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ABOUT VARIOUS THINGS.

The week's news has been quite lively. We have had the usual murder, we have had a police scandal, we have had considerable politics, we have seen Additional Market Inspector Joe Singer ousted by the Board of Health, and we have a strike in our midst. Also the dailies have told us that the bank clearings have beaten Seattle's, and that Portland is the greatest wheat-shipping port in the Northwest. And one of our cheerful contemporaries is still trying to get a municipally-owned steamship line to the Orient. In other words, we have had quite a usual week of it.

There isn't much of interest in the murder. A man who was considerable of a beau seems to have come to grief over a personal affair. The police scandal wasn't much of a scandal, as police scandals go. Matron Simmons and the police stenographer were reported to have coveted finery that somebody else stole; and a little later the finery was found where it didn't belong, and Acting Chief Slover told the boys that there wasn't any scandal at all. Still there is to be an inquiry.


The loss of Joe Singer's efforts in the city's behalf will probably not be missed. Fruit vendors will still continue to sell decapated pears and peaches from the back of the pile, just as they did when the Additional Market Inspector was on the job. But the saving of his salary will probably help in the final condition of the budget. It is reported that a certain member of the police commission is rather peeved at Singer's ousting, but that is a small matter.

The strike that we have in our midst is by far the most important thing. Like many other strikes, it was a foolish and ill-advised demonstration of a small portion of organized labor. The greatest sufferers will be the strikers themselves, and the families of some other men who went out on an altogether wrong sympathetic strike. The printing trade will suffer a little, but not very much. The strike was over a matter of \$2.00 a week in additional wages, and the work done is not worth the extra wages. In fact, men who were getting fourteen dollars a week, and who struck for sixteen, are now being replaced by workers who are perfectly satisfied to get seven and a half dollars. The strike was called for the purpose of inflating wage values unreasonably—and, as such, it is doomed to fail.

Aside from these things, and some others, the week just closing has been productive of many weird things in politics. The Bull Moosers have gathered together—almost two dozen strong—at Salem, and have nominated a ticket that is wonderful to behold. Through their machinations, one A. E. Clark, an attorney, has been hurled into the Senatorial campaign, and will doubtless help to split up the Republican vote some more, so that a Democrat can again be returned from the sovereign and Republican State of Oregon. Having Democratic Senators is now a habit with Oregon. The Bull Moosers have also attached themselves to the Lafferty kite, and have tied the can to Daniel Kellaher, as have the regular Republicans.

Here in little old Portland politics have also been simmering more or less. The Hon. Jonathan Bourne has returned to his home, and is looking things over, preliminary to getting into the field once more. Mr. McCusker is smiling and bearing up under the failure of the Bull Moosers to accept him as a standard-bearer. Mr. Selling says he is much pleased and satisfied with the outlook over the State; and Mr. Mulkey is also smiling and happy. To date, it is a case of pay your money and take your choice.

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Councilman Joy Sends Letter To Mt. Scott People

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I beg to say, in conclusion, that I fully appreciate the many friends I have in the Mount Scott country, and have always been ready and glad to assist your community in securing the improvements which your club may endorse, and I shall be glad to have you call upon me at any time for any aid within my power.

Wishing your club and your community in securing improvements which your club may endorse, and I shall be glad to have you call upon me at any time for any aid within my power.

Wishing your club and your community the success which they so richly deserve, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,
ALLAN R. JOY.

Book Reviews

A Man in the Open. Cloth. By Roger Pocock. The Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, Publishers.

That there is often buried beneath a rough exterior the heart of a true man with the purest thoughts and motives is shown in the life of Jesse Smith. He lived always in God's out of doors and opened in him a bravery, honesty and purity of love for the woman of his choice which made him a man in the truest sense. With the perfume of the pine-needles and the music of the streams, and of the cries of bears and cougars the environment of Jesse Smith strikes the responsive chords in his life and develops the bravery and purity of true manhood. He is rough and uneducated in the ordinary sense of the word, but rich in the knowledge of Nature and her laws.

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