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The Washington state flower, the Rhododendron, is now in bloom and should be a feature of the city and citizens' decorations on Roosevelt day, tomorrow.

The most unsatisfactory thing we see about Roosevelt's candidacy for re-nomination is the fact that so many Democratic papers are throwing bouquets at him.

Tacoma bids fair to amount to something as a city yet. It is a little slow in adopting new fads, but it is now announced that it has a real "live" totem pole, that will be "planted" in that city as soon as a site can be decided upon.

That certainly was a mild bit of humor displayed by the Moran Bros. Co. in providing a cushioned bench outside their ship yard for the accommodation of the wearied "unfair" banner carriers, kept there by the striking boiler makers and molders.

The warm days, of which we occasionally have one, bring visions of horse hats, but why wait for the hot days before providing protection for the faithful horse. A hat to protect from the chilling rain, when it comes, would no doubt be appreciated.

Like father, like child is well illustrated in the ex-Mayor Ames episode, in Minneapolis. Doc. has acknowledged to having been a notorious grafter, and now, one after another of his political children are getting the G. B., as being too much "alle samee" the doctor.

Possibly Bryan may have a selfish reason, after all, in his advocacy of good roads; not only that he may the more cheaply carry his farm products to market, but he may have a sneaking idea that he will have to "walk back home" after his next presidential tour.

This is a cosmopolitan country, and almost any old name goes, but when we read that Kowaleski and Slominski are charged in Chicago, with the murder of one Murovski, we cannot but wonder if the Czar is about to try to annex the "Windy" City, as well as Manchuria to his ever widening domain.

Shamrock III has proven to be the best challenger for the American cup yet built, and the Columbia, which has held the cup against the two other Shamrocks seems to be the best defender that this country can put up, and it is likely to be she that must defend it against the new challenger. The situation is getting interesting.

The Mt. Vernon Argus, which has long been conducted as a Demo-Pop organ, has obtained a clearer vision and announces a change in politics and policy. In an enlarged form it will henceforth be conducted as a Republican paper, and cease to be at cross purposes, politically, with the best interests of the state and community, which it so worthily represents.

The Assotin County Sentinel has just issued a special descriptive number of twelve pages on good book paper. It is well gotten up and filled with appropriate matter, describing that portion of the state. They have a wonderful country over in the southwest part of the state and this special number will no doubt attract many people to take advantage of its possibilities.

After President Roosevelt has had a glimpse of the Puget Sound country and thereby gets a faint idea of what there is to be seen and learned he will realize that he heretofore has had a very limited idea as to the extent and importance of this part of our National domain, also that he has made a mistake in not planning to spend at least two days more of his trip on the American Mediterranean.

Democrats in this state have been thrown on beam end, by the refusal of Senator Turner to allow his name

to be used in connection with the nomination for governor. Turner is well known and popular, and it was hoped to get him elected so that some of the loaves and fishes might come their way, but Senator Turner is too wise to be caught playing at a losing game. So he says "nit."

Factional politics are strong in Walla Walla, and the crowd in the saddle in the state "hotel" city, have ignored an honored citizen, ex-Governor Miles C. Moore, in their arrangements for the reception of President Roosevelt. But Mr. Moore will hold over them all, for he has been invited to assist Governor McBride in receiving the President at Olympia. The recognition to ex-Governor Moore is merited, as well as the slap it gives to Walla Walla factionists.

With the return of spring and the opening of the park season comes up that perennial question of liquor selling at these rest places. There is just one way to stop it, and that is, to stop it; by eternal vigilance and extreme penalty for all violations. Public sentiment is in favor of keeping our parks free from such influences as attach to grog shops and it is up to the police department to give the people what they want.

It seems like taking an undue advantage when an exchange puts it in this light: "It is said that a man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife. A glance at our subscription books leads us to believe that many women in this section are not having their ribs cracked. Come in and settle and show that all's right at home." Still it may be there is something in it after all. It is only another way of saying that a man who will not pay his printer is too mean to love his wife. Hence the lack of danger to the ribs.

"The Republican, over at Seattle, speaking of a candidate for mayor of that town, says he would make a nasty scrap for the place, if nominated. We should remark. Any man in Seattle, where rogues and beats hold sway, would have to make a nasty race."—Independent, Pomeroy. Now, don't get funny, Bro. Mays. You ought to know there are two kinds of "nasty;" the "nasty" we mean is odorless, but the nasty "nasty" that you intimate, is of that character that comes only from the putrid imagination of a diseased brain.

The leaven of fairness seems to be working slowly in the South. In the disfranchisement of the Negroes the Republican party seems to have been as guilty as the Democratic. It also seems that despite the general disfranchisement amendment, certain Negroes are entitled to vote, but by action of party management these have been debarred representation in the councils or conventions, but the Republican state central committee of Alabama has resolved in favor of allowing those who can vote under the constitution, the right to sit in the next state convention.

J. Eibert Cutler, a post graduate student at Yale, has just completed an exhaustive investigation into lynchings in the United States for the last twenty-one years. He finds that the total for this period is 3,233, of whom 1,872 were Negroes and 1,256 were whites. There were sixty-one women lynched in that period, twenty-three of them white women, of whom nine were lynched for murder. In the South, 1,001 Negroes and 593 whites were lynched. Statistics cannot be made to show more than thirty-five per cent. of Negroes lynched for crimes against women.—Public Opinion.

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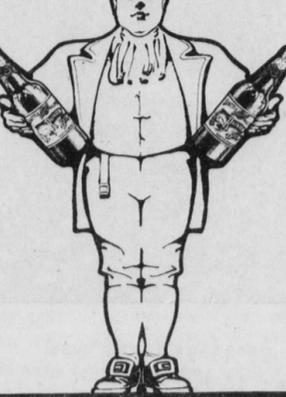
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