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OF NATIONAL STATURE.

The Oregonian printed Wednesday morning what is termed "A Close View of Lincoln Steffens, mild-mannered bogie-man who terrifies the grafters," written by special writer Arthur A. Greene. Mr. Greene says he kept a half dozen bellboys at the hotel on the hop all the night through, taking cards to Steffens's room only to discover when at last he did return that he had been in Oregon City talking initiative and referendum with W. S. U'Ren. "They must have had a grand little tete-a-tete during the eight hours they visited together," comments Mr. Greene.

Here is part of what Mr. Steffens told the interviewer:
"I shall probably write an article on the land frauds. Of course, that's an old story here, but I'm not writing for Oregon alone. The entire country is interested and is not so familiar with the history of the frauds as you are. My article may not be very timely from a news standpoint, for it will probably not be published for months, but news isn't the essence in such an instance."
"The whole country is also greatly interested in Oregon because she leads the Union in the matter of popular government."

"I've just met and talked with W. S. U'Ren, who, I understand, deserves more credit for bringing about the new order than any other man."

"I've seen all sorts of reformers, but he's a new one to me. I have never met a man like him. If the country generally knew of him and his work he would be a conspicuous figure, and he's likely to become such. Much of the success of your direct election of senators will depend on official conduct and ability of Senator Bourne, whom I have met. Certainly he has a great opportunity and a greater responsibility. It's 'up to him' to, in a large measure, demonstrate the advantage that will accrue to the whole people through the election of senators by popular vote rather than by the votes of special interests. The people of all sections are watching him, for they are preparing to follow Oregon's lead and try the experiment for themselves."

GRAFT IN OREGON CITY.

Lincoln Steffens on his visit to Oregon City remarked that the town seemed to have many of the characteristics of an eastern town. It was a pleasure to tell him that we have no graft in our midst. Mr. Steffens was pleased, too.

Oregon City may be slow. It may be afflicted with an over-abundance of "eastern conservatism." The men of the town may have the reputation of lacking that elusive characteristic called "public spirit," but with all our faults, we are honest. No one can accuse the municipal government of mismanagement, or of misappropriating the public money. No one can come among us and point out things we are ashamed to have seen. We do not have to cover up and excuse the acts of our public men.

No. To find a cess pool of corruption such as exists in some cities Mr. Steffens and his muck rake would have a fruitless quest. But as he stated, he sometimes writes pleasant things, and we believe that he could find such things to write about in Oregon City.

CLEAN UP THE CITY.

The warm spring days have caused much activity in the way of cleaning yards, trimming trees, making gardens, and otherwise getting ready for the approach of the summer.

Oregon City is now a beautiful place to live, but there is a chance to make it still more attractive. Clean yards and well trimmed trees always add to the attractiveness of a town, and with the natural beauties of our city it might be made one of the prettiest places in Oregon.

It is an axiom that a well kept and attractive town is a good business town. Neatness in a city's streets and yards is in keeping with the neatness and dispatch of a city's business. With this in mind it should be an additional incentive to Oregon City's citizens who have the welfare of their town at heart to do what they can to make the town attractive.

REGARDING TELEPHONES.

The Oregon City & Farmers' Telephone company has now taken all the necessary steps to do business in Clackamas county. The farmers of

the county were loud in their calls for competition. Now they are on the way to get it. Will they be consistent and use this competition that is offered for the object for which they said they wanted it, viz. the improvement of the telephone service? Or will they think that matters have gone far enough to compel the Pacific Telephone company to give them good service and cheap rates?

At the meeting of the telephone interests to be held Thursday, March 28, it will be decided with which company they will tie up in their contracts. As one man aptly put it, they want the toughest club to use on the other company. They have a club in their hands now.

POWER OF LABOR UNIONS.

The Portland strike should serve to teach a lesson in the way affairs of the labor unions are conducted. The men who are now tying up the various industries of the city did not strike because they were dissatisfied with their pay or their hours. They struck because the labor bosses told them to.

Labor unions have done much toward bringing about better conditions among the laboring men, and they are a great power for good in the world, but—

When the labor union voluntarily throws away its power and of its own accord dissipates its strength by placing itself in a condition of serfhood to the whims and graft propensities of its walking delegates and bosses, a condition has been reached that needs looking after by representatives of the big stick.

LIGHT FOR CHINA.

Rockefeller's next great "gift" is to be \$50,000,000 to enlighten China, the dispatches say.

Isn't that about the limit for impudence, even from such a bold thief as Oily John?

It is bad enough that the American people must pay toll to Standard Oil that Rockefeller may pose as a philanthropist giving millions to colleges in this country. One favorable thing can be said of such gifts—the money stays in the United States. But for each of us to contribute from five to eight cents robber profit on every gallon of oil used that China may be better equipped to compete with our industries, is surely rubbing it in.

Robin Hood was a gentleman thief compared to Rockefeller. The Sherwood forest chief stole from the rich

and gave to the poor. Oily John steals from the poor to give to the rich.

THE OREGONIAN'S PIN.

Bully for the Oregonian. It has seen a great light and is now denouncing Harriman who milked Oregon for years to buy railroads in other states.

Only last summer the Oregonian still "pinned its faith to Harriman," but now at the risk of being called inconsistent it is laboring the stock gambler who retarded the growth of this state by five years.

The Oregonian is a great newspaper and not the least of its claims to greatness is its fearlessness of that word "consistency."

The latest town in Oregon to get busy in working for municipal growth is North Bend. In two hours \$70,000 was subscribed by business men to start a building and loan association. Oregon is coming rapidly to the front in the development of its smaller cities and towns, and from all sections of the state come reports of business activity and industrial growth. The towns of Oregon are worth developing. Oregon is an old state, and the present activity is not boom in the ordinary sense of the term. Oregon has the solid, substantial backing necessary to keep up the industrial excitement, and any boom that is started in this state is a good, healthy boom, and not like the mushroom growths of new country that spring up in a night, and next morning no man can say whether they are gone.

The granges of the county are endorsing the action of the county convention recently held here in regard to calling out the referendum on the compulsory pass bill. The granges are a power in the state, and what they advocate is worthy of attention. If they are united in believing that this law is a bad law, the question should be put before the people.

Mrs. Mellen is making the rounds of the newspaper offices giving her own version of the recent happenings in the family. It would seem as though she were trying to throw the blame on her husband, her father-in-law, her companion's family, and in fact we were about to say something about the whole family.

Did you ever think when you are inclined to pat yourself on the back that the man you despise is probably doing the same thing?

MARKETS

WHOLESALE PRICES.

Hay and Grain.
Hay—Timothy, \$13, clover, oats, clover \$8 per ton; cheat mixed, \$10.
Grain—Oats, \$29.00 per ton; wheat 75c per bu.; rolled barley \$25 per ton; bran, \$18.00; shorts, \$20.50; chops, \$17.00; middlings, \$27.00.

Flour—Hard wheat \$4.05 per bbl; valley \$3.65 per bbl; Olympic pancake flour, \$3.75.

Hops—1906 crop choice 10 1-2 @ 10 3-4c; medium 8c@9c; contracts 1907, 12c.

Dressed Meats.

Beef, dressed, cows, 4 1-2@6 cents; steers 6@7c; hogs 8@9c; mutton 10 @11c.

Live Stock and Provisions.

Steers, \$4.00@4.50 per 100; heifers \$3.25@3.75; cows, \$3.25@3.65; hogs, live \$6.65@6.85; sheep \$6@6.25; lambs, \$6@6.50; bacon, 17@22c; hams, 17@17 1-2c.

Produce and Poultry.

Butter—Ranch, 55c per roll; creamery, 70@75c per roll.

Eggs—17 cents per dozen.
Hens—12 cents; roosters, old 10 1/2c young, 11c; chickens, mixed, 12c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples—\$1.00@1.25; potatoes \$1.30 per sack; turnips, carrots, rutabagas, parsnips, beets 75c per sack.

RETAIL PRICES.

Flour, Hay, Grain.

Flour—Valley \$4.15 per bbl; Oregon hard wheat, \$4.55 per bbl.

Wheat—No. 1, 85c per bushel.
Shorts, 95c per sack.

Barley—\$1.15 per sack.
Oats—in sacks, \$1.50 per cwt.

Hay—Timothy, \$14, clover, oat and cheat, mixed, \$12 per ton.

Produce, Poultry, Provisions.

Butter—Ranch, 60c per roll; separator 60c per roll; creamery 70@75c per roll.

Eggs—17 1-2, 2 for 25.
Honey—15c per lb.

Dressed chickens—16c per lb.
Bacon, 18c; hams, 18c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Potatoes—\$1.30@1.50 per sack.
Cabbage—8 1-2c.

Rutabagas, carrots, turnips, parsnips, beets, 1c per lb.

Apples—\$1.25 per box.
Onions—\$1.25 per sack.

SOCIAL DOINGS

The Gypsies.

The Gypsies held a delightful meeting with their secretary Miss Almee Bolland, Thursday evening. The decorations were in green in celebration of St. Patrick's day. Miss Bolland served refreshments and the tables where covers were laid for nine, very cleverly had the Irish shamrock for place cards.

The principal amusement of the evening was 500 and Miss Dolly Pratt was the fortunate winner of first prize, while the consolation fell to Miss Sibyl Lippitt. Present were the Misses Helen Daulton, Margaret Goodfellow, Cis Barclay Pratt, Zeda Goldsmith, Edna Daulton, Sybil Lippitt, Dolly Pratt, Bessie Daulton.

Aloha Club.

Mrs. Lewellen Adams entertained the members of the Aloha club Thursday evening. The prize was won by Mrs. J. Nelson Wisner. Tempting refreshments were served during the evening. Mrs. Adams' guests were, Mesdames C. G. Huntley, Franklin T. Griffith, William Lewthwaite, L. L. Pickens, J. Nelson Wisner and the Misses Marion and Alice Lewthwaite.

A jolly crowd of young people took possession of the home of S. S. Scripture on Eleventh and Madison streets, Friday evening. Games of various kinds were played and being a party of boys needless to say something good to eat was served. The party was composed of George Schwartz, Herman Miblstin, Ed. Vonderahe, Abby Woodfin, Harold Nash, Henry and Pearl Wyman, Christ Schwartz, Oscar Lundgren, Otis and Muriel Scripture.

Mrs. S. M. Harris was delightfully

surprised by a number of friends at her home at 1204 Main street Friday evening. The party played games till a late hour, when refreshments were served. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer; Mesdames Kruse, Harding, Peters, Oswald, Hull, Clark and Bert Greenman, Richards and Sheperd; Mesdames Nettle Kruse, Lola Surber and Wilda Harris; Messrs. O. E. Smith, Melvin Green, Harry Fuller, Claude and Gilbert Harris; Mrs. Folger and Mrs. A. Pauly of Portland.

Miss Eva Benson delightfully entertained the members of the Derthick club at the home of Mrs. William A. Huntley Friday afternoon. Miss Benson gave a sketch of the life of each composer on her program as well as an interesting story of the selection before playing. The program included Schubert's Minuet, Schumann's Romance Op. 28, and Liszt's Dream of Love. Miss Benson considers Edward McDowell America's greatest musical composer. She gave three of his selections, "In Autumn," "Shadow Dance," "From an Indian Lodge." Present were, Mesdames L. L. Porter, P. K. Hammond, J. W. Loder, L. Adams, C. G. Huntley, J. W. Moffatt, H. E. Straight, Gordon Hayes, W. A. Dimick, Gilbert Hedges, C. H. Caulfield, L. L. Pickens, E. A. Chapman, S. O. Dillman; Misses Antoinette Waldeu, Muriel Stevens. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Robert R. McAlpin on March 29, when Miss Addie Clark will talk to the club of her recent visit to Honolulu.

County Treasurer's Notice.

I now have money to pay county warrants endorsed prior to January 1, 1906. Interest will cease on date of this notice, March 22, 1907.

J. C. PADDOCK,
County Treasurer.

The waste of time is appalling—except to the wasters.

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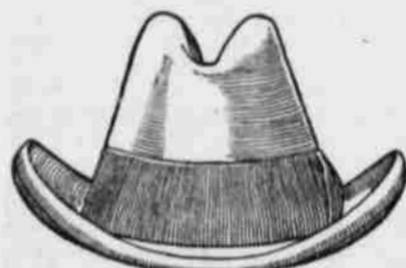
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