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### CONSERVATISM WANING

That conservatism is a good thing no one will deny; but the MAIL will respectfully submit that there may be too much of a good thing in the way of conservatism, as in everything else.

Ultra-conservatism often lets opportunities pass which a livelier spirit would turn to good account. The world's progress is not made by the conservatives who believe in letting well enough alone. New fields are not opened up and cities are not built by them.

Conservatism is a valuable balance wheel, but when it is entirely too heavy for the motive power of the engines the whole machinery comes to a stop.

The Marshfield machine has, until lately, been slowing down for a year or two, solely because the motive power of the progressive spirits was over-weighted by the balance wheel. There seemed even danger that the weight was growing heavy enough to bring the whole concern to a standstill.

Now, however, the burden seems to be lightening and the power increasing and the old machine is turning up a good many more revolutions per minute than it was a short time ago.

The conservatism which kills all progress is taking a seat far enough back to allow a little leeway to those who would infuse more life into the business atmosphere. This is as it should be, and if the progressive spirit continues to grow, there is no doubt but Marshfield will continue to be the best town on the coast.

### WHAT A CHANGE!

Strange what a change is coming over the spirit of some people's dream about Major Kinney! If the payment of \$8000 makes such a difference, what may we expect when the Major digs up for the final payment on the Flanagan land? There will probably be a torchlight procession, with bands and banners, with prominent bankers and newspaper men of the town in carriages, while Dr. Tower, H. Sengstacken and the editors of the COAST MAIL will bring up the rear on foot. It will be a great show-watch for it.

### A New Industry.

The Coos Bay Creamery Co. have ordered the machinery and will install a plant for evaporating and drying all the skim milk. This product will be sold in the regular market. The dried article is used in the preparation of sizing for paper and other articles. This will give the farmers one more way of turning their skim milk into dollars.

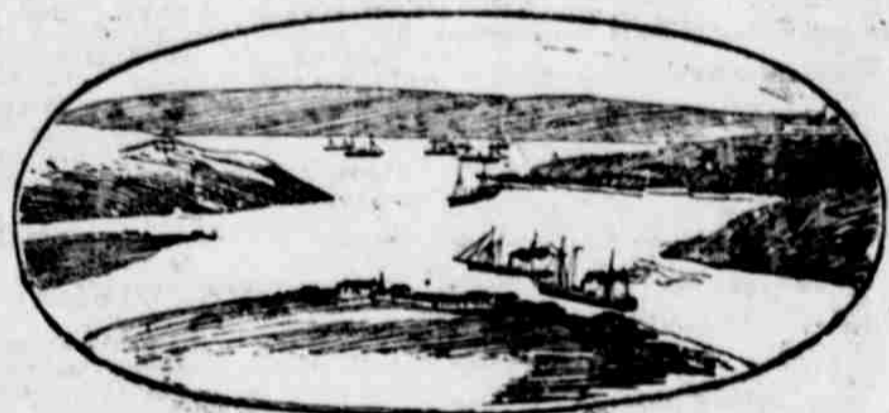
### Travel by Sea

Passenger list of out-going Arcata: Geo. Fee, Leo Chow, P. Clark, B. B. Darrin, Oscar Carlson, Geo. Banks, Joe Shine, C. Farindio, Frank Martin, A. Sleeper, S. Jonker, J. C. Lee, Miss A. Flanagan, R. Dianegan, J. B. Robinson, Mrs. J. E. Robinson, A. B. Gordie, second class.

# Progress of the War

BERLIN, Mar. 2d—The Taageblatt reports that Russia is on the verge of revolution, Minister of the Interior, Plehiye as in a most dangerous condition.

The starving rustics, maddened by the excessive use of vodka, are plundering estates and murdering land owners, and the government has proclaimed a minor, state of siege and a mild form of martial law in fifty-three out of seventy-one provinces of European Russia.



PORT ARTHUR, RUSSIA'S GREAT STRONGHOLD IN CHINA.

The Japanese bitterly resent the fact that Russia holds Port Arthur. They captured it from the Chinese, but Russia compelled them to evacuate because she wanted it herself. It is well fortified.

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

### Death of News.

London, March 1:—Again is there an absolute dearth of news from Port Arthur or the Vicinity of the Yula.

Significance is attached to this as indicating a possible fight in progress at Port Arthur. Several reports are current of Japanese reverses but they are not confirmed.

### Leave for Home.

London, March 1:—Twenty-five Japanese officers left for Japan today via America. A large crowd bade them farewell.

### Cruisers at Port Said.

Port Said, March 1:—A Russian cruiser sailed today toward Candia. The cruiser Demitri Donskoi if permitted to remain five days for repairs.

### Can Not Pass Dardanelles

Constantinople, Mar. 1—The Turkish government has resolved to forcibly prevent the Russian Black sea fleet from passing the Dardanelles. The defenses of the straits are being strengthened, due to England's threat to make a demonstration.

### Agitation for Intervention

Paris, Mar. 2—Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Honataux has started an agitation in favor of intervention by the powers to stop the Russo-Japanese war. French officials count much on the effect of the new movement.

### No Attack for a Fortnight.

Washington, March 1:—Information has been received here from Japanese sources that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur peninsula will not occur for a fortnight.

### Idle Rumors

London Mar. 2—A rumor was circulated in the Commons lobby today that Port Arthur had fallen. No confirmation was obtainable.

### Boats Put Back

Port Said, Mar. 2—Three of the Rus-

sian torpedo boats departing this morning in the direction of Canada, have put back, cause unknown.

### Activity in Dockyards

Odessa, Mar. 2—Great activity in various Russian dockyards exists as a result of the orders that all warships be placed in the highest state of efficiency ready for emergency orders.

## BANKS MUST COUGH UP Uncle Sam Wants Some Money Back

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Washington, March 3:—The treasury department is preparing a call ordering National banks of the country to pay in twenty million dollars from the funds deposited in them by the treasury itself. The money will be devoted to payment for Panama canal property concessions.

### Keep Sweet

Smile in your mirror and it smiles back at you; look pleasantly at the world and it reflects your good-natured looks; cultivate a warm feeling toward all men and they radiate and give back the warmth. Deal justly. Trade on broad principle. Be not too jealous of your rights. The world-mankind—soon discovers where it was well treated and trades there.

Be loyal to your clerks and they will return it in loyalty. Trade on broad lines, buy of broad people, treat the public generously and success is sure to come—a success that is worth the winning and keeping and cherishing. Be exacting carping, looking out carefully for your little rights, and sure as the sun shines the world will have its eye on you watching you in a way that you do not care to be watched. Keep sweet and move on.—Batten's Wedge.

# Late general News

Los Angeles: Mar. 2—Laborers on the Pacific electric Railway have gone on strike and several hundred are now out. They have refused to submit to the cut in wages from \$1.75 to \$1.

Norfolk, Mar. 2—The second district at the republican convention today split into two sets of delegates who will go to Chicago. The one which is sent by the federal faction will be all white, the other will be of whites and blacks alike. The state convention tomorrow promise to split also.

Sacramento, March 2:—Advices from all river points show that the water is receding, except at the island in the lower part of the river, where it is at a standstill.

Anxiety is felt about the Pearson district, which is threatened by water as a result of the Edwards break, and hundreds of men are working night and day with sacks.

Sacramento, March 2:—This division of the Southern Pacific is now in good order.

New York, Mar. 2:—The hotel Darlington, an uncompleted structure thirty stories high, on 46th street, near 6th, collapsed this afternoon. The police report eight men killed and a dozen injured. Reserves have been called and ambulances summoned.

Fifty men were at work at the time and of these only ten are accounted for up to 3 P. M. The others are in the ruins. The workmen who escaped believe that all are dead.

Rescue work proceeds rapidly. The cause of the collapse is not definitely known, but it is believed that the immense steel girders buckled.

In falling the wreckage raked the rear of the "Patterson" apartment house, damaging it considerably. Miss Dodge a waiter, is reported killed.

New York, Mar. 2—Further examination has disclosed that twenty men were at work on the building, of whom all are accounted for but five. One body has been recovered. Mrs. Frank Storrs, a wealthy woman living in the Patterson apartment house, was killed there.

Los Angeles, Mar. 2—Closing arguments are being made today in the case of Col. Griffith, for attempted wife murder. Griffith is a prominent club man and politician. He gave Griffith Park to the city.

He shot his wife in the eye, following her denial that she tried to poison him and was untrue. The defense is insanity.

Griffith drank nearly a quart of whiskey daily.

St. Louis, Mar. 2—The Oldroyd collection of relics of Abraham Lincoln, which is to be bought by the United States government, and which is eventually to form the nucleus of a great Lincoln memorial and museum to be established in Washington will be exhibited at the World's Fair.

### To Prevent Investigation

Washington, March 2:—At the meeting of the Senate committee on Post-offices today, the republican members are charged with leaving the room to break a quorum, to prevent the possible adoption of a resolution providing for exhaustive investigation of the Post-Office department.

St. Louis Mar. 2—Flanking the great floral clock on the north side of the Palace of Agriculture at the World's Fair will be the largest six vases ever built. As the clock, with its dial 100 feet in diameter, appears to be constructed entirely of flowers, so will the vases appear to be built of Flora's most beautiful offerings.

These giant vases in the tops of which are oblong flower beds 12 feet by 16 feet, are designed by Mr. Haddock, Superintendent of Floriculture, and they stand on the slope of a terrace 30 feet wide having a slant of 30 degrees. The vases assume the form of mammoth baskets of flowers, and so tall is each basket that the handle rises several feet above the top of the terrace.

Columbus, Mar. 2: The joint session of the legislature today elected General Chas. Dick to succeed the late Mark Hanna as United States senator for both long and short terms.

Seattle, Mar. 2 The New rainer club building was gutted by fire this morning. A short circuit in the light wires was the cause. Loss thirty thousand dollars.

Washington, Mar. 2—The "Show Me" state was much in evidence in the House cloak rooms this morning when Representatives Cochran and Hunt of Missouri nearly came to blows during a discussion of the gubernatorial candidacy of Circuit Attorney Joe Folk.

Hunt is anti-Folk and he expressed contempt for his colleagues who come from outside the St. Louis limits.

Cochran hotly stated that only fraud could defeat Folk, whereupon Hunt started to "show" Cochran.

Champ Clark broke in and literally lifted Cochran from his feet and carried him out of danger.

Hunt then announced that he could lick the whole Missouri delegation, but hostilities gradually ceased.

New London, March 1:—Word from Fort Terry, on Plum Island, states that three members of the hundredth United States infantry are dead and two dying, as the result of drinking wood alcohol, stolen from the fort barber shop.

Washington, Mar. 2—Investigation of the right of Reed Smoot of Utah, to retain a seat in the senate of the United States, he being an apostle of the Mormon church, began this morning in the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections.

The room was crowded with witnesses from Utah, representatives of the various organizations of that section and others interested in the case.

President Smith, the highest official in the Mormon church, was the first witness. On the lapel of his coat was a button an inch in diameter bearing a picture of his father, a patriarch of the church.

Smith affirmed instead of being sworn. He was examined by former congressman Taylor, of Ohio of counsel for the opposition.

Smith said he had been a resident of Salt Lake City since 1848 and was president of the Church, and was recognized as a prophet, seer and revelator. The same recognition, also, was accorded to apostles of the Church. He believed that he possessed all powers of authority possessed by any of his predecessors in the office of president.

Besides being president of the Church

he was president of many business institutions. The Mormon church was founded by his uncle Joseph Smith, who discovered the place containing the creed of the church, now called the Book of Mormon. The bible doctrine and covenants were recognized as divine authority.

Smith said every member of the church was entitled to a revelation from God for his own guidance, but no revelation through the head of the church become binding or authoritative on the members of the church until accepted by the majority.

He knew of instances in which a large number of members of the church had rejected revelations, but none were ever rejected by a majority. But only those who accept are in good standing.

In response to Hoar, witness said it was his belief that revelations to the church had always been direct from God and any one that rejected them rejected a direct commandment from God.

On the subject of approval of the first presidency, in response to a question by Hoar, Smith said the choice of Brigham Young as second president of the church was the result of direct revelation. This to him was a matter of certainty, and he said: "I believe it with all my heart."

A list of twelve apostles governing the church was read by Taylor. It included Smoot's name. Smith testified the central head of the church consisted of three presiding high priests, constituting the first presidency, a president and two counselors who are apostles. The later were at first chosen by revelation, but since then vacancies have been filled by choice of the apostolic body.

There is a revelation in the Book of Mormon on plural marriages. Not more than three or four per cent of the members of the Mormon church ever enter plural marriages. Many thousands never accepted the revelation and never believed in the doctrine, but never-the-less are members of the church in good fellowship.

## CRAZY MAN IN WAR DEPT. Kills One Clerk and Wounds Another.

Washington, Mar. 3:—William O'Brien, a discharged soldier from St. Elizabeth insane asylum, this morning shot Robert Manning and Arthur Wicker, War Department clerks, the latter seriously. The man came into the adjutant general's office and asked for papers. He was referred to the records in the pension office, and he then cut loose with his pistol.

Manning's wound penetrated the stomach. Wicker was shot in the left arm. O'Brien was disarmed by the other clerks and arrested. Gen. Chaffee participated in the subjection of the maniac.

## KING EDWARD'S SEVERE COLD

London, March 3:—On account of contracting a severe cold King Edward did not attend the horse show today, and the queen is attending his majesty.

London, March 3:—At Buck'nham palace it is stated that the King's cold is in the head and only slight.