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The Statesman has been established for nearly fifty years, and it has some subscribers who have received it nearly that long...

CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4000

The commission did not cast any re-



"Graft." What is "graft?" It is the job the other fellow holds under the state or the legislature. Not the one we hold. Oh, no!

Smith of Josephine has been heard from. He has just discovered that he was promised something he did not get in the last legislature. How disappointing.

The anti-expansionists are now threatened with another severe attack of anti-expansion-nervous prostration. Some one has suggested that we annex Santo Domingo.

Tammany's tiger cat seems frightened at Roosevelt's popularity in its lair. That dinner with the terriers down there the other day was a new feature to the president, but a starting one to Tammany.

Why will the United States continue to let Europe secure the major trade of the South American and Central American countries? Yet such is the condition which confronts us. Lack of merchant marine is one of the prime causes.

Many people in the east fail to see why traveling should be so high. They especially feel that it costs the beef too much to get from the barnyard to the platter. Oregon has no trust on which to blame her prices. Good times prices prevail here, that's all.

A convention will be called in a few days of the candidates for the Roseburg land office jobs. Thirteen names are already proposed as delegates, and various others are considered as "liable to be applicants." Senator Fulton will probably be asked to preside as chairman.

It is said that good roads in New York state would save nine millions of dollars annually in marketing farm products alone. The same proportionate saving would occur in Oregon if the roads were put in good condition, but it might increase taxes a few mills to do it. Hence, as taxes are too high now, the saving will not be attempted. What is that old refrain about the bunghole and the spigot?

The Republicans have finally scored in Colorado. The legislative count has declared Peabody elected governor. However, it is said he has agreed to resign and to let the lieutenant governor-elect serve the term out. The deal was not very creditable, and there are some who declare that Peabody will not carry it out. As there seems little doubt he was duly elected governor, there is no reason why he should.

The preparations for the meeting of the valley league of development clubs which will take place in this city next Thursday are all complete. The program as arranged is well made up, the speakers have been selected with care and thought and there promises to be a very large attendance. The meeting will be one of the most important that has been held in Salem for a number of years and will rank with the good roads convention which was recently so great a success here.

Health advertisement for Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Text: "For 25 years I have never missed taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla every spring. It cleanses my blood, makes me feel strong, and does me good in every way." Includes a small illustration of a person.

A MAN'S SELF-POSSESSION.

(Statesman's Sunday Signed Editorial.) "I, myself, also am a man." Acts 10:26.

It is a great thing for a man to be able to assert his manhood. Here Peter more than denies his right to receive the worship of Cornelius. He insists upon the possession of the qualities of manhood. A great American thinker in his system of ethics declares that a man's duty to himself consists in self-possession, self-control and self-cultivation. Of course in the amplification of each of these duties, he deals very comprehensively with man in these varied relations. I am inclined to think that self-possession includes self-control and that there is therefore no need of a third subdivision of man's duty to himself. It is to the duty of self-possession that attention is directed at this time. What is self-possession? An accident occurs: Almost everybody present becomes greatly excited to such a degree as to be unable to be of any service. But there is one man who remains cool and does not lose control of himself. He knows what to do, and he does it. That man we call self-possessed. He exhibits good judgment and acts wisely and deliberately. But here we have a larger thought. By self-possession we here mean "that entering into his own life by which a man assumes his responsibility, maintains his proper independence and reveals his truest manhood." Such self-possession in its outworking builds up and strengthens the man in his whole life, physical, moral, mental and spiritual. There are men, or individuals in the form of men, whose words belie their character when they assume to assert their manhood. Were you to hear some men say, "I, myself, am also a man," you could not refrain from saying to yourself, "That is not true." They do not possess themselves as men. There are men of whom we may say, as did Antony of Caesar: "His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

But there are others, many others, who only represent fragments of manhood, and no fragmentary man is a true man.

The man who is the slave of an evil habit is not in possession of himself. A slave cannot say in the truest sense, "I am a man." He lacks one of the qualities of manhood—freedom. He belongs to another. He is a fragment. Such also is the slave of vicious habits, the slave of appetite or passion. A disgraceful indulgence becomes his master. The vice enters his door and he must do its bidding. No matter the name of the particular vice or evil habit, it in course of time dominates and commands the individual who surrenders to it.

"Give me that man, That is not passion's slave, and I will wear him In my heart's core, ay, in my heart of hearts, As I do thee."

"He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city." To rule the spirit one must possess himself. To the victim of passion or appetite in our efforts to reform him we often say, "Be a man." Self-possession excludes the dominion of inexcusable ignorance. It is true that we know in part, but then it is true that we may know. To be incurably ignorant is a sin, a crime. "My people is destroyed for lack of knowledge." In the midst of the abundant opportunities for mental development that these days afford, no man is in possession of himself who permits his marvellous mind powers to go untrained, and his stock of knowledge to remain so limited. As knowledge is power, then ignorance must be weakness and weakness detracts from the wholeness of man and constitutes him a fragment.

The man who in the presence of a sense of duty nevertheless says, "I cannot be a Christian!" "I cannot lead a Christian life," is certainly not in possession of himself. For a man to say he cannot be a Christian is to confess an inability that he will allow no one else to charge him with, and to acknowledge that a large part of himself is in subjection to alien forces. Granted that it may not be an easy matter to lead a true Christian life, yet we know that great multitudes have been true to the Christ amid conflicts and trials to which this age is wholly a stranger.

He who uttered the text language was one of those who learned in the bitter school of experience the way of faithfulness to the Christian life. And is it not true that he who through fear or shame fails to take a decided stand with the moral and religious forces of the community is something less than a whole man? Self-possession excludes moral cowardice.

Multitudes grant the truth, the beauty and the power of Christianity and then through false ideas of self-respect or dignity, throw their life influence with the forces of evil. Their self, as they prefer it, would be given to Christ and his kingdom, but their self as it really is is given over to the forces that disrupt and destroy. They are not in possession of themselves. And when a man is conscious of such a want of self-mastery he cannot say, "I am a man," and have others believe him.

In fact, self-possession involves the highest manhood and the truest, high-

est manhood is to be found in the fellowship of Jesus Christ. Manhood came to its ripest, richest flower in Jesus of Nazareth.

"Thou seemest human and divine, The highest, holiest manhood thou, Our wills are ours, we know not how Our wills are ours to make them thine."

Eschines once said to Socrates: "As I have nothing else to give to thee I will give myself." Socrates replied: "Do so, and I will give thee back thyself better than when I received thee." So it is with those who come into fellowship with Jesus Christ. No man ever came into real fellowship with him without rising to higher levels. In his society noble principles blossom out into noble life. Finding in him the highest, holiest manhood, men find themselves inspired to reproduce that manhood in their own lives. Christ made Paul what he is. Christ transfigured Zacchaeus and Stephen, Matthew and Peter and countless others. Had they never known him, it is very probable that we would never have heard of them. In him they found the power that lifted them above their age and environment and made them a blessing to the world. It remains to this day what has always been true—the Christian, the true Christian, is the highest style of a man.

—W. C. Kantner, Pastor First Congregational Church.

AN ORGANIZATION NECESSARY.

Republicans throughout the state seem to be in a bad condition of demoralization and almost devoid of unanimity. No one knows what the direct primary law will lead to. In fact the entire future of party organization is one great question point.

Candidates for every office within the gift of the people are springing up in every county. It is said that Multnomah county alone would be willing to supply the state with a full complement of officials. We are also willing to admit that our county bears within its borders a number of very capable gentlemen who in all honor and with every right aspire to supply the needs of the state in various of these positions.

Of course it will be evident to every one that the great centers of population might easily combine and nominate all of the candidates for the various state offices, but the result would be that they would so dissatisfy the other portions of the state that they would vote as a man against the combination's candidates in the general election. It therefore seems urgent that if any good is to come through Republican success in the election of 1906 some means must be arrived at by which this situation may be avoided.

Of course it is more than likely that leaders of the Republican party may gather together in small bodies from time to time to discuss the general situation, but it seems that something even more of a general character than this is necessary in order that this matter may be generally gone over, and it is barely possible that a meeting of Republicans may be called to meet in Portland one time during the Lewis and Clark Fair in the fall.

Even with the direct primary law Republicans must appreciate that it will be impossible for them to work as a solid body without maintaining their organization. If Republican principles are worth maintaining every possible effort to maintain them should be put forth by those who believe in them. It will usually be noted that they who howl loudest against voting for party and in favor of voting for the man only, are they who consider but little the general effect of a fixed policy in government, or are on the side opposed to the majority.

Republican principles, which include protection to American industries, maintaining American prestige in the face of everything throughout the world, the upholding of the Monroe doctrine, the improvement of our rivers and harbors, the construction of an isthmian water way, a proper expansion through peaceable means of our trade and commerce and the maintenance of the credit of the government at the very highest notch have given to the United States forty years of prosperity, development and growth, the like of which has never before been seen in the world.

Now are these principles worthy of being continued? If so, is not a maintenance of a strong party organization necessary thereto? It is now time that we should think of these things for these principles will not be maintained by our political opponents.

HOP ACREAGE INCREASED.

The season has been so favorable that a largely increased acreage of hops is reported in all the hop districts of the state. It is said that the increase will bring the total acreage up to 27,000 acres. Estimates are already being made by conservative hop men on the coming crop, and it is figured that unless some unforeseen condition should rule, the yield of the present year will not fall far short of 125,000 bales.

California also reports a largely increased acreage. The question of pickets is also raised for the coming year, and many doubt if they will be so plentiful. However, it seems this fear is without basis, for no situation has ever arisen yet in Oregon that did not work out all right in time. The



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thousands of newcomers will help to relieve the pressure, no doubt, as many of them will appreciate an opportunity to earn a little extra money when the time comes.

FAIR NEARLY READY.

The Lewis and Clark fair grounds begin really to take on form and shape. Many of the buildings are completed and ready for occupancy, yet to the casual visitor there is much to do before the first of June.

The grounds begin to show a suggestion of the beauty which they are expected to display when all is finished; the grass is bright with the verdancy of opening spring; wild flowers bloom beside the pathways; the trees and shrubbery are leafing out; the pathways and walks which meander along the hillsides are completed, and the "trail" is beginning to be a busy place. The architectural designs of the various buildings are of a very attractive order, and the fancy "staff" moldings are of a very high artistic order.

The statuary placed throughout the grounds will attract the eye of most visitors, but the Remington group of four cowboys at the entrance is the most wonderful.

The tout ensemble of the Lewis and Clark fair at present gives great hopes for the future. It looks as though by June first the fair will be ready for the opening of the great gates and the turning of the wheels.

What it will be to Oregon is a matter of prophecy already. What it has been will be history in October, and no one doubts that the history will be but the story of fulfillment of the prophecy.

Why is it that a great many people who are too poor to take their home paper can yet be regular subscribers to a foreign paper? Of course none of those who read this are such, for all who will see this edition are presumed to be subscribers to the Statesman. Yet many who will read this know of others who do this very thing. The local papers, of which there are two dailies in Salem, devote a great deal of their space, which is their stock in trade, every day to Salem and the surrounding country. The interests thereof are ever foremost in the minds of their writers and workers. Everybody should appreciate this. Yet for the simple reason that a whole lot of printed matter can be gotten cheaper from a foreign paper than from the home papers, these people take the foreign paper. Every person in Salem should be a regular subscriber of one of Salem's daily papers; the foreign papers might come in when the home papers have been considered, but should not come before the home papers. If your friend takes the foreign paper and does nothing to help the local papers, speak to him about it.

The Albany Herald well says: "Good citizens have a part in politics. If citizens seek to separate themselves from the necessary part of the citizen in town topics or those of the county and state and nation, they cannot claim to be, in a true sense of the term, good citizens. If a general turning

out of the people at primaries, at all elections, were to be expected things would be different. The bosses could hardly exist. Corruption would cease. But in the humanity of men it must be expected that no very radical changes are to be looked for except as time, education and experience tone up public sentiment to the working point. Zealous bodies of citizens, really desiring to bring about improvement economically and morally, occasionally arise, and have heretofore been favorable to the idea of party formation for that time only. Nothing worth while has come of this. It is possible that we are all a trifle prejudiced about by party notions in respect of matters of purely local bearing. But there is room for every citizen within its party to work for its uplifting."

"Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Their Resources" is the title of the latest edition to northwestern railroad literature, and is the 1905 publication of the passenger departments of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and the Southern Pacific company. It certainly answers all questions of any possible homeseeker and in an intelligent and intelligible manner. It has 88 pages devoted to the agricultural, mineral and timber interests of these three states, and is a most readable compendium for the immigrant. The illustrations have been selected with great care and are very interesting.

UNION MAY BE REINSTATED.

Members of New York Division Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Placed on Good Behavior.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A secret conference has been held between J. W. Hurley of Cleveland, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and the members of the division of that order, which was involved in the interborough strike, and whose charter was suspended by Grand Chief Stone. Considerable encouragement was held out to the men, many of whom are now out of work. Hurley said those who were not concerned in the strike will be protected.

"Members of 105 have," he said, "acknowledged they did wrong, and have expressed a willingness to make proper amends. I think that finally everything will be settled satisfactorily to all concerned, and the division rehabilitated in time."

"Members of the division not concerned in the strike will be taken care of in other divisions, but the division itself cannot be restored and the members purged of their offense until the assembly of the grand convention in May, 1906, in Memphis."

Each member stated that he had voted to strike understanding the situation, and that Chief Engineer Jencks had not endeavored to influence them in any way. The suggestion that somebody had profited by the calling off of the strike was set aside, it was said, as being too ridiculous for consideration.

STATE NEWS

Not So Sporty Now. A sportsman at Scio killed a meadow lark recently. Now he knows there is a state law against such despicable business.

The Yaquina Hatchery. Reports have been received from the Yaquina hatchery showing that 4,000,000 silverside and 3,000,000 chinook salmon have been hatched there this season. About 1,000,000 steelhead salmon eggs have been taken, and these will be used in the salmon hatchery exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair.

Baker City Property Sold.

The properties of the Baker City Gas and Electric and Rock Creek Power and Transmission Companies were purchased on the 13th inst. and the cash paid by Philadelphia people represented by Messrs. Rhodes, Siskler and Butcher and Isaac Anderson, the well known promoter member of the firm, who has successfully floated many large business propositions in Oregon and Washington. The price paid to the Baker City owners of the stock and property was something over \$300,000.

Not Everywhere.

Every man to whom a referendum petition is shown, signs without argument. They all want to hit the legislature a lick.—Scio News.

Work of Pupils.

The Yamhill county public school displays for the Lewis and Clark fair are well under way and will be exhibited at the different school houses of the county on the 24th of this month.

School Officers to Meet.

The Yamhill county school officers' association will hold an all-day session at Dayton on April 1. State School Superintendent Ackerman will be present. On April 8 a similar meeting will be held at Carleton.

A Fat Job.

Charles V. Galloway has been appointed to the position of superintendent of exhibits for Oregon at the Lewis and Clark fair. Mr. Galloway will have complete charge of the Oregon displays, at a salary of \$150 a month.

More Swindlers.

A band of graphophone swindlers are operating in Idaho and the eastern part of Oregon. They have a contract to be signed calling for one graphophone and twelve flats or records at \$15 each, and which they represent are given for \$5. But really the contract has a double meaning and calls for \$195, and is negotiable.

They Call It Civilized Sport.

The two bears (yearlings) brought to this city a few days ago are furnishing considerable sport to our city ruffians. Occasionally the bears are led out on a circuitous route of a mile or so, then the bounds are put on the trail. When the dogs have trailed the bears back to the yard where they are kept, a general bear and dog fight ensues, in which the two bears, ten or fifteen dogs and as many men and boys participate.—Scio News.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Republican Editorial Association.

Washington is the natural place for editorial gatherings, and the National Republican Association meets here now annually. Spending a day or two in the pleasantest manner possible, listening to addresses from distinguished men from all parts of the Union, as well as from the political favorites who are found here. I received my appointment as delegate to represent Oregon only the day before the meeting took place, which was held this year at the magnificent new Willard Hotel, that is quite new and a very immense structure, managed to satisfy the needs and ambition of the most ambitious of human kind.

When I inquired for the association they committed me to the elevator with instructions to reach the tenth floor, where they were gathering in a hall that would seat several hundred people. As I had been with them a year ago, when they met at the Arlington, I was kindly received by Mr. Bunnell, the secretary, who was just calling the association to order. There were several hundred present and the exercises must have been interesting to those who came from a distance and were not used to Washington life. Mr. Slicher, president of the convention, had prepared a valuable paper concerning the growth and influence of the Republican press, which was followed by an address from Vice President Fairbanks, who is supposed to have his mind impressed with a laudable ambition to be elected president in 1908. As President Roosevelt has asserted positively that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for another term, the field seems to be open for Fairbanks, and it seemed to be the opinion of many of the delegates that he will be a strong candidate for the succession.

Another speaker we all desired to hear and who was announced as taking part in the early proceedings, was Senator Dewey, one of the most famous orators of our day, but he was unfortunately absent from the city, much to the regret of all the delegates. But there were plenty of good speakers to occupy the time until the early afternoon, when we met in the East Room of the White House, to be received by the president. While we were waiting the opening a very pleasing incident occurred, which was really more interesting to me than the features of the presidential reception, for a gentleman, Mr. Church called my attention to the fact that Mrs. C. claimed my acquaintance, and, sure enough, there were friends from Oregon, which is a pleasure one doesn't realize every day, the only drawback being that in the press of things there was little opportunity to more than recognize a friend, as just then the president put in his appearance.

The president had so recently been through the fatigue of the inauguration that he did not speak long, but was highly appreciated. Then we formed in line and were severally received and each one introduced. When Oregon was named, Mr. Roosevelt seemed to take considerable interest in its being represented and gave me a warm greeting, appreciating the fact that its delegate was a veteran whose editorial career included through the Civil war. This visit to the executive mansion was the best feature of the association's experience, and was greatly enjoyed. Washington is full of interest to strangers, and members of the association often bring their wives to help them see the sights and enjoy what is to be seen.

—S. A. Clarke.

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