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Portland, Thursday, Aug. 27, 1908.

MR. HUGHES AND THE BOSSES.

The chances now seem fair that Mr. Hughes will be renominated by the Republican party for Governor of New York.

The Evening Post, as well as other New York papers have pointed out that the candidacy of Mr. Hughes has more than local significance.

In a long letter to the Evening Post Dr. Stephen S. Wise, formerly of Portland, recites some of the reasons why the New York politicians dislike Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Hughes is a genuine, old-fashioned American. He has the courage to put his belief into practice. He belongs to the very best school of our statesmen who have been first of all honest men, secondly public servants and a long way afterwards partisans.

Dr. Wise says that the bosses detect Mr. Hughes in the second place for his puritanism. The simple truth is that he has stood up manfully for the ten commandments.

their best man would have shaken party confidence and put a terrible weapon into Mr. Bryan's hands.

THE STATE TO BUILD RAILROADS?

Of course the state will go slow about accepting Governor Chamberlain's suggestion for a state-built road across Central Oregon or a road built by private capital with state-guaranteed bonds.

There have been state-aided and county-aided railroads in the past, usually or uniformly with loss or disaster to the tax-paying public.

THE NUISANCE STATUTE.

No one who read the evidence in the Wainwright case had any doubt that a trap had been laid for the Mayor for purposes which have not been fully disclosed.

The defenses set up in the Supreme Court were purely technical. In the first place, it was contended that the facts alleged did not constitute the crime of outraging public decency and injuring public morals.

Everyone knows that the conduct of Mrs. Wainwright and her companion, Radding, tended to injure public morals. Had they succeeded in getting free in this case we should very likely have numerous repetitions of the same offense.

POLAR COMPLEMENTS.

Would you rather be an old-fashioned wife with a question up-to-date son's mate? The question becomes pertinent as we read of the rocky path which some of the poor creatures have to travel who have united themselves to their soul affinities.

been done the accused have been fairly indicted, and such was the ruling of the court in this case.

Whether Mrs. Wainwright or Radding shall be punished is a matter of importance, but of infinitely less importance than whether they shall escape by highly technical defenses.

A FEARFUL EPISODE.

With hilarious hopes Mr. William Randolph Hearst made his final speech from the Iroquois Club of San Francisco.

The suggestion that a new water code should include a provision granting to water users the privilege of turning stored water into a stream, and taking it out again, is a good one.

CHEER UP.

If people would devote themselves a little more to philosophy and a little less to the pursuit of wealth and worldly pleasure, we should have a more happy and contented world.

Those who do not believe that woman's inhumanity to woman exceeds man's inhumanity to man, are not worth listening to.

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Mr. Bryan got a great ovation at his Illinois birthplace from the customary immense crowd. What is worrying Mr. Bryan is to know if those enthusiastic gatherings are going to vote as they shout.

GROVER CLEVELAND'S CLAIM.

By the Side of Which Roosevelt's Performances Are Stage Play.

Of late years we have become accustomed to the perpetual presence of the spectacular in our National Government. The events of President Cleveland's second term may be taken as an illustration of the fact that the spectacular is not a matter of choice.

THE TWO, WITH DEMOCRACY, TRYING TO CARRY SEMI-SOCIALISM TO AN EXTREME.

Stripped of its false and mischievous cloak of Democracy with semi-socialism, or with paternalistic Populism, or with other such devices, the Democratic party appears to have recovered to a considerable degree its original character and to be once more in a position to render efficient service to the country.

NEW YORK WORLD AND MR. BRYAN.

The party is stripped of its alliances which it has so long enjoyed, and it is left to depend upon its own merits. The party is more paternalistic and more committed to the carrying out of the government guarantee of bank deposits.

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STARTING AN OPPOSITION PAPER.

Politicians Often Do It, Only to Suffer Inevitable Losses.

There is talk of a Democratic newspaper being established in Eugene to supply the aching void for a party organ in Lane County. We mention this, not as a matter of choice, but because we are really interested in it, and none less concerned than the publisher of The Guard, but that we may use it as a means of "talking shop" to our readers.

SPANPING INSPECTOR APPOINTED.

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HOW TO RESTRICT FOREST FIRES.

Get Rid of the Dead Timber Which Has No Commercial Value.

BUNKER HILL SPRINGS, OR., Aug. 24.—(To the Editor.)—Nearly 20 years ago I camped, with a small party, in the extensive burn at Bunker Hill Springs, 13 miles west of St. Helena, in Columbia County. One of the party never having seen a burning tree, applied a lighted match to the decayed stump of a monster dead fir tree.

Soon the wind began carrying tufts and brands of burning matter to an alarming distance. In less than 15 minutes several other dead trees to the westward had been fired by the burning brands that sailed so prettily through the air.

In the late 40s I learned the power of bucking on the prairies of Illinois and Missouri, but successful back-boring in the case of dead fir trees is a different matter.

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