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WE SHALL ALL SEE LATER.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican thinks Oregon may be the first state to enter upon the policy of public ownership of railroads, and of Socialistic policy in general.

What has been done in speculative politics in Oregon is one thing; public ownership would be another and very different thing. The people are willing to try experiments in politics...

STEEL TRUST COMPETITION.

The United States Steel Corporation is the greatest industrial monopoly the world has ever seen. It has produced more millions for its stockholders and promoters than any other trust in existence...

Steady absorption of competitors in this country and inability of foreign competitors to scale the tariff wall have allowed profits in the business that are out of all proportion to the cost of manufacturing the product...

The small independent dealers, with plants unburdened by watered stock and extravagant flotation values, have for several weeks been undoesing the trust and securing so much business that the big monopoly has at last thrown down the gauntlet...

The impending strife will be viewed with great interest, not only by the consumers who will profit by the reduced prices, but by the students of political economy who will see in this industrial war a display of all the points of strength and weakness in an economic system which makes possible such combinations.

tempt to control all of the country's steel business will, through necessity, be abandoned, and there will be no more watered stock plants at extravagant figures, for no other purpose than to silence opposition and admit of extortion in prices.

VETOES AND VETOES.

The Oregonian inclines to the opinion that Governor Chamberlain acted with propriety in his veto of Senate bill 47, which proposed to require every male person seeking to enter the marriage relation to submit to an examination by a physician and procure a certificate from him that he is free from contagious or infectious venereal diseases as a condition to procuring such license.

A PROPOSED INCOME TAX.

When a national treasury encounters a deficit in time of peace, one of three things is indicated. Either there has been extravagance in the conduct of the government, or there is increasing poverty among the people, or the sources of revenue have not been properly studied and exploited.

ITS NOSE FOR SALACITY.

The police department of the city should not be asked nor expected to put in its time from other and more useful work in keeping tabs on them (saibons which run gambling), said the Mayor in his remarkable message to the Council yesterday.

NEW STATES SOON.

The Senate committee, which has the matter in charge, admits that there will be no opportunity at the present session for favorable action on the application of Arizona and New Mexico for statehood.

Only five judges concurred in it and of those one had previously decided the other way. Perhaps if the case came before the court again precisely as it stood before, the decision would be reversed.

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If one-half the effort being made to boycott the Harriman lines were expended in aiding to secure the right of way through the Deschutes Canyon, the Central Oregon railroad would be completed within the next two years.

FATALITY.

The late Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, receives mention again. It comes out through the Cooper murder trial at Nashville. "I have been trying," wrote Senator Carmack to Colonel Cooper, "to get Senator Mitchell of Oregon, to locate some good place for Van, in connection with the Panama Canal as he is doing something for some one else."

Many of the more progressive residents of the rural districts of the state would like to have good roads, and would gladly help to build them, if there were anything left from the enormous tax levy upon their property after the increase in the army of officials and of salaries all along the line for this or any other useful purpose.

WOMEN TEACHERS.

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His stepson, Wencelas Otto Gorski, has sued the great Polish pianist for one-half of the estate left to the present Mrs. Paderewski, the mother of the late pianist. When Paderewski captured Mme. Gorski she had a large fortune which was left by her former husband, who was counselor of the young son, Wencelas. Paderewski took him over to New York as his manager three years ago.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

For some time the state has practically been under the dictation of George E. Chamberlain. The present Legislature is only a woman's reign, the different commissions are children of his parentage, and now he asks the state to bankrupt itself in an attempt to rebuild the railroads.

THAT EVERLASTING CONCORDUM.

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BRYAN ON LINCOLN.

His Eloquent Estimate of Lincoln as an Orator. Mr. Bryan says that, without a "military career to dazzle the eye or excite the imagination, and with no public service to make his name famous, Lincoln's elevation to the Presidency would have been impossible without his oratory."

It is natural that the orator should magnify his art; natural that men should praise Lincoln for the qualities which they themselves most admire. Yet we think that if Mr. Bryan had heard Lincoln speak he would have ranked him very low as an orator.

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TAKE IT OUT OF BOWERMAN.

Patheic View of the Closing of Oregon's Normal School. MONMOUTH, Or., Feb. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Permit me to answer through the columns of your paper the Hon. Mr. Bowerman, who so kindly told us why the normal school of the fair state of Oregon met their "Waterloo" at the Capitol building the memorable evening of February 20 in the year of Our Lord 1909.

Even assuming that the schools for the proper training and educating of young women and young men for the work of teaching our boys and girls in the normal school of this state were as good as compared to the noble calling of legislating for appropriations for the building of mountain roads to lead to an extinct volcano, the might well be asked to be quiet while the rich man's launch glides over the surface of the water known as Crater Lake, in the face of the fact that it roasts in the mountains a school of the same kind as that among its sisters of our great country, by such noble and thoughtful men as Senator Bowerman, and ask Mr. Bowerman what he is doing to help the people in Monday's paper his reasons for brushing the normal schools of our state off the map and placing Oregon in the unique position she now has come to be occupied by, the only state of any importance in all our country that has no normal schools.

Does Mr. Bowerman represent the people of Oregon or his own personal affairs? Does Mr. Bowerman realize that California and Washington, and of right may, say so the thousands of intelligent men who are coming to the Oregon, when to our states, but why go to Oregon, when its representative sons (not all we are glad to say, but some, and enough of them) are explained to the institutions of learning which are a credit to any state and give back to the world more real value than such men as Mr. Bowerman ever did or can.

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Life's Sunny Side

This anecdote concerning one Wilhelm Kaiser of Germany, bears inherent evidence of its truth. When the much-discussed monarch was a small boy he was discovered by one of his tutors having a mch of Africa. When his father wrote the word "Germany" across the paper.

"What are you doing?" asked the teacher. "That is not German territory." "This is all right," retorted Wilhelm. "When I am Kaiser it will be."—Chicago Tribune.

A country correspondent for a Kentucky newspaper once found himself in the mountains of that state looking for items of interest to his journal. "There ain't a bit of news," said one farmer. "A-d-own this way are too busy with their crops to think of anything else."

"Fine crops this year, eh?" asked the correspondent. "Ain't no better," asserted the farmer. "I oughter be in my field right now, an' I would be only I come to town to see the Cornor."

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Local Option and Oregon Journalism.

PILOT ROCK, Or., Feb. 23.—(To the Editor.)—The Pilot Rock News, after a precarious existence of upward of one year, has just had a meeting of the stockholders early last week it was decided to pay all outstanding bills and ship the Washington hand press and type to Portland, where it will be stored until disposed of.

The News was not without a mission. Its object in life was to put the Record out of business and to represent the "wet" sentiment which has been the bane of the town and all the old "soaks" having become members of the church or joined the gang at La Walla and Baker City. The News very wisely decided to give up the ghost. The change, however, from a "wet" to a "dry" town has increased rather than diminished the population of Pilot Rock.

Girl Angler Lands 40-Pound Fish.

Washington (D. C.) Post. A Chicago girl visiting at Palm Beach, Fla., caught an amberjack (fish) weighing 40 pounds.

Revised Vampyre.

M. B. Williams in Chicago Record-Herald. A woman that I loved a man. (Even as others have done). It has been a woman's way since the world began.

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