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SHALL PARENTS OR THE STATE BE RESPONSIBLE?

The following letter comes to the Editor. He scarcely knows whether it was written for publication, or not. But it touches a matter of public interest...

Portland will soon have many factories and mills which will be established by people from all parts of the world...

The city charter is in the hands. Would it not be possible to have a charter which would take care of the children who are in the city...

No one loves our beautiful city or has done more to make it what it is today than yourself and your co-workers...

Twenty-seven years ago editors have been one of my great pleasures, and I am certain you are well informed on this subject...

In 1867 there were 1750 little white children in the city of Portland...

I have written a letter to you, which I have written to you, which I have written to you...

The family has always stood as the basis of human society. It has been a sacred thing, the unit of all responsibility...

Observe it isn't the state that forces "child slavery." It is the parents. It is not the greed of the state...

So long as parents continue to bring children into the world without thought for their welfare and education...

Whatever may be said by mistaken philanthropists, the state is not going to interfere to prevent parents from requiring their children to work...

It is in the rights such as those at Springfield, Ill., and in all the trouble that has arisen between the negro and the

white, America is reaping what she sowed. The institution of slavery and the stealing of black men from their native land was a sin not only on the part of the individuals who engaged in it...

THE CONGO. The assumption by the Belgian Parliament of the government of the Congo finally ends a reproach to civilization which has endured too long...

When he assumed the government of the Congo its inhabitants numbered twenty millions. There are now but five millions, unless you count the

HOUSEBUILDING BY SYSTEM. From nearly every town in Oregon has come the frequently repeated report that vacant residences are so scarce...

It is reported that the Oregon State Prison authorities have introduced the system of keeping a record of fingerprints. It will take a big book to keep the records if all the pardoned prisoners are required to leave the impression of their finger marks.

Windfall apples are wormy. Worms become moths and moths produce more worms. But hogs will eat windfall apples, worms and all.

Now we shall have a month or two of the most enjoyable weather that can be experienced anywhere...

"Everybody wants prosperity," says Mr. Bryan. Yes, Mr. Bryan, everybody does, and you do; but you want to make it appear that there never has been prosperity, and never will be, till you are elected.

Mr. Lafe Pence must be trying to destroy the influence of J. Thorburn Ross over the members of the next Legislature. In the language of cipher codes, it must make Mr. Ross feel "loocular."

Having convinced the voters of Oregon and Washington into his way of thinking, Judge Parker has been called back to New York. Can it be that New York isn't entirely safe for Bryan?

Whatever others may think about it, Captain Peter Cooper Hains, U. S. A., is sure that he is not crazy when he called a defenseless man.

A man has a pretty poor opinion of a woman when he asks her to marry a man who lived sixteen years with another woman not his wife.

The New York bosses must take Hughes. If he had not been a New York boss and look happy all the time.

If ten more politicians will make the town good, twenty would make it heavenly. Why not twenty?

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crete houses was that they should be poured into cast-iron moulds, all the houses of the same size being exactly alike. Thus low cost would be secured. Wooden houses could be well be cut to one pattern by machinery and the cost reduced in the same manner.

It is the general rule for candidates for office to seek support wherever it can be found, but the Taft managers in Ohio have decided not to invite Bryan to speak in behalf of the Republican candidate for the reason that he is not a believer in the policies for which Taft stands.

So far as the safety of banks is concerned, it is better that money be hoarded than that it be deposited. Those people who will hide their money in tea kettles, old shoes and other places of similar character are of the class called panic-stricken.

Having attracted the attention of the world by an experiment with the initiative and referendum, Statement No. 1 and other novelties, Oregon will now come into the limelight with an experiment showing what a large city can do in an effort to eradicate the social evil.

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PARTISAN WHO WARS ON PARTY

Let's All Quit Association and Let Everyone Go It on His Own Account. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 21.—(To the Editor.)—I am a partisan.

Without exception, the editorial idea seems to be: The voter "belongs" to the party. Parties are formed to promote good government, and the voter belongs to the party.

Like the editor, the machine politician assiduously preaches the same doctrine, but proceeds in theory and in fact to the opposite idea.

Parties are National in principle, and local in fact. His environment and his temperament, and a host of minor, even trivial things, determine his political action.

Meaning the newspaper is preaching a doctrine of the voter rejects, and the machine politician has lost his job.

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FACTS ABOUT HOOD RIVER VALLEY

Its Apple and Strawberry Interests Viewed by Disinterested Eyes. Bulletin of Oregon Agricultural College Experiment Station.

Bulletin 99 of the Oregon Agricultural College Experiment Station, recently published, gives a report of "An Orchard Survey of Wasco County," by C. I. Lewis and H. W. Allen.

In the Hood River district the orchards average 16 acres in size. The net returns per acre are about \$500, as high as \$1800 per acre have been realized.

The whole valley has an east or west slope, and the orchards are located with good exposure as to light and drainage.

In the Hood River valley six distinct soils are found, but at Mosier and The Dalles the orchards are planted on two kinds of soil.

The analysis doesn't show a rich soil. So far as chemistry can tell us, the soils are not rich. The nitrogen is much below the average, and the phosphoric acid runs low.

Of pear trees there are 9152; cherry trees 4627; peach trees 7180. Eighty-two per cent of the orchards are planted out during the past six years.

Strawberries is the pioneer crop in Hood River. They are planted extensively in the valley, and the growers are allowed to remain until the trees come into bearing.

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