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SPOKANE'S DILEMMA

The decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, exempting the Harriman lines from the new rates fixed in the celebrated Spokane rate case, makes it quite easy for Walla Walla, Colfax, Tekoa and other cities between Pendleton and Spokane, to scure lower rates than can be granted Spokane. The new rates prayed for by Spokane were granted on the ground that, distance considered, the old rates vere unreasonable. Nothing, accordingly, could be plainer than that, dis-tance considered, the rates to Tekoa, Colfax and other points on the Harriman line to Spokane, should be lower than the rates to Spokane. The Com-mission cannot rule otherwise on any petition from the merchants of these cities without reversing its decision In the Spokane case.

The ultimate effect of this will be jobbing business in any territory reached by the Harriman lines. This will relieve the City by the Fails of the the Hill lines, the jobbers will en-counter a similar handlcap, for the a two-edged sword and carves out new jobbing territory for within the limits. points on both sides of the Eastern Washington metropolis. If the old

Spokane rate, as declared by the Commission, was unreasonable from a mileage standpoint, it is still more un-Tekoa, Colfax and other points on the Harriman road, must have lower rates than Spokane.

This result, which was certain to follow any disturbance of the arrangement by which the railroads had given Spokane a special jobbing zone of 200 niles in diameter, was foreseen by the heaviest jobbers in Spokane, none of whom desired any change in the ex-isting conditions. "Let sleeping dogs cautioned one of these jobbers. when importuned to fake part in the fight which was worked up by some well-meaning and misinformed retall-

ers and real estate promoters. Meanwhile Portland and Puget Sound jobbers who enjoy the advantages of ocean rates, are handling more Eastern freight than ever be-fore, and are shipping it just as far inland as ever. Spokane "started when it imported Mr. something". Adams, of Boston, to initiate the war for lower rates, but the "something" was a boomerang and on its return flight it will strike Spokane a staggering blow.

THE PROPOSED CHARTER.

What does the electorate of land propose to do with the new char-land propose to do with the new char-What does the electorate of Portwould make very radical changes in our municipal system. It proposes combination of legislative and executive powers in one body-a Mayor, and six members of a City Council, all elected at large. These are to perform all functions. Six bureaus are to be created, a member of the Council to be placed by the Mayor at the head of each-the Mayor to have authority change the heads at his pleasure These bureaus are to perform all duties now devolved on the Executive Board, and Water Board, all duties relating to parks, streets and public improvements, and among these bureaus all administrative details of the city's work are to be distributed and conducted. Moreover, the heads of these bureaus, as members of the uncil, are to be the legislative body; and there will be many large salaries. since each bureau will be heavily and expensively manned by employes. The Mayor is to receive a salary of \$6000 a year and the members of the Council, acting in their double function of Councilmen and heads of bureaus. \$5000 each It is a charter of highly centralized authority and power. That, indeed, was the guiding object in its preparation. Its principles are precisely at opposites with those of the present charter, which was constructed purposely for distribution of powers, with a view to prevent formation of "rings' and "machines." Now, the pendulum Now, the pendulum swings to the other extreme, to estab lish concentrated power. The voters

of "the masses." You see, the electors can't turn out all these members of the City Council, but only one-half of them every two years; and in those two years they probably will have forgotten the grievances of the former years, and be willing to continue the old tyranny. We think this charter will be adopted, because "the people," reflection, will be glad to vote to tie their own hands.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT.

aged

period of usefulness as college profes-

MEETING A CRISIS.

the flower, they have no alternative

thoroughly enjoy.

JAILING THE MAGNATES.

There was a time when the Ameri

an people looked forward to a bril

liant future for Mr. Bailey of Texas

but that time is past. The Senator

does not lack ability nor is his gift of

gab deficient. The fatal defect which has marred his career and reduced

him to the status of a mere mounte

bank lies in the moral realm. He ex.

The

best - endeavor is no longer

The initiative proceeding for sale of bonds to the amount of \$2,000,000 for municipal light plant is to go on the ballot for the municipal election Tt should be carefully considered and dealt with in a reasonable way. The them gb. Oregonian will state briefly the main reasons for its own opposition to the proposal

The heartless decision of Attorney-General Crawford that patriots who in-There is now full and abundant elecvoke a recall election must pay the expense of it themselves, carried conric light supply for the city, at rates not in excess of those of other cities sternation, at first, into the serried ranks of the high-browed and selfdmflarly situated in all our states.

We are using for other and more denying host who live for their city and die for their ideas. How can they ecessary purposes the credit of the ity, to its present limits. Water bonds recall the erring Councilmen who voted for the blanket franchise when and bridge bonds and improvement bonds, and port bonds, which cannot be refused, are adding to the debt as there is no way to extract the money to do it with from the public funds? large sums as now can be prudently Is it seemly that the high-browed, selfcarried. denying ones should pay the bills out

Even if we could safely assume the of their own pockets? Seemly or not, It is feared that they must or there will financial obligation necessary for an electric light plant-that is, if we could be no recall and the sinful Councilment carry it-there would be heavy loss for the public cannot conduct a busiwill continue to flourish like the green bay tree. If Mr. Wagnon and his colness of this description as economically leagues of the People's Forum wish to as private parties can do it, and ele ee them wither like the grass and fade trie light-counting up interest, preciation and charges of operation, would cost the city more than now, but to dig up the cash or, in more classic phrase, to produce the "spon-

These reasons might be stated at dulix." But they are equal to the oc greater length and with fulness of de But The Oregonian believes this casion. tall. statement will be sufficient. The policy of this city should be to avoid reckless and excessive and unnecessary issue o bonds. Even if we had no other debt, the city should not undertake the prevent Spokane engaging in the lighting business, for if it does so, it will surely lose heavily. But having other uses for its credit, it ought, for detail special reasons, to reject this project. burden of serving a large area of ter- People who vote for municipal debt ritory westward. East of Spokane, on | bring their property under mortgage there shall be no more backing and For necessary purposes and within reasonable limits it will do. But exevery proposition and

THE MONARCH OF MEXICO.

The Mexican Herald publishes long and highly eulogistic article on reasonable for the cities lying east of President Diaz, whom it declares the okane and Helena, Missoula, Butter people of Mexico cannot permit to reand Great Falls on the Hill roads, like tire so long as he lives-holding him necessary to the peace and prosperity of the country. To the onlooker it appears that such a situation is not so much a tribute to the greatness of President Diaz as an admission by the Mexicans of distrust of their power of self-government. They evidently hold that the life of the one man is the only thing that stands between the order of society and revo lutionary changes. Mexico, therefore, though a Republic in name, is governed by the spirit of absolute monarchy, which it accepts as a necessary condition of peace and order. This spirit creates and exalts its ruler or king. Clearly, it is the kind of government for which Mexico is most fit. but Diaz cannot last forever, then how

pects to be taken just as seriously when he talks shallow sophistry as avert the revolutionary changes? Diaz bore a large part in the overwhen he displays all the genuine po-litical wisdom of which he is capable, throw of the Maximilian governme in Mexico, set up by the French and through active intervention by the United States at the close of the Civil and he is capable of much in his less depraved intervals. Unhappily, these War left to its fate. On the fall of intervals grow increasingly rare. pitch of his relations with Standard Maximilian, Jaurez, as President, organized the Government of Mexico. As Oil has apparently defiled his soul too deeply ever to be crased. His tariff candidate for re-election he was opposed by Lerdo de Tejada and Porfori speech in the Senate on Thursday waan example of what a man of fair Diaz. The latter then made factional ability can do in the way of insincere trouble, amounting virtually to rebelbuncombe when he really applies himtion, in the midst of which Juarez died of to the task and Telada, then President of th For some reason best known to preme Court, succeeded to the office of himself, Mr. Balley had made up his mind to vote for the Aldrich duty of President of the Republic. Diaz continued his turbulent opposition, suc eeded in expelling Tejada, and proclaimed himself President. This was in the year 1876. Since then Diaz has of the Democratic party to the country, that it would sacrifice even such been President continuously, with the rags and tatters of political principle as he had left, and that it would help exception of one term-from 1880 to 884. He doubtless now would be willing to retire, but leading members 1884. place the steel trust in a stronger pe sition than ever. The trust owns subof his party, whose fortunes are bound up with his own, hold him in office as stantially all the iron ore in this country, and a duty which prohibits ima hostage for their own tenure. A condition like this affords no portation simply confirms the monor To say that Mr. Bailey does not good outlook for the continued peace know this is to pay his common sense of the country. As soon as Diaz is a very flimsy compliment. He knew, gone, factions doubtless will be let too, that the duty was not needed to loose. His retention as long as he may equalize the labor cost of iron prodlive, therefore, appears a necessity. It should be borne in mind that very few ucts here with the cost in Europ sause it is a fact familiar to all stuof the people of Mexico participate in dents that the product is turned out the government. The active factionists much cheaper here. The cost of prowho contend for power are never numerous, and the body of the people ducing steel rails in this country less than it is in England. easily submit to the rule of the fac-tion that gets the upper hand. But, of much Finally, Mr. Bailey is aware that the duty on iron ore will not yield any course, Diaz never could have suc-ceeded as he has done had he not revenue whatever to the Government In the face of this fact, the Senator possessed a stronger character for war and government than his competitors. from Texas, with an impudence which certainly deserves a prize for brazen-During his long reign-for that is the word to describe his government-he ness, declared that he should vote for the duty on iron ore for the sake of the revenue it would produce, adding has greatly strengthened the central power, which, however, may be seized that there was "a better way to deal and used for great harm to the counwith the steel trust than to remove his revolutionary or arbitrary try by the duty from ore"-to put the stee successors.

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generous act than when he made pro The pity of it is that men like Mr. CITY vision out of his vast abundance for Balley should disperse the odor of de cay in the halls of Congress. men who have outlived

Mr. Albee is a man of very peculiar

sors. Some churches do, and all should, provide for ministers whose mental make-up. He claims to be a Republican and a special champion of the direct primary. Yet he habitually enough for the younger congregations. the direct primary. Yet he habitually repudiates both the Republican party and the direct primary. Four years The trouble comes when the attempt is made to convey, ever so gently, to the superannuated worker the fact ago he was a Republican candidate in that he must give way to a younger the primary for the Mayoralty. Judge man. There is not a more pathetic figure in professional life than that Williams received the nomination. But Mr. Albee promptly bolted, and supported Dr. Lane. Two years later, since the result of the Republican primade by an aged man, pleading in a trembling voice to be allowed to retain his place in pulpit or college chair. Yet pity cannot be allowed to mary didn't meet his wishes, he supported Lane again, who ran as an in dependent, regardless of the primary rule in these extreme cases. The wise, just and, in the end, kind thing to do Now, disregarding the result of the primary, which gave Simon more votes than all others-Republicans and is to provide a suitable support for long-faithful servants and let Democrats combined-he comes out as a candidate for Mayor, on his own ad count. It's a free country, of course.

A man may take such courses in polltics as he may think fit. But people may judge him as they think fit. a soul, however, can explain how Mr. Albee is able to call himself a champion of the primary law and a Republican in politics. Not a soul imagines that Mr. Albee could tell, himself.

A relapse from what the Bureau of Railways, News and Statistics terms "the feverish rush of prosperity." is said to be responsible for the decrease of approximately 40 per cent in the number of railroad fatalities in 1908, as compared with 1907. This is a ompensation for hard times that not generally considered, although it is undoubtedly an accurate conclusion It is quite reasonable to believe that with every available piece of railroad equipment that could turn a wheel, in use, and with men of all degrees of efficiency and inefficiency also pressed into service, there would be frequent breakdowns with both equipment and ien. In such emergencies, the carefu

It is reported that a number of this man with poor equipment, and poor devoted band have agreed among associates, and the careless man with themselves to meet the crisis by chip good equipment and good associates ping in, each according as the Lord are alike liable to cause wrecks and has blessed his store. What the expense of the recall election may be is attendant loss of life, for during the rush there is no time and but little not exactly known, but that is a mere inclination to draw the lines hard and The self-sacrificing lovers of fast in employing men and equipment. their city and their kind stand ready to pay the bills, whatever they may be It is a case of take what is available and trust to luck. The heroic bunch have determined that

The Oregonian is asked for a direct

filling in good causes. They remember sadly the way a new charter was answer as to whether it favors or op poses the new charter. It's a hard worked up just short of the point of being finished, all with great pomp and question. The debating society of the parade, and then abandoned. The numerous referendum petitions which village was discussing "Hamlet" and "Macbeth," and fierce controversy arose among the people as to the relthey have talked about and talked ative merits of the two great dramas, about, and then dropped, are also re-A cautious and well-balanced citizen flected upon without pride, and they have resolved that nothing hereafter was asked for his opinion. "Well, you see," he said, "I don't want to commit shall be begun for the higher welfare of the town without being completed. myself. Some of my friends prefe 'Hamlet'; others prefer 'Macbeth.' I'll Therefore, they will dig up the cash for the recall election with joyful smiles think it over." So as to the propos charter. The Oregonian is thinking it and wish twice as much were needed over, but is inclined to favor it, be-The luxury of contributing of their worldly wealth to a holy cause is on cause its tendency is to "set up barriers against the will of the people." which Mr. Wagnon and his brethren

> It is useless for the State Grange to deplore abuse of the initiative and referendum, when the fact is that the ma jority who stand for initiative and referendum uphold them for the very reason which the State Grange deplores-namely, for the facility they afford for attacks on the rights of property and the settled order of so-By the majority who support them they are welcomed as revolution. ary methods; and if this is not to be their purpose and result, interest them will be lost to this majority.

The death of Rev. Henry A. Barden closes a long, quietly useful, blameless life, that had run three-score and six years. Mr. Barden was halled as co rade by the veterans of the Civil War throughout the Northwest, and espe clally throughout the Oregon depart ment of the G. A. R., and by these as well as by a large body of friends in and out of the Baptist Church, of which he was a retired minister

MATTERS CONTRACTORS HAVE QUALIFIED MOTHER-IN-LAW IS BLAMED ELECTION

Explanation of Measures Pertaining J. W. Sweeney and Associates Give to Appropriations. Bond of \$150,000.

The Oregonian will publish, from day to day, explanations of the numerous measures that are to be voted on in the city election, fune 7, under the initiative and the reforen-dum. The following group of subjects-ppropriations and bond insues therefor-in-iudes projects for three new river bridges, a new garbage crematory and a municipal lighting plant.

ighting plant. Of the 22 initiative and referendum measures to be submitted to the voters in the Juna election, five provide for bond issues aggregating \$6,100,000. Measures is now known that the contract price for the work was approximately \$1,400issues aggregating \$5,00,000. accounter making appropriations are: Broadway bridge, \$2,000,000; transfer of Madison-street bridge fund and issuance of \$450,000 additional honds for bridge at Market street; high bridge at Sherman street, \$1,500,000; crematory plant, \$150,000; munic-ipal electric light plant, \$2,000,000. Of these five archects two are pending in argest single one ever let in Oregon. calls for completion of the work by June 1, 1916. This portion of the road, when completed, will connect the two comipal electric light plant, \$2,000,000. Of these five projects, two are pending in the Circuit Court. They are the Market-street bridge and the municipal light plant. Auditor Barbur has been enjoined from placing the former on the ballot. Mandamus proceedings have been brought to compel him to give the municipal light plant project a place on the ballot. In the place are the streamers to this petihecking over the signatures to this peti-ion, Auditor Barbur found it lacked about 600 of the required number. tail settled, the contractors will push the work to completion

Thairman Thomas Thinks Democrats

about 660 of the required number. The initiative petition for installing a municipal electric light plant was cir-culated by State Senator Dan Kellaher, who is seeking through the courts to force it on the official ballot. The garbage crematory now used by the city is inadequate and additional faci-lities are required. The purpose of the bond issue is given in the ballot title as follows: "For the acquisition of land for incinerating plants, either in the di-rect purchase thereof or in pursuance of condemnation proceedings in the manner previded by the statutes of the State of Orogon, for the appropriation of land for corporate purposes, and by the Board of Health in pursuance of appropriations therefor, in the purchase, condemnation, installation, improvement and repair of incinerating plants and their necessary account of the data and their necessary Incinerating plants and their necessary accessories. Said incinerating plants shall be under the management, control and supervision of the Board of Health."

Expenditure of the proposed \$2,000,000 for the Broadway bridge is to be vested in the Executive Board, which is authorized to construct "a bridge with appropriate approaches and terminals and with a clearance of not less than 66 feet above high water and not less than 96.13 feet above the city datum or low water mark across the Willamette River in said city, across the Willamette River in said city, from Broadway street, at or near its intersection with Larrabee street, on the east side of the river and following the line of Broadway street, extended west-erly in its present course, to a point at or near its intersection with Seventh street on the west side of the river,

thence southerly and easterly to a poin thence soluterly and easterly to a point at or near the intersection of Sixth and Irving streets; and it shall have ful power and authority, subject to such reg-ulations as may be imposed by the United States, to build, erect and construct scates, to build, erect and construct plers, abutments and other necessary supports in the bed of the Willamette River for the foundation of such bridge." The right of condemnation of property necessary to the construction of this bridge is by this priviles constructed in the necessary to the construction of this bridge is by this petition vested in the Executive Board. It is further provided that all rallway tracks that shall be laid on the bridge, its approaches or terminals are to become the exclusive property of the city. No exclusive franchise shall be granted to any public service corpora-tion for the use of the whole or any part of the opported bridge. For any parts Bros. & Sturtevant have offered a reward of \$109 for the capture of the burglars. After loofing the McCully store the men stole a radicond "speeder" at the Halsey depot and started northward. They tion for the use of the whole or any part of the proposed bridge. For any priv-llege so granted, the city is to be com-pensated in accordance with terms which shall be fixed by the City Council. When constructed, the bridge is to be turned over to the Multnomah County Court, which is to operate, control, manage and keep it in repair in the same manner as other bridges across the Willamette River are now cared for. broke it, however, after going only a mile and ditched it. They then started across, country toward the woods along the Calapooia River. EUGENE THUG NOT CAUGHT Man Who Shot at Mrs. Renshaw Be

The proposal for a bridge at Market street proposes the transfer of the bond issue of \$450,000 which has been sold for reconstructing the Madison-street bridge and the issuance of an additional \$450,000 of bonds for the viaduct at a point farther up the river. This bridge is to be built from the east line of Front street farther up the river. This bridge is to be built from the east line of Front street at the intersection of Market street on the west side of the river to a point about 299 feet west of the east line of East Third at the intersection of East Market on the east side of the river. The west end of the approach to the bridge is to conform to the grade of the streets as end of the approach to the bridge is to conform to the grade of the streets as established on Front and Market streets on the west side and the east end of the east approach shall conform to the estab-lished grade at East Third and East Market. It is to have a clearance of at least 75 feet from zero on the United States Government gauge to the lower deck beams over the channel of the river. The width of the bridge is not to ex-ceed 50 feet in the discretion of the Executive Board. A bond issue not exceeding \$1,500,000 is asked for a proposed high bridge across

Damage From Interference. SPOKANE, Wash., May 14.—(Special.) —That Mrs. Flora Immel and William Immel, parents of his wife, are respon-sible for breaking up his home is the allegation of A. C. Jones, a Chicago de-J. W. Sweeney and his associates, S. M. Blumauer and Isaac Blumauer, to wh was awarded the contract for construct-ing the final al miles of the Pacific Rail-way & Navigation Company's road Monday, qualified as to bond yesterday, subtective, who is suing the Immels in Judge Sullivan's court today to rec mitting one for more than the full 10 per cent of the contract price. The bond was furnished by the Title Guaranty & Surety Company, of Scran-ton, Pa., in the sum of \$150.000, while it

\$10,000 damages. Jones was arrested this week for kidnaping after being threatened with hreatened with a gun in the hands of is mother-in-law His mother-in-law, Jones claims, told

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Man in Spokane Demands \$10,000

him in the presence of Mrs. Jones that she would take her daughter away from him. Mr. and Mrs. Immel. Mr. Jones claims, came to Spokane and in-The contract at those figures is the It luced their daughter to follow them

duced their daughter to follow them, Mrs. Jones claims that his principal occupation is gambling. Some months ago Jones attempted to kidnap his child from the grand-parents while the baby was being leted sections, one of which extends rom Forest Grove to Burton and the ther from Tillamook east for about five wheeled along Second avenue in Spo kane. Jones was arrested on a trai getting out of town. Mrs. Jones as cured possession of the haby: Mr Jones has started suit for divorce, an th Mrs. west of several bidders and the only hing that has stood in the way of the inal signing of the papers since Monday has been the necessary bond. This deshe has recently had her husband put under bond to keep the peace

W. J. ALEXANDER MISSING

HOPES TO ELECT M. G. MUNLY Purser on Steamer Argo Fails to Show Up at Tillamook.

BAY CITY, Or., May 14.-(Special.)-

The first news of the mysterious disap-pearance of Walter J. Alexander, purset Members of the advisory board, reon the steamer Argo, which operates between Fortland and Tillamook Bay points, was received here when the boat arrived last evening. The officers of the ently appointed by Chairman Thomas, f the Democratic City Central Commitee, met yesterday and formally dis-ussed the political situation and out-ined plans for the preliminary work Argo are firm in the belief that Mr. Alexander met with foul play in Portland just before the steamer sailed for Tilla-mook Bay last week, or was accidentally drowned in the Willamette River while boarding the boat. n an active campaign which will be vaged in behalf of Judge M. G. Munly Chairman Thomas is ex eedingly optimistic and really believes t will be possible to elect the Demo-ratic candidate for the Mayoralty.

Mr. Alexander was a member in good standing of Bay City Camp, No. 215, Woodman of the World, in which he car-Discussing the situation yesterday. Chairman Thomas said: Woodmen of the World, in which he car-ried \$2000 insurance. The camp is tak-ing an active interest in the search for the missing man. The records of the camp show that Mr. Alexander was 35 years old when he became a member in October of last year. The policy he carried is made payable to his mother, Mrs. Olive M. Alexander, of Killingly, Conn. Before assuming his duties as purser on the steamer Argo during the This year's contest closely resembles purser on the steamer Argo during the first part of last month Mr. Alexander was yard foreman for the Miami Lum-ber Company, at Hobsonville, on Tilla-

Nelson's Attorney.

tempted murder. Mr. Phillips received the letter the morning following the shooting. Nelson turned over his affairs to the attorney, and asked him to look after his property. The only reference made to the shooting of Kosselter is in the closing part of the letter, in which Nelson says:

According to Mr. Phillips, Nelson was deeply in love with a woman in Aber-deen, who did not return the affection in the way that Nelson thought she should. She went to Seattle not long ago and secured a divorce, with the intention, it is said, of marrying Nelson, but the mar-

rlage did not take place. Neither bloodhounds nor police have been able to track Nelson, and it is thought he may have committed suicide.

Not Announced.

SUGENE, Or., May 14.-(Special.)-The unknown highwayman who tried to hold up Mrs. William Renshaw yesterday aft-ernoon about a mile north of Eugene has thus far evaded capture, although a number of men are still hunting (or him. If was learned today that the same man attempted to stop Mrs. Welby Stevens on the bridge where he shot Mrs. Ren-shaw's horse. Mrs. Stevens was driving to Eugene in a burge along whom the man Considerable interest is taken in the possible part organized labor may take in the approaching city election. Thus far, through its central body, the Central Labor Council, this force has failed to shaw's norse. Mrs. Stevens was driving to Eugene in a buggy alone when the man asked her to stop, as he wanted to talk to her. She refused to stop, telling him if he wanted to talk to anyone her hus-band would be along shortly. When Mr. Stevens and his companion came through the beiden these estimate show its hand. At last night's meeting of the Council the name of not a single

when Mr. Stevens and his companion came through the bridge they noticed a man muttering to himself and they be-lieve that he was crazy. This happened They were: Keliaher's municipal light plant, electrical wiring ordinance and the an hour or more before the atte made to hold up Mrs. Renshaw. attempt was plant, electrical wiring ordinance and the commission plan of city government, pro-posed by the Charter Board. At the request of the Cigarmakers' Union, the Council last night authorized Secretary Fitzgerald to prepare a protest in behalf of organized labor of Portland and forward it to the members of the Oregon delegation at Washington, using them to use their efforts to have eliminate AUTO WILL REPLACE STAGE New Mode of Transportation Be tween Fossil and Condon. hem to use their efforts to have eliminat FOSSIL, Or., May 14 .- (Special.)-Rob FOSSIL OF, May H.-(Special)-Rob-ert Roper, proprietor of the Condon and Fossil stage line, has purchased a 60-horsepower automobile to operate between here and Condon. Budiness has increased to such an extent that the old-fashloned ed that clause from the tariff revision bill which permits the aunission of 150,000,000 cigars annually from the Philippines without the payment of duty.

the Mayoralty light of 1896. In that year the Independents, headed by George H. Williams, bolted the nomnee of the regular Republican ticket. charles F. Beebe, so divided the Re-publican strength that Sylvester Pennover, the Democratic candidate, was elected Mayor. CLOSE ON TRAIL OF ROBBERS Linn County Sheriff in Hunt for Halsey Burglars ALBANY, Or., May 12-(Special.)-Linn County officials are 2 day hard on the trail of two burghes who robbed the store of McCully Bros. & Sturtevant at Halsey last night and got away with about \$500 worth of goods. Deputy Sher-iffs I. A. Munkers and Del Smith left here at noon to intercept the robbers, who are coming northward, and the pro-prietors of the store which was robbed have telephoned to the State Penitentiary at Salem to secure two of the blood-

lieved to Be Insane.

the present needs.

fined \$100 and costs.

The trial trip will be made next Friday.

It is Mr. Roper's plan to make two trips

a day. The time required to make two trips a day. The time required to make the run will be one and a half hours, the distance being 20 miles. The machine has a carriage capacity of ten passengers and 3000 pounds of freight. The project is

Parlors Are Fined.

Will Win Out.

Mayor.

at Salem to secure two of the blood hounds at that institution. McCully

look Bay LOVE AFFAIR CAUSES CRIME Shooting of Kosselter Explained by

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 14,-(Special.) -That Peter Nelson, who shot Joseph Kosselter, was partially insame over a love affair and not responsible, is the opinion of Attorney J. M. Phillips, to whom Nelson wrote a letter after the at-

"You know I have had trouble."

EUGENE, Or., May 14.-(Special.)-The UNIONS DO NOT SHOW HAND

Position in Municipal Campaign Is

are to take their choice An effort is proposed in the new charter to establish what is denominon-partisan city government. Candidates are not to be presented as members of any party. But such inhibition is not likely to prevent the oters from casting their ballots to suit their own political or party views that is, to vote for or against a candidate, upon inquiry as to his political or party connections.

It is a serious question, and one per haps that never can be decided, whether better men can be had for these positions by payment of the large paired mental vigor is necessary tosalaries offered by this charter. It is success in his profession. The dismiscertain there will be no modesty to sal of men of this class from positions restrain men from seeking these places which, from long occupancy for the salaries they carry; and it may have come to regard theirs by sacred be expected that the energy of the right, is a task from which regents of cramble both at the primary and at the election will be redoubled.

bulk this proposed charter is formidable—less so, however, than the one now in existence, and its principles are simple. It is the most effective interests of school and parish. The document of centralization our people | course of duty is plain in such cases. ever have seen. Yet that is deemed Let the aged professors and ministers, by many its peculiar excellence. It enfeebled by age, be sidetracked as work, here. Is it to have free course,

WHERE OLD AGE IS PATHETIC.

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glory were jailed today, does any sane Four professors who have grown person believe that the price of stee old in the University of the Pacific rails would fall in this country to the a large Methodist college at San Jose level of the trust's European prices? All the chiefs of the trust might be -have been dismissed from the faculty of that institution, causing a trejailed without affecting prices mendous uproar among students who were attached to the old teachers, penny, and therefore without giving the consumer the slightest relief. No probably because of the gentle, easy way the latter had of dealing with body knows this better than Mr. Bailey himself, and yet he has the as young men who did not care to spend tounding assurance to stand in the time in study

Senate chamber and propose jail for the magnates as a more effective rem-The superannuated teacher, like the superannuated preacher, is slow to edy for trust extortion than reduction of the tariff. If this is all we can recognize the fact that a certain degree of physical as well as of unimhope for from the Democratic party the country may congratulate itself twice and thrice over for having kept it out of power.

magnates in jail.

If Mr. Morgan himsefl in all his

All this tergiversation, double dealing and lack of moral sense in the Democratic Congressmen goes to confirm the public in the opinion that the party which bedecks itself with the universities, and governing bodies of churches, shrink. Yet to retain men who have, in accordance with nature, name and memory of Jefferson is little more than a galvanized corpse, without so very much galvanism, after No event in our recent political history has been quite so shan the deliberate betrayal of their constituents by the Democratic members of the House and Senate on the issue by many its perturbation of the probably will shake up our Jefferson-ians: it should bring pailor to their cheeks—if any of them are left. Ham. Ittonian philosorhy is getting in its the natural course of things it must

Andrew Carnegic never did a more recur now and then as time passes.

will be missed and mourned

Judge Lionel R. Webster is off on 25 cents a ton on iron ore. He knew another of his numerous vacations, that this act would violate the pledges and the Probate and County Courts are locked up. One might imagine the famous recall was designed for cases like this, if neglect of official duty were blamable in Multnomah County It seems, however, to make little dif. ference whether Judge Webster is absent or present.

> The right use to make of men who either voluntarily or for hire, circu late initiative or referendum netitions. take the names of persons not legal voters and yet make oath they egal voters, is to send a bunch of them to the penitentiary. This abuse in col-lection of names is one of the evils of "the people's system of legislation.

"Slander," says the (Umatilla) Echo Register, "is a blighting sirocco." good definition, fit for next new dic tionary. Yet one remembers that Shakespeare wrote---"Slander, whose tongue out-venoms all the worms of NIL And another poet-"Slander, the foulest whelp of sin.'

Legal voters, who are not registered says Judge Bronaugh, are entitled to sign initiative petitions. But who knows, how can it be known, whether signers are legal voters, or whether the names are real or fictitious?

Hazel Moore could never get look-in" at Salem. No doubt that's the reason she went elsewhere. Per-sons who doubt Oregon's state functionaries should be ashamed of themselves.

Under the decision of Judge Bro naugh, initiative or referendum petitions may be stuffed with bogus names without limit, and there can be no remedy or redress.

As if there had not been enough of as in there had not state of Wash-ington, there is now much talk of the miles around, much sidewaik was built necessity of a special session of the Legislature.

Kermit Roosevelt will do well to stay within call. The African lion is no respecter of persons. Besides, he owes one to T. R.

The direct primary, then, is good for nothing; it stands for falsity and fallure, unless it nominates your man.

The City Engineer discharged two CLOTE. Everybody must have found them out.

The Mrs. Waymires at . Olympi were more successful.

A bond issue not exceeding \$1,500,000 is aaked for a proposed high bridge across the Willam=tte at Sherman street. This structure is to extend from First and Sherman streets on the west slde to a point at or near the juncture of East Sherman and East Seventh on the East Sherman and East Seventh on the East Slde. It is to be not less than 60 feet in width and at an elevation of not less than 140 feet above minimum or low water the free above minimum or low water gauge, without any draw, lift or other open appliance or device. If practicable the bridge is to have a modern steel chan-nel span of about 400 feet, from pler to pier, so as to place as little obstruction as possible between harbor lines and prosufficient clearance space for yes sels going up and down the river.

looked on with much favor, as it will give the traveling public a daylight ride to catch the train at Condon, rather than the night ride, as at present. MILDRED M'KINLEY MISSING

Eighteen-Year-Old Girl Disappears After Leaving Portland.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 14.-(Special.) Proprietors of Dallas "Soft" Drink

J. W. Mackey came to the police this morning to locate Mildred McKinley, aged 18, who left the Home Finding As-sociation at Portland, Or., bound for Springston, Idaho, where she had secured DALLAS, Or., May 14.-(Special.)-The May term of the Circuit Court in Judge Burnett's department closed here last night after a four days' session. Tom Sullivan, Ed Owens and John Hiltibrand, proprietors of soft-drink parlors, were in-disted for visibilitation of the two the set nployment.

employment. He was to meet her in Spokane, but has failed to find trace of the young woman. He described her complexion and eyes as dark and stated that she dicted for violations of the local-option

was wearing a black and white checked dress when last heard from. She was wearing a gray hat with a red ribbon law. The Sullivan case was continued to the next session of court. Owen pleaded not guilty, but after trial the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, and a fine of \$200 was imposed. Hiltibrand at first entered a plea of not guilty, but after the Owens trial changed his plea to guilty and was fined \$100 and costs

STUDENTS LAY CEMENT WALKS Paint Grandstand and Refreshen

Varsity "O" on Skinner's Butte.

UNIVERSITY OF ORGEON, Eugene Or., May 14,-(Special.)-Under the ef-ficient management of J. Leroy Wood

more work was performed the morning of this University day than in any pre-vious year. As planned, the roof of the grandstand was painted, the big coment "O" on Skinner's Butte was given a yel-

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 14.-(Spe-clal.)-George Roberts, recently released from Walla Walla on parole, is again hunted. He was given an indeterminate sentence from this county two years ago

-Hindus will this season become cannery hands in Northern British Columbia, ac-cording to announcement today by a salmon canner. "Chinese workmen have become so scattes," remarked this man, "that we are forced to take any labor that offers itself." family.

SALEM, Or., May 14.-(Special.)-The Svea Fire & Life Insurance Company, of Gothenburg, Sweden, was today admitted to do business in the State of Oregon. This is the first Swedish company to en-ter the state. The Dubuque Fire & Ma-tine Company has filed an application with Commissioner Kozer. SALEM, Or., May 14.-(Special.)-Salem will not celebrate the Fourth of July this year, but will withdraw from the field in favor of the neighboring citles that have planned to celebrate. Salem will devote of the neighboring for the charmer fails

PRATT NOW SPOKANE MAYOR horse stage has become insufficient fo

Retiring Executive Is Presented

With Loving Cup.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 14.-(Special.)-At 16:30 o'clock this morning C. Herbert Moore turned the reins of the city gov-ernment over to Mayor N. S. Pratt; the Council re-elected E. V. Lambert, of the Third Ward, president of the City Council; committees were appointed; appoint-ments of Mayor Pratt were confirmed, and the new city machinery set in

LIQUOR SELLERS CONVICTED motion. The new Mayor in an address to the Council recommended that the present water system be increased one-third, ad-vised that the construction of visducts and bridges be rushed, and that appro-priations be made to fight the scarlet ours coldenic.

fever epidemic. The Council adopted resolutions lauding the work of Fred E. Baldwin, Second

Ward, defeated in election. The heads of departments working under Mayor Moore presented him with a beautiful Idving cup this morning.

SHIPPERS MAKING PROTEST

Insist Tug Snohomish Should Be

Given Berth at Neah Bay.

TACOMA, Wash., May 14-(Special.)-The principal testimony in the cases was furnished by detectives in the em-ploy of the Anti-Saloon League. PAROLED, THREATENS WIFE

TACOMA, Wash. May 14-(Special.)-Harbor interests here are wrought up over the Government plans for the new life-saving tug Snohomish, which was built at a cost of \$200,000 to ald distressed ships along the Pacific Const. Since her arrival on Puget Sound a month ago, after Akibitions at several cities, she has been laying idle in Senttle Harbor. As the result of a protest, the tugboat has finally been ordered to Port Angeles. Now harbor interests are raising another protest, claiming that she will be prac-tically useless at that point, which is five hours' run from the contrance to the atraits. They say headquarters should be made at Neah Bay, which is only an hour's run from the usual scenes of dis-tress.

A formal protest will probably be filed with the War Department.

Water Supply Increased.

CENTRAL POINT. Or., May 14.-(Special).-In the near future this city will have an abundant supply of pure water. The new city well has reached a depth of 84 feet, where an adequate flow was encountered. It is planned to increase the depth and drive storage tunnels at right angles. The well is eight feet in diameter. After the ex-cavation is finished it will be con-creted. creted.

Plan for Cherry Fair.

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all its energies to the cherry fair.

and the campus cleared of all rubbish.

Hire Hindus in Canneries.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 14 .- (Special.)

Convict Out on Parole Again Fugi-

tive From Justice.

Insurance Companies Admitted.

