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**For President,  
 ALTON B. PARKER.  
 For Vice-President  
 HENRY G. DAVIS.**

**AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE.**

There is a fundamental principle involved in the granting of franchises that should guide any body of men on whom is conferred the power of making such grants. This is, that the people of one generation do not hold the title to public easements in fee, but merely in trust for the succeeding generation. That this principle has been grossly violated in the past or that it is being grossly violated at the present, in a majority of our municipalities, is no excuse for further neglect of its application. Our city council is showing no consideration for those who are to succeed us, when it attempts to place upon them the yoke of a senseless master that never dies—a franchise in perpetuity—to a perpetual corporation.

It is true, as is argued in justification of the present proposed franchise, that city councils have in the past granted valuable and perpetual franchises for as little or even less consideration than in the present case. But it does not follow that, because we have thrown away a part, even a great part of our rights, that we should throw away the remainder. Many of the grants made in the past may have been made without due thought of the grave consequences involved. Our streets are disfigured by poles and wires for telephone, electric lighting and power purposes, and the city receives nothing for the privileges, when it should at least be supplied with electric lights free, or at least for a reduced rate. The O. W. P. & Ry. Co. has a franchise on Main street that should have been given for more valuable consideration. And the examples might be multiplied. Yet all this only behooves us to act with greater caution now. Nor can the present council plead inadvertence. The people have been aroused at the gross injustice to the city incorporated in the present ordinance as originally published. Owing to their protests, it has been modified to a great extent. The rights of the present generation are more fully protected; but those of the future are not properly guarded.

The people of Oregon City are not living wholly for the present. Those councilmen and city officers who neglect their high duty of guarding the city's interest will be marked. The people will not forget.

**CENTRALIZATION OUR GREATEST DANGER.**

The centralization of power is the one great danger that threatens our system of government. A government that is strongly centralized may accomplish its purposes more quickly more surely, than one that is more Democratic; but it does so at the expense of popular liberty. Other questions, though of vast importance locally or temporarily, are insignificant when compared with the great question—shall the people rule, or shall they be ruled?

Opposition to centralization is the spirit of true Democracy. Mr. Bryan shows himself a true Democrat in that he displays eternal vigilance in guarding popular liberty in small things and great. An illustration is his advocacy of the election of postmasters by the people. His contention is right, but it would be a difficult task to make the change now. Time was when the government was close enough to the people that such a reform might reasonably have been hoped for. Now, the postoffice department has been rendered such an effective political weapon, that its patronage will hardly be discarded by those who rule.

In the state of Washington, the chairman of the Republican state central committee sent a letter to the postmasters throughout the state, levying an assessment on them for campaign funds. This action was reported to the Department, but a ruling was made that so long as the assessment was levied on the postmasters as citizens and not as officials, it is perfectly legitimate.

It would be hard to find a parallel in all the rulings of the Postal Department, corrupt as it is, for this,

unflinching commendation of this nefarious practice. Postmasters, the servants of the people, may be called upon to supply funds for the purpose of assisting a political party in retaining its hold on power, and that with the sanction of an administration that pretends to stand for purity in politics. The funds will be forthcoming, for every postmaster knows that if he refuses to be grafted by the powers that be, he will lose his place as soon as the election is decided.

Is the whole machinery of government to be made a means of perpetuating the rule of the party? If so, it will not be long until it is made the means of perpetuating the power of a class, and but a step when it will perpetuate the power of a single masterful individual. We are nearing a monarchial form of government more rapidly than the unthinking suspect.

**A PROPHECY FULFILLED.**

There will be noticed in the reports of the county officers for the quarter ending September 30, 1904, a fulfillment of a prophecy uttered by the Courier during the June campaign. There is a verified statement of the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid. This was not true of the April reports and it will be remembered that Republican campaign speakers declared such a statement unnecessary and not required by law. If that was true then, why is it not true now? We call attention to this matter only to show that the Courier was not attacking any man or set of men, but was using its influence toward having the county records kept according to law. It has succeeded in this matter.

By his braggadocio manner, Roosevelt has made many believe that he would kick all other nations off the face of the earth rather than see an American citizen mistreated by any of them. He roars at Spain, he aids and abets secession in Columbia, but the lifts not a finger to protect the rights of American citizens in Russia, if those citizens chance to be Jews.

"The timid good form a most useless as well as a most despicable portion of the community." These words might have emanated from the heart of some debased villain who sees no good in anything but brute force, one on whom are lost all the gentle influences of the "timid good." Yet they are found in Roosevelt's "American Ideals," page 188.

The laws provides that bids shall be called for on all work on the Panama canal. The Canal Commission has already spent millions of dollars for supplies, but has not as yet advertised for a single bid. This is only the first step in the scheme of graft that will form so large a part of canal history.

Republicans have become devoted believers in the right of secession. The Panama affair was a violation of the law, and a specific recognition of the right of a state to secede from a parent country.

How is it possible for those who desire universal peace to support such a man as Roosevelt, who grows eloquent in extolling the glories, the enthusiasm, and the morally elevating influences of war.

**Hofer an Expert on Legislation.**

What is the U'Ren direct primary law, anyhow, but an act to disfranchise about one-half the voters? All the fault found with it is that under its operations no one could vote. That is a small matter in a free country, but it is the kind of rot that has been shoved onto the people in the name of expert legislation—Salem Journal.

**Do You Mean County Judge?**

Grant Dimick should become a candidate for state senator from Clackamas county. His name is seriously used by his friends in this connection, and he would make not only a strong candidate but an excellent representative of the good people of Clackamas county—Salem Statesman.

**The World's Fair Route.**

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**THE POETS' CORNER.**  
**Gleanings From the "Mute, Inglorious Miltons" of Oregon City.**

Dear Editor—This is my first attempt at wooing the muses, and I fear the attempt was not altogether successful, indeed, they seemed to leave me suddenly at the end of the paragraph. Perhaps, like other ladies, they are shy in the presence of strangers. But I will give you the stanza, and some more facile pen may be able to add to it.

Ah, distinctly I remember, 'twas in the month before November,  
 That each separate council member,  
 except Sheahan, Justin, Knapp,  
 Yielding to the honied blarney of the railroad's shrewd attorney,  
 (Which don't rhyme—not worth a darn, eh?)  
 Walked into the lawyer's trap,  
 Threw away the people's birthright  
 —threw it in the railroad's lap.

Dear Editor—It is with pleasure that I take my pen in hand to write a few lines. I am well as usual. My friends all say I am a born poet. If you think it will not make other people jealous of my powers, you may print the following in your paper:

Once did the people  
 The o'er-burdened people  
 The long-suffering people  
 Of Oregon City

Y, say to the council,  
 The franchise-passing council,  
 The strong-headed council,  
 "Not this time, O nit."

Then did the council  
 The municipal council  
 The three-come-five council  
 With terrible frown,  
 Say to the people  
 The sovereign people,  
 The dear-beloved people  
 "Go back and sit down."

"We know what we're doing  
 And we'll do what we're doing  
 So there's no use of chewing  
 The rag any more.

This ordinance we'll make it  
 So firm you can't break it,  
 Nor the future o'er shake it,  
 E'en by lawsuits galore.

We'll make it perpetual—  
 That's what seems to fret you all  
 And thus we will get you all—  
 In spite of your yell.  
 You might as well drop it,  
 You never can stop it,  
 For we never will flop, it  
 Would please you too well."

**PORTLAND MARKETS.**  
 Corrected to October 20, 1904.

**GRAIN AND FLOUR.**

Wheat, Walls Walla	81@82c
Wheat, Valley	85c
Wheat, Bluestem	86c
Barley, per ton	\$23.00
Oats white per ton	\$27.00
Oats, gray	\$26.00
Hard wheat flour straight	\$3.75
Hard wheat flour patent	\$4.50
Valley flour	\$4.00
Flour, graham	\$4.00
Rye flour	4.50

**PRODUCE.**

Butter, fancy creamery	30c
Butter, dairy	13 1/2c
Butter, cooking	12 1/2c
Cheese, Young America	14c
Cheese, Oregon full cream	13 @ 13 1/2c
Eggs, Oregon ranch	27 1/2c
Honey, dark	10 1-2@11c
Honey, amber	12@13c
Honey, fancy white	15c

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.**

Grapes, Oregon	60@75c
Grapes, Calif.	\$1 @ 1 25
Pears	1.00 @ 1.25
Apples, Oregon	75 @ 1.25
Potatoes, per cwt.	1.00
Tomatoes, per box	30c @ 40
Cabbage, per lb.	2c
Onions	1.40

**MEATS.**

Veal	9@7c
Pork	6@6 1/2c
Beef	2 1/2 @ 2 1/4c
Mutton	3 1/2 @ 4c
Lamb	4 @ 4 1/2c
Hams, to size	14c
Hams, picnic	11c
Bacon, regular	11 1/2c
Bacon, breakfast	14 @ 15c

**POULTRY.**

Mixed, per pound	10@11 1-2c
Spring, per pound	10@11c
Hens	11@11 1 2c
Geese	8@9c
Ducks, dozen	4.50@5.00
Turkeys, live	16@17c
Turkeys, dressed	18@19c

**HAY AND FEED.**

Timothy	14.00@15.00
Clover	10.00@11.00
Cheat	10.00@11.00
Shorts	23.00 @ 25.00
Bran	20.00 @ 21.00
Middings	24.00 @ 25.00
Chop feed	18.00

**HOPS AND WOOL.**

Crops, 1904 crop	28@30c
Wool, Valley	20@21c
Wool, Eastern Oregon	12@16c
Mohair	30c

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- 344 Acres** on O. W. P. & Ry. line, 160 acres in A 1 cultivation, small house, large barn, orchard, living springs, two million feet timber, \$30 per acre.
- 100 Acres**, level, 60 in cultivation, good buildings, 1 1/2 miles from terminus of O. W. P. & Ry. line, at Springwater, \$40 per acre.
- 160-Acre Stock Ranch** in Sec. 17, T. 4 S., R. 5 E., two acres cultivated, small house and barn, two million feet fir and cedar, land mostly good, range immense. \$5 per acre.
- 225 Acres at Logan**, 100 acres in cultivation, 50 more nearly ready to break, house, barn, fruit, good neighborhood, \$30 per acre.
- 120 Acres** on Milk Creek, 40 acres in cultivation, new house, 7 rooms, cost \$650, good out buildings, fruit, 6 cows, bull, span horses wagon, harness, 10 ton hay, all farming implements, \$2600.
- 145 Acres**, 100 fenced, rolling land, 35 in cultivation, 40 acres heavy timber, living water, orchard, fair buildings, 1 1/2 miles to school, 13 head cattle, 2 horses, all farming implements—binder, plows, etc.; \$3000 cash.
- 45 Acres 4 miles from Oregon City**, 1200 cords wood, over-half good land, improved farms on three sides; wood will pay for the place; \$20 per acre. Will trade.
- 349 Acres**, 220 in A 1 cultivation, orchard, buildings, 7 acres hops, 6 miles from Hubbard, \$35 per acre.
- 90 Acres** on main plank road, 45 acres in good cultivation, large frame barn, no house; land rich; \$3000.
- 30 Acres**, 2 1/2 miles from Oregon City, 16 in cultivation, orchard, all varieties of fruit, splendid little place, on main road; \$2800; terms.
- 313 Acre stock farm** at Colton, 300 acres level good soil, 20 acres in cultivation, living creeks. 3 acres orchard, large 5-room house, good out buildings—good stock farm; \$2700, cash.
- 160 Acres** on Mill Creek, 30 acres nice cultivation, black loam, 80 acres level land, 130 acres fenced and cross fenced, acre fruit, 7-room new dwelling cost \$1000, barn 52x53 mower, rake, wagon and all implements and crop. Price very low, \$3000.
- 160 Acres**, between Barton and Eagle Creek, on O. W. P. Railway line, level, rich soil, 6000 cords wood, will pay for place. Speculation at \$20 per acre.
- 80 Acres** at Highland, level, good soil, 30 acres nice cultivation, fair buildings, fruit, water, a fine little farm at \$1250.

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A meeting of the district boundary board was held Friday. The board granted a petition of the creation of a new district at Estacada, to be taken from districts Nos. 7, 12, 14, 34 and 68. The new district will be numbered 108. The south half of section 30 was taken from district No. 22 and placed in district No. 76. A petition from district No. 96 for a change of boundaries was denied.

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