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make things pleasant for the outsiders. He gave a dinner to the President and the Portland newspaper men and representatives of the press from other cities. Sunday morning he gave a breakfast to the labor leaders and representatives of progressive policies in public affairs—especially the champions of Statement No. One, and the representatives of organized labor. It was the first tactful diplomatic thing that was done, as the breakfast was attended by men who represented corporations and from the humbler walks of life—or rather the toilers, as well as those who employ labor. The greetings given these men led one to believe that the uncrowned kings of labor were really the men closest to the heart of the great President. His greetings were cordial, but not slobbering, but all were placed on terms of friendly equality.

The breakfast party consisted of President Taft, Senator Bourne, John Hays Hammond, Captain Butt, Dr. J. J. Richardson, Charles B. Merrick, John C. Young, Frederick V. Holman, J. Frank Sinnott, H. G. Kundret, L. H. Adams, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, H. C. Bowers, Mr. Gates, John M. Gearin, Congressman Hawley, W. H. Fitzgerald, secretary Central Labor Council; Will Daly, president State Federation of Labor; F. W. Mulkey, Thomas McCusker, E. Hofer, of Salem; W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, and Ed. Rosenberg, organizer of the Fishermen's union of Astoria.

On his ride up to Salem the President said the labor organizations could make only one mistake, and that was to get before the people as the representatives of a distinct class. Their organizations were needful and

beneficial, but could not stand the prejudice inevitably aroused against any class asking special privileges.

President in Marion County.

The first stop after Oregon City was made at Woodburn, where the bonfires blazed and the enthusiasm ran high. The President asked them what they raised, and the boys yelled "prunes and hops." That is right," said the President. "The best prunes and hops in the world. And you owe it to Jonathan Bourne, who stands here (pointing to Jonathan) that you have got an 18-cent duty on hops. Are hops bringing a good price? (Cries of you bet.) Well, here's hoping you may all enjoy the greatest prosperity. Goodbye and God bless you," said Big Bill Taft, as the car pulled out amid a terrific ovation.

At the Indian School.

Here another ovation was tendered and the band played America as the train pulled out. He complimented the Indian school on the good work it was doing, and in a few minutes the train was at Salem, where the monster demonstration of the trip through Oregon took place. The train did not stop again until Albany. It reached Ashland by daylight and sped on into California. Senator Bourne returns, stopping at the principal towns in Oregon, while John Hays Hammond accompanies the President through to Washington. These men are the President's personal friends, and he calls them both John, and at close quarters the President, while never off his dignity, is one of the most companionable of men, and as common as an old shoe, to use a homely expression. The devotion of Senator Bourne to the President is reciprocated, to say the least.

The Salem Reception.

The President asked how far it was to the state house. He was told that the lights on the dome, which

alone were visible, were about a quarter of a mile. He had been asking me about the people of Marion county, and we had any foreign-born citizens. I was telling him that we had quite a strong German-American element, and that Aurora, Mt. Angel, Sublimity and several other neighborhoods were almost entirely German, and that they were the most thrifty, industrious and prosperous farming element we had, and while we were talking the crowds at Salem began yelling, and the President stepped out with my remarks fresh on his mind and began his speech. He complimented the German-Americans highly, and then included all the foreign-born citizens and their descendants. He especially praised the Germans who came to America after the German revolution of 1849, saying they were the best foreign blood that had come to our country after the landing of the Pilgrim fathers. His speech then branched off into good citizenship generally, until the train pulled out amidst the biggest outburst of genuine enthusiasm manifested anywhere. There are estimated to have been 20,000 people out to welcome the President at Salem, and his brief stop here will be long remembered. As the train left he was handed an immense bunch of yellow chrysanthemums as a remembrance of his brief stop at the Capital City of Oregon.

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GOD'S PROMISES
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and through the nation of Israel and through the mediatorial work of Christ is yet to bring blessings to every member of Adam's race—an opportunity for obtaining life eternal. Meantime let us all assure our hearts of the truthfulness of the promise, that the blessing of the Lord maketh rich and that he addeth no sorrow therewith. Any sorrows that come to us are earthborn and not of the Lord and may be overcome; so that eventually we may be of the mighty host who in heaven and in earth and under the earth will be heard giving "praise and honor to Him who sitteth on the Throne and unto the Lamb" (Revelation v, 13).

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