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NOTHING BUT GOOD.—And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.—Romans 8:28.

Retrospective

Article V.

"More power for the governor," was quite a slogan during the last legislative session, but when the state government is analyzed it is found that Oregon has sixty-two commissions. Of this number forty-eight are appointed by the governor-elect, twelve are appointed by the Board of Control, of which the governor is ranking member, one is elective and one is appointed by the Supreme Court. This is something not generally known, but it is a fact.

As for putting the state asylums, the deaf and blind school and every other institution directly under the government the folly of it is apparent. He now has the penitentiary under his direct control and it has caused every governor more grief than half of his other duties.

A governor, bear in mind, is the frontispiece of the state. Aside from outlining policies, he is not expected to do detail work. He cannot, for there is not a sufficient number of hours in the day. His office visitors, his mail and telegrams and social duties combine to keep one man busy. The last legislature would have committed an unpardonable sin if it had loaded the present governor down with detail work so that he would not have time to crown the prize stallion at the county fair, to address the Pomona grange, and to attend a few banquets of the erstwhile Jackson club in Portland. Would we be a party to taking from Governor Pierce the chief emolument of his office, namely, the privilege of making some good speeches as our chief executive? Not on your badly worn photograph, for he is known to all Union county that Walter makes a roaring good speech and why should a legislature composed of mediocre men take not only from him that privilege, but deny the state the right to hear the governor?

Figuring prominently in state affairs are the colleges of Oregon, or perhaps a better way to put it is that state affairs have become to a large extent features of Oregon's college existence. The legislature visited the Oregon Agricultural college in a body and also paid a visit to the Oregon university. Both schools are loaded to the guards with young people seeking higher education. At Corvallis we were impressed with the bigness of the institution. It is too large, far too large. It handles too many courses, in fact it has apparently gotten away from everyone and is running head-on for some place, we know not where. While it is nominally called an agricultural college, the agricultural features are almost lost in the mesh of other courses, some of which begin and end quickly, while others are thorough.

Oregon cannot afford a school the size of O. A. C., and that is putting it mildly. Unquestionably it is playing a big part in the political life of the state and this never should be permitted. It is not only dangerous to the institution, for some of these days people will rebel, but it is not a good feature of the state's affairs to have any college shaping legislation. At the university there is not such a condition. We believe the university would gladly take its hands out of state affairs and be willing to be a college surrounded by the modest college methods and deal with the public only in such ways as are eminently proper, provided the university had its wishes in the matter.

Cost of education is mounting, as is the cost of everything else, and Oregon's tax dollar when dissected shows a big chunk handed over to what is termed education. No one objects to the cost of education if it gets results. We hope it is getting results expected, but somehow, down deep we hear the rumbling of dissatisfaction, not only of the colleges, but of many of the Oregon high schools.

One heard a lot about the average salaries paid in the O. A. C. and University being below the average paid in the United States. Quite true, but in making up the average salaries paid in the United States is it fair to put the rich, thickly populated Eastern states in the list? Would it not have been fair to take states of Oregon's size or nearly so, and strike an average? If this were done we believe that the gentlemen teaching in Oregon colleges will admit that the old state is very kind and generous.

The Ad Club's Future

On next Tuesday evening in the basement of the Methodist church installation of officers will occur at the Ad Club banquet to be participated in by the entire membership of the organization. Everyone should consider the importance of this event if he holds a deep interest in the prosperity and future welfare of La Grande, for the Ad Club is the one standing agency which is always on the job to handle matters of public welfare pertaining to further development.

Those who feel that Union county has sunk into the doldrums should take heart, for there is bound to be renewed activity along many lines during the coming season.

Many citizens view our road building throughout the state as the developer of debts only, when in reality they have not given time necessary to reap any benefits from

these highways other than from their local use.

The Evening Observer is not yet willing to admit that the claims made when these highways were first started that they would attract settlers who wished to live in a country possessed of excellent roads, is false. Neither will we admit that the tourists which the highways are attracting will be of small moment. It must not be forgotten that the roads up to the present time have been in constant process of building and therefore could not bring the results which were claimed for them in the beginning. This year, however, is to be the initial year of the benefit derived from these highways, and the Ad Club of La Grande will have a greater work to perform than ever before. It is, therefore, necessary that officers such as have been elected, or men of their type, should be put in control of the local organization.

THE OFFICE CAT

THE MAN WITH TWO MAIDS

When Jimmie takes his sister out
A-riding in his flyer,
He uses both his arms to steer
And drives without a quiver.

But when he has his favorite gal
He lets her sit in his lap,
One arm is on the steering wheel—
The other one is busy.

Lots of men who started out in life
With a hoe are now going back to the
land with a Mashe Niblick.

The muscles, eyes and ears of a human
become exhausted by excessive
use, but the tongue carries the endurance
championship as long as a
speck of life remains.

The drug store shelves are going
crazy over the turban that are re-
placing belt-bottomed points, reports
a La Grande man.

A girl with cotton stockings never
sees a mouse, giggles Amos Tash.

Sheep—Who is this man I'm
seeing whose name I see on all these
new-neglected toys?

A man who was wanted by the police
had been photographed in six
different positions and the pictures
sent to the chief of police of a town
where it was thought the fugitive was
in hiding. Several days after the receipt
of the photographs the following
copy reached headquarters:

"Sir, I duly received the portraits of
the six miscreants whose arrest is de-
sired. I have arrested five of them,
and the sixth is under observation and
will be secured soon."

What this country needs isn't to get
more taxes from the people, but for
the people to get more from the
taxes.

Our friends come to us unsought.
We seek people only too selfish gain.
Selfishness and friendship are antonyms.

Many an affair that began on a

davenport ends in the divorce court.

YEP!

I rose and gave her my seat;
I could not let her stand—
She made me think of mother, with
That strap held in her hand.

The automobile salesman's conven-
tion gathered in Cy Kology's yard
Tuesday morning. Cy had kindly
dropped a hint in the postoffice that
he might be thinking of buying a new
car some day.

"My pen of Hades," writes a La
Grande motorist, "is a continual de-
tour through a mine, with a good road
in full view on the other side of the
fence."

A man may not know what is good
for him but he doesn't want anybody
else to tell him what's good for him.

The national spirit of unrest is
caused by wearing woolen underwear.

Matrimony is the most efficient es-
tablishment in the world.

"This country is never too poor to
buy more automobiles than it did the
year before."

It is easier for nations to get to-
gether if they don't live too close
together.

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the true look of greatness, and most
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YOUR NEIGHBOR'S LAST BARBAIN TIRE TURN OUT?
WHEN YOU HEARD THAT ROYAL FLUSH YOU COULDN'T BE
BEAT, JUST LIKE U. S. ROYAL TORD TIRES—THEY CAN'T BE
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