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at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a pair of Newtowns won first prize in 1910.

at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

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WATSON IS NOT A CANDIDATE

Writes That He Will Be Active in the Campaign if His Health Permits, But That He Will Not Be a Candidate for Any Office.

The Mail Tribune is in receipt of the following letter from C. B. Watson of Ashland regarding his candidacy for county judge:

To the Editor: My attention has been called to an item a few days ago in your paper suggesting that I am seeking the nomination on the republican ticket for county judge.

Please say that this is a mistake, that I am not only not seeking such nomination but under no circumstances would I accept it if it were offered to me unconditionally. I have had all the experience in politics as a candidate which I desire and feel that I am too old to engage in such turmoil as must follow such incumbency. I am not and will not be a candidate for any position whatsoever, though if in Jackson county when the campaign comes on, if my health permits it, I may be active. C. B. WATSON.

PROGRESSIVES MAY NOT SUPPORT COLONEL TEDDY

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A serious split between former President Roosevelt and the progressive leaders who are grooming him to oppose President Taft is impending today, according to reports from the Outlook office, as a result of Roosevelt's disinclination to adopt a radically progressive stand in his address to the Ohio constitutional convention at Columbus Wednesday.

It is reported that the clash has resulted over an endorsement of the trusts' plea for less business hysteria, which Roosevelt threatened to incorporate in his speech.

The progressive leaders here told Roosevelt that such an utterance alienated the western progressives and would cost him the nomination.

The conference is progressing this afternoon and every effort is being used to induce Roosevelt to eliminate this feature of his speech.

SECRETARY NAGEL CALLS SUBORDINATE DOWN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Angered by quotations attributed to F. G. R. Gordon, an immigration inspector, asserting that the strike of textile workers in the woolen mills of Lawrence, Mass., was called "merely to make socialist propaganda" and not because of intolerable conditions in the textile industry, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel wrote to Gordon demanding an explanation. Under the rules of the commerce department all employees are forbidden to talk for publication.

Secretary Nagel thinks that, since Gordon has not completed his investigation of the strike, "his temperamentally unsympathetic attitude" is seriously interfering with his duties if the statements attributed to him are true.

DOC KEENE TO THE RESCUE.

AFTER months of political eclipse, our genial and handsome fellow citizen, Dr. J. M. Keene, has emerged from the baleful shadow cast by popular government, prepared to rescue Oregon from the grip of the people and restore the state to the politicians and corporations. The valiant doctor would lead the famished horde back to the pie counter and revive the lost lustre and departed glory of the machine. Like a voice crying in the wilderness he trumpets forth the charge:

"The time has come to go down the line and call a convention, to ignore the fool laws passed by the people!

"Oregon has been U'Renized. We have been drifting along for years, letting U'Ren have his way. It is time to act. Call a convention at once and point out to the people the way things are going!"

Those who know Jackson county's distinguished statesman can well imagine the epithets which garnished these emphatic utterances. No cold print can convey the proper emphasis. The doctor is more than willing to lead where any dare to follow, and always fights a good fight.

But what's the use of being a statesman, when the fool laws passed by the fool people instruct you? What's the use of going to the legislature, if the Statement One nonsense cuts out the senatorial graft? What's the use of going to Chicago convention instructed, when you might bargain for federal patronage or, better yet, for cash?

When these fool laws of the fool people prohibit conventions, what chance is there for a statesman? How are we going to deliver the goods for Taft when the fool people want Teddy? What can the statesmen do, but "go down the line, ignore the fool laws and call a convention!"

Less than two years ago the statesmen met, with wild enthusiasm, waving of banners and shout of oratory, and in defiance of the fool people, ignored the fool laws and held the "assembly" as the convention was dubbed. The ticket was named—and slain by the fool people.

We all admire the unfettered front of our statesman. Defeat hath no terrors for him. His bourbonism is so thick an ax can't split it. Only Uncle Joe is as staunch a stand-patter. Lock arms with Doc Keene, and "go down the line," ignore the fool laws of the fool people, call a convention and deliver Oregon to that other staunch stand-patter, William Howard Taft!

THE OPTIMISTIC JUDGE

An irate easterner came into the Commercial club one day.

He put his dripping umbrella down, and fiercely began to say: "You advertise your weather here as something past sublime.

Your booklet would lead one to think it surpassed any other climate. I came out here just to escape the winter bleak and drear.

And I have never seen it rain as fierce as it does here."

The Judge then smiled his most oily smile, and gave his guest a chair.

"My friend," he said, "you don't understand, or you would scarcely dare

To criticize our weather so, for every drop of rain

Is heaven sent, and like nuggets fall For the growth of fruit and grain.

We pray for rain this time of year And if it does not come,

Our orchard roots would so parched be That the crop would be quite bum."

"That may be true," the man replied, "But last month was worse yet,

I nearly froze from the terrible cold. The frost was worse than the wet."

"Again, my friend," the Judge replied, "I see I must set you right,

If the frost did not come at this time of year,

The crops would suffer a blight. The blessed frost keeps the sap down

So early in the year. For now if the trees began to bud,

The outlook would be most drear."

Exasperated, the man again said, "What about this mud?"

You can't drive through it, you can't scrape it off,

It's worse than any flood." Said the Judge: "This mud

Is composed of good, old, lava ash. Its sticky quality is the best of all.

It's just as good as cash. Professor O'Gara will tell to you,

It is good on any land. For fruit culture it can't be beat

When mixed with a little sand."

"Your summers here are far too hot. The sun is a disc of fire.

I came out here for summers cool. So it does stir my ire

To be burnt alive in an awful glare Where coolness was expected.

I've got you now, you old skinflint," To himself the man reflected.

The Judge brightened up and took a pear

From the club's very finest exhibit. "My friend, see the color on this fruit,

And think if you'd prohibit The smiles of old Sol.

Who in summer comes To paint our fruit so bright;

Who mellows the flavor and adds to the color

By his radiance warm and bright. This is a fruit country first of all.

The seasons respect our need, And send us the weather we mostly crave.

So now the world we lead, Sunshine, frost and rain

Come at the given time. None in excess—none too much—

But all in needed line."

The Easterner gasped, then took his leave

And a few booklets to send away. "The country must be all to the good,

And the Judge is all right I say." He mentioned to a friend as he wrote

To come and invest in some land. "Come where the weather favors fruit

And the people boast in a band. But when you come, take things as they slide,

And never argue at all. No matter if things don't suit you at first,

For the Judge will make you feel small.

I'm sure if a cyclone blew through the town

And left not a shred at best. The Judge would proclaim with all his might

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: Your clipping from the New York Journal published in today's issue in regard to capital punishment certainly does not coincide with my views on the question.

A short time ago I heard Governor West speak in one of the churches of the east side in Portland. During his talk he read a letter written him by an ex-convict from Fresno, Cal., who told a hard luck story about a family to support and no work, but who at the same time admitted that he had quit a job of his own volition and evidently ashamed to give the reason why.

The governor admitted that he had helped him financially. And the fellow was probably looking for more assistance along the same line.

What struck me very strangely was to see the governor shed tears during the reading of this common, placid letter. Studying him as closely as I could during his discourse and judging from his actions during the last few months, his sympathy for the criminal element seems to be a weakness, a falling which he is probably unable to overcome.

It is strange how an apparently well meaning man's sympathies can at times be warped. They seem to lose sight of the desirable, law-abiding citizen and those dependent upon him, who peacefully going about his work during some unguarded moment was struck down by one of those.

My sympathies may too, be warped a little, but they are first and all the time with the one who is trying to make an honest living, and if I thought that capital punishment would be abolished in Oregon I would not care to make my home in this state, for I am convinced that it is the greatest deterrent of crime of any law of man and if invoked every time that a case justifies it, will save more lives of God-fearing men than could possibly be saved in criminal by the reprieve or pardon, for one criminal at large puts the lives of many in jeopardy.

We not only need what little capital punishment we have in the capital, but we need more to make it effective. I believe that Judge Cavanaugh of Chicago was right when he said that it was not the greatest punishment, but that it was the greatest deterrent of crime possible to meet out to the criminal element. It seems ample proof when one though rich will spend every dollar to divert the punishment from the nose to the penitentiary.

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SCHOOL BOYS KILL COUGAR

Eugene Moore, 9, and Frank Hillis, 12, of Woodville Kill Large Cougar as They are Going Home From School.

Eugene Moore and Frank Hillis, aged 9 and 12, of the Mays Creek school, at the head of Evans valley, on returning from school Monday night heard Mr. Moore's dogs baying near by. Supposing they had a rat or squirrel, the boys proceeded to the place to have some fun, but on arriving saw a large yellow animal in a tree, which glared at them and growled fiercely.

Eugene ran to the house for his father's 30.30, leaving Frank to guard the tree. Gene soon returned and with one well directed shot brought the animal to the ground. It was only wounded, however, and set up a fierce fight with the dogs. Gene, fearing the dogs would lose out, ran up and placing the gun nearly against the animal fired again, this time with deadly effect.

Then, dropping the gun, both boys beat it with clubs and stones, making sure that life was extinct before proceeding to drag it to the house where, upon their arrival, they were greatly surprised to learn that they had killed a cougar. This takes the pain for young hunters.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE SPEAKS GOOD WORD FOR SOOY-SMITH

The Chicago Tribune of February 4 contains the following: General William Sooy-Smith writes the Tribune from Medford, Ore., that he is anxious to secure the passage of senate bill 3324, which places him on the volunteer army retired list.

The bill was introduced by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon and referred to the senate military committee. General Sooy-Smith is in extremely poor health and suggests that he craves the honor and needs the emoluments his retirement will bring to him.

He is considerably over 80 years old, having graduated at the Ohio state university in 1840. He settled in Chicago about the time the civil war closed and was superintendent in engineering and construction work in Chicago for many years.

BANKER IS JUTE WORKER, AND A GOOD ONE TOO

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 15. A. J. Welty, convicted ex-banker of Bellingham, will make a good jute bag worker, according to Warden Reed today.

Welty is employed in the jute mill where he is "stuffing" jute. He will work in the mill for a time and later may be put to work on the penitentiary books.

ASHLAND AFTER ANOTHER SCHOOL

Commercial Club Makes Effort to the Bishop Scott School, an Episcopal Institution, Which is to Be Opened Again.

News comes from Ashland that that city, through its commercial club, will make a vigorous effort to secure the establishment of the Bishop Scott academy there. At a meeting of the club this week the matter of urging the school's establishment there and the offering of the old normal buildings for its use met with unanimous approval. The report of the special committee appointed to investigate the matter was to the effect that as a result of correspondence carried on with Episcopal officials the last month there was every prospect that Ashland could have the school if she would guarantee the possession of the buildings.

The report met with approval and the club decided to go after the school with a zest and bring the matter to a consummation as quickly as possible. The club points out the superior geographic location, delightful climate and pure water supply that make Ashland an ideal educational center.

The Bishop Scott Academy, a military school for boys, flourished in Portland many years, but was abandoned several years ago. Recently it was announced that in 1913 the academy would be re-established.

PORTLAND CHINESE TO DISREGARD NEW YEAR'S

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—Chinese New Years, which properly should begin Saturday, will be disregarded by the majority of local Chinese and the goods imported for the festivities will be used to celebrate the abdication of the Manchu emperor and the birth of the new republic.

Great preparations had been made to celebrate the new year, as there was a feeling that this year would be the last under the Manchu dynasty.

But the emperor "beat it to them" so to speak, by abdicating five days before the new year's expiration, and China became a republic and the calendar likewise progressed to 1912—and new years for the republicans was not.

To Probe Money Trust.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Declaration that the workings of the money trust will be the subject of a comprehensive investigation was made here today by Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, a member of the senate interstate commerce commission. The interstate commerce commission, he said, will conduct the investigation.

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