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Portland, Friday, May 16, 1913.

ON THE GOLD OUTSIDE

The "original Wilson man" who, overflowing with hyperbole, wrote the vitriolic letter from Michigan for the edification of the United States Senate...

A casual glance will disclose Senator Chamberlain's tenfold appeal for a 15 per cent duty on raw wool at the threshold of the Democratic caucus...

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LEAGUED AGAINST OPIUM

General approval will be given to the efforts of Secretary Bryan to bring to a climax the negotiations for an international convention against opium...

These powers decided that the convention should not assume effective force until they had secured the adherence of thirty-four other nations...

Thus a world-wide league against pernicious drugs is assured. That it will be successful is proved by the vigor with which China has carried on the crusade against opium...

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PRACTICAL WORK BY WOMEN

The women of Hood River have proved that a stily group of taxpayers cannot feel certain of keeping back improvements. A proposed bond issue to erect a Carnegie library was voted down at a recent city election...

There is nothing in the way of civic improvement which an earnestly interested woman's club cannot accomplish if it takes hold in the right way. This lesson has been learned in many cities, both large and small...

ting one set of racials out of office and another set in, but this is not the only kind. There is another which seeks to apply the principles of justice and common sense to the government of our cities, even to the government of the country.

Women are emphatically creatures of common sense. In reality they are far less sentimental than men in relation to public business and far less liable to adhere to a political party on purely emotional grounds.

Without taking any stand at this time in relation to the qualifications for office of the four candidates mentioned in the letter from Mr. O. G. Hughes, published elsewhere today, The Oregonian deems it opportune to protest against the false assumption that location of one's residence or business interests, East Side or West Side, is a matter that should be weighed against general fitness in electing Commissioners.

PUTTING THE RIVER INTO POLITICS

Portland has always had ward representation in the City Council. It was one of the faults of the old form of municipal government to follow the same plan in spirit, taking East Side and West Side in place of wards, would be a halting step in the progress hoped for in the operation of the new charter.

One day last week Tacoma had another of its serial elections, this time the sovereign voters of the city were asked to decide whether they should issue \$222,000 in bonds.

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DONKEY HEADED THIS WAY

Dispatches tell us that a Pennsylvania citizen, Benjamin H. Anderson, has left Portland, Maine, leading a donkey, his destination being Portland, Oregon. He is making this long trip ostensibly to pay an election bet.

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Oregon leading his donkey, is making one other grave error—he should let the donkey lead. That is the Oregon way. It has proven a profitable way to the farmer getting the offices concerned, and after all that is one aim of the donkey and his masters.

PUBLIC DOCKS AT LAST

The Dock Commission having bought the site for public docks on the West Side, the way is at last clear for actual construction, and the news is welcome that a call for bids is to be issued early in July.

The first experimental passage of a ship through the Panama Canal is to be made in October, and within a year that waterway will be fully open to traffic. From that time forward ships will be coming to this port in increased numbers from all parts of the world.

CO-EDUCATION ON THE WANE

The apostles of co-education will read with some dismay the news that the sexes are about to be separated in the famous Horace Mann school. This is commonly said to be the best secondary school in the United States.

Turning his back upon the inopportune Federal Government, John D. Rockefeller has obtained an incorporation act from the New York Legislature for his hundred-million-dollar foundation "to benefit mankind."

Reduction in the cost of living is foretold by the New York Globe on the strength of the Government crop report estimating the wheat yield at 20,000,000 bushels over that of 1906...

The friction between a \$2400 salary and an automobile produced a \$15,000 shortage in the accounts of a St. Louis banker. The recent addition of two children to the family helped.

It has just been discovered that fowls often are fed gravel and mortar to weight them for the market. We imagine, also, that some fowls are fed on an especially durable quality of rubber.

A Pennsylvania man will lead a mule from Portland, Me., to Portland, Or., to pay an election bet. Thus there will be a mule at either end of the leading strap.

San Francisco has received another consignment of frozen chuck from Australia, but hereford of the coast ranges sees little need of saving his old white face.

Another tornado is another argument for emigration to the Northwest, where men may live in peace, comfort and plenty, undisturbed by weather rampages.

Seattle peace advocates oppose singing of patriotic songs of a martial character. If we ever achieve peace it will not be because patriotism is destroyed.

What we've been needing for some time is more rain and fewer "probable showers." Indianapolis, New York, says: "We can spare you a little of our rain."

Mills that have been idle are starting and preparing to start, and General Prosperity is beginning to sit tight in the saddle.

form. It cannot be denied that there is an abundance of silliness in girls' schools and high schools, and even in the colleges, but upon the whole things seem to go better than in co-educational institutions.

A candidate's taxes no doubt give some hint of his intellectual and political prowess, but they do not tell everything. Some of the best men in this country have been practically bankrupt in their private business.

Representative Lindquist, father of the pure fabrics bill, tells us that 75 per cent of the clothing and shoes of the average wage-earner is adulterated. The Agricultural Department tells us that a large proportion of the leather in our shoes is composed of Epson salts and gypsum.

Presto, change! The flat of the Council goes forth and Portland has a public market without issuing bonds, erecting a building or any other more or less vain ceremony.

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Portland, May 15.—(To the Editor.)—In the report of the committee published, a number of times the statement of Mr. James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, that construction of irrigation work by the government cost more than twice what it costs private enterprise to do the same work.

Mr. Hill is undoubtedly a splendid manager and has shown exceptional ability in accumulating wealth while he has been managing railroads; but this does not necessarily make him a sagacious investor when it comes to estimating cost of irrigation works.

It would obviously be unfair to compare high-grade government work with low-grade private work, but if comparison is made with high-grade private work of same magnitude it will be found that, as a rule, the private work has been done in a less substantial manner and has cost more.

The experience of investors in irrigation bonds has been so disastrous that it is practically impossible to interest capital any more, and the Western states have a number of examples of irrigation schemes that have come through this very process.

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HOW HOME CREDIT PLAN SUCCEEDS

Attendance and Tardiness Records Improved in Fairview School.

MONMOUTH, Or., May 14.—(To the Editor.)—The practice of giving credit in school for work done at home outside of school hours is an idea inaugurated by State Superintendent L. R. Alderman.

The enthusiastic young man who has so carefully worked out in the Fairview school the plan outlined by State Superintendent Alderman and fully indorsed by County Superintendent H. C. Seymour, is R. G. Dykstra.

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MAN MADE BRUTE BY PAMPERING

Stilling of Social Evil Held to Rest With Reformation of Males.

PORTLAND, May 15.—(To the Editor.)—Every since the old world of ours was first a world, and possibly before—at least, since Adam, in the "Garden of Eden, induced Eve to take the apple—the social question has been a knotty problem, and such it will continue until man, the selfish brute that he is, learns to control his degrading animal passions.

Why, even a I sit here at my window writing, two children, a boy and a girl, are playing a game of hide-and-seek. They have a wagon and coast down the street, and the boy is riding back, but it is never the girl. The brute of a boy is riding, and she, the sweet little thing, is the one to provide the means of locomotion and to give the glory in this sacrificing herself for his pleasure and comfort.

It has ever been thus and ever will—it will continue until we change things. Put woman where she belongs—upon a pedestal. Make our boys respect, reverence her. Teach them to look up to every other girl as a woman as they do upon their sisters and mothers. Watch them as closely, yet closer, than you do your girls, for they need it more.

It is always through some accidental that the little girl learns her first lesson in wrong doing. She is the little girl who will take an el. A boy properly reared will do more to reduce the growing evil than all else.

The social God has never been eradicated, but if you parents make your boys follow the straight and narrow path and watch them as closely as you can, you will have a better citizen.

Stand upon any of our corners, where men congregate and listen to their talk. Honestly, the way they not only talk but ogle a woman is enough to make a decent man wish he were a woman.

If a man could ever have before him a picture of a lovely girl clinging to her neck, how much better, how much happier would this old world be; for where lives the man that such a picture would not bring to his mind the days when his arms so clung about his dear old mother's neck and he looked up into eyes which beamed with love?

LOCAL REPRESENTATION WANTED. Rose City Park Man Wants East Siders on City Commission.

PORTLAND, May 15.—(To the Editor.)—I note the "People's Progressive League" is early in the field with a ticket for the city commission.

Mr. N. Stoppenbach, residence 1232 Malton near Hawthorn; office, Commercial Realty Company, 391 Lewis building—A West Side business man and neighbor of Mr. Dana.

Mr. Albert C. Kerr—In employ of Irving street office—in employ of Wadhams & Kerr—A West Side man by residence and interests.

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When a cola bears no head or effigy the side having the date is considered the aide.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of May 16, 1888. Washington, May 15.—A small pamphlet has been published showing the black record of Melville W. Fuller during the war. It also makes plain how Cleveland is stacking the Supreme bench with ex-robber and copperheads.

Salem, Or., May 15.—Gus Newell, of East Portland, has been appointed by Dr. Lane as steward of the asylum, Vice M. G. Wilkins.

Albany, Or., May 15.—A petition is being circulated in this city and generally signed by business men, to be presented to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to have the Lebanon branch of the Oregon & California extended to Sodaville.

New Park—"Peep O' Day," a strong Irish drama, will be produced tonight and tomorrow night by James M. and Carrie Clarke Ward.

The list of subscribers to the Portland Hotel Company, with the subscription amounts available to date \$474,600. The balance of \$26,000 will be secured before June 1 if we wish to avail ourselves of the offer of \$125,000 for the Villard block.

General E. J. Applegate, the well-known pioneer, is in the city.

Mr. Philip Metschan, of Canyonville, is at the St. Charles.

Mr. R. L. Durban received a dispatch from Howard D. Thompson at New York stating that he had arrived there on Sunday and that he was dead broke and wanted money. Mr. Durban at once telegraphed a million or so and we may expect the return of our wandering prodigal.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of May 16, 1864. Lapwai, Idaho Territory, May 12.—It is here where the first printing press was set in motion on the Pacific Coast and it was here that the first book was printed in which the "art preservative of all arts" was first practiced in this far Western land.

George Gibbs, formerly collector of customs at Astoria, who is well known in the scientific annals of our Pacific domain is now preparing a work on the Indian languages of California and the Northwest Coast for the Smithsonian contributions to knowledge.

New York, May 10.—The Times correspondent gives particulars of the Stoneman raid toward Richmond. The raid crossed the Potomac in flocks and begged to be taken away.

Murrefreeword, May 9.—The news from rebel sources tonight says that Colonel Straight, who left here three weeks since, was captured with 1700 men.

A Jaunt down the lower portion of the city at the present time is truly refreshing and inspiring. The beautiful lawns, the out flower gardens and elegant residences present a fine appearance and afford a rich contrast to the ill-conditioned streets.

The Mountaineer says that a new townsite called Columbia has been laid out at the mouth of the Emattill, which is rapidly assuming the shape and features of a flourishing village.

No Secret Trials in England. London Cor. An end was put today to the possibility of secret proceedings in divorce and other suits in the House of Lords, delivered by the House of Lords, sitting as the highest court of appeals.

The Truth of It. London News. Counsel (to witness)—How long is it since there has been a pig kept in the city? Witness—I don't think there has been a pig there since my eldest brother left.

SUNDAY FEATURES

Face Reading — You may tell lies, but your face can't hide them, says a noted Oriental face reader who gives the inner secrets of his art.

Theodore Roosevelt — Another chapter dealing with the days when the "Teddy" was first embarked on his notable career.

R. S. V. P. — A Potash and Permuter tale by Montague Glass.

Living on \$23 a Year — That is what the thrifty Japanese are able to do in their own land. How they do it is gone into exhaustively.

Business Is Woman's Field — So says Anne Shannon Monson, a Portland woman who has attracted wide attention as a writer.

Are Preachers Lazy? — Rev. Mark A. Matthews says they are, and goes into details on the subject.

THESE ARE A FEW OF MANY FEATURES

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