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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1908.

Although defeated in the presidential battle, William Jennings Bryan proved himself a full blooded American by sending the following to his victorious opponent: "William H. Taft, Cincinnatti, Ohio—Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for the success of your administration. William Jennings Bryan." We always did admire a cheerful loser and it is refreshing to note his manly course, and we like him better for it.

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The Wild and Woolly West as exemplified by the conduct of the citizens of Oregon on election day was something remarkable. All the old bullyragging of the ward heeler was conspicuous by its absence. Every voter went to the polls, deposited his ballot "according to the dictates of his conscience" and went on his way rejoicing. No more orderly election could be asked for and we are proud of Oregon and her citizens, who can give many pointers to the effete East on good citizenship and the manner of pulling off an election.

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There is some prospect that Pittsburg street will be improved before the weather makes it impossible. It would be a shame to permit this street to go another winter as it did last, particularly since the Ferry company has offered to carry the rock free and donate $50 in cash. The people most directly benefitted, the big manufacturing concerns lying alongside the street should have been glad to have borne the entire expense as the benefits that will accrue to them would more than compensate them, but they were apparently afraid they would do something for somebody else for nothing. Selfishness hinders the progress and development of our city a hundred fold more than poverty.

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An event that means much to Portland and St. Johns is the formal opening of the North Bank road today. This road taps one of the richest agricultural regions in the world and will bring millions of dollars worth of cereals and live stock to our docks. Everything that can be done should be by our people to induce the North Bank road to put a track into our new dock. Already exporters are making inquiries after our dock with a view to leasing and the track should be in by the time the dock is finished. That the Hill road would be the more desirable of the two is conceded from the fact that it bleeds a richer and more extensive territory and would consequently bring a heavier shipment to our dock. Our facilities for handling this export will be of the best and if the volume of business should become too great for the present dockage facilities, there are miles of St. Johns water front just about as good that can be utilized for that purpose.

Oregon's Financial Standing.

There are few if any states in the Union with a better state of finances than Oregon. She is not only out of debt now, but has an abundance in the treasury to carry her through to the first of April when the new levy will be realized on. There are no debts hanging over Oregon, bonded or otherwise.

According to State Treasurer Steel there is in the treasury a cash balance of $658,320.15, of which $214,897.98 is in the general fund, an amount sufficient to pay the state expenses until next March.

His report shows that two years ago the balance in the general fund applicable to the payment of current expenses of the state government and maintenance of state institutions, was $212,512.03; there was received during the two years $2,592,893.40 and disbursed $2,590-507.45, leaving the present cash balance in that fund

Mr. Steel makes a number of recommendations to the legislature, among them these: That the inheritance tax be made applicable to the excess of $2000 on all collateral inheritances and on all bequests and devises exceeding $500 to persons not related to the donor; that the depository law be made applicable to the school funds; that counties be made to pay the maintenance charge for the care of the insane, in the first instance the counties collecting from the persons ordered to pay the charge; that such special funds as the pure food fund, the veterinary fund, the board of examiners' fund, etc., be turned into the general fund and all claims now out of these funds be paid out of the general fund, that provision be made fop inspection of weights and measures so that the law regarding the same may be enforced.

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BIG SKATING RACE

November 12, 13, 14

JESS LITTLE

Jess Little, who now holds the championship for one mile, when asked by Manager Myers about the race said he felt sure that he would win. He is St. Johns' champion in the race.

Jack Kruse of Portland holds the five mile championship of the Pacific coast. When asked what kind of a run he could give Little said he was sure he could beat him, barring accidents in the race.

Eddie Holt of Chicago, who holds the championship for the six day race of the Pacific coast, which he won at the Oaks last summer, is one of the contestants, and when asked about the race said he would give them a run for their money, and if there were only a larger skating surface he was confident he could go around the entire bunch.

Jack Scanlon of Tacoma now holds the three mile amateur championship, says he represents the Emerald Isle with his new green skating suit, and that he does not mean that any of his compatriots shall blush at his performance, but if there is any such thing possible he will carry off the first.

Will McNiel, the other contestant, has been taken sick and cannot enter the race, which limits the contestants to four instead of five, as at first intended.

THE BIG UNION BAND

Will furnish music for the occasion and will add much to the evening's entertainment. Manager Myers has talked to a number of the very best people in the city and they have been very complimentary in their remarks regarding the order and the manner in which the skating rink is being managed during the past two weeks and say they have never known the rink to have been run in such an orderly manner as now and they think that it will have the very best of results this season.

Keep your eye on the Review and note the special events from time to time. There will be a large number of them presented. You cannot afford to miss any of them. There will be skating before and after the races each evening. There will be skating every evening and all day Sundays. The management has gone to great expense to make this racing event a success and feel sure of good results. Racing begins at 9:15 sharp Thursday evening. General admission 15 cents; skates 25 cents. Remember the dates—November 12, 13 and 14.

There will be a grand masquerade on skates Thanksgiving which promises to be a very pleasing event.

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