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DON'T GIVE UP YET.

There has been issued the official order directing the removal of the Oregon City Land Office to Portland. The order directs that business at the Oregon City Land Office shall be suspended on June 30th and that the office together with its records shall be removed to Portland, the day following, July 1.

Ordinarily this would appear to be final but it is not so considered by the people of this city as well as a great majority of the residents of the Oregon City Land District who firmly believe that if the situation can be presented to the President, the order will yet be rescinded. The absence of any legitimate grounds or demand for the change encourages the work of opposing the plan which appears to have originated with a few special agents on whose recommendation the change has been ordered.

In the circulation of petitions remonstrating against the removal of the Land Office from this city, Mr. Curry, in behalf of the citizens' committee has been meeting with great success. Not a state official at Salem declined to sign the petition. A large representation of the prominent and influential people in every section of the District that is served by the Oregon City Land Office willingly signed the remonstrance.

The removal of the Land Office from this city will also remove the only real claim Oregon City can advance for a federal building. In view of the fact that there are no available quarters in Portland for the reception of this office, it would be quite reasonable that congress vote for Oregon City a federal building to be jointly occupied by the Post Office and the Land Office.

While the outlook is dubious the fight should and will be carried to a finish. There is every reason to believe that if the true situation is called to the attention of the President, the desires of the large majority of the people of the Oregon City Land District will be respected as against the whimsical fancies of a few pleasure-seeking special agents who consider their personal amusement and entertainment paramount to the convenient location of the Land Office at Oregon City. Let's present the matter to the President, himself, who has always disposed of public questions just about right.

ABOUT STREET SPRINKLING.

It is not too early to consider the question of street sprinkling. Last year we tolerated the dust but a remedy should be provided this season especially when we are to entertain many Eastern people. It would be nice if provision could be made for sprinkling the streets in both the business and residence districts, but something should certainly be done towards dispensing with the dust nuisance on Main street this summer.

The editor this week received the following letter from E. E. Charnaz, who is spending several weeks at East Auburn, California:

"I thought that as the street sprinkling time is almost here, a few remarks and facts would not be out of the way. The city of Auburn, as it is usually called, is divided into two parts, called Auburn and East Auburn, and reminds me very much of the business portion of Oregon City below the bluff and Oregon City on top of the bluff. The sprinkling proposition here was met in the following way: The city grants permission to some party to sprinkle the street. The water belongs to a private corporation and costs \$90 for the season, of six months usually. The sprinkling wagon horses and harness belong to the party having the sprinkling permit. One outfit is capable of sprinkling thirty blocks and one mile of street per day, sprinkling the same forty feet wide twice a day, usually morning and evening.

"About \$40 per week is collected

from the business men and property holders, the prices being from 25 cents to \$1 per week, according to the size of the property frontage. They use a 750 gallon sprinkling cart here that is drawn by two horses. A 1000-gallon cart can be bought new for \$465 and second hand for about \$2000. I think this would be the solution of the sprinkling question for Oregon City."

Who will make a similar proposition to the Oregon City Council?

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Since the Chicago election there has been much talk elsewhere of the city ownership of public utilities. In a year or two, when it is seen just how much Judge Dunne is likely to accomplish, this talk may diminish—or at least the argument from Chicago will be weakened. Judge Dunne went on the principle of promising everything and taking the chances after election. Mr. Harlan was defeated partly because his cautious programme was less exciting, but partly for reasons having no bearing on the general principle for which the election is supposed to stand. He was knifed by Republican machine politicians. He was hated with hardly less bitterness by them by Hearst and the Democratic grafters who were trying to increase their power. Harlan is not so able as a constructive and responsible leader as he was a free-lance whose business it was to stir things up. His programme seemed to change and waver, and certainly it lacked clearness. Moreover, what Chicago thinks about municipal ownership and operation now is of less importance than what she will think about it in a couple of dozen months. The problem is different in the United States from what it is in other countries, because of the peculiar nature of our politics. It would be rather diverting, to one who had no heart, to see municipal operation under the guidance of such men as Charley Martin, Johnny Powers, and Hinky Dink, but fortunately the Chicago Council, although it suffered deterioration in the last election, still seems to have a majority of decent members. Chicago promises to retain its position as the one among great American cities in which self-government comes nearest to meaning government according to the wishes of respectable citizens, and not according to the private needs of thieving politicians. To retain the ground won by the Municipal Voters' League is more important than to elaborate theories about public and private ownership.

REST FOR THE PRESIDENT.

A very real side of Mr. Roosevelt is brought out by the vacation which he is now enjoying. "Rest" is what the accounts told us he was seeking, and rest no doubt he is obtaining. It is not the kind some hard-worked men would choose. It is strenuous rest. Lying in a hammock and lazily imbibing poetry, or merely listening to the insects' hum, is not the President's form of relaxation. The best kind of recreation is changed activity and Mr. Roosevelt is constantly changing his activity and constantly recreated. If he lives to be as old as Gladstone he will be no less vigorous than he. A friend of ours, some ninety years of age, was sorrowing at the loss of one of his companions. "He would have lived to be old," he lamented, "had not mere accident intervened. He was barely eighty when he died." We know nothing healthier than Mr. Roosevelt. His diet is as simple as the diet of the Japanese. The pleasures he seeks all tend to health and longevity. The danger which lurks in grizzly bears, mountain lions, or whatever animals he may come across, is nothing compared to the dangers of inaction and artificial life. Perhaps his hunting is mainly for air and exercise, like following an antiseep bag, and he may see few things more ferocious than a coyote or jack rabbit. Whatever he kills, or fails to kill, he is happy in the West, in the open air, in the exercise of his body, with the sky above him and the fresh breezes in his face. Reporters, cameras, and speeches all along the route do not destroy the naturalness of the outing. The President on his spree is enjoying life as thoroughly, spontaneously, and wholesomely as a lot of boys at baseball or old hundred.

YES, WHERE?

Under the appropriate heading, "Where Will It Be?" Tuesday's Portland Telegram printed the following: "If indications count for anything, the status of the Oregon City Land Office, so far as a location is concerned when it is removed to Portland July 1, is in doubt. The order removing the land office from Oregon City to Portland was made by the President several weeks ago, since which everybody is at sea as to where it will be situated. Collector of Customs Patterson don't want it in the Custom House, and there is no place for it in the new post-office building."

Senator Fulton in a letter this week

to Representative Huntley inquires as to the amount of rent that is being paid for the quarters now occupied by the Oregon City Land Office and for other information touching on the requirements of this office. Senator Fulton also assures Mr. Huntley and the people of Oregon City that he will do everything within his power to prevent the removal of the Land Office from this city. It is the purpose of Senator Fulton to present the matter before President Roosevelt and induce him to rescind the order of removal that has been issued. The people of this Land District will be more than grateful to Senator Fulton for any service he may render in this connection. His services are more to be appreciated and valued for the reason that they have been volunteered.

"I wish I was back again in the state where I lived before coming out West. I would never again come to this suckler state of Oregon" was the unusual expression that was overheard on a Portland-Oregon City car the other evening. But no one seemed to care particularly that the speaker had come to the state for he was not importuned to remain. The climate, scenery and possibilities that this section offers are probably beyond his appreciation.

A Portland saloon man gave a colored bootblack \$25 in gold the other day, requesting him to procure some change. Silver must be scarce in the metropolis for the coon has not yet returned.

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