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1906.

The year 1906 promises to be one of exceptional importance to the state of Oregon and to the entire Northwest. The transportation lines now projected many of which seem pretty certain of being built, will open up a region of vast wealth both in mineral and agricultural lands, timber is also abundant and of they very best quality. The result of this new development will be of doubtful benefit to the big stock interests of Central and southern Oregon but the state as a whole will be benefited. Portland is the natural metropolis of all this prospective wealth and if she is awake to her interest she can easily capture the trade of an empire in fact. The benefits, however, will not result to Portland alone but the whole state will feel the impulse of this new life.

Conditions Political

In this country, the great event of the year was the entrance of President Roosevelt upon his new term of office, with an influence that was effective in bringing Russia and Japan to an agreement at Portsmouth, that subsequently brought the Southern States into a friendly attitude toward the administration, and that finally showed itself in the reform wave that swept the country in the November elections. Recent years have witnessed in this country an industrial progress far beyond anything the world had ever known. So rapid a growth of industry and wealth was inevitably attended by many evils. The exposure of these evils and the attempt to remedy them have passed over to the year 1906 as "unfinished business" from the year that lies behind us. The recent campaign attack upon the control of politics by corporations through the boss system will be continued this year, and will make itself felt in the State and Congressional elections next November. The investigation carried on by the Armstrong legislative committee in New York into the methods of the large insurance companies will merely have pointed the way to many others inquiries and exposures that must take place before the fight against corporation control of our government and politics can be fairly won. The separation of Norway and Sweden is an interesting event of the year 1905, but it has not nearly so much significance in the field of actual politics and government as the election of Mr. Jerome in New York or the overthrow of the machine in Philadelphia. —Review of Reviews.

In The Interest of Labor

The conviction of the Sluggers of the Chicago Strike will meet the approval of intelligent laboring men. The employment of their class of men and the principles they represent can not result favorably to the labor unions. Besides placing the union under the ban of the law they bring discredit upon an otherwise praiseworthy institution. The sympathy and approval of the mass of the people is necessary to the success of the labor movement; such scoundrels as these convicted the other day in Chicago, do more than anything else to estrange the people of law abiding instincts from the cause. The cowardly murder of Ex-governor Stalkinberg in Idaho the other day should it be traced to labor union leaders will be a blow from which unionism will not soon recover. We do not think that any organization of laboring men would, in rank and file, approve of such dastardly deeds. But if such a thing is possible and the fact should be fastened on any union as a whole or as any local lodge every man should be punished as though he were a murderer. The Molly Maguire never perpetrated a more heinous deed. In behalf of honest labor such should be ruthlessly run down to the last man in any way connected with the most severe punishment administered. Labor unions will do well by themselves if they will by every means in their power clear beyond all doubt the skirts of their organizations of the acts and presence of such men as those Sluggers of Chicago and the cowardly murderers of Idaho.

A Good Subject for Annexation

San Demingo is having another of her annual revolutions, and the United States is spending more money as a result than the celebration costs the Demingions. Annexation is the logical and only method by which these republics can be brought into a proper appreciation of good behavior and the danger of the Monroe Doctrine would be materially decreased.

Wasco Needs It

The new council will have to deal with the electric light and power matter. We believe that Mr. Barnett is making the best proposition of the kind yet made and see no reason why if the matter is rightly handled, he and the city should not agree. Wasco needs cheap power; and electricity is the only cheap power that can be made available. We would rather see Mr. Barnett put in the plant than any outsider and especially since his offer is by far the most favorable. This not a matter of personal feeling but one of extreme importance to the city and surrounding country.

Very Silly

The Baker City proposition to make Alice Roosevelt a gift of about \$800,000 as a wedding present is about the most silly of all silly propositions. Neither Miss Roosevelt or her fiancé is poor but on the contrary in excellent circumstances financially. This proposition would sound more like it had come from a man of sense had it proposed to aid many a struggling young lady to a better place in life. Many as fair a bride as Miss Roosevelt puts on the cook apron and spends her honeymoon in the kitchen. It seems to us more of an insult to Miss Roosevelt than an honor. We do not wonder that the President was disgusted when told of the scheme.

The Colville Indians have ceded the North half of their reservation to the United States Government, the deal having been completed last week. This will throw considerable more land open for settlers eventually. The Government pays the Indians \$1,000,000.

W. J. Bryan will write a series of letters while on his two-year tour of foreign lands. These letters will appear once a week in a select list of the leading American daily newspapers, among which is THE JOURNAL.

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