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WHAT NEWSPAPERS ARE TALKING ABOUT

Roosevelt—A Winsome Fraud.
(Sedrowoolley Courier.)
Teddy advises the Progressives to hold together. What for? Until he makes another contract with the Democratic chiefs to elect for them another president next year? Or until he can make a dicker with the Republicans to be their leader next year? He should have added to his advice to hold together the words, "until I can make arrangements to minister to my own desires, for then I shall need all the dupes that I can gather under my standards." He declares that he is a most peaceable and domestic man but in the event of a war he and his four sons would enlist. We believe that, for we believe that he and his sons possess physical courage. But they would all have to go as officers. In that respect he is not a bit above the mongrel chiefs, that have been raising hades in Mexico for three years past. Teddy is rather a winsome fraud.

Our Own Little Town.
(Auxvasse, Mo., Review.)
If you meet a man who is down in the mouth, who thinks that his town is all wrong; just take him aside, or give him a ride, and tell him this quaint little song: "There are fancier towns than our little town, there are towns that are bigger than this; and the people who live in the tinier towns all the city excitement will miss. There are things you can see in the wealthier towns that you can't in the town that is small; and yet up and down there is no other town like our own little town after all. It may be the street through the heart of our town isn't long, isn't wide, isn't straight; but the neighbors you know in our own little town with a welcome your coming will wait. In the glittering street of the glittering town, with its palace and pavement and hall; in the midst of the throng you will frequently long for our own little town after all. If you live and work and trade in our town in spite of the fact that it's small, you'll find that the town—our own little town—is the best kind of a town after all."

Pan-American Influence.
(New Haven Journal-Courier.)
The state department of the United States government has taken an important step in the right direction by inviting the representatives of the Central and South American governments to meet with officials of this government to consider ways and means of bringing peace to stricken Mexico. . . . The country will watch with great interest the outcome of this conference, for in one aspect of the case it is the most important of all. If a common agreement is reached by the conferees, and a common program adopted, a long step will be taken in the life of Mexico and the life of the North American, Central American and South American republics.

Western Prospects.
(Des Moines Register and Leader.)
Twenty-five years ago, when Los Angeles was a city of some 80,000, and Seattle not far from the same, and Portland and Spokane and Tacoma relatively where they are now, it was said that the California bubble must surely burst. But Los Angeles has today half a million, and Seattle and all the other coast cities have grown in proportion and they are no nearer the expected collapse today than they were then, nor half so near. . . . They have a saying in Canada that if a man has the right sort of mettle in him you may place him a thousand leagues in the wilderness on a flat rock and he will plant pennies and grow dollars. The people of the coast country are not in a wilderness nor on a flat rock. And they have the right sort of mettle.

That Big Trade Balance.
(Topeka Capital.)
The natural supposition when it turns out that the balance of trade in the last year has been \$1,100,000,000 in favor of this country, an unheard of balance either way, is that it must be due to a big falling off in imports, but this is not the fact. Even imports were greater in the last 12 months than in any previous fiscal year prior to 1913 and only \$220,000,000 less than last year. Heavy exports at high prices, chiefly food products, explains the big trade balance.

Moving the State Capital.
(Inland Empire News, Hillyard.)
The Douglas County Press has again started the agitation to move the state capital from Olympia to some more desirable and accessible place. It is a foregone conclusion that if the matter ever gets before the

people there will be a change. The Olympia papers cry that the state has now such an investment that it would be mighty poor policy to lose this and move elsewhere, but what the state owns in Olympia is a mere bagatelle to what the state would save were the capital in a more convenient place.

Every state employe must first go to Tacoma or to Seattle to get started to his destination and must return the same way after every trip to Olympia, an entirely useless 33 or 71-mile trip, whether you go to Tacoma or Seattle. The town is away from the main line of travel and has very poor travel accommodations. For the past six months the citizens of Olympia haven't been public-spirited enough to have street lights and after dark one has to wander about the state capital in total darkness! The town has but one hotel. It's daily newspapers are a part of the Perkins press and see things in a very narrow way; anything that smacks of standpat Republicanism gets by, and anything else fails, a Democrat in office being an abomination to them.

Without question the ideal place for the state capital would be some point between Seattle and Tacoma. This would make the two largest western cities easy of access by street car and would save the state much money in traveling expenses of its officials alone.

Favor Better Preparation.
(Columbia River Sun.)
With very few exceptions, the country has settled down to the conviction that the time is opportune for taking adequate measures for the national defense. Every day seems to demonstrate more clearly than ever before the absolute imperative-ness of such a course if we are to preserve our entity and protect our rights. The fate of Belgium and China is forcing upon us the conviction that a condition of national helplessness is no protection against foreign aggression, and the temper of the people is such that congress will now undoubtedly feel warranted in taking prompt measures for greater security.

Three Democrats to Win.
(Douglas Co. Press.)
The prospects for Democrats to win a sweeping victory nationally grows brighter each day. It will take a miracle and only a miracle can do it, to keep Woodrow Wilson from being nominated in 1916, followed by a triumphant election. Indeed it would be a calamity not to do so and the people generally are looking at it in that way and the fault finders get but little consolation when they begin opposing him. The people have grasped the manner of man Woodrow Wilson is by now and demand that he shall stay where he is until he has carried out the policies he inaugurated by having them firmly established as the law of the land. The wisdom of Wilson is seen in his starting at the beginning of his administration to put in practice the Democratic plan of constructive legislation to counteract the destructive legislation made by the fossilized Republican party of vanity and inactivity. It showed that Woodrow Wilson had the courage of his convictions and was able to interpret aright the democracy of the people who demanded a forward movement and not a backward one.

To help in this work of constructive statesmanship Washington state should take a part. To do that it should send a man to the senate from this state who is strong in constructive legislation. A man who is a doer and not a fossil of a bygone age. Such a man is needed from this state to assist at Washington in pushing forward the grand work of the Democratic party so ably promulgated by Woodrow Wilson. It would be of great assistance to the nation and of untold benefit to the state of Washington to have a senator at Washington to keep forward step with Woodrow Wilson. And Washington has that man in his fullness in Stephen J. Chadwick. He is thoroughly capable and of the mental calibre to make a fitting senator and represent the state of Washington with a Woodrow Wilson administration.

Then to complete the chain our state government wants to be kept in line with this forward, face front movement. Governor Lister has headed it forward and by his good business sense and practical ideas has lifted the state out of the slough of spoils politics which its former leaders had got it into. He is clean, practical and aggressive in well doing. He is business and looks forward in every move. He stands against going in debt on road building and pay-as-you-go is good sound sense and the best of business.

It Takes a Live Fish

to swim against the stream--dead ones do not count anyhow. Just because a man has a store and goods on the shelves, it does not necessarily follow that he is a merchant--he may be only a shopkeeper--which is quite a different thing. In this day of keen competition it is only the merchant who will finally survive and make a success. He is alive, full of "pep" and ginger and knows the value of newspaper advertising. He also knows that nothing on earth CAN be as effective as good newspaper advertising to promote business, and without it no business man can properly succeed. Seattle, Portland and Tacoma are everlastingly after the business of Olympia and surrounding country, and our merchants must use the same methods as they use to head them off--that is advertise regularly and liberally. Failing to do this, much of our business will leave us.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest from the Seat of Government.
BY J. E. JONES.

"Timber Land Farmers."
Some of the lands in the government forests have as much as \$20,000 worth of timber on a single quarter-section, and the pressure on Washington to have these lands reclaimed for "settlement" is as strong as in the olden days when the opening of a large tract of public land was usually followed by a new crop of millionaires who waxed rich by the process of putting their "stool pigeons" on the land. However, the old game does not work as easily as formerly, since Uncle Sam is becoming more particular about his settlers. Some 1,700,000 acres of government lands have been opened to settlement within the past decade, but Secretary Lane, who knows a pine tree from a corn stalk and can tell whether the land is more desirable for tree farming than agricultural purposes, has withdrawn 2,500,000 acres of land and will likely subject another couple of million acres to the same treatment. Of course, the timber land specialists will be disappointed.

"National Preparedness."
The campaign for "national preparedness" is being carried on at Washington with all the enthusiasm attendant upon revival meetings. The Hudson Maxim set of motion pictures, arranged by the Vitagraph company, were exhibited at the Army and Navy National Press Clubs, before going into the regular picture house. Some of the enterprising newspaper men of the capital have arranged a league to exploit "national preparedness," and nearly all the pencil wasters are specializing on the subject. If writers and words can protect the country against invasion, the Washington correspondents will make America a bomb proof.

The Puzzling Carranza.
In view of the fact that the Carranza government has maintained a sort of lobby in Washington, the attitude of the "first chief" in Mexico City in issuing defis to the administration of the United States is rather puzzling. As a matter of home consumption an anti-American sentiment appears to be popular, but when Carranza's representatives have shown their hands in Washington it has usually indicated a desire to secure the support of President Wilson and his advisers. There is every difference in the world between Carranza talking for publication, and the Carranza on the q. t.

When You Have Fleas, Gorgasize!
The agricultural department says that it takes from two weeks to several months for the egg of the flea to hatch, and that there is always danger of reinfestation unless the breeding places are destroyed.

Muffin's That Mother Used to Make.
Uncle Sams' food experts declare that the old-fashioned stone-ground meal is superior to the new-fangled stuff that comes out of the mills a ton at a clip. The old meal preserved the rich, oily flavor that made muffins, hoecake and pone famous. The reason why roller mill meal has become almost universal is because it will keep much longer than the stone-ground meal.

Bad Mannered Congressman.
Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois requisitioned the president to receive a delegation of men to tell him how to shape his foreign policy. Secretary Tumulty politely replied that the president had no time to give to such engagement during the short break he had made in his vacation period by coming to Washington. Whereupon Buchanan wrote a saucy letter saying that President Wilson had had time to receive the interests of big business, but turned down a delegation of representatives of labor. The evidences are that the delegation were closer to being representatives of Representative Buchanan than anyone else.

Buchanan is unfortunate in having exhibited his bad manners in trying to break into the White House during dog days, since thereby he has run aground of "ye pencil pushers" who are so disengaged that we have time to resent any "rough stuff" being puffed on the president of the United States.

Express Companies Lose Choice Graft.

Just why the United States government should operate a system superior to the jitneyized express companies and at the same time pay these express companies for transporting money from one point to another ought to be characterized as a "mystery," since "Boss" Platt, former president of one of the companies, has been dead for years, and his company expired later on as a result of the parcel post buzz saw. The government will henceforth carry its own mail, depriving the express companies of nearly a half million dollars of business. For 25 years the government paid 20 cents a thousand dollars for shipments between Washington and Philadelphia, and the rate varied to \$1.50 per thousand dollars on shipments to San Francisco.

One by one the little plums that ripened year after year are dropping onto the cold, cruel ground for the last time, and Uncle Sam is finding it cheaper to carry packages for himself and the public than to build up lists of millionaires to thicken the "Who's Who" book.

Lots of Office Rooms.
Anyone who wants to run for president of the United States can find plenty of office room in Washington. To be sure the space is going fast, as two Republican candidates have "moved in" within the month, but there will be plenty of room for all.

Indications are that the electorate will be treated to such a plethora of "educational campaigns" within the next twelve-month that they may be pardoned for wondering how ignorant they really were before the boiler plate houses and the publicity boomers started in to fix things for 1916.

WHAT HAPPENED IN OLYMPIA AND STATE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Washington Standard for August 22, 1890. Vol. XXXI. No. 39.

A sample of gold from the Olympics has been tested and an expert says it will run over \$200,000 to the ton.

Completing the contract of Griggs & Huestis on the Tacoma, Olympia & Gray's Harbor railroad are 2,000 men and 475 teams, representing 950 head of horses and mules. The grading is completed to Black River the road is ironed a distance of 14 miles.

Mr. Govey has, we understand, consented to accept the position of consul to Kanagawa, Japan, and will leave for his post of duty as soon as he can arrange his personal affairs.

The state legislature will convene about the first of September.

B. P. Van Trump of Yelm came to town Tuesday. He lately made a partial ascent of Mt. Rainier with a party which went to the summit. As Mr. Van T. had performed the feat several years ago, he contented himself with remaining at the snow line while the aerial voyagers performed their journey to the clouds. Among the party who ascended to the top was Miss Fay Fuller, daughter of Mr. E. N. Fuller of the Tacoma "Every Sunday." Miss F. is the first woman who has performed this notable feat.

American Telephone & Telegraph company has cut in halves night rates on leased press wires, which have been \$12 a year a mile for press associations and \$10 a year a mile for individual newspapers.

The latest figures of the treasury show that on August 2 there was \$2,006,399,539 in gold cash and bullion in the United States, the greatest stock of gold of any country in the world, probably greater than any other two countries in the world.

S. W. Eccles, of the American Smelting & Refining company, says: "The metal market is in splendid condition and altogether the prospects are for a good year in business. All our plants in the United States are in operation at capacity, and five of our Mexican plants are operating at capacity in Mexico. Our properties in the territory controlled by Carranza, however, are not in operation."