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THE THREE R'S, ROOSEVELT, RULE OR RUIN

The Sunday Oregonian discussing the outlook at Chicago and the political situation very frankly says: "The republican candidate for president must have the approval and support of Theodore Roosevelt to win in the coming campaign. Some of the aspirants, it may frankly be said, could not succeed with Roosevelt's indorsement. Any of them will be beaten without it."

Our big contemporary has the situation sized up correctly, only it might have added that any of them will probably be beaten with or without Roosevelt's indorsement.

Taking the Oregonian's digest of the situation as correct, we have the spectacle of a man bigger than the republican party. A man who tells five or more millions voters of the United States that they can not have the president they want, because he will not let them. A man who tells at least half the citizens of the United States that they cannot have a president of their party unless they let him name him, and at the same time name himself for the place. The leaders of the party, or the alleged leaders, may stand for this kind of dictation. They may submit to having the party's nose pulled, its face slapped and it beaten into submission. They may submit to anything because they are politicians and are after power, no matter how it is secured. They may do this, but the rank and file of the republican party will not.

They are free born and cannot be tyrannized over by Colonel Roosevelt or any other man. The day of the political boss has passed both in state and national elections, and the voter can no longer be herded to the polls, given a ticket and be scared into voting it. Colonel Roosevelt seems determined to force the party to give him the nomination. He knows the evident desire of the masses for Hughes as their candidate, but like Vanderbilt, he takes the "Public be damned" position and tells the party delegates who were elected on the promise to support a certain candidate that they must not obey the voters who so instructed them but must take their orders from him.

His idea seems to be that once the nomination is secured it is up to republicans to either vote for him or a democrat. He is right on that but there are many good substantial republicans who with only this choice, will vote for the democrat rather than the man who threw down the party that made him president for nearly eight years, and who then refused to permit it to make its own choice for president.

The Colonel's position boiled down is expressed in the three words: "Rule or Ruin."

The national weather bureau has evidently ordered the weather for the week after reading the dispatches from Chicago. It predicts: "Normal temperatures in most every part of the United States for the first part of the week." For the last half it predicts: "Thunder storms and showers for almost every section except the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast states." In other words it will be fair until the republican, progressive and women's party conventions meet in Chicago, and then there will be storms. Maybe for once the weather bureau is right.

Most of the big shipping companies in San Francisco have come through and the others will. The lumbermen on the sound are still holding out although they a few days ago voluntarily raised the price of lumber one dollar. If it was right for them to demand and get more for their product why should not the laborer be entitled to do the same?

The army bill is now a law, the president signing it Saturday. Under it the regular army will have 206,000 men and the militia 424,000. The regular force may be kept below its maximum strength during peace times at the discretion of the president, and in time of war can be increased to 250,000.

The management of the big convention has opened a barber shop on the main floor. Is this a slam at Hughes or just an invitation?

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LONGSHOREMEN MAY WIN STRIKE

Apparently the longshoremen's strike is likely to be won by the men. When the demand for increased wage was made the employers did not pay it the scant courtesy of a reply. They were told unless some arrangement was made the strike would be called, but they ignored the warning. They claimed the raise demanded was preposterous, and unreasonable. That the shippers or ship owners could not pay the price asked without facing bankruptcy.

Yet within two days many of them yielded and others are coming over so fast that the end seems not far away. It may be the wage asked is high, of that we do not pretend to speak; but it is also a fact that freight rates of all classes of ocean transportation have increased from three to six times what they were before the war, yet wages of the dock workers have not been advanced. It would seem from this that the claim the employers could not stand a raise of wages is not tenable.

With several times the receipts of a year or two ago for the same carriage, labor has not received any share of the increased income. It would seem the shipping class wanted all the increased rates and not only that but to really pay their laborers less. The high cost of transportation has added to the cost of living and so while the employers were still paying their men the old wage, considered from its purchasing power the wage was really smaller than before the war.

A second Roosevelt headquarters was opened at Chicago today. This is perfectly proper, he being a candidate before two conventions. It recalls a story of a certain cavalry officer who during the civil war boasted that his headquarters was in the saddle. A mean editor, democrat of course, commenting on this remarked that said officer had never accomplished anything, and now the reason was plain; "he evidently did not know the difference between headquarters and hindquarters."

Will H. Hayes, manager of the Fairbanks candidacy, has announced that until the selection of a candidate has been made the Fairbanks' headquarters will keep "open house?" and invites all the delegates to come in and make themselves at home. Should the weather turn real warm, as Chicago weather has a habit of doing free ice water becomes a great attraction. It may turn the trick. Delegates should go early for it is probable the door will close as soon as the winning ballot has been announced.

One more day and the Elephant, Bull Mose and Girafes will be busy at Chicago. It is sure some menagerie. When this show is over the Democratic Donkey will do a few stunts at St. Louis and then it will be up to the spellers and the voters. Big business will also have a hand in the game if all accounts are correct.

Saturday was preparedness parade day, and was pretty widely observed. Chicago had upwards of 130,000 in her parade, outnumbering New York's big turn out. Portland had 15,000 and smaller towns in proportion. What it all amounts to and what results, if any, it will have remains to be seen.

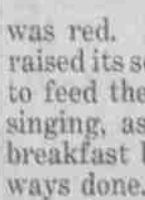
A force of men were busy all day Saturday at Chicago converting a confectionery store into headquarters for Root. It may be his supporters think him the candy kid, but at this distance it looks as though he was after the indorsement of the ladies of the woman's party convention.

Fifty eaddies of the Waverly links at Oregon City went on strike Saturday afternoon demanding a raise of wages from 20 to 25 cents an hour. The sheriff was called to the links but thinks it will not be necessary to call out the troops.



MORNING ON THE FARM

Get up, my lad! The sun is rising, it is a most majestic day; Aurora's beauties are surprising, you should be glad to quit the hay. Get up, get up, the dew is gleaming, like priceless jewels on the grass; it is a sin to lie here dreaming, while morning's transient glories pass. Get up, my son, the light is stealing athwart the summit of the hill, and I can hear the porkers squealing for buckets of refreshing swill. The oriole's already soaring, the mocking bird begins to mock, and you, O sluggish youth, are snoring, although it's nearly four o'clock! When I was young my sainted father ne'er had to rouse me from my bed; I thought it shame to cause such bother—I rose before the East was red. Before the wren began its carols, or cat-bird raised its solo fine, I went and carried seven barrels of slop to feed the humpbacked swine. I went about my labors singing, as I would see you do, my son; and when the breakfast bell was ringing, the morning chores were always done. Get up, get up, the world is waking! The morn is grand, but soon it fades! And in three shakes I will be breaking this slat across your shoulderblades!



Commencement Exercises Willamette University

The annual commencement exercises of Willamette University began yesterday with the preaching of the baccalaureate sermon by the president, Dr. Carl Gregg Doney at the First Methodist church. A farewell meeting of the Christian associations was held Sunday afternoon with Prof. James T. Matthews as leader. The anniversary services of the Christian associations were held last evening with Prof. J. O. Hall delivering the sermon.

The senior breakfast was held at 7:30 this morning. Tonight at 8 o'clock, president and Mrs. Doney will hold a reception at their home, 1116 State street for the alumni and seniors and also the trustees, faculty, students and their friends.

The program for Tuesday and Wednesday is as follows:
Tuesday, June 6
10:00 a. m.—Meeting of the board of trustees.
12:30 p. m.—Student luncheon.
2:00 p. m.—Class day exercises.
8:00 p. m.—Senior class banquet.

Wednesday, June 7
9:30 a. m.—Processional formed in front of Eaton hall.
10:30 a. m.—Seventy-third commencement. Oration by Rev. Luther O. Dyott, D. D. Conferring of degrees, college of Liberal Arts, College of Law, President Doney.

2:30 p. m.—Alumni association business meeting.
6:30 p. m.—Alumni banquet, Marion hotel.

Several Americans Reported Killed In Peru

Washington, June 5.—Investigation of reported killing and wounding of several Americans and Englishmen at Telare, Peru, was undertaken by the state department when it called the minister at Lima to ascertain facts of the strike situation.

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"There are two ways of being happy; we may either diminish our wants or augment our means—either will do—the result is the same; and it is for each man to decide for himself, and do that which happens to be the easiest," says Benjamin Franklin. "If you are idle, or sick, or poor, however hard it may be to diminish your wants, it will be harder to augment your means. If you are active and prosperous, or young, or in good health, it will be easier for you to augment your means than to diminish your wants. But, if you are wise, you will do both at the same time; young or old, rich or poor, sick or well; and, if you are very wise, you will do both in such a way as to augment the general happiness of society."

The hardest thing about saving money is making a beginning. We are always "going to," like the small boy. But every cent of this week's salary has been spent before it was earned and every cent of next week's likewise. The following week, however, if we should have any of our salary left, we will save it. It is more than likely, however, that it will never be saved.

The only way to save is to decide upon the very highest amount that can be spared from your salary and on each pay day, before you have a chance to do anything else with your money, take out this certain sum and put it away. Then make yourself live within the remainder. People are paid for their labor or for what they produce by their labor. But a time will come when they can no longer work. This period should be prepared for when a person is young and well and has employment. Then in old age there will be something to show for the previous years of hard work and the rest and happiness and freedom from care which should be the accompaniments of old age will have been secured and honestly earned.

There is another reason why people should save money; and that is that its possession will enable them to do good to others. The satisfaction gained from being able to give substantial aid to others when we are called upon to do so is immeasurable; or to lend money to some one who needs a little capital to become successful himself. The rich and generous men of this country, who made their own money and spent less than they made, probably have got more satisfaction out of being able to endow universities, build libraries, give large amounts to art galleries and charitable institutions and improve the condition of workers than in making any other use of their money. To be able to help others is worth all the effort required of us to raise ourselves from small beginnings and insignificant situations.

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