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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Not that we wish to discourage the proposed Lewis and Clark exhibition in Portland, but we have felt convinced that one of the first things connected with it have been overlooked—that of obtaining sufficient money to make it a financial success, and for that reason we have stated before we believe Portland is attempting something of a more costly magnitude than most people have any idea of, coupled with the fact that Portland is a long distance from the centers of population. We have been amused how the projectors and the state press and others have started in to boom the exposition, yet for all that it is time to ascertain what amount of financial backing it is going to receive from the capitalists and wealthy people of Portland. Probably this will tell more than anything else whether Portland can procure sufficient money, for if it is unable to do so it would be far better to quit right now than make a fizzle of it, for it is a national affair and it must be a first class exposition in every particular. It is money which is required, so let it be fully demonstrated that this can be raised before we undertake to boom the exposition right of, for Portland has never gone into a project like that which will require millions of dollars in ready cash to be donated or taken out in stock. It may be that the projectors are depending upon a large appropriation from the national government and the state legislature, but there is nothing positive about that.

The Salem Creamery Company, with headquarters at Salem, Oregon, is inaugurating a policy that should, we believe, commend itself to managers of other concerns of the kind in the Northwest. They have facilities for handling still more cream, and, in order to be sure they will get it, they propose to sell farmers separators on very easy terms, and to loan them money with which to buy cows, where they want to go into dairying and have not the ready cash. This is a policy that is bound to win, and if generally pursued it would very soon double the output of dairy products in the Northwest, to say nothing of poultry and pork products. And it would send live stock raising generally, and diversified and intensified agriculture, far to the front.—Pacific Homestead.

It can be seen from this that the butter manufacturers in the Willamette valley are trying to encourage dairying in every possible way, and as Tillamook is more adapted to profitable dairying than the valley, an effort should be made in this county to encourage people to clear up land and increase their dairy herds, for creameries and cheese factories in this county have grown too fast and a number of them do not receive milk enough to bring the cost of manufacture down to the minimum.

People who have read carefully and without the least prejudice the proceedings of the Schley court of inquiry have come to the conclusion that the whole controversy was an attempt to persecute Admiral Schley. Instead of making the admiral a coward, the evidence goes to prove that he was just a courage, just as able an officer, and just as entitled to the honors of the naval battle off Santiago as Admiral Dewey was for the battle in Manila Bay, and probably more so, for Schley had to contend with modern battle ships, while Dewey had only obsolete vessels and badly armed and manned to destroy. Surely the country will have very little confidence in the traducers of Schley, for the evidence goes to prove that the Brooklyn and the Oregon were in the thickest of the fight, and whether a loop or any other movement was necessary

to bring their sons to bear more directly upon the enemy they were equal to the occasion, and when the action was over and all the enemy's ships were destroyed the Brooklyn showed she had been in a fight and that the admiral was there also.

"The good book tells us that charity begins at home, and until all the street Arabs and unbelievers throughout this land are converted, it would seem that such people would be able to find all they can do at home."—Tillamook Herald.

Will our brother, Rev. R. M. Watson, please quote the chapter and verse or show where any such precept is taught in the good book, for we must confess we are awfully ignorant of such passages? Speak out in open meeting, Bro., and let the congregation know what kind of a new doctrine you are trying to inculcate to the surprise of bible students and theologians in this vicinity. We hope the rev. gentleman won't bob his head down behind the pulpit to evade his assertion, for a man, to be a preacher, should be a man who don't waste his time and money at the gambling table, setting a bad example in the community. Charity commences at home, my brother, when we have to admonish you for fear you may eventually become a regular tin horn gambler and saloon bum, thus giving you the first practical lesson where charity begins at home.

Three things which appear to give the American people no end of political trouble and food for discussion about election time are protection, reciprocity and tariff for revenue, so much so that the political issues centers upon them. All the big corporations and trust companies have favored high protection, because it was to their advantage, but it looks a little suspicious now for the sugar trust to want free trade for raw material for the sole purpose of freezing out the beet sugar in the United States. It seems as though what the trust companies want by way of tariff they get it, and from present indications reciprocity will be the battle cry of the republican party at the next presidential election. When the trust companies can tinker with the tariff periodically and toss it about like a shuttlecock, it is time it was taken out of the domain of politics, for then it would be more difficult for the corporations to attain their ends by putting money in the political pot to help this or that party. The average politician knows how to befuddle a large number of voters on tariff, and they succeed in doing so, especially if they are in the employ of the trust companies.

Joseph Pabst, of Kansas, deserves a medal. As a prisoner in the state penitentiary, hearing his family was destitute, he proceeded to escape. When a reward was offered for his recapture he surrendered to a friend, who secured the reward for the benefit of the prisoner's family. A man with a head on him like that should be employed financing some great corporate consolidation or trust.

We feel awfully sorry for some of the people in Astoria, for as long as they have the impression that all the commerce of the Columbia river and the state of Oregon should find its way there they will always find people to impose upon them. They are up against it again, and in a devil of a dilemma to know what to do about going down in their pockets again for a bonus.

Some 3000 persons witnessed a sparring exhibition at Portland, and like most of those contests gotten up for the gate money, the crowd went home convinced that they had been made the victims of a lot of fakers and that they deserved to be called suckers for patronizing such a low-down element.

Many prominent republicans are being mentioned as candidates for governor. Governor Geer is good enough for us, anyway.

If the Grout bill for the suppression of oleomargarine stood as good a show in the next congress as a bill for the suppression of anarchy the dairy cows of the country would forthwith hold a jubilee meeting.

Facts About Presidents.

Theodore Roosevelt is the youngest man who has ever filled the office of president of the United States; he is the first president whose birthplace was in a large city; he is the first who has achieved distinction in war, statesmanship and letters previous to taking the chief executive's chair; and, with the exception of Van Buren, he is the first whose paternal ancestors were of other stock than that which comes from the British islands. As if all these unique distinctions were not enough, relates the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, he will bring to the White House the largest family of small children that ever made its old walls echo with shouts and laughter.

The first presidents were all well advanced in years when summoned to that high office. Washington was 57. John Adams 62, Jefferson, Madison and John Quincy Adams were each 58, William Henry Harrison 68, the oldest of all; Tyler 51, Taylor 65, Polk and Fillmore 50. Pierce was the first president who was under 50 when inaugurated, his age at that time being 49. Buchanan who succeeded him, was almost as old as Harrison, 66. Since 1869 four men under 50, including Roosevelt, have reached the presidency. Grant was 47, the youngest man up to the present time. Cleveland was 49. Roosevelt is 43, four years younger than Grant. Lincoln was 52 when called to the White House, Johnson 57, Hayes 54, Arthur 51, Benjamin Harrison 55 and McKinley 53.

All the presidents except Roosevelt, who is a native of New York City, were born either in the country or in small towns. Quincy, Mass., the birthplace of both the Adams, and Raleigh, N. C., the birthplace of Andrew Johnson, have been the largest towns until now that could boast such an honor.

Of the twenty-five presidents fourteen, over one-half, were English decent on their father's side. These were Washington the two Adams, Madison, the two Harrisons, Tyler, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Lincoln, Johnson, Garfield and Cleveland. Five came of Scotch-Irish stock, namely, Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Arthur and McKinley, and three Scotch Monroe, Grant and Hayes. Jefferson's paternal ancestors were Welsh and Van Buren's, like Roosevelt, were Holland Dutch.

Twenty of the presidents, including Roosevelt, have been lawyers. Two—Washington and Harrison—were farmers, but their elevation was due mainly to their achievements in war. Only two professional soldiers, however, have ever filled the presidential chair. These were Taylor and Grant. Johnson was a tailor before he became statesman.

Sixteen of the presidents were college graduates. Washington, Jackson, Van Buren, Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, Johnson, Cleveland and McKinley did not have the advantages of college training, but some of these graduated at law.

Inasmuch as some newspapers have been speaking of Mr. Roosevelt as the twenty-fifth president and others as the twenty-sixth, it is just as well to have the question settled.

The ordinary lists as printed in the almanacs and other books of statistics put McKinley down as the twenty-fifth president, and on glancing over them rapidly one naturally assumes that Roosevelt is the twenty-sixth. The following is the list as usually printed:

- 1.—George Washington.
- 2.—John Adams.
- 3.—Thomas Jefferson.
- 4.—James Madison.
- 5.—James Monroe.
- 6.—John Quincy Adams.
- 7.—Andrew Jackson.
- 8.—Martin Van Buren.
- 9.—William H. Harrison.
- 10.—John Tyler.
- 11.—James K. Polk.
- 12.—Zachary Taylor.
- 13.—Millard Fillmore.
- 14.—Franklin Pierce.
- 15.—James Buchanan.
- 16.—Abraham Lincoln.
- 17.—Andrew Johnson.
- 18.—Ulysses S. Grant.
- 19.—Rutherford B. Hayes.
- 20.—James A. Garfield.
- 21.—Chester A. Arthur.
- 22.—Grover Cleveland.
- 23.—Benjamin Harrison.
- 24.—Grover Cleveland.
- 25.—William M. McKinley.
- 26.—Theodore Roosevelt.

The confusion arises from counting Grover Cleveland twice. He had two different terms, but he was not two different men. If his terms had succeeded each other as the case of the other presidents holding two terms, he would have been counted as the twenty-second president, Benjamin Harrison as the twenty-third, as he was, and McKinley as the twenty-fourth.

If both of Cleveland's terms are to be counted and he is to be called the twenty-second and twenty-fourth president, then other double terms should be counted also, and Washington would be the first and second president and so on. This mode of enumeration would make Roosevelt the thirty-fourth president. By no reasonable mode of counting can he be the twenty-sixth. He is, in fact, the twenty-fifth person to fill the office, and hence the twenty-fifth president of the United States.

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All the presidents but one, Buchanan, have been married men. Washington, Madison, Jackson and Polk had no children, while some of the early Presidents had large families. The only little folks at the White House during the first seventy years of the government were grandchildren, or other relatives farther removed than children, and these interrupted the quiet of the old mansion at intervals. The older Harrison was the father of ten and Tyler of 14 children, but in Harrison's case those who survived were grown when he became president. The same is true of Tyler's children by his first wife, who died while he was in office. The seven children by his second wife were born after his retirement. Lincoln took three boys to the White House, the youngest of whom was 8. Grant and Garfield had little ones, and so did Cleveland in his second term, but President Roosevelt breaks all the records in this particular, having an even half-dozen of happy, healthy, fun-loving youngsters.

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