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Much learning shows how little mortals know; much wealth how little worldlylings enjoy.—Young.

STRUCK THE KEYNOTE.

WHEN Councilman Sharkey declared in the council meeting yesterday that the Oregonian's effort to secure the revocation of the Portland Gas company's franchises was due simply and solely to that newspaper's private grudge against the officers of the corporation...

ern Pacific lines between Eugene and Corvallis? What about the high rates in vogue now that are causing shippers there to be at this moment planning to haul freight parallel to Southern Pacific lines between Lebanon and Albany? What about the rank discrimination in rates all over Oregon...

OKLAHOMA'S CONSTITUTION.

THE OKLAHOMA constitutional convention is inclined to adopt some provisions of organic law that will not be acceptable to the railroads and other monopolies, and, according to some recent reports, are not acceptable either to President Roosevelt or other Republican leaders.

THE TAX COMMISSION'S REPORT.

THE TAX code prepared by a tax commission and introduced as a bill in the legislature is from the circumstances of its preparation entitled to favorable consideration on the part of the joint committee of the two houses now considering it.

ought to be made soon, for such a bill will necessarily arouse much discussion and require considerable time to pass. The people generally expect some legislation on this subject...

HARRIMAN'S POWER.

THE WALL Street Journal says that E. H. Harriman is the most powerful individual in the United States, not excepting even the president. It makes no allusion to Rockefeller, from which we infer that it assumes that he gives Harriman an absolutely free hand.

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in the east are copying our direct primary laws, while Washington will make use of our whipping post for obstreperous husbands.

An Iowa woman has filed a divorce complaint in rhyme. The defendant ought to need no lawyer to secure the decree himself.

Acquittals on the ground of insanity are calculated to breed lynching as well as other forms of murder.

The Oregonian is making a fight against perpetual gas franchises. It wants no competition.

In spite of everything, we still stand up for Oregon weather.

Golden Weddings.

By Mrs. John A. Logan. It is rather interesting in these days of supposed "love marriages" and "arranged marriages" to read accounts of the celebration of fiftieth anniversaries of wedding days.

No evidence is necessary to prove that love has been the basis of such a union and the law that has governed such a family, or that the children will endeavor to emulate the example set before them by their parents.

General and Mrs. Gary and their attendants were invited to the house of the most charming people of the cabinet circle. There was an air of cordial greeting and genuine hospitality that is rare in these later days.

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Letters From the People

The Water Problem. Portland, Feb. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—In today's Journal is an editorial entitled "Working Out the Water Problem." I request that you publish this reply to that editorial as an editorial.

Watching Jupiter Revolve

By Professor Edgar L. Larkin. Anybody now, even a man suffering from the hideous money disease so severely that it prevents him from ever thinking about anything else, can see Jupiter he is unable to think of it.

Essays by Bobbie

By William F. Kirk. HEROES. Heroes is men that cum to New York and then get married on the main salary they had when they were single.

Immortality and Humanity.

Life— Oh, what is life? We live and breathe and move Like pilgrims wand'ring midst the shadows of shadows, thinking semblance real, And strive with secrets that are God's alone.

February 7 in History.

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Portland appears to be short also of material for policemen.

The speaker is bound to get down among 'em and speak some.

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There is plenty of snow in eastern Oregon, but the new county propositions up there seem to have had sliding at Salem.

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We don't know what trusts Briggs, elected senator from New Jersey, is tied up with, but he can't be worse than old poverty-plundering Prudential.

The safest place to buy stamps is at Uncle Sam's shop, of his agent, J. Minton. If you don't you won't get in jail on account of stamp purchases.

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A young woman up the valley is reported distracted because her husband-to-be is blockaded up the river, but she ought to be thankful that he isn't in a Dakota blizzard or the Salem lobby.

Oregon Sidelights

A hard winter makes a fat harvest in Oregon. Revival meetings at Olex are credited with 73 converts. A farmers board of trade at Canyonville is talked of.

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