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If the constitution of the United
States prescribed a single presi-
dential term, politics at present
would be safer and saner and the
business outlook more settled.

In the Maryland presidential
primaries only half the vote of the
two parties came out. In such
factional politics there is precious
little that is entitled to be called
conclusive.

The late king of Denmark had
the advantage of beginning life as
a poor boy. Two of his sisters,
though princesses, were compelled,
on account of limited family
means, to make their own dresses,
yet one became the queen of
England, and the other empress
of Russia.

Even without reciprocity this
country continues to make re-
markable gains in its trade with
Canada. The dominion is mov-
ing ahead at a great pace and the
lion's share of Canadian growth
in foreign commerce falls to the
American eagle.

It is predicted that within 10
years postal banks in the United
States will hold \$500,000,000 and
that the thrift of the people will
be far more general than ever be-
fore; the French people who can
come forward at any time with a
billion or two must look to their
laurels in saving.

The 80 years contest for direct
election of United States senators
stands on the threshold of success.
The senate last year and the house
last week have passed the Bristol
bill which provides for an am-
endment to the national constitu-
tion to effect a change from the
present method.

The flood in Mississippi, com-
ing from over thirty states, is a
costly object lesson, but it finds
congress in session and aroused to
the necessity of better methods in
waterway improvement. Army
officers estimate the loss at \$50,-
000,000. The figures indicate the
value of permanent prevention of
such calamities.

The thoroughness and energy
with which the general or finan-
cial committee of citizens of Walla
Walla is pushing plans for the
monetary benefit of Whitman
college render it probable that the
\$225,000 needed can be secured
within the set limit of time. It is
up to Walla Walla to prove its
appreciation of the institution.

From information brought out
by the congressional investigation
it appears that the great Atlantic
liners carry only a handful of real
sailors. Most of those who go by
that name are deck scrubbers,
painters, brass polishers and watch-
men. Of the crew of one vessel,
393 belonged to the engine room
and stoke-hole force, 476 were
stewards and 100 were classified as
sailors. But of the 100 sailors
there were not more than twenty
besides the officers who could
perform the true sailormen's
duties.

The Lost Opportunity.

Democrats of the house are in
a fine way of losing what was to
be one of the chief assets of their
presidential campaign; greater
economy in government and re-
duction of the high cost of living
from public extravagance.

They helped through a bill in-
creasing pension expenditures by
\$75,000,000, which the senate now
reduces to \$25,000,000, but which
is \$25,000,000 more than present
revenues will stand.

They provided an extra expendi-
ture of over \$14,000,000 through
a measure to subsidize from the
federal treasury rural free delivery
roads.

They are still hungrily lingering
around the full pork barrels for
rivers and harbors and public
buildings.

They have refused to begin at
home with economy in voting to
maintain the old mileage schedule.
But the high cost of living as re-
lated to government extravagance
will figure in the campaign along
with the tariff. Congress may for-
get it but will the people?

A Democratic Dark Spot Looming.

William J Bryan is growing restive.
The old ambition to run for the
presidency is stirring in his
blood, and there are signs that he
is going to get into the fight on
his own behalf, if he has not done
so already. With the increasing
strife in the republican ranks the
Nebraskan probably feels that
there is a better chance for demo-
cratic victory this year than ever
before within his time, and conse-
quently that it is the year of
golden opportunity for him. The
reports from Washington have it
that there is a strong "demand"
for Bryan, and this "demand" is
being carefully nursed by the Ne-
braskan's friends.

Thrift Shown in Postal Savings Banks.

The postal savings bank is to
play an increasing part as a worker
against the increased expensive-
ness of modern life. It does this
by encouraging the formation of
an American habit of thrift. It
has made a good start in this
direction.

Postmaster Gen. Hitchcock re-
ports that on March 31st the postal
savings banks of the United
States had deposit of \$16,200,000.
It is surprising that there exists a
variance in the case of some cities
between their rank in population
and their rank as depositors in
these banks. Portland, Or., for
example, which ranks 28th in
population among American cities,
nevertheless stands 3d in the am-
ounts of its deposits, being sur-
passed in these only by greater
New York and by Chicago,
though each of these is enormous-
ly larger.

The exodus of American farm-
ers into the Canadian northwest
may soon attain proportions of
serious significance to the United
States when the plans of one of
the great Canadian railroads for
loaning money to settlers will
have been put into effect. Accord-
ing to the announcement
made by the officials this railroad
has set aside \$500,000 to be loaned
next year in \$2,000 lots to Ameri-
can farmers who wish to settle in
western Canada. The same road
is preparing to lend further sums,
varying from \$1,000,000 to \$5,-
000,000 annually, for the same
purpose.

Congressman Humphrey of our
sister state deserves a vote of hon-
or from every development league
on the Pacific coast for his able
argument in support of American
ships engaged in coast wise trade;
he roundly scored that provision
of the Panama canal bill imposing
tolls on American vessels declar-
ing that no other nation would so
discriminate. He denied that the
remission of tolls on American
ships would be a subsidy, asserting
that such action would be to the
direct benefit of shippers and a
blessing to the people of the Pa-
cific coast.

The state grange proposes a so-
lution of the problem of higher
education; a millage tax, segrega-
tion of the University and O. A. C.
courses into their proper fields,
and the taking of the appropri-
ations of both out of legislative
pockets.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

The regular May term of circuit
court for Sherman county was
opened Monday morning at 9
o'clock by Judge D R Parker,
and the following cases were dis-
posed of:

1281 Moore Bros. & Ginn, vs
Ruby B Pettes and Bertha E
Glenn. Motion for default al-
lowed.

1294 Oregon State Land Board
vs Anna J Brock, D E Gilman
and Chas Wickersham. Order
made confirming sale of property
by sheriff.

1296 1/2 Petition of Emil An-
dersen to be admitted to citizen-
ship.

1328 T M Greer et al vs Julius
Medler. Demurrer of defendant
withdrawn and answer to be made
to complaint on 22d.

1329 Chas A Buckley vs Le-
ander Martin and Jennie B F
Martin. Order made confirming
sale of property.

1329 1/2 Petition of William
Reid to be admitted to citizen-
ship was granted.

1334 Henry Link vs John E
and Mrs J E Cavanaugh and W
B and Jennie Wilcox. Decree
and execution issued.

1335 State Land Board vs B F
Ireland and Geo E James. Set-
tled and dismissed.

1336 State Land Board vs Ora
L Ireland. Settled and dismissed.

1338 Wasco Warehouse Mill-
ing Co vs C O Porter. Return
made on execution.

1340 Fred Krusow vs James
Stewart. Default and judgment.

1343 E J Rasmussen vs Thos
E Sink. Judgment by default.

1347 Wasco Warehouse Mill-
ing Co vs J E Blue. Settled and
dismissed.

1350 State of Oregon vs Carl
Stevens. Indictment, murder 2d
degree. A panel of 36 was called
in this case before the following jury
was selected: F R Messinger, C
G Silvers, G O Warfield, W B
Rice, L H Brisbane, N P Gleason,
Chris Andersen, Geo Hennagin,
Geo Witter, A A Case, E P Lar-
kin, J C Hockman. The case was
given to the jury Wednesday
afternoon at 5 o'clock, and had
failed to reach a verdict as we go
to press Thursday morning.

1351 Chas Gollither et al vs F
L S Beyermer. Return made on
execution.

1356 Daniel Stewart vs James
Stewart and Fred Krusow. Con-
tinued.

1357 J R Kaseberg vs Charles
M and Jean Sharpstein. Con-
tinued.

The grand jury after consider-
ing several cases coming before
them reported no indictments at
this time. The members of the
grand jury were: H L Peugh, E
K Eslinger, L L Peetz, A S John-
ston, Frank Watson, V H Smith,
L J Pape.

The faster a man the easier it is
for trouble to overtake him.

The date fixed for the National
republican convention at Chicago
is Tuesday, June 18th.

Several sunspots and the tail of
a new comet are in sight; weather
eccentricities are expected, and
always happen anyway.

Practically the entire peach crop
of the Willamette valley has been
destroyed by a combination of
cold weather and fruit pests.

Every politician of note wants
to be like Abraham Lincoln, but
in trying to be like him not many
of them use the real Lincoln
method.

The good old McGuffey reader
of 60-odd years ago "still lives";
Mrs A M Pease of Ellensburg has
a copy which she has treasured for
over 30 years.

One of the fads to cut out in
the management of life is Lillian
Russell's nonsense about "deep"
breathing; don't fool your health
by trying that fad.

So severe has the drought been
in the vicinity of DeSmet, S. Da-
kota, that a number of settlers
have shot their emaciated livestock
to put them out of misery.

The Buyers' Side.

The paramount question with
the experienced automobile buyer
is: "What is the coming car to
be? What must it do, and what
must it have the most of, that cars
today haven't? How much
should we pay for a car to get
one with honest construction and
the necessary comfort-adding fea-
tures?" The answer is probably
as follows—see if this is the an-
swer you'd make:

"The coming car must be really
self starting. We are tired of
cranking our motors. The en-
gine must get its life without any
exertion on our part. Women
may then drive gas cars; their hus-
bands may then have a car they
like and a car the family can use.
Some cars have an almost-self-
starter, but the coming car must
have one that starts.

"The coming car must be elec-
tric lighted. We are tired of
generators and gas tanks; of the
inconvenience of having them run
out and the bother of having them
filled and refilled. We want to
light our lights from the driver's
seat, by pressing another button
and be free from dependence on
matches, mussy carbide and ill-
smelling gas.

"The new automobile must
have demountable rims. We
won't wrestle, haul and labor as
we have done in the past much
longer. All these worries and
bothers have had their day; it is
high time for their utter aboli-
shment.

"The coming car must have a
wheel base of at least 122 inches.
We have been jolted and bumped
and thrown until we are ill tem-
pered. Cars can be made with
this wheel base if the makers will
buy the proper material. We
motorists will soon refuse to buy
pug-nosed cars, for we know
what short wheel base means.

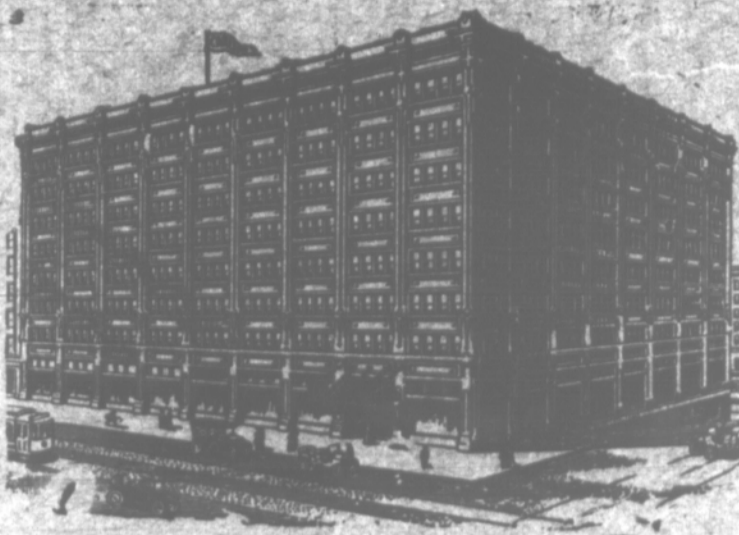
"We must have, at the same
time; a car that is stylish, for style
and these comforts can be com-
bined. We are right as to this,
and we know it. We won't ride
tomorrow in cars that look awk-
ward, for the same reason that we
won't wear baggy clothes.

"The coming car must, of
course, have power. It must be
more than 30. That's enough on
the straightaway, but not for sand,
hills and in emergencies. It must
not have too much power, for
that means expense. It must be a
strong, light car with, say 40 or 45
horse power. We know, for we
have driven the small and the
great. It must be between these
two.

"We demand a sturdy and
strong car, but will refuse to buy a
car that weighs over 3,300 pounds,
for overweight means tire ex-
pense.

"This is the ideal car as we see
it. Can you think of a thing in
addition to this that would make
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the whole country must shiver.

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towards the larger cities; the
country's assurance of business
stability and public and private
morality is in the smaller ones.

Business men admit that it is the
advertised business that proves a
winner, and the unadvertised busi-
ness that fails to succeed.

The smaller industrial centers
are becoming the real power.
The great centers are gaining in
population and losing in influence.
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in both. And we shall contribute
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