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Portland, Friday, June 2, 1911.

WHO THEY ARE.

Let any citizen take the trouble to analyze the elements that are supporting Mr. Rusbright for Mayor.

Naturally the public is disgusted. It is also curious. It would know more about it. What potent influence has made this spurious "friend of the people" the hope, the champion and the reliance of all the forces of society?

They make a formidable and well-igh invincible combination. But they ought to be beaten. They can be beaten if every citizen who is looking out for the general interest, and not primarily for his own interest, will do his duty and go to the polls.

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merger. The North Bank line is the only outlet in the Pacific Northwest by which the Hill roads can reach the water on the Pacific on even terms with their chief rival, the Harriman system, which has a water-level line down the south bank of the Columbia River.

Nature has rendered Portland immune from harm which otherwise might result from railroad mergers, and neither the Northern Pacific nor the territory it serves will be unfavorably affected by the consolidation of the Burlington and the Great Northern lines.

BATTING THE CORPORATIONS.

Ben Riesland, who has a hobby-historical notion that he is a great reformer of public-service corporations, has secured an improvement association of other citizens to the fact that the corporations were fighting the (Riesland) public utility measure which indicates that it is against their interest.

DEMOCRATIC ADVANTAGES.

From well-informed quarters it is intimated that most of the bills which may be sent up to the Senate during the special session of Congress are likely never to get any farther.

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many contingencies must be reckoned with in these matters, and nobody can say far ahead what may happen. Just now the Democratic party is better united than it has been for years.

TAX LEAGUES' GOOD ADVICE.

The Taxpayers' League deserves commendation for the thoroughness with which it has analyzed the large majority of the measures before the voters and for the sane, concise expression of its conclusions thereon.

WHEN IN DOUBT VOTE NO.

In the matter of the vacation of Oregon and Adams streets the issue is worse mixed than the league admits.

PORTLAND'S RECORD BUSINESS.

Five months of the year 1911, a year which by some timid capitalists large and small was greeted with fear and trembling, have passed into history, and Portland is still breaking records in the most important features of business.

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simple hygienic precautions. The old notion that a common cold is made good and needs no care for his health is probably more persistent in our army than in any other, but a few experiences like the above ought to shake it a little.

TWO CANDIDATES CONTRASTED.

Portland, May 31.—(To the Editor) It is well-known that there was more money spent by the interests, the brewers, the clay pipe trust and the plumbers' supply trust to elect Rusbright than by all other candidates combined.

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SINGLE TAX IS CLASS RUIN.

But Adoption of Same, Says Writer, Means Class War for the People. PORTLAND, May 30.—(To the Editor) It appears that W. B. U'ren has started the campaign for "single tax" in Oregon. He commences his campaign by the advocacy of "single tax" for Multnomah County. In his argument for "single tax" for Multnomah County he reiterates the burden of the tax of the single-taxer, that values created by a community ought to be taxed, but that the values created by individual effort and expenditure ought to be exempt.

The first premise stated by Mr. U'ren is that the values created by the community of Portland has made the values of Portland city lots, and therefore that he and others constitute a community, ought to be enabled to take a part of the value which they have created.

Now Mr. U'ren and such of his kind propose to kill or cripple the bird of taxation and laying the golden eggs. The farmer and land-owner, the agriculturist of the country, have been gradually building up cities, towns and villages, and making the people prosperous and happy, furnishing and giving them employment and avocations.

DAWN OF UTOPIAN AGE AT HAND.

Writing Looks for End of Shallow Reform and Frivolous Pursuits. PORTLAND, May 27.—(To the Editor) J. E. Hosmer's "Mat-Oregonian," May 27, contains a letter to the Editor, signed "Mat-Oregonian," which is a progressive Republican, and stands for progress.

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Suppose, also, that a manufacturer wants to introduce his product in any of the other three territories? In each one he can make a most favorable impression on a large number of people at a minimum of cost—as a matter of fact he can conduct a year's campaign in a chain of reliable newspapers.

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