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The Statesman has been established for nearly fifty years, and it has some subscribers who have received it for a generation. Some of these object to having the paper discontinued at the time of expiration of their subscriptions.

CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4,000.



It is not time to cease from factional fights and once again be Republicans without a prefix?

The pope thanked God when the peace conference finally concluded its purposes. Everybody else thanked President Roosevelt.

It is said that the financial screws were put on the peace conference, as those who had money to loan insisted on better security than two warring nations.

Those citizens of Washington who are planning a great reception to the president as a great conqueror of peace should at least wait until the Japanese riots are over.

The proposition that certain commissions would eliminate graft from congress or the legislative assemblies causes some one to ask who would keep the graft out of the commissions?

Forty insurance companies are to be hauled before the state insurance commissioner in the state of New York to show the state of their finances.

Now that the peace conference at Portsmouth has closed its work the peace palace at The Hague will be proceeded with. A prize will be offered for the best architectural design for the arpeggio building.

An effort is being made to prepare a superannuation bill for the retirement of aged employees of the civil service at Washington. It is probably gotten up to keep all officials on the pay rolls until they are buried.

News is almost as hard to get in Atlanta as it was in Portland some time ago. The Atlanta Constitution is reprinting from its columns of thirty-five years ago. The Portland Oregonian only recently quit the same thing.

Ex-Senator Peffer of Kansas has again been heard from. He has been spending his vacation with his whippers at Jackson, New Hampshire. The only question is what took him to New Hampshire. There is no room for populism there.

There is a feeling going round that the mayor of Atlanta would have done better had he simply repeated the famous remark of that Carolina governor to his coadjutor neighbor, instead of telling Mayor Dunne that he was up against a barren idealty.

When our president went down to the bottom of the sea, McGinty probably told him that this submarine work was worth more than McGinty's were getting. So the president had the wages of the crew of that particular submarine plunger increased.

The enactment of a national pure food law seems to be demanded more and more. There is no uniformity at all in the present laws in force in the several states, and the result is that a food that is considered "pure" in

Mother My mother was troubled with consumption for many years. At last she was given up to die. Then she tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was speedily cured. D. P. Jolly, Avoca, N. Y. No matter how hard your cough or how long you have had it, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best thing you can take. But it's risky to wait until you have consumption. Get a bottle of Cherry Pectoral at once.

one state is confiscated and destroyed in an adjoining. Then again a ruling by one food commissioner is often turned down by his successor, and state laws receive different interpretations at different times. "Pure food" is the cry of the people today, and laws along this line must be adopted. It is therefore important that the same law should rule all over the country.

The surest way to clean the Augean stables at Washington is to do away with the bogus tenure of office civil service idea. In a republic everything is gained by sending the officials back to the people frequently. Under the old fashioned way there was far less talk of graft in the departments.

Rev. E. V. Goad of Forum, Franklin county, Virginia, preached a sermon denouncing moon-shining as an evil. The moon-shiners immediately chased him out of the settlement. Mr. Goad may be said to have been goaded by his own goal.

Fiala complains that hot weather interfered with his plans for reaching the North Pole. It certainly would seem as peculiar to find hot weather at the North pole as to get a report of the freezing over of that other place that we occasionally hear mentioned.

Captain Richmond P. Hobson says that one of the lessons to be gained from the peace conference at Portsmouth is that the best way to be a peace maker is to be able to thrash the bully, but his further recommendation for an extended increase of our navy leads one to wonder if he expects us to be both.

Colonel Bryan suggests that when the president has finished his self-appointed task of making peace between Russia and Japan and has made the South American republics pay their debts, he might earn the rest of his salary by busting the beef trust some more. The late Spanish war veteran is inclined to be facetious.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says that nobody believes that there were more deaths than births in Louisville during the fiscal year notwithstanding statistics say it. It claims that the whole secret is that the births are not fully reported. Is it the fathers are ashamed or are they unwilling to set up the mint juleps to their friends? Which?

Talk about a falling off in imports! The last year saw an importation of 1,026,499 head of animals of the biped variety, and principally from such attractive exporting countries as Russia and lower Italy. There is no intent of abandoning Ellis island. The general feeling is that it would be a good thing to enlarge the island and to keep many of the immigrants there.

The grafter tales that come from Washington, and from every other part of the country for that matter, are proving that being able to pass a civil service examination, without a full guarantee of good character, is not all that is necessary for a perfect public official. No civil service examination will give a characterless man a character, nor make a dishonest man honest. Many a man holds office today that no congressman nor United States senator would recommend.

The United States army has certainly written a new code in its law governing the conduct of a soldier and a gentleman. Recently a stripling of a lieutenant ordered a high private to cease kissing a pretty girl, and on the private refusing to cease the aforesaid rather pleasant performance the lieutenant had the soldier court-martialed, and caused him to pass thirty days in the guard house. That officer should have been court-martialed for cruel and inhuman treatment of his subordinates.

Mr. Bryan in the Commoner says that with Cummins leading a tariff revision fight and LaFollette leading an anti-railroad fight, and Rosewater leading a fight for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people, the next Republican convention promises to be almost as interesting as a Democratic convention. Yes, and no doubt some other Republican who has been made great (in his own estimation) by the Republican party, will try and foist upon it Dunne's municipal ownership program and a number of other populist fads of the day. However, we doubt that the next Republican convention will vindicate all the Democratic and populist principles extant. The chances are that some who have these airy ideas will find their new fads not wholly popular in a convention of Republicans.

WHY IT IS UNFAIR TO OREGON. One of the paid employes of the forest reserves says that he finds that most of the antagonism to the forest reserves in California has disappeared and says it is because thousands of the people in California go into these reserves camping every year. As long as the various reserves of Oregon are employed as sheep corrals the people of Oregon are not apt to cease their antagonism. There is yet another thing in which the two states differ materially, and that is that Oregon is entitled to five

per cent of all moneys received by the government from the sale of government lands. In the pact between the government and this state, made when Oregon was admitted to the union, the government agreed to give five per cent of the net proceeds of such sales to the state, and it also agreed, by virtue of this pact, that these lands should be sold.

As they stand today, nearly one-fourth of the total area of this state is withdrawn from settlement and therefore is withdrawn from taxation for state and county purposes.

This is the injustice from which the state of Oregon is suffering today, and an injustice not contemplated by congress when it adopted the law providing for the formation of reasonable reserves, with a view to preserving the water courses of the country.

The Oregonian's editorial of Friday on "harmony" reminds the writer of a story of an Indiana justice of the peace. This justice was a fenton of immediate extraction, and one day he found two residents of his bailiwick fighting. He knew the men, one, like himself, a son of Alemania, and the other to the manner born. The old "squire watched the course of the fight for a moment, saw that his fellow countryman was doing the hardest hammering, turned to the German and exclaimed: "I gomands der peace; gif id to him, Hans." Thus it is with the Oregonian.

YELLOW FEVER IN NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans' fight against Yellow fever seems finally to be ending and it is now apparently under control. The people of the Crescent City will in the future no doubt endeavor to prevent a return of the murderous

HOW THE TRAMP TOUCHED HER SYMPATHY.

A True Story. By William Steward Gordon.

A "Weary Willie" rose one morn, And left his borrowed bed With one great purpose uppermost In his neglected head.

His breakfast he must get, With principles unchanged; For long ago to honest toil His heart had been estranged.

But he saw that cherished matin feast Retreat before his form, Like rays of sunshine vanishing Before a coming storm.

Or like a Jack O'Lantern's light, That flickering phantom flame, When o're he thought he had it sure, It went from whence it came.

His breakfast thus was in his mind When wanted lower down, But suddenly he struck a plan To "do the thing up brown."

He spied a house with no woodpile— No ax or saw in sight; He smelled the steaming hash within; The dog was chained up tight.

A lady at the window sat, And looked so kind and meek, He thought he'd touch her sympathy, Concealing all his cheek.

His face assumed a haggard look— One hip flies out of joint— His fleshy front is famished now— And thus he makes his point.

But to completely break her heart, With all fours on the ground, He tries to graze the meager grass Which ravenously he found.

And to his joy the window raised— The face came out so fair— "Come 'round in front," she sweetly said; "There's better pickin' there."

tion than his own, to the leaders of this faction. The editor of the Oregonian says that the Republicans of Oregon have forgotten principles in their contention for spoils. That men and women have been appealed to on the side of their selfish and baser natures. Had the editor of the Oregonian said this of a few men the statement might have been accepted, but that it is true of any great number of Republicans of Oregon to whatever faction they may have belonged, or whatever friendships may have existed in the past to which these men were related, is denied. Further, that there are factional divisions in the state of Oregon that are irreconcilable is not a just statement of fact. A few men may feel soreness as a result of the factional bickerings of the past, but that this feeling is extant in the rank and file of the party no one who goes out among the rank and file can, or is willing to, believe.

The Republicans of Oregon are Republicans for principle. They are not Republicans for loot and spoil. This statement is true as regards those who have been friends of Senator Mitchell and his friends, as it is also true of those who have been friends of Senator Simon and his friends.

It is said that Senator Mitnell is no longer to be taken into consideration. This may be true. So far as personalities go, in point of fact, neither Senator Mitchell nor Senator Simon should be taken into consideration, but the good of the Republic party.

It certainly is time for plain speech, but the plain speech demanded now is not such as that used in the Oregonian of yesterday. No man buries the hatchet while his enemy stands by and abuses him. The

so irritating to the members of the party. It is really too bad that any newspaper in the state of Oregon should feel the necessity of continuing this factional fight; especially if, as it claims, that newspaper desires Republican party success. It is the hope of all true Republicans that they will hear the last of this factional talk, and that from now on nothing will be heard excepting conciliation, organization and a working out of a true scheme based on right and political duty, to insure the carrying out of those principles which have made thousands and thousands of us, of ourselves, Republicans.

WANT MORE LAWS.

There is an association within the state of Oregon of political character, purely and simply the outgrowth of the radicalism which has made William Jennings Bryan, Thos. E. Watson, Thos. W. Lawson and a few others of the same character features of our economic development. This association is made up of the radicals from the Republican and Democratic parties and from those who formed the Populist party, who before that belonged to the greenback party, who back of that were members of the know-nothing party, etc., an infinitum; all men who find the world out of joint, present laws inadequate, conditions all wrong, mainly and largely because of their own personal failures to get into office through one or the other of the leading parties.

It is trying today to engraft upon the laws of the state of Oregon new ideas of populism, ideas which perhaps are safe enough in themselves, and from which nothing dangerous may come in the near future, yet, withal, they are very revolutionary in their character

ed as to preclude all discussion and possibility of amendment. His "recall" proposition is undoubtedly the most dangerous and most deceiving in its character of all those that perhaps shall be presented to the people. The theory that 25 per cent of the voters of a district, which voted at the election at which a man was selected to public office, should have the right to demand that man's resignation, is un-American, not calculated to fit republican conditions, nor democratic form of government. The arguments against this are many and varied.

Then the effort to simplify the manner of amending the state constitution is dangerous. There is always safety in conservatism. "That government governs best which governs least." It is an old saying, yet as trite today as when first spoken.

Once in a long time it may be possible the state is the sufferer through failures of legislatures to adopt certain legislation, but in the majority of cases no legislation is so absolutely important that it cannot wait sound thought and careful weighing before its adoption.

There is little reason to believe that the people of the state as a generality demand the laws proposed by Mr. U'Ren, yet no one doubts that a great many people will vote for them, more than likely without thinking of the results of such legislation. The surest way, however, of preventing loading down our statute books with such laws as are bound to lead to unsatisfactory conditions in the end, is to refuse to sign petitions for their submission.

Something has certainly happened. The Portland "Giants" have been playing ball again.

That was rather a dry remark of Linevitch when he said the Russian army was thirsting for a battle.

So long as we have Mr. W. S. U'Ren of Oregon City, why not do away with congress and the state legislatures?

It is better to try the initiative and the referendum a while without adding trouble in the shape of the "recall."

Instead of going down in history as the "man with the big stick," the president will likely be known as "Theodore, the peaceful."

While Bishop Potter's subway tavern was opened with the singing of the doxology, it is not reported that it was closed with a benediction.

The name proposed for the new state to be moulded out of Indian Territory, "Sequoyah," sounds a good deal like a Latin prefix with a Dutch termination.

Dunn's financial report for September 2 said the week closed with "peace and prosperity." Respectfully dedicated to the Chicago tariff reciprocity revisionists.

The people of the United States are no doubt glad to hear that one company is to have a monopoly on the "grub" business and the hotel privilege on the canal route. This is so American! The beef trust evidently overlooked a big bet there.

President Roosevelt may think there is going to be some tariff revision by the coming congress, but Uncle Joe Cannon is dead positive to the contrary. —Atlanta Constitution. Yet, and Uncle Joe is pretty apt to be almost always right.

Those Republican papers which are trying to lead the party away from protection seem to believe there is no other man in the United States great enough to be a presidential candidate in 1908 except Mr. Roosevelt. Yet there are others.

AGED CITIZEN EXPIRES.

Abraham Imbler, Old Resident of Marion County, Dies of Paralysis.

On Wednesday, September 6, 1905, after a long and painful illness, Abraham Imbler, one of the oldest and most respected residents of this part of Marion county, died of paralysis, aged 79 years 8 months and 10 days.

Mr. Imbler was born in Muhlenberg county, Kentucky, May 26, 1826, and when quite young moved with his parents to Illinois, and afterward to Missouri. He crossed the plains to Oregon in 1854, and has resided continuously in the Willamette valley since.

He leaves a wife and one son, James W., and two daughters, Mrs. Hadley Hobson, of Fox Valley, Linn county, and Mrs. John Muehl, of Salem. The oldest daughter, Mary Ann, wife of W. W. Little, died at Stayton in 1881. He was a member of the Baptist church for fifty years. Menama, Sept. 11.

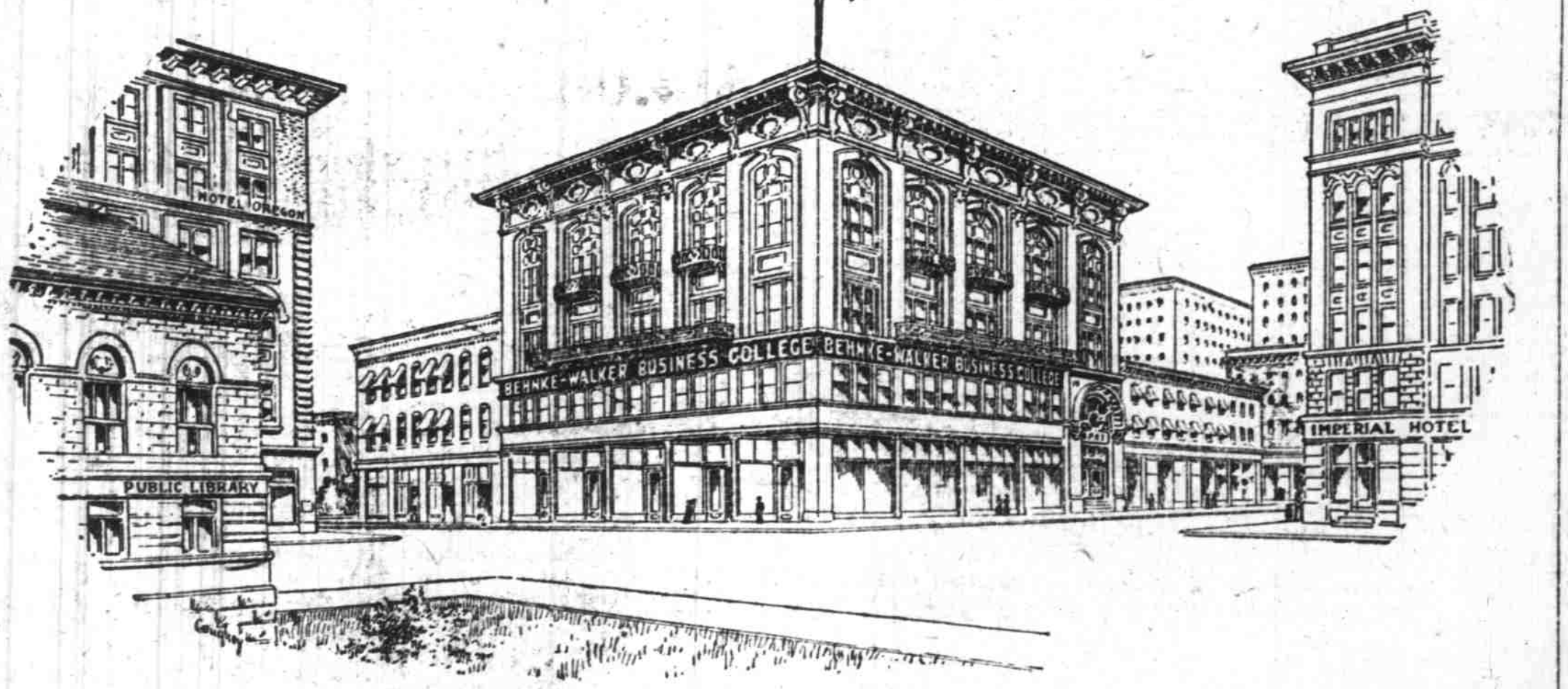
The hop crop is now safe, even if it rains. But heavy rains and long continued would make it very uncomfortable for the army of 50,000 pickers in the yards, probably more than half of them women and children. The Jacksonville Times-Union says: "Nothing closes a woman's mouth like new clothes." Our philosophical contemporary might volunteer to tell how many trunksful are required to stifle the eternal declaration of "nothing to wear."

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mosquito which has caused the death of so many people and such an enormous financial loss to its commerce.

The time is coming, also, when the United States government will have to do for all the cities and ports that line the Gulf of Mexico on both the north and south sides of that body of water, and also the Caribbean sea, what it did for Havana, and what it is now attempting to do for Colon and Panama. Sanitation is the necessity of the tropics. Without it fever will ever be present. With it, the tropics will prove the most delightful section of the world to live in.

In New Orleans signs were printed and displayed bearing the words "Wear a smile on your face and a flower in your button-hole." This was done, and no doubt gave to many that false feeling of bravery in the face of great danger, which we oftentimes dub "Dutch courage;" but it has not been successful in evading many of the troubles consequent on the epidemic. For example, the spirit of don't-care-liveness which many people show, or have shown during the troubles there, has been a great source

of difficulty to the physicians, and the optimism of the people has made it almost impossible to secure that they obey the orders given regarding the treatment of the sick. Thus a man who was recovering was banqueted by his friends, at which banquet he ate heartily of several dishes and drank wine, which sent him home rejoicing; but that same night he died. Thus Dutch courage is not always what is required.

"FACTION AND THE PUBLIC WELFARE."

This is the heading of one of the most vicious articles often published regarding the political situation in Oregon. Unfortunately this article appears in what undeniably is the leading daily newspaper in the state. The article begins by expressing a wise and goes on to make charges and criminalizations which of themselves, if persisted in, would make that wish an utter and absolute impossibility. Harmony! The writer of that article wants no harmony except it be that harmony which means the surrender of all those who have been in other fac-

peace is a joint bargain. It is a friendly condition which follow a war, but which does not exist while war yet continues.

The writer does not believe that the Republicans of one faction or of the other faction, today, prefer the election of Democrats to their own party's success. He believes that the Republicans who have in the past been friendly towards and even supporters of John H. Mitchell are as anxious and willing to work today for Republican success as any of the members of the party who have not supported Senator Mitchell. He believes they will support any proper candidate for any office to which that candidate may be nominated, providing they are given fair treatment, such as they are willing to grant.

It is the hope of many Republicans who have from necessity voted with one faction or the other in the past that the gathering of Republicans, which is booked to take place on October 12, may have a tendency to heal the sore spots and to remove all those cauterizing influences that have been

and leading farther and farther away from the ideal representative government so wisely provided for by our forebears and which has brought this nation and its states through wonderful achievement to magnificent development.

All these new schemes lead away from the conventional, through the radical, to points of facility in law making that mean the loading up of our statute books with such legislation of a very unwise and absolutely unfeared character.

The state of Oregon has taken on a lot of new laws within the past few years, all experimental, laws which as yet have not had an opportunity of demonstrations of either value or character. It would seem, therefore, that it would be wise for the people to hesitate before taking up all of the new-fangled law propositions suggested by a disgruntled and dissatisfied lot of would-be politicians.

Mr. U'Ren and his coterie have no God-given right to be spokesmen for the people, more than others, and the trouble with the proposed laws, suggested by them, is that they are so present-