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of our climate. Oregon is the best in the world and California.

The "I-told-you-sos" are having their innings this week, and fool election bets are due all over the country.

The population of St. Johns is conservatively estimated at two thousand, but it is generally believed that a careful count would show a greater number.

From all indications, Tom Word is sheriff of Multnomah County. Knowing the force of his oath when taking office, he dares do his duty. And he is right.

Well, the country has been saved (?) again, and the boosters for the successful party are getting busy trying to get appointments to lucrative government positions as rewards for "patriotic" efforts.

Between "irrigations" at the El Paso, Texas, Irrigating Congress, the Oregon delegates will attend bull fights. Those Texans will show the websters a thing or two about "irrigating."

Now comes the head of Portland's police department to the fore to investigate the charge that somebody has been receiving a "graft" from Chinese gamblers! "What shall the harvest be?"

It is said Chief Hunt is a probable candidate for Mayor of Portland. Ye Gods! But then Alderman Fred Merrill also has aspirations in this direction. What has our neighbor up the river ever done to deserve all this?

The city council might interest itself in naming the streets and numbering the houses. As a present in directing a stranger in St. Johns, the best one can do is to say that "he lives first house beyond John Smith," and there you are. Confusing, somewhat.

The St. Johns lockup has not had an inmate for more than two months. This speaks volumes for the morals of a young city of two thousand people. It is doubtful if the same can be truthfully said of any other city of equal population on the continent. Rowdiness of any character is almost an unknown element in St. Johns.

We urge upon the readers of *The Review* to consult the advertising columns of *The Review*. They will find their every want can be supplied right here at home, and at prices just as reasonable as can be found anywhere. St. Johns has a good class of merchants, worthy of the patronage of every citizen, and your patronage should be given them. Patronize home, thus helping to build up the city.

No other point on the river offers inducements for the location of factories equal to St. Johns. There is room for several score more large establishments, and it will not be a great while before the whole river front will be occupied. The present prices at which water frontage is held are reasonable, and the "captains of industry" will not be slow to take advantage of this fact.

"Babe" Walton who held up a street car and nearly killed Policeman Nelson, has been sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary. It is predicted that, through the machinations of attorneys and delays of appeals, Walton will land in Salem about Jan. 1, 1906. Perhaps, maybe.

A building and loan association, organized on safe and economical plans, would be a fine thing for St. Johns. The attention of the executive of the Commercial Club might consider the proposition. These associations have been a great help in building homes for the wage earner in other cities, and, no doubt, would prove very advantageous here. It is a question which should be considered.

The Review invites suggestions and discussion through its columns of all public questions, and will cheerfully give space to contributors for the purpose of expressing their views. Of course, the editor reserves the right to be sole judge of the fitness and propriety of any and all correspondence, and will permit nothing of a personal nature unless deemed of general interest. Let your communications be brief and to the point.

It seems rather unfair that, after the emphatic disavowal of the Oregonian, some of the provincial editors should still insist that the support given the Lewis and Clark fair by that journal is from mercenary motives. With all the faults of the Oregonian, willful falsifying is not one of them. Give the devil his due—Portland's big daily is more than any other single source responsible for whatever degree of success has thus far been attained in the promotion of the great fair.

There is a dearth of dwelling houses for rent. In fact, it is difficult to obtain any kind of a house at present. Here is an opportunity for investment which offers good returns. There are a great many house owners in St. Johns, a greater proportion, perhaps, than any city of its size in Oregon, and hundreds are building. What is most needed is small cottages, say four or five rooms to accommodate the large number of operators employed in the different factories. Within the next few months there will be hundreds of this class of residents, and they must be provided for. This matter is worthy the attention of our moneyed men.

The Commercial Club starts out under favorable auspices, and bids fair to become an important factor in assisting and pushing forward all laudable efforts for furthering the material interests of this district. True, a more general interest might be shown, but there is every reason to believe that more enthusiasm will be developed when it is shown that the club means business. Every citizen interested in the district should become an active member of the organization. There are many matters which demand attention, organized attention. The new charter, water, lights, insurance rates, and other internal improvements in which every citizen is directly interested, are living issues, and must be met, discussed and the problems solved. There is no lack of work and work that must be done, and done by the people, whether by the few or

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