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have not been installed on vessels making their headquarters on the Pacific coast. MISUNDERSTOOD MCCARTHY. Mayor McCarthy, of San Francisco, in a letter printed elsewhere, complains of the alleged inaccuracy of the report on his celebrated Chicago interview, and also expresses dissatisfaction with the style of writing followed by The Oregonian in commenting on his remarks.

landed place for his boat, the J. N. Teal, at public expense, would build its own wharf, all the clamor for public docks would subside, and the public would be freed from this menace of debt, taxes and politics. A VINDICATION. The collapse of the charges against Chief of Police Frederick Kohler, of Cleveland, causes one to ask himself how they could have originated. There were more than 23 different accusations running from technical "immoralities" to drunkenness, and now an impartial civil service commission found them all false!

It is Party Assembly and Is Sorely Needed to Aid Primaries. Something ought to be done, else the primary law will make a rule of minorities instead of majorities. So far as the parties are concerned, or at least the Republican party, there has already come about a rule of minorities. The mass meetings in the Marion County precincts will be held on Saturday, July 2, and the county assembly on the following Saturday, July 3, and the state assembly is set for July 23. This is the plan. Can there be a valid objection to it? Could you, Mr. Reader, evolve a better plan? If not, it is your duty as a Republican, if you are a member of that party, to pay attention to the mass meeting in your precinct.

THE CITY'S DEAL WITH THE O. R. & N.

There is no cause for appear about the vacation of certain streets ends in East Portland, in favor of the O. R. & N.'s proposed freight depot. The city is not giving away land for nothing. It is obtaining valuable privileges in return, including rights of way for various municipal improvements, sixty-five acres of park land in South Portland and six acres of city land for the proposed Broadway bridge.

The public is not victimized nor "sold out" in this deal. The city is making concessions to the railroad and obtaining in return some things much needed for municipal purposes. One of the important improvements to come from this agreement is establishment of a freight depot on the East Side, between Burnside and the new railroad bridge at Oregon street. This depot will be valuable to East Side business interests. It will stimulate growth of trade on that side of the river and affect largely the shipping to shippers. Business men have petitioned city authorities to vacate river ends of certain streets in that district, so that the railroad may build this freight depot.

These streets as are unused by the public; the railroad owns the contiguous blocks of land and therefore is the only individual that can put the district to any use; the public owns the right only of traveling the street ends, and from the railroad's land and never can put the street area to any other use. Besides, the public will be more benefited from a freight depot there than from any other kind of improvement. The basis of the city's needs in these negotiations is right of way for Broadway bridge. If the truth were fully known about the motives of certain agitators on the East Side who are clamoring against the deal with the railroad, it would probably be seen that such noisy citizens want no Broadway bridge, and that they are trying to force some arrangement for benefit of their lots on or near Holladay street.

It should be understood that rejection of this agreement will further delay Broadway bridge with another litigation tie-up; also that such course will delay the freight depot which the East Side needs. Agitators, selfish lot-owners and demagogic politicians are trying to stir up public passion over this matter. But it should be borne in mind that the city is getting in return some concessions on its side and that it is making no free gift of city property to the railroad.

No need of hysteria or highfalutin. This business deal is done in accordance with sanity and reason.

COAL FOR PACIFIC FLEET.

"Were the department compelled to ship coal only in American bottoms, it would soon be forced practically to abolish the Pacific fleet, or the appropriation for it would soon be exhausted," says Secretary Meyer, of the Navy Department, in reply to the protest of Representative Humphrey against the employment of the language of the contract with the Pacific Coast shippers and taxpayers which flag carries the business so long as there is always plenty of tonnage available at reasonable rates. The language of the contract is designed by engineers and approved by proper officials and then put through regardless of "push clubs" or labor unions.

In the great American voter, however, he knows it all, and is determined to run things his way, regardless of utility or cost or debt. That is the reason public docks have added enormously to the debt of the city of San Francisco and they are not to be paid. In Baltimore, the conditions may be somewhat more favorable, because the docks are not managed at the behest of high-priced labor, the working hands are cheap-labor negroes.

In our country it has been a doctrine hitherto accepted as sound that government should never be extended into the sphere of ordinary business. If despotism ruled this country, even some of the nations of Europe, the government here might successfully engage in various affairs as it does there; but American systems—social, political, commercial and labor—are wholly unsuitable for these tasks compared with the systems of the Old World. Management of public utilities there would not be tolerated here.

THE COST OF LIVING.

So far as the tariff is concerned, the majority report of the Senate committee is pointed to investigate the cost of living makes little pretense of being a scientific document. It is frankly partisan and will be so accepted by the country. As everybody expects the majority to be the victor, it comes to the conclusion that the tariff does not increase the prices of commodities. At present we wish to make only a single remark upon this point. If the tariff does not increase the prices of commodities, it is designed where all the instincts of morality and decency are as dead as the consciences of some of Mayor McCarthy's official family. With the news of McCarthy's election, harpies of both sexes and all ages are closing in upon San Francisco from all quarters of the globe.

Because the harpies misunderstood Kohler, San Francisco is today as "open" as it was in the painful days of the Schmidt regime, because it is wide open and disgraced, the head of the city government, unless he carefully edits his interviews, will always be in danger of saying what the city is getting in return for concessions on its side and that it is making no free gift of city property to the railroad.

AS TO PUBLIC DOCKS.

Public docks in European ports afford no valid argument for public docks in our country. European cities, Government and management are all together different. It would be as reasonable to argue for European style of government in place of our own American. The difference is that in Old World ports commerce and docks and other utilities are controlled by the few who know best how to conduct them for the public interest. But here in Portland public docks would be controlled by manhood from the very beginning, a subject to unreasoning popular demands and to labor agitation. When a great work is undertaken in Holland it is not submitted to initiative and referendum of the whole citizenry. It is designed by engineers and approved by proper officials and then put through regardless of "push clubs" or labor unions.

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APARTMENTS \$15,000 A FLOOR.

Corner Fifth Avenue and Fifty-Third Street Site of Edifice. One of the finest apartment-houses of the city will be erected on a block on the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Fifty-third street, and four dwellings will be erected to make room for the new improvement.

The plot, which was purchased in 1907 by Edward Holbrook, president of the Portland Manufacturing Co., and owned by Harry J. Luce, of Acker, Merrill & Condit, contains about 8500 square feet and has an avenue frontage of 90 feet and is 125 feet on the street.

The property, which is known as 687, 689 and 671 Fifth Avenue, and 2 East Fifty-third street, will be built with a 12-story apartment-house containing accommodations for one family on a floor, and will be ready for occupancy by the first of September. The tentative rentals will be \$15,000 a floor.

Mr. Hill's Unhappy Metaphor.

J. J. Hill's warning of possible financial and commercial depression is worth heeding. But we wish he would not advise us to lay up for a "darker day." A drought would suit his metaphorical purpose just as well. The mention of rain just now is especially irritating. We fancy that to lessen the weight of Mr. Hill's pessimistic argument, it is but a trifle to say that something happens. It is the part of wisdom when a shot is unresponsive to knock off work and call it a day.

Examination of a charge of dynamite that was shot in exploding Thursday night at a public square in San Francisco, that feature is one of the mysteries of this explosive. Men who handle it have been taught time and again lessons of care by fatalities, but every man has his own way, and if he is anything but a fool, he will be unresponsive to knock off work and call it a day.

Judge Gatens yesterday granted divorce to a woman who said her husband was occupied at "nothing" when they were married, four years ago. It took her a long time to learn she was not getting much.

Among the stanch supporters of "Pinchot's" policy of conservation is King Weyerhaeuser, who is now inspecting his Pacific Coast domain.

The exhaustive report of the Senate committee gives many reasons for the high cost of living. One remedy (not given) in brief is: Eat less.

Dr. Roland D. Grant, of old-time fame, is to talk tomorrow night on "Modern Mistakes in Religion." He knows them.

Of course Porter Charlton is of un-sound mind. Otherwise he would have stopped short of killing his wife.

No man need fear incurring his wife's jealousy if he kisses a woman 85 years old.

Building three modern theaters is only a small part of Portland's activities. Yesterday was national bathing day in Mexico and the streams ran darkly. Hawley scores in the Sletsz home-stead struggle.

BREMEY FOR MINORITY RULE.

Every Republican should join in carrying out the present plan, for a meeting in the precinct, county assemblies and a state assembly. And, while there is no law or rule that can compel a member of the party to vote in the direct primary for the nominee of the assemblies, nor at the November election for those nominated at the direct primaries, it would seem the part of wisdom and good citizenship for the members of the Republican party to vote for the present program, loyal to this plan until some better one, if there is a better one, may be put forward.

CYNTRIC TRICKS OF DEMOCRATS.

They Howl Against Assembly in Order to Confuse Republicans. Dallas Observer. Assertions that the purpose of the proposed assembly is to do away with the primary law are unworthy of serious notice. The purpose of the Republican assembly is to preserve the primary law, not to do away with it. The Republicans of Oregon are planning to hold cannot act in other than an advisory capacity, as far as the selection of candidates is concerned. The final decision as to the fitness of candidates for the various offices will rest with the individual voter who enters the voting booth at the primary election in September.

Republican, no matter how strongly he may believe in the righteousness of the direct primary, need fear that he will be taking any step to destroy a primary law which has been the existing primary law by participating in the assembly or the precinct primaries preceding it. The direct primary is not in peril. The Democratic newspapers that are howling so loudly against the Republican assembly, pretending to believe that the destruction of the primary law is imminent, know full well that it is the prospect of another Democratic victory in a Republican state that is driving them just at this time. One cannot blame the minority party for resorting to cunning methods to disrupt and scatter the majority. The Republicans of Oregon are less cautious than we think they are if they are going to allow the game to be continued.

EAFTER TRAINS IN RUSSIA SHORTEN THE TRIP BY 24 HOURS.

Another hitch has been taken in the direct primary struggle, and the effect is to bring China and Japan one day nearer for he who journeys thither by way of London, Paris and the Siberian. The 24 hours have been clipped from the railroad schedule between Moscow and Vladivostok by the doing away with tedious waits at several principal junction points. Under the new schedule a tourist who leaves Moscow on Monday following, or at Shanghai on the second Wednesday, 14 and 15 days, respectively.

For the globe trotter wishing to keep right on going west, the new schedule offers a chance to catch the fastest Pacific steamship leaving Yokohama Tuesday. Thus in 26 days one may journey from London to Vancouver via the Trans-Atlantic and make complete circling of the globe in 37 days, less than half of Phineas Fogg's 89-day record.

The through train will run only once a week under the new schedule, having been arranged especially to lure tourists to travel by the overland route.

COMMENCEMENTS AND COMMON SENSE.

The frillless commencement, like the horseless carriage and the wireless telegram, seems at first to be a contradiction in terms. But so many girls have already declared against flowers and finery that before very long American commencements will really become affairs of significance and dignity rather than mere exhibitions of costly raiment.

All Moders Improvements. Everybody's Magazine. At a meeting of the lodge a "way-back village" member suggested that cupids be secured.

A white rose in a tiny vase, A white rose in a tiny vase, Upon the oaken stand was set, And there she stood, so sweet and met.

At every call the rose was there, No dew on her place did there. 'Twas there in purest loveliest white, And made me ev'ry body's brat.

Very beautiful was that rose, Most graceful was the maiden's pose. She looked as though she were my love, I knew it, I knew it, I knew it.

When I returned to my dear wife, My yearning heart impassioned, I told her that I had just met you, Told the story of "Heart and Hand."

That white rose in the tiny vase, Grown to two in the meantime place, Would not forget its place, Memory holds it sacred yet.

Q. Love, fragrant, sweeter flower, Born to bloom in a timely hour, Makes love to all who see it, From faithful hearts is never lost.

When the summer shall call above, One of these shall long see I love, The fragrant message of the rose, Will the lightning come down from above.

MCCUFFEY'S SCHOOL READERS.

They Helped to Form the Literary Taste of Western Schoolboys. When in 1876 a young Cincinnati publisher house offered William H. McGuffey \$1000 to complete a set of four school readers, not even the imagination of G. Wells could have foreseen in the transaction the basis of a reputation which might eventually entitle him to the county assembly hall of fame. McGuffey as a professor at Miami and president of Ohio University had more than a long record of educational work. But it is for his "readers" that the public remembers him.

They helped to form the literary taste of two generations of Western schoolboys, and the length of time they resisted the composition of the new war was seductively offered to school boards by enterprising publishers testified to their quality. An alert investigator of literary origins might trace them some of the sources of the Indiana school of authorship. Certainly the McGuffey "eclectic" series contained an amount of good English prose and verse which it would be difficult to match in equal compass in modern hand-books of literature and education with the pen of authors.

The actual work of their compilation was done by W. H. McGuffey's younger brother, Alexander, a youth who died in 1891 Alexander McGuffey said: "My brother was very busy, and, as I was to have a large number of hands, he agreed to undertake the work with the understanding that the burden of it was to come upon me, as I was the only one of the family who was to be published under his name in order to give them prestige. The first volume was arranged and printed and brought over a great load of old school readers from which, as from other and higher sources, I was to make a new time during the winter of 1876 and half of 1877.

McGuffey's readers have been "improved" upon to meet more modern educational demands. There is now direct verse for the pupils, and a miscellaneous selection of extracts, etc., but there was much good literature in the old readers for parents as well as children.

SWIMMING-HOLE CONSERVATION.

Unless Government Acts People Will Lose Lavatory Use of Streams. Chicago Inter Ocean. A dispatch from Washington says that the Department of the Interior is investigating what is commonly known as the bathing trust.

The Attorney-General says that he will announce whether the inquiries being made by special agents of the department are found to warrant further proceedings. The information suggests a new argument for conservation. With the suspicion that a bathing trust is about to get a foothold in the control of the nation, the duty of the Government becomes plain.

Let it at once proceed to mark out and close off swimming holes on public lands from entry; also all small lakes, bayous, fjords and other inlets, bays, creeks, etc., that could be used for bathing purposes.

Let it also reserve to the public a right to pass over all lands sold on the borders of navigable lakes and streams down to the water, when accompanied by a bathing suit or other evidences of a bona-fide intention to bathe.

Let it bring whatever official pressure it can bear on those who have already homesteaded or otherwise acquired public lands with a view to the establishment of bathing holes in places suitable for bathing which may lie within the boundaries thereof.

Let it reserve to the people who not only be protected against the inroads of any possible bathing trust, but they will also secure for themselves and their descendants the privilege of open-air bathing for all time to come.

Strange, passing strange, that no one has yet called attention to the wastefulness of the bathing trust. The waste of dealing with our National "swimming holes" is that neither a Wisconsin statesman nor a Massachusetts legislator has risen to announce our National lack of foresight!

And even stranger than this—the fact that no statistician has figured in eloquent totals the National supply of swimming-holes and the intolerably brief time in which they will be exhausted unless some one does and does it. However, as we said, it is not too late. The investigation of the bathing trust has called attention to the whole subject. All that is necessary is for the Government to act with patriotism, promptness and energy, and the thing is done.

New Kind of Farm.

The Arterat Educational Review. The Arterat Institute of Chicago, which since 1906 has taught more than 3000 students of home and art occupations that have enabled them to become self-supporting, is preparing to inaugurate a new kind of farm, an educational farm. The Arterat Institute is an educational combination of school, club and workshop, reaching from the home to the business world.

Just About the Same.

Philadelphia Inquirer. We suppose that in spite of all the excited making all over the country for a sane celebration there will be just about the usual number of deaths and accidents this Fourth of July. It will be necessary to make a very respectable bloody battlefield. Have you a boy to sacrifice, or even a finger to offer on the altar of senseless noise?

Even Poetry Misdeeds.

Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. A little shower now and then pleases all sorts of men, but it rains most every day there is the very dullest to pay.

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New York Times. If Mr. Roosevelt is willing, we think the country would be glad to engage for a time in constructive work.

The Difference.

Charleston News and Courier. A correspondent wishes to know what is the difference between Bryan and Harmon. A nomination.

Will Make History.

Houston Post. T. R.'s resignation will begin when he comes to Texas to write the history of the state.

The Message of a Rose.

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WATERS.

San Francisco's Mayor Now Reputed.

Chicago Interview. SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian of June 17th appears a published statement predicated upon the assumption that Mayor P. H. McCarthy of Chicago, after an interview while passing through Chicago, etc. Passing over the merits of the rhetoric which are essayed in this article with but indifferent success, I beg leave to inform you, as I have notified the press in general upon leaving Chicago, that the interview, that the same never took place. A group of newspaper men visited me on the train just before I left Chicago en route West, and while I was engaged in conversation with four prominent and highly respectable citizens of that city. Many questions were put to me in the presence of these gentlemen, and I explained that I had received before leaving Indianapolis to leave my interview, whatever in reference to any municipal matters in San Francisco, and that I therefore wished to be excused from making a statement in Chicago. The same was retained to the Panama-Pacific Exposition or the question of San Francisco's water supply. Upon learning at Omaha of the publisher's attempt to interview me, I instantly repudiated the same and referred, for my proof, to the Chicago citizens who now gladly bear witness to the falsity of the statement circulated by the Associated Press.

While I believe it to be not only the privilege but the duty of newspapers to criticize public officials and public institutions, I believe also that the same should be done in a fair and decent manner. It is not fair to suppose that I dislike the cause which a particular public servant might be representing.

I enclose herewith a clipping taken from one of the above mentioned newspapers, in contrast with your own publication, correctly quotes me. I likewise hand you a copy of a letter received by me from a member of the press in Chicago, which will throw further light upon the irresponsibility of the Associated Press. Yours very respectfully,

P. H. MCCARTHY.

Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco.

The enclosed letter to which Mayor McCarthy refers is as follows:

OSSINGTON, N. Y., June 19, 1910.—To the Hon. Mayor McCarthy, San Francisco, California.—Dear Sir: Your last and highly valued communication received was considerably more than the Associated Press quoting me as saying the Coast cities was a condensation of human suffering, particularly in the case of San Francisco. I did not say that. I said that the Western cities had their aggregations of condensed human suffering, but not nearly so extensive as the case of San Francisco. I did find churches, missions, the associated charities, and all private institutions (while they may do much absolutely nothing for the alleviation of human suffering from the streets.

I was so kindly treated and with so much courtesy and respect I would be an ingrate not to be just. The Western cities appeal to me very forcibly from a commercial and business point of view, and their institutions for the advancement of learning exceptionally fine, and the spirit among the great-hearted, deep-thinking people which is the moral uplift and its growth of man's humanity to man impressed me most forcibly. I rejoice in the progress which is made in your municipal building, and I believe that California will eventually have its state labor colonies, almost wholly in the hands of the West. In these great reforms, I at least feel confident they will do their share. Very sincerely yours, EDWIN A. BROWN.

About Business.

Hartford Courant. "How's your business these days?" "Well, I think it's like this—d-d interference by Congress with the great railroad interests."

"I know," said the other, "but how about your own business?" "Why, look at the stock market. Did you ever see values dwindle away as they have been here lately?" "Yes, but that wasn't what I asked about. It was your own business that I wanted to know of."

"I tell you," replied the other, "the prospect is far from reassuring. The talk of the railroad people, all the gossip that comes out of their newspapers and everything else you hear, is discouraging."

"But you haven't answered my question. How about your business?" "You see," replied the other, "to the average man my own business is just about the same."

"Oh, as to that, so far this is the blindest year in my life. I've got nothing to complain of myself. Things have been coming my way, all right, but I can't get any more out of it up to the present time. But d-d this kind of business, the railroads; it's knocking business sky-high."

"The above is by no means an imaginative sketch of the present business in running along splendidly have caught the Wall-street pessimism and are groaning over a prosperity that a few weeks ago they would not have been contented as to jubilate."

The Bride and the Graduate.

Philadelphia Inquirer. Mabel, we decline to state whether, in our opinion, the June bride or the July graduate is better off in this situation, although our convictions on the subject, not for publication, are very positive. 'Tis none of our funeral in either case.

An Old Friend.

Maybell-She. My beautiful engagement ring Jack gave me last night. "Estelle—Geel! Has that just got around to you?"

Left No Clev.

Topeka Capital. Among other things, Bjornstjerne Bjornson says, there is only one way to the pronunciation of his name.

HER GRADUATION DAY.

I imagine I can see her as she stands in white array, My glorious graduate around her on that graduation day; I expect to see her with extended to receive the long-sought prize, And a look of joy and sadness seem to mingle.

Obstacles are overcome, hard lessons have been learned, But a look of sadness now has come—her eyes are turned to see her old home, where she will see her mother and her friends, And once again she'll see her mother and her friends, And once again she'll see her mother and her friends, And once again she'll see her mother and her friends.