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Portland, Monday, March 12, 1906. Municipal Ownership and Socialism.

In a sense, municipal ownership and operation of public utilities looks like a step towards Socialism. It would fall far short of Socialism as defined by its own authorities.

The objection The Oregonian had to accepting and publishing as its own the Woodburn article was that it was clearly a partisan view of the Congressional situation in the First District.

The Oregonian sets this matter right because it desires the voters of the First District to know that it is not in any way connected with the Congressional nomination; nor is it opposing him.

DRESS, ITS FOLLIES AND VIRTUES. A Dressmakers' Association is one of the evolutions of modern business methods. While this is true, the proceedings of a dressmakers' convention can scarcely, under prevailing ideas of modes and devotion to fads, of "figures" and the habiliments necessary to bring out their fine points on parade.

There is a question of municipal ownership in Portland, as elsewhere. The beginning was made in the water supply. If we take another step, as the ordinary sense of the word suggests, we should do it in the gas plant or telephone.

MR. TOOLE'S FIFTY DOLLAR CHECK. The Oregonian finds in the Brownsville Times and various other Williamette Valley papers a news item entitled "Toole Men Are Confident—Said to Have a Strong Lead in Southern Oregon."

Every woman owes it to herself, her family and her friends to dress neatly, becomingly and well, in the best sense of the last term. The mechanic's wife may do this, and still keep within her husband's means and adorn her station in life.

It is one thing to be careless and untidy in dress, quite another to make all other thoughts and duties subservient to it. We have the extreme in the one case in the collared, down-at-the-heels slattern who thinks it wholly unnecessary to "dress up" for the pleasure of her husband and children.

Waterways Regulate Rates. Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, at a banquet given by a commercial organization in New York a few nights ago, advocated development of the waterways of the country as the best means of regulating railroad rates.

Argentine wheat shipments last week reached the enormous total of 5,128,000 bushels, compared with 2,563,000 bushels from the United States. If the American Society of Equity, which has decided to hold wheat for \$1 per bushel, is in a hurry to see the market touch that magic figure, it had better buy up the Argentine crop and hold it off the market.

One of the speakers at the farmers' institute at Salem Saturday said that many residents of New York have much more money than brains, and as evidence of the truth of the statement told how an Oregon farmer shipped apples to New York so carefully packed that they were delivered to the consumer without a bruise upon them, and not a worm inside.

The Oregonian has done the gas company a great service. It has "knocked" the price of gas (after the fashion of a figure at which the public can afford to use it) in increasing quantities and with steadily increasing profits to the gas company.

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