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Washington, D. C.—Ebbitt House, Pennsylvania avenue.

Portland, Thursday, March 29, 1906.

THE ISSUE. Statement No. 1 is a matter for argument. Honest men may conscientiously differ in opinion.

But there are questions upon which candidates for the Legislature who intend to do their duty as servants of the people cannot hold opposing views.

No one who believes in corporation ownership and control of franchises can honestly ask the voters to elect him to the Legislature; for he is against the best interests of the public.

The Oregonian purposes to take the side of the people upon this question. The candidates who believe in the ownership and control of franchises by the people will have its support.

close touch with the diplomatic service of France, naturally became imbued with the ideas of the aristocracy to a considerable extent.

Water transportation a necessity. The project of establishing a transportation line on the Upper Columbia and Snake Rivers is one of the most important before the people of Portland today.

A bitter pill. In one of his sprightly paragraphs Oliver Wendell Holmes describes what happens when a farmer overturns a stone in the field on a summer afternoon.

Dr. Holmes was not thinking of the Standard Oil Company when he penned his witty epilogue, but it describes with ludicrous accuracy the scattering of kerosene insectivora, big and little, which befall when Mr. Hadley rudely tore off the shield of secrecy which had so long hidden their orgies.

Mr. Hadley has overturned the sheltering stone of corporate secrecy. He has let the light of day into the den of the scandalous colony.

So long as that company remained in the hands of Portland capitalists it was always operated in the interest of this city, and the territory served by this city.

Even if this policy should be continued and improved, there is no reason for Portland abandoning her efforts to secure a steamboat line.

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There is unquestionably a liberal margin of profit in moving freight to and from the upper country on a lower schedule than is now in existence. It may also be possible for the railroads to meet any cut in rate by the steamboat line and still handle the bulk of the traffic at a profit to themselves.

With a steamboat line to the interior, Portland will be in a very independent position regarding the railroads. Water transportation over easily navigated routes is the cheapest transportation on earth, and on a mighty river like the Columbia it has the advantage of being free to all comers.

To those numerous Oregon newspapers that were victimized by a false and viciously incorrect version of the affair in The Oregonian office Monday, The Oregonian has simply to say that they will doubtless learn again the whole truth.

Maxima Fernandez, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of Costa Rica, has just arrived at New York, having been defeated by her native land.

Two hundred and fifty teachers were enrolled at the Whitman County Teachers' Institute which convened Monday, and it is announced that at least fifty more will add their names to the list before the close of the session.

Never in the history of the world has manual labor received so large reward as in the twentieth century. A boy scarce 19, in three hours and a half obtained \$5000 by making more points in billiards than Champion George Slosson.

Not inappropriate is the "nickname" of the explosive used by the inner circle of the Western Federation of Miners. While "bell fire" lacks elegance and is unscientific, yet it conveys to the popular mind a better idea of its quality than do bluish-grey of carbon and similar compounds.

De Lancey Nicolli, vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee, says that Mr. Hearst is a political traitor. This is a nice, easy compliment compared with some of the things which Hearst has said about some of Mr. Nicolli's friends.

Tuskegee Institute is the beneficiary of a \$25,000 philanthropic gift from the estate of \$65,000. If Booker Washington shall devote it, as he no doubt will, to the manual training of the Southern negro, the world will be better and happier for the gift.

THE SILVER LINING. Good-bye, Marquam. (Time of Hiram Green.)

Marquam Grand was just a first-class theater in Portland town. It drew the people strong for many a year. The shows it gave were famous in the Northwest, up and down.

The Republic of Chile has just authorized a loan of \$12,500,000 from a German financial house for the construction of a railroad from Arica, Chile, to Lapaiz, Bolivia.

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Definitions. (Tips on the Race of Life.) Panama, Pa.—A clever little piece of mechanism that can make a man slip up and slip down at the same time.

Symptoms. Chicago Tribune. If your wife is growing restless, if she tentatively lugs a curtain, if she studies all the rugs.

His Identity. Watson's Magazine. "Does anyone know this poor fellow?" asked the good Samaritan, addressing the crowd which had quickly gathered at the scene of the accident.

Pittsburg, reputed to be the richest city of its size in the world, receives \$2,000,000 more from Carnegie. As remarked by a philosopher long since dead, "Them as has gets."

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WILL DIG LOCK-CANAL. President Will Not Wait if Congress Delays Decision. WASHINGTON, March 28.—Canal legislation at the present session of Congress is regarded as extremely improbable, even by the members of the Senate committee, which for two months has been meeting nearly every day to investigate conditions on the Isthmus of Panama and prepare itself to report a bill.

Several weeks ago it was decided to postpone temporarily the investigation of criticisms that had been made against the management of canal affairs, and to devote the time to a discussion of the type of canal to be constructed. The committee is divided on this subject, and there is no indication that the witnesses who could be called would give testimony that would tend toward harmonizing the views of the members.

They have pointed out that, if no agreement is reached by Congress, the President in his message transmitting the two reports to the Senate has given notice that the Administration will proceed with the construction of the lock canal.

Advocates of the lock canal declared today that in view of the fact that Mr. Stevens had examined the site since the testimony was given, it is the best position to take a positive stand.

Hold Off Coastwise Laws. Concession to Philippines Proposed. More Pay for Army Officers. WASHINGTON, March 28.—Secretary Taft, who will be before the Senate committee on military affairs today, spoke at length concerning the necessity for a military cable to Panama by way of Key West, Porto Rico and Guantanamo.

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