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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

THE CAPITAL JOURNAL, Wednesday printed President Taft's message in full, it taking nearly two full pages, or to be exact, thirteen full columns. This is something even the big dailies of Portland did not do. The Journal did this, not because such documents are intensely interesting reading matter to most folks, for they are far from it, but because to many of its readers it is of profound interest. It should be to every intelligent, patriotic citizen, for it is the expression of opinion as to the condition and needs of the country, of the one in the best position to know and understand them.

Naturally the one man selected by nearly a hundred millions of people as their chief officer must be a man of great abilities, fine talents and a keen observer. When such a man after two years in office expresses his views and points out the things we should do, for our own benefit, and that of all our fellow countrymen, every citizen should read it and ponder it, and that all the Journal readers, at least, might have this opportunity, it was published in full.

It is a rather long message, containing about 15,000 words, and it is undoubtedly a document of much weight. The president has not gone into local or home affairs to any great extent, most of his message being devoted to our rapidly growing commerce, our foreign trade, this year amounting to more than \$2,200,000,000. This is a sum so vast that the human mind can not grasp it just from the figures alone. Let us put it in a form that we can get some idea of it.

Taking the circumference of the earth at the equator as being 25,000 miles, it would be 132,000,000 feet, or 1,584,000,000 inches or only about two-thirds as many inches, as our foreign commerce involves, expressed in dollars. Or to put it in another shape, 2,200,000,000 silver dollars would, lying flat and touching each other, reach twice around the earth, or make sixteen rows of dollars reaching from Salem to New York City. But this is a digression.

The president then points out what is necessary to protect this vast business, and his message shows he has given the matter profound thought, for his suggestions are business-like and sensible, and will well repay a careful perusal, and re-perusal.

He also points out one thing of which we as a nation should feel justly proud, and that is the broad, generous, mainly course our country has taken in dealing with our less powerful neighbors. Our kindest feelings have been given them, and we have brought them into terms of friendship with each other. Even where in a case of two, armed intervention became necessary we have shown our belligerent little neighbors and the world at large, that because we are strong we are not unjust or selfish. We have respected their rights, not coveted their territory, withdrawn our armed forces, and left them free and unhampered, just so soon as conditions would permit us to do so. This is an example of forbearance, the world has never before seen, and one of which we should all be indeed proud.

We have shown the greatest forbearance with our distraught neighbor to the south, and have only the kindest feelings toward her, and hopes that peace may come to her in the near future.

To the young republic in China we have lent some assistance, and nowhere have we done any of these things through any other motive than that of real friendship and brotherly

love. Truly a record no other country has ever equaled.

The message cannot be told piecemeal, nor understood or appreciated, if told that way. You have it in the Capital Journal, word for word as our president expressed it, and the Journal expresses the hope that every one of its readers will save that copy and read the president's message. It is well worth the time for your own information, and it will give you a broader idea of our own liberties and the grandeur and nobility of the United States of America—far from perfect, but the best, the grandest, the most glorious government ever created by man.

AGRICULTURAL BILLS BEHIND.

ONE of the things President Taft calls attention to in his message is that our agricultural growth is not keeping pace with our urban growth. The percentage of producers, food producers, is growing less, and, converso, the percentage of consumers growing larger.

This fact clearly explains the high cost of living, now so much discussed. Of course, this condition, is a natural one, for the vast areas of rich lands once beckoning the settler, are no more. True, there are vast areas in the United States still uncultivated that will, in time, be made to produce, but they are not the rich prairies of the Middle West, requiring only the turning of the sod to make them produce.

Singularly enough almost the same day the president's message was issued there appeared in print a story from the great Saskatchewan country and territory along the lines of railroad now opening in the country north of us, pointing out the vast agricultural possibilities of that immense country, and predicting a lower cost of living, because of the tremendous crops of grain that section would produce. This, it was claimed would necessarily reduce the price of grain, and cheaper grain means that cheaper beef and pork and mutton are soon to follow, since their price depends largely upon the price of "their feed." It was also pointed out that it would be three or four years before this could or would affect the Northwest, for it will take that long to increase the flocks and herds.

However, the United States is becoming more of a manufacturing country, growing more rapidly along that line than is possible under any conditions for it to increase its agricultural growth, and the time is not far distant when this country will consume everything in the way of food stuffs that it produces, and the new country developing to the north of us will find here her greatest market. Be that as it may, with a foreign trade amounting to more than two billions of dollars yearly we, as a nation, will be able to buy enough to keep from getting hungry for a few years at least.

TAFT AND CABINET TO VISIT EXPOSITION

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Taft will be one of the earliest visitors at the San Francisco exposition in 1915, according to assurances given to Mayor Rolph of that city by the nation's chief executive. The same promise was received from Secretary of State Knox and other cabinet officers.

Can This Be True!

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 5.—A broken crate permitted ten chickens to escape from a produce wagon in a section of the city populated by negroes. All were returned by their captors, the owner declares.

In Door Base Ball Next Week

One week from tomorrow the business men's indoor baseball team from the Y. M. C. A. at Portland will be in Salem for a game with the business men's team of the Salem association. In a game between the two teams recently staged on the gymnasium floor of the Portland association, the Salem athletes were defeated by a score of 6 to 3.

The Salem lineup will be revamped for the coming game. Several of the best players in the city were unable to participate in the first game, but will be on deck with the bells a week from Friday. The lineup has not yet been announced, but the team is being whipped into shape and the selection of the fittest will be made in a few days.

About January 1 another huge reception to the general public will be pulled off at the Y. M. C. A. The reception given a month ago was one of the most successful functions ever given in Salem and there has been a clamor on the part of many who were unable to be present at that time, as well as by many of those who were present for a second reception.

The next will be even bigger than the first. The decorations will be more elaborate and the program will be equally interesting and entertaining as that of the first event. Gymnastics exhibitions may also be given

Uncle Samuel Disciplined the Youngsters

A number of Uncle Samuel's school boys were disciplined last night by their teachers for "playing hooky." In other words, these military lads received fines for failing to appear at drill without a reasonable excuse.

According to their elders, the cases were very aggravating and strictly against the peace and dignity of the state of Oregon. Several of the soldiers pleaded guilty to the charges read to them by Captain F. S. Sever, commanding officer of Company K, of Portland, and a minimum fine of \$1 was imposed as a reminder not to play pranks with the National Guard rule book. In other cases, however, those accused refused to accept the charges gracefully and some were assessed \$7 and others \$5 and \$6 each. Those receiving fines in several instances were given back their money on the promise to improve their conduct toward the company, while a few others were held probably to remit. That their uncle really means business was assured when they were informed that under the law that they are given fifteen days in which to pay their fines and if same is not forthcoming within that time, a special officer will call upon them in Salem and either carry back with him the necessary fines or those charged will be compelled to serve time behind bars.

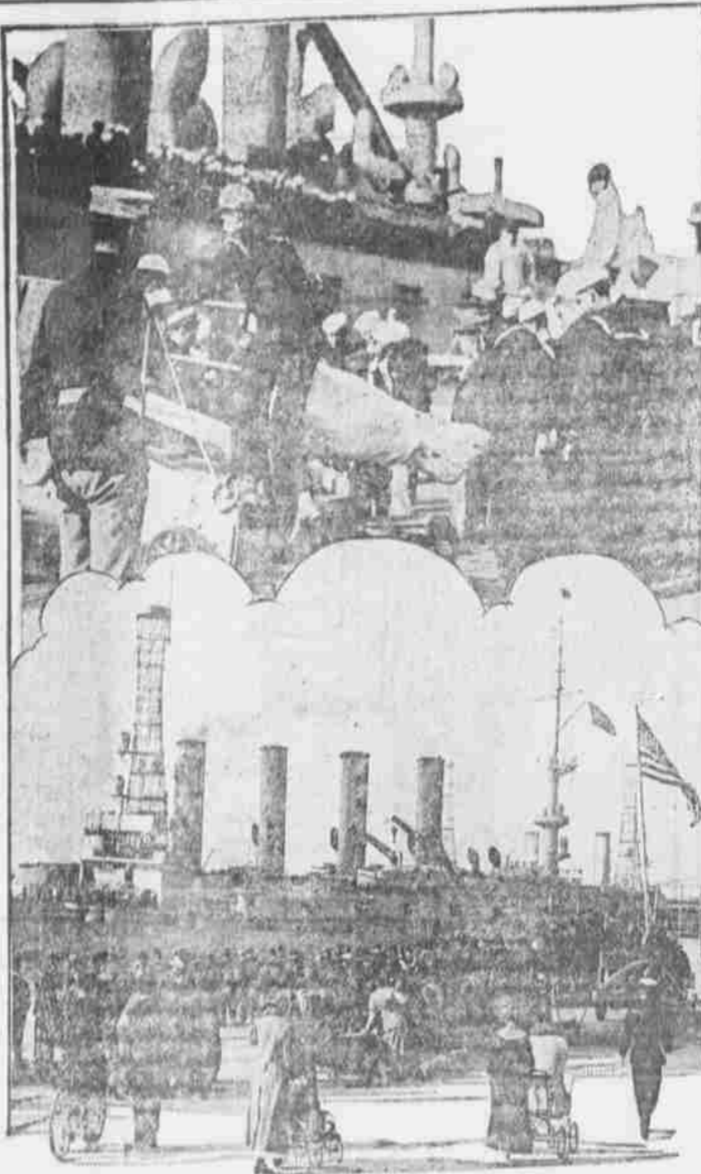
Dissension Has Broken out in the Fifth Ward

Due to what is believed by many to be dissatisfaction over the outcome of the election held last Monday in the fifth ward, a move is now on foot intending to split that precinct in half, thus requiring the services of two more councilmen from the north end of the city.

Dissension is rife in North Salem between certain factions. It is claimed by some that the voters of the ward were given a wrong deal after the primaries, and at the general election, and those opposed to the aldermen who will represent ward five in the council this year declare some step will be taken in the near future to change matters considerably.

The splitting up of the ward is one method presumed to be favored by the voters. It is declared that the ward is much too large as it is, and that it could well bear dividing. The plan is to make the division line at Shipping street. This will give one district between the mill race and Shipping, and another between Shipping and the city limits. Whether or not these plans can be carried out successfully remains to be seen, but several prominent and influential voters of that ward are going to make the attempt sooner or later, or so it is understood. There is considerable complaint being made by those who participated in the general election in the fifth ward. It is stated that the women voters crowded the polling places after they

Cruiser Tennessee Just Before Start For Constantinople



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THESE scenes show the hustle and bustle at the Philadelphia navy yard just before the armored cruiser Tennessee sailed for Constantinople to protect American interests. At the top the sailors are loading the cruiser with extra provisions, 5,000 barrels of flour and 15,000 bushels of potatoes being stowed away for the use of possible refugees. At the bottom the ship is just about to sail, carrying 700 sailors and a company of marines.

TACOMA HAS LARGEST STOCKYARDS IN STATE

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 5.—Tacoma has the largest stockyard in the state in operation today. The O. W. R. & N. company announced the new yards completed yesterday. They have a capacity for unloading 30 cars at one time, and will hold 900 head of cattle and 2500 head of sheep or hogs.

Conditional Pardons Are Given Three

Governor West has granted conditional pardons to Albert Green, Ben Hinton, and Emmet and Earl Shields, who were serving life sentences in the state penitentiary for the murder of Oliver Snyder in Grant county. The men are now in the state of Washington.

The murder occurred in July, 1910, and the four men were associated with Deputy Sheriff Casedy. Casedy was sentenced to hang, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by the governor.

Snyder, the man who was killed, had previously killed Arthur Green, a brother of Albert Green. The men confessed that, while under the influence of liquor, they made an agreement with the deputy sheriff that after he had arrested Snyder they would take the prisoner away from him by force, and kill him. This plan was carried out.

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