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...mas and the week following ...given up by all to enjoy ...one way or another. Yet ...the joy and merriment, a ...ear passes out most every ...a spell of sober, serious ...—a sort of serious review of ...er own actions during the ...osing. Do what we will ...help holding up our ...al inspection. Nor ...ly very well pleased ...e picture presented. S... ...hings will crowd upon the ...— wrongs committed; du... ...lected; unkind words spoken; ...broken and divers and sun... ...her shortcomings, that, if i... ...remedy the matter, we would ...ing to employ a very cheap ...administer the richly de... ...kickings. Now if we profit ...hour of sober reflection—by ...stakes of omission or commis... ...the past the hour is indeed ...ent. We all have a monitor ...us, that, if we will only listen ...d obey, we will rarely go ... If this hour of serious ...ht will cause us to avoid, in ...ew year, repeating the mis... ...of the past, if it will cause us ...off this or that useless and ...ap vicious habit; if it will ...us to resolve to speak word... ...dness in lieu of the harsh and ...words of the past year, the ...is far from wasted.

...ere are very many things that ...n do that will result in happi... ...to ourselves as well as to our ...ds. No true friend, but what ...ined when you do a wrong act, ...ther against yourself or some ...else, nor but what rejoices and ...ade happy when you do a right ...

We are, all of us, a sort of ...le of habits. Our standing be... ...the world is largely made up ...the reflection thrown off by ...habits. Our society is sought ...avoided relatively as are our ...its good or evil; for it is a very ...saying, "Birds of a feather will ...k together" and is no less true ...men and women than of birds. ...the hour of reflection will ...s to avoid the evil habit or ...ions of evil turn and in lieu ...to cultivate good habits and ...d companionship, if it will cause ...to be honest and act honestly in... ...ad of being dishonest and acting ...honestly; if it will cause us to ...ke extra endeavor to pay our ...ts, to be truer to ourselves, our ...ilies and our friends, it will ...ove most profitable indeed. We ..., in the battle of life, either pro... ...essing or retrograding. There is ...standstill. He who does not at... ...mpt to control the bad habit or ...t practice of last year will ...e inclination to reform or act ...stly this year of much less ...rce.

Then let us all pay heed to the ...nclusions of our hour of reflection. ...et us obey the commands of the ...ttle inward monitor. Let us en... ...eavor to be better men and women ...hen we were last year. Let us re... ...olve to live more honestly and up... ...ightly then we have in the past. ...et us be more correct in our own ...tions and more charitable for the ...aults and frailties of others. If we ...o this the world, will have been ...etter because we lived in it.

WISDOM NOW APPARENT.

The men who formulated the pol... ...cies of the populist party, in the ...ight of the present day, were re... ...markable for their far-sightedness. ...Nevertheless, they were said to be ...ong-haired, wild-eyed, visionary ...anatics, they advocated reforma... ...ions, many of which have been and ...are being incorporated into law by ...he republican party.

It will be remembered that the ...eading issues advocated by the peo... ...ple's party, from 1892 to 1896 were, "The initiative and referendum." "An increased volume of standard money" and "Government control ...or ownership of railroads, telegraphs, ...elephones, etc."

Oregon has adopted as a constitu... ...ional law, the first mentioned of ...these reforms and other states are ...able to do the same in the near ...future. Populists at that time of ...panic and low prices, demanded an ...increased volume of standard money; ...advocating the free coinage of sil... ...ver as a means to reach that result. ...We can all remember, at what ruin... ...ously low prices commodities, food products, etc. were bought and sold, and, also, that from treasury reports, there was but $17 per capita in circulation, much of which was held dormant in the banks. It was argued by the populists, that the volume of money in circulation regulated prices—that if you double the volume of money, you double the prices of commodities. While it is true, that we do not have the free coinage of silver, we have doubled the volume of standard money and if you will compare the general range of prices, you will find that in most cases they are double what they were from '92 to '96. Populists did not place so much stress on the free coinage of silver as they did, on an increased volume of money. They simply advocated free coinage as a means to reach the desired end. They did not know then, that Alaska and the Pacific coast were on the eve of yielding millions of gold; nor that the mints were about to coin more silver then they ever had before; nor that national banks were to be empowered to issue a dollar for every dollar of bonds deposited in the federal treasury. But all of these things have come to pass. We may question the wisdom of giving the banks a stronger hold on the people, but welcome the justification of the populist contention for an increased volume of money. Therefore the second of the reforms mentioned may be said to be an accomplished result.

The control of railways, telegraphs, etc., was, it might be said, the leading reform advocated by the populists. This result has not yet been attained; but the entering wedge has been set and President Roosevelt has struck it a lusty blow in his recent message to congress. The time has arrived when the fact must be demonstrated who is the master—the government or the railroads. The railroads will have to submit to reasonable regulation as to freights, fares, etc., or submit in the end to government ownership. This is practically the view of the matter that the president takes, and which is being discussed privately by our law-makers. It is quite probable that a bill will be introduced soon after the holiday recess, embodying the president's views. When this third populist reform is an accomplished result, who will then think of ridicule in connection with populist of ten years ago. Let us be candid and just. Let us give those long-haired, wild-eyed fanatics" credit for starting a campaign of education that is about to culminate in the vindication of his judgment. Let us be just and give him credit for seeing further ahead in state-craft then any of those who met his argument, with ridicule only. The only wonder is that it has taken the republican party ten years to find out facts that were well understood then by the "fanatics" pops.

SEEM TO BE ANXIOUS.

Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann, are in Portland. They have come all the way from Washington, D. C., for the privilege of telling what they know about the land swindle. Its a little strange that they were unwilling to come, before Puter McKinley & Co. had been convicted of conspiracy and had made confessions, giving the entire business away. What was it that caused the sudden change of mind, on their part, from a refusal to come, to an extreme willingness and anxiety to make the long journey and a desire to tell what they knew? Both gentlemen say they are innocent, in intent, of all wrong doing: that while they may have assisted in the steal in an official capacity, they were not aware at the time that they were aiding in the fraudulent work. If these statements are true, why did they refuse to testify, before these confessions were made? If they had innocently been made cats-paws of, why were they not willing to assist in placing the fraud on the proper shoulders? Well, they may be innocent and the News, for the good name of Oregon hopes that they will be enabled to establish their innocence to the satisfaction of all, but Missourians want to be shown. The statement that Secretary Hitchcock is persecuting them because of personal animosity, is simply nonsense. Everybody (except the thieves) will endorse President Roosevelt in his efforts to punish the guilty and no matter what is the standing of those guilty of fraud, all desire them to be punished to the full extent of the law. If our representatives in congress are among the number, the sooner that fact is established to the complete satisfaction of the people, the better. We are entitled to men in those positions, of whose honesty and integrity there is no question.

Scio will soon have rural delivery on mail route No. 2. It might be well to remind our republican friends, that "rural mail delivery" is another blessing that originated in the populist ranks. The measure was first introduced in congress by Hon. Thomas Watson, elected to congress by Georgia populists.

TO BATTLE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

The present indications are that the Russian and Japanese fleets will come into collision before Manchurian waters are reached. Apparently, the programme is for the two divisions of Russia's Baltic fleet to meet near the Chagos islands, in the Indian ocean, on or around Christmas day. The larger division of the fleet, under Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, who is to command the entire flotilla, has passed Cape Town. Rear Admiral Folkersam, with the remainder of the vessels, was at Jibutil at latest accounts. The converging point is believed to be the Chagos islands, and from there to Manchurian waters the whole Baltic fleet is to advance in a solid body, if Japan fails to block the way.

But the Japanese may attempt to disturb this programme. A Hong Kong correspondent of a London paper has seen a powerful Japanese squadron steaming southward, with the evident intention of attacking the Russian fleet. Whether the attack, if it takes place, will be made before or after the junction of the two Russian divisions is not known to the world. Manifestly, it would be to Japan's advantage to strike the Russian squadrons in detail. United, they are far stronger than any fleet which Japan can send against them. They have more men and more guns. Many of the Russian vessels are of modern build and equipment.

Japan is well aware of all these things. She has counted the odds against her, as she did at the beginning of the war. If she triumphs in her attack on the Baltic fleet she will have to do it as she did in all her other battles, by outclassing the Russians in dash, courage and skill. That she will overcome these new enemies there is not much room for doubt, but a hard fight is ahead of her, despite the evident incompetency of many of the Russian officers. Part of this Russian fleet, it will be remembered, distinguished itself by murdering a few poor English fishermen in the North sea two months ago, a proceeding which is now under investigation before the Paris tribunal. As the Port Arthur fleet is destroyed and the Vladivostok vessels are blockaded, Japan has a free hand in meeting the Baltic fleet: Some stirring news may be looked for any of these days around the Indian ocean or the China sea.—Globe-Democrat.

EDUCATION AND LIBERTY.

Education should make independent men. If you wish to train your children for liberty bring them up simply, and do not for a moment fear that in so doing you are putting obstacles in the way of their happiness. It will be quite the contrary. The more costly toys a child has, the more feasts and curious entertainments, the less is he amused.

In this there is a sure sign. Let us be temperate in our methods of entertaining youth, and especially let us not thoughtlessly create for them artificial needs. Food, dress, nursery amusements—let all these be as natural and simple as possible. With the idea of making life pleasant for their children some parents bring them up in habits of gormandizing and idleness, accustom them to sensations not meant for their age, multiply their parties and entertainments. Sorry gifts these! In place of a free man you are making a slave. Gorged with luxury, he tires of it in time; and yet when for one reason or another his pleasures fail him he will be miserable, and you with him; and, what is worse, perhaps in some capital encounter of life, you will be ready—you and he together—to sacrifice manly dignity, truth and duty, from sheer sloth.

Let us bring up our children simply, I had almost said rudely. Let us entice them to exercise that gives them endurance even to privations. Let them belong to those who are better trained to fatigue and the earth for a bed than to the comforts of the table and couches of luxury. So we shall make men of them, independent and staunch, who may be counted on, who will not sell themselves for pottage and who will have withal the faculty of being happy.

A too easy life brings with it a sort of lassitude in vital energy. One becomes blase, disillusioned, an old young man, past being diverted. How many young people are in this state! Upon them have been deposited, like a sort of mold, the traces of our decrepitude, our skepticism, our vices and the bad habits they have contracted in our company. What reflections upon ourselves these youths weary of life force us to make! What announcements are graven on their brows?

These shadows say to us by contrast that happiness lies in a life true, active, spontaneous, ungalled by the yoke of the passions, of unnatural needs, of unhealthy stimulous; keeping intact the physical faculty of enjoying the light of day and the air we breathe, and in the heart the capacity to thrill with the love of all that is generous, simple and fine.

BEING MUSTERED OUT.

The Quincy Whig, published in the town in which is located the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, says:

Beside the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, on the summit of a hill, reached by a winding roadway among the trees, is a silent city that is constantly growing. The feeble old warriors, broken in health or bowed beneath the weight of years, are, one by one, joining the comrades who have gone before and who await in the final camp the trumpet call of judgment day. Pension Commissioner Ware, in a recent report stated that, in the entire country, 150 veterans of the great war are now being daily mustered out by death. A company and a half a day, as one writer puts it! More than a full regiment answers the summons every week. Four thousand, five hundred every month! Over fifty-four thousand a year—more than Sherman headed in his 100 days' fighting from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and over two-thirds as many as accompanied him on his famous march to the sea; more men than fought with Grant at Shiloh, more than Rosecrans had at Stone River or Chickamauga, two-thirds as many as Meade had at Gettysburg, nearly one half as many as moved with Grant when he began the last march to Richmond, over two-thirds as many as either Wellington or Napoleon had at the battle of Waterloo!

Let us pay due honor to those who remain. Let no one begrudge their treatment by the government with liberality and gratitude.

As the time approaches for the opening of the Lewis and Clark exposition, its scope is rapidly broadening. A number of states have recently announced their intention to erect buildings. They will have to get busy very soon if buildings of much importance are erected. It is said the exposition will open free from debt. If so, it will probably be the first one of equal magnitude of which such could be said. One thing, however, is true. The state board of commissioners are men that can say "no." They seem to be determined to carry out to provisions of the law that gave the commission life.

Let us not be ashamed to make a New Year's resolution just because we have fallen some short in doing what we promised ourself one year ago we would do, Let us aim high, even though we do not always hit the mark. A high standard of faith and hope may not be so good as a high standard of performance, but the heart that keeps before it its highest ideals is sure to attain to greater heights than one whose thought is low.

CENTENNIAL NOTES.

"Hit the Trail" is to be the slogan of the Pacific Northwest in connection with the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

Douglas County, Oregon, has applied for exhibit space at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

It is estimated that the attendance at the Lewis and Clark Centennial will be betweene 1,250,000 and 1,500,000.

The American Inn. at the Lewis and Clark Centennial, which will be located on the Exposition grounds, will contain over 600 guests room.

The new building for the Lewis and Clark Centennial, made necessary by the demands for exhibition space, will contain 90,000 f set of floor space.

A Cuban exhibit from St. Louis is on its way to Portland, where the contents will be exhibited at the Lewis and Clark Centennial. The car is called Cuba on Wheels.

It is probable that the Riverside, Cal., County Irrigation display at St. Louis will be transferred and supplemented for the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

A Commercial Club has been organized at Albany, Oregon, to exploit Albany and Linn county. The club will have charge of Linn county's exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

The Topeka Commercial Club, of Dighton, Kansas, recently adopted resolutions conratulating the people of Portland on the Lewis and Clark Centennial, and favoring participation on a large scale by the people of Kansas.

The great Falls, Mont., Commercial Club is planning a fete to last several days, including the Fourth of July next, to celebrate the Centennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Lewis and Clark party spent the fourth in 1805 near Great Falls.

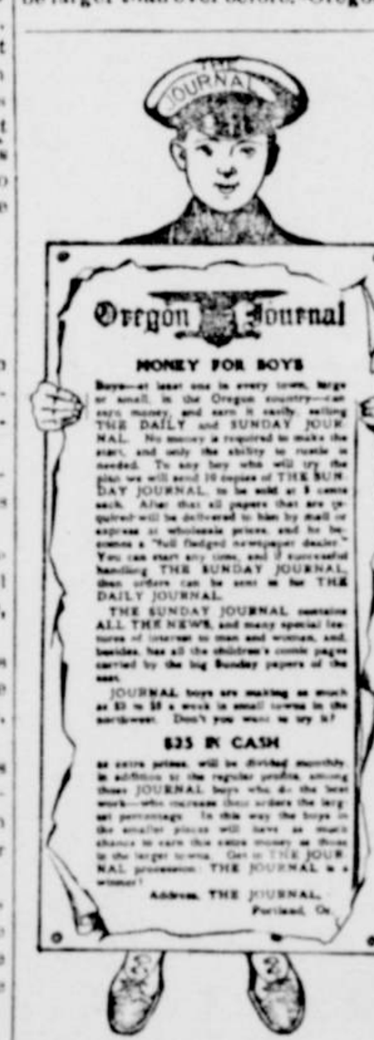
The project of a camping gsound to be located on the hills behind the Lewis and Clark Exposition is being agitated. Those favoring the project, argue that farmers and ranchers will want to drive to Portland during the Fair and camp out, and that Eastern people will enjoy the novelty of a few days of tent life.

CURIOUS PENSION STATISTICS.

Some of our pension statistics are curious. For example, we learn that there are still on the rolls three pensioners of the revolutionary war, which was brought to an end over 120 years ago. Of pensioners accredited to the war of 1812, there still remain 919, while of the Mexican war no fewer than 13,055 survive. Or those accredited to the revolutionary war, one is a widow and two are daughters. The report shows that pension payments are made to people residing in every state and territory in the union, and in almost every own country on the globe. Among the states, Ohio leads in the amount of pension money paid annually to its citizens, with Pennsylvania second, New York third and Illinois and Indiana following closely. At the date of the report, there were 4,910 pensioners residing outside of the United States, and they drew $722,440.69 in the last fiscal year. Nearly half of this amount went to persons in Canada.

Quarterly pension vouchers were sent besides to persons in Mexico, South America, every country in Europe, the Azores, the Barbados, China, the Comoro Isles, east and south Africa, Samoa, the Seychelles Islands, Siam and St. Martin. It shows that the pension bureau was a busy office last year. More than 260,000 cases were passed upon, and 150,000 certificates were issued. No fewer than 108,114 applications were rejected, of which 83,000 were thrown out on medical and 24,000 on legal grounds.

Over 1,500,000 pounds of wool of the 1905 clip have already been sold in the Wallows country at about 16 cents per pound, a figure which makes the sheep business a highly remunerative industry. These prices and the willingness of buyers to bind themselves to take the wool in practically unlimited quantities positively assures a prosperous year in at least one of Oregon's great industries. The livestock business is also showing indication of improvement, and the outlook for a continuation of good times throughout Oregon was never better. An immense acreage has been sown to Fall wheat, and, while the weather has not been altogether satisfactory there will be an opportunity for reseeding this land in the Spring, and the wheat acreage of the state will be larger than ever before.—Oregonian



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Leaves Corvallis	11.30 "	
Arrives Albany	12.15 P. M.	
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Leaves Corvallis	6:00 A. M.	
Arrives Albany	6:40 A. M.	
Leaves Albany for Detroit	7:30 A. M.	
Arrives Detroit	12.02 P. M.	
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Leaves Detroit	12.35 P. M.	
Arrives Albany	5.15 P. M.	
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