder than anything else for Japan and a restatement of America's willingness to go as far as was indicated in the first proposition.

Progressive in everything else to a degree that has aroused the wonder and admiration of the world, Japan will certainly not lag behind the United States, Great Britain and France in this mighty movement; indeed, we shall be disappointed if the negotiations thus far carried on in a general and unofficial way, fail to culminate in a treaty like those just signed with Great Britain and France.

And such a treaty would be of tremendous importance to the Pacific coast. It would assure the peace of the Pacific ocean, dispel the fear that sometime the Japanese may attempt to take the Philippines from us, establish the permanent security of our commerce, and our coast, and place the two nations under such an understanding that questions of immigration and tariff could be settled without talk of resort to war.

President Taft has won the friendship of Japan, and his overtures will be regarded as sincere and free from ulterior motive or design. We shall soon hear of Japan's cordial response. Such is our prophecy and it looks into the immediate future.

Slandering Meat Packers.

An eminent authority declares that the farmers are selling hogs at 6 cents a pound less than a year ago, and then he asks a very important question. He says: "How much less are you paying for your meat than you paid a year ago?" In that insolent inquiry he aimed a barbed shaft of irony at the meat packers, who, as the whole country will know, are putting forth every effort to lay by a few honest millions with which to buy titles and foreign prizes for their daughters, and to slam them up this way when they seldom ever make over 200 or 300 percent on a hog or steer; its giving them the hot end of the poker. Fair's fair and right's right, but when honest men like the packers are kept busy shoeing the wolf from the door and counting their millions it is not fair nor right to jump on them like that by asking them embarrassing questions. Besides it is nobody's business how much they make. All the public has to do is to buy their meat and pay the price and if they have not the price, then let the meat alone and go hang. It is a shame and outrage to be sticking red hot pins into the innocent packers this way, and there ought to be a law prohibiting it.

One Trust Lawyer Punished.

There would not have been so many trusts, and those which were formed would have been less durable and more open to attack, if there had been no trust lawyers. There would have been readiness on the part of men in various industries to combine, but that would have amounted to little without the master mind of the lawyer skilled in evading the law. The trust lawyers have been well paid. The hand of the law has not fallen on them; they have been immune; at least they were, until this New York attorney went into court to plead to an indictment for violating the anti-trust law. This new departure should have some influence on members of the legal profession who hope to be the advisors of men who would like to violate the anti-trust law and wish to do it as scientifically as possible. When a lawyer who engineers a trust is treated as particeps criminis, which he surely is, it is time for other lawyers to treat the anti-trust law with greater respect.

Oregon State News.

If present signs do not fail Governor West in the near future will start devoting some of his energies, now being directed toward prison reform, toward the work of the state tax commission. It is understood that the governor has been devising a number of schemes, which he plans to put into practice in the near future through the medium of the state board of tax commissioners.

Graft charges at Portland, originating with the suspension of Police Sergeant Cole two weeks ago, have assumed the nature of an epidemic in which accusations have been made not only against the police department and its detective branch, but the administration of the county recorder, the municipal court, the district attorney's office, the county detective and a newspaperman.

The Medford Traffic Bureau, which is conducting the agitation for a revision of freight rates for southern Oregon, and which has three cases pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission, and an equal number before the State Railroad Commission, has inaugurated a campaign to submit to the people of Oregon at the next general election, an initiative bill to establish equitable rates for all points—one schedule of distance class for the entire state.

The Amalgamated Sugar Company, which has been seeking to obtain all the water of Catherine Creek for use in irrigating its beet sugar plantation in Union county, won a partial victory in the federal court at Portland when Federal Judge Wolverton issued an injunction restraining Frank Henge and between 15 and 20 other farmers of Union county from using more than 100 cubic miners' inches of water under six-inch pressure from the creek during August, September and October. The suit is not yet adjudicated, however, the injunction being only temporary.

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6:15	57	Wilcox	8:15
6:30	45	Kent	8:30
6:45	32	Bourbon	8:45
7:00	20	Grass Valley	9:10
7:15	8	Erskine	9:35
7:30	27	Moro	9:45
7:45	15	Demoss	10:00
8:00	3	McDonald	10:15
8:15	14	Sendon	10:35
8:30	16	Klondike	10:45
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