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Portland, Thursday, May 18, 1911.

PLAIN WORDS AND TRUTH.

It may be instructive now to recall the words of Governor Woodrow Wilson at Kansas City on the initiative and referendum.

If we felt that we had genuine representative government in our state, I should not have asked for the initiative and referendum in America.

We shall hope that the Governor will respect the wishes of the people in this matter.

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he is speaking. If he were President he might have a state secret now and then, but would have none that he could safely reveal. His theory is that the government belongs to the people and that they should know exactly what it is doing all the time.

Naturally these qualities fit Woodrow Wilson for popularity. He wins the hearts of all who hear him and usually convinces their minds. Those who escape the snare of his logic are apt to be caught finally by his originality.

Nobody else looks at things quite as he does. When lawyers had persuaded all the rest of us that corporations were living creatures fully as real as human beings and far more important, Governor Wilson broke into the magic circle with the doctrine that they are figments of the imagination.

Mr. LaSater's alarm is ill founded. It is in some ways dissimilar to the cheap gallery plays which the Democratic majority in the House is making on the same subject, knowing full well that its bluffs will not be called.

THE AVERAGE CITIZEN'S DILEMMA. The people of Portland have been stirred lately as they never have been before.

The proposed nomination of Mr. Simon is acceptable to the average citizen, who is the taxpaying citizen and carries the conscience of the city in his bosom.

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from their parents—such order being good for one occasion only. This law should be repealed where it belongs.

Portland exporters are chartering grain ships for new-season loading and are already paying higher rates than were fixed by the International Sailing Ship Owners' Association.

The captain of the Buffalo must lack nerve or he would commandeer the coal he needs at Cordova.

Weather conditions presage all the rain will have run off before Rose Festival week.

Rushlight and red light. Gay days in store for the gay boys and girls.

Mr. Simon has the prestige of being a good winner.

Prize Retailer at Fault.

SALEM, Or., May 15.—(To the Editor)—Concerning The Oregonian's Washington News Bureau dispatch giving the life history of a box of oranges, sent me to say that I have no article of food, cured fruit or cured meat keeps perfect indefinitely unless protected by an air-tight and impervious package.

Berlin's Life in Three Streets.

National Magazine.

The life of Berlin is concentrated in the streets of Washington. He probably perfectly packed high-class prizes might easily be due to the retailer's lack of judgment in keeping a broken pack of goods from the shelves outside of cold storage.

German Engines Kill Bred.

London Telegraph.

A German locomotive engineer says that the train he was driving was destroyed by birds. He has picked up numbers of various kinds from an engine which runs about down when the birds are on the line.

HISTORY AND HEAD OF CROMWELL. Contemporary Authority Quoted as to Disposition of Body.

PORTLAND, May 16.—(To the Editor)—Referring to the editorial in this morning's Oregonian entitled, Cromwell's Head, and the discussion that has taken place in the English and American newspapers concerning the removal of the skull that is claimed by some to be that of Cromwell, I wish to add my mite to the controversy by requesting you to print the following excerpt which I take from the third volume of a History of England, by John Elliot, entitled "The History of England from the Earliest Accounts of Time to the Death of the Late Queen Anne" printed in London, 1713, for E. B. Stone.

Oliver's funeral "One of the main acts of the new Government, was to order the funeral of the late Protector; and it should be very magnificent, the care of it was referred to a committee, who sending for Mr. Kinnersly, Master of the Wardrobe, desired him to find some precedent by which they might govern themselves in this Affair. His Body, at least in appearance, was laid in Somerset House. The Apartments were furnished with a fine light which was excluded, and no other but that of the Wax-tapers to be seen. This scene continued till the first of November, when the body was removed to the great Hall of the said House and represented in Effigie, standing on a Bed of Crimson Velvet, covered with a Crown of like color, veiled in a Scarlet Linen, and a crown on his Head. That part of the Hall wherein the Bed stood, was called in the Reigns of Edward and Ground within them covered with Crimson Velvet, and four or five hundred Candles set in flat shining Candlesticks, were so placed round near the Roof of the Hall, that the light they gave seemed like the Rays of the Sun. By all accounts the funeral, in the procession to Westminster, the vast Expence in Mourning, the State and Magnificence of the Monument Erected for him, with many other things, were of great account. It was in appearance in Westminster-Abbey, but much more likely in Naseby, or some other place, as we are told, but as others report, it was carried below Bridge and thrown into the Thames.

Mr. Barkedead, son to Barkedead, one of the King's Judges, gives the account of the matter; That the said Barkedead, his Father being Lieutenant of the Tower of London, and a great Confident of Charles the First, being a Party in the late and the late King's Cause, he was confined in the Tower of London, and there he was kept till he was dead, and his Body was taken out of the Tower, and carried to the River, and there he was buried.

The "sportsmen" about North Yakima are terribly grieved to learn that the orchardmen catch an occasional trout in the irrigation ditches.

Chicago within a month has had a blizzard in which people were frozen to death and heat which has killed at least two persons and driven mad an unstarved number of dogs.

Government loans offered directly to small investors are always popular. The new loan of \$50,000,000 probably be largely oversubscribed even at the moderate rate of 3 per cent. Everybody likes to own a government bond.

Of the fourteen graduates of the Hood River High School ten will enter college next year. This is encouraging from one point of view, but not from all. It seems to indicate that high school is a preparatory for the colleges rather than a means of wide popular education.

Now we are going to see whether a candidate for Mayor, Rushlight—supported by every undesirable element, is preferred by the people to a candidate—Simon—conceded to have been a good Mayor and known to be no man's man, but his own.

That simple child of nature, Fuglist Johnson, refused to pay for a bust because it had no hair on it and did not look like him.

With Henry L. Stimson at the head of the War Department, the President's official household is now in complete accord with his political principles and administrative policy.

Possibly it will be well to remember also that there is a Council to elect a mayor. With a standpat Council and Rushlight for Mayor, there will be great doings at the City Hall.

This new bond issue of \$50,000,000 at 3 per cent in small denominations should be popular enough to pull money from hiding-places.

One of the wonders of latter-day life is a Negro National Democratic Convention now in session at Indianapolis.

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National Conflicts Takes Off the Fit and Not the Unfit.

Under modern conditions it is only the best young men, physically, who are permitted to enlist for military service. The military service is compulsory, the men of poor physique are excused.

When the Spanish war broke out, only a minor portion of applicants received for enrollment, and a large portion being rejected for some physical or moral unsoundness.

Historians have frequently remarked to us that we are descended, for the most part, from the middle ages, but from those who were not deemed worthy to bear arms.

These remarks mention nothing new. They involved have been told in print and from the platform so often that it seems silly to mention them again.

To argue that war tends to the physical improvement of the race is a cynical sophistry. It was more or less true in the days of the knights, but tied a war club, and the best man got the fruit from the tree that was the cause of the fight.

Mr. Ladd Warmly Praises Exhibition by Public School Students.

PORTLAND, May 16.—(To the Editor)—Some of us have had the privilege of watching Portland grow from a pioneer town to a modern city, with educational and artistic matters.

STATE LAW GOVERNS PETITIONS. Argument Given That Signers Must Be Registered Voters.

PORTLAND, May 17.—(To the Editor)—Regardless of what we may think of any particular measure and its merits, there seems to be a general feeling in our minds that the courts should be removed; soon after the election like care was taken, that the Field should be entirely ploughed up, and the weeds and brush removed.

Bad Road to Vancouver.

PORTLAND, May 16.—(To the Editor)—The taxpayers of the city and county are continually hit with high taxes and then nothing is done for the roads leading out of or into the city.

Motto Over a Health Pavilion.

Over the fountain at Augusta, Victoria at Hamburg is to be built a pavilion after the style of a Roman temple.

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Advertising Talks. By William C. Freeman.

Ask the average man what steamship lines operate between New York and Europe, and he will invariably name the principal advertised lines.

The same is true of the things we eat, and wear, and use—the advertised product is uppermost in our minds.

How, then, did he come to buy these articles? Simply because the advertiser had impressed itself on his mind, and, unconsciously, influenced his purchases.

Advertising has become such a vital and necessary part of our daily lives that the majority of us do not realize the influence it exerts upon us.

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe. (Copyright, 1911, George Matthew Adams.) Never talk so much of the place from which you came that your acquaintances will despise it.

Whenever the average woman gets ready to go anywhere, except to church, the excitement gives her a headache.

A woman who has a nice house, worships it as a miser worships his gold.

It is a great deal more satisfactory and respectable to bury a husband than to get a divorce from one.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, May 18, 1861.

The work on the trail from Vancouver to Simcoo was commenced last week. When completed it must be of great benefit to Vancouver.

A large number of miners came over from Victoria on the steamer Pacific last night having left in disgust their destination in San Francisco unless the favorable report from the mines turns them Nez-Perces-ward.

Victoria, May 14.—The schooner Laurel started out a week since on an Indian trading trip to the Skeena. The men in charge were encountered, however, took possession of the vessel, appropriated the goods aboard to their own use, and stripped her of her sails. The men in charge were consequently compelled to return to this port and are heavy losers through the rashness of their red-skinned customers.

Responsibilities That Must Be Discharged Properly by the Public. PORTLAND, Or., May 17.—(To the Editor)—I am very glad to hear that the Oregonian to express my earnest commendation of the editorial published today entitled "Mr. Stimson Loyalty." I thank you for the timely and strong position thus taken in a matter which it seems to me must be regarded by every intelligent citizen of Portland as involving matters of the most momentous import for the city.

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