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Mr. Hill says in effect that the people of Oregon are too easy-going. In general life in Oregon has not involved great hardships. A living, often a competence, has come without great effort on the part of the individual. We have become accustomed to having Fortune dump her largess in our laps.

There can be no denial that nature has not been bountiful to Oregon and that "things have been coming our way." During the period when prosperity visited us we over speculated in land, overbuilt in the cities, while we neglected agriculture and devoted an excess of spare time to consideration of government problems.

Not only has Oregon corrected some of the abuses mentioned; it has gone to the other extreme. The never-ending propaganda of dreamers and experimenters who efforts run to discouragement of legitimate private enterprise is still viewed with tolerance. Not that the public does not or would not welcome capital with open arms.

The anti-corporation and anti-politician campaign which gave us difficult legislation and the laws that go with it is still something more than an echo. Corporation baiting was resorted to for the sake of doing so. Irresponsible entry of cur that and irresponsible injury competition. Nor would there be a general demand upon the City Commission for regulation of the litneys, nor would the City Commission find fault with the street railway with a franchise that protected the public interests to the last item of a legitimate share of the company's profits and the city would arise en masse.

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Development is discouraged on the one hand by abuse of a system which the people are too indolent to correct and by a lock-and-bar system imposed upon the state by a bureaucracy which the people have not the energy nor the means to resist.

The Tammany marching club, made up of the prosperous ward captains and well-dressed heeblers of an easily manipulated and easily deceived people, there, shouting for Wilson. The Cook County Democratic Club was there to demonstrate the interest of the practical politicians in Wilson. The old-fashioned Tammany marchers of the Guard of the South and the Big Bosses of the North, clamoring for Wilson.

Renewed rumors of the serious illness of Francis Joseph of Austria are not creditable in view of the great age of this monarch, who was born in 1830 and is therefore now 86 years old. He has been on the throne since the abdication of his uncle, Ferdinand I, in 1918. There, where almost equal to the dotted life of man. The house of Hapsburg has reigned in Austria since 1278. Francis Joseph has seen numerous wars and has been afflicted with more domestic troubles than any ruler in Europe ever had.

feeder, which would compete in any sense with the business of the two railroads that cross the North Bank has existed in spite of the fact that rich territory naturally tributary to Portland is within easy building distance.

The North Bank road is a money-loser. It will probably never be anything else until it becomes something more than a mere occupant of a natural route—a railroad built and maintained solely to keep it out. Not even can it hope to get its proper share of the passenger business, we fear, until it discharges and receives its passengers in a Portland depot that resembles something better than a lively stable.

The point we most desire to make is that it takes something more than one-sided energy to build up a community. The Oregonian would be glad to exert its best endeavor to awaken the constructive spirit of the people.

Meanwhile we are to forget Carrizal and the honorable dead there. How long before there is another Carrizal?

Commissioner Daly's arbitrary rulings in regard to water rates for sprinkling are closely related to his determination to install meters in defiance of the expressed will of the voters. Consumers throughout the city who take whatever they please, but flat-rate consumers are limited to alternate days.

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man of iron will, now perhaps broken by the weight of years and sorrow, he has been credited with holding a high purpose and a sincere desire that his people should be great, so that quite irrespective of the leanings of men in the present war there will be widespread sympathy for him as his light goes out.

A "POET OF THE PEOPLE"

It would be difficult to find an all-embracing phrase with which to characterize James Whitcomb Riley, who passed away the other day. Neither as a "children's poet" in any limited sense, nor as a writer of dialect verse, nor yet as a "poet of the people" with the restrictions that the words imply did he acquire his enduring fame.

He was far more than either of these and more than all of them. His place in the hearts of Americans was permanently fixed because while his technic was that of the student and the scholar his experience was that of the everyday man.

We are apt to think of Riley as a writer of dialect chiefly, but this estimation is not to justice. Even his dialect verse was more than dialect. Once he wrote an interesting article giving his own views of the place of dialect in literature, in which he defended it, but he threw light on his own methods and the secret of his own success.

He is now on our side, but when peace rocks the boat the other way it is likely to rush over to Europe, unless we revise our tariff, shipping and other business laws in such manner as to keep it by expanding our commerce. All other nations will try to grab some of that pile of gold, and they'll get it if we don't look out.

The British purpose in regard to interference with American commerce seems to be to "stand us off" with cordiality until the way is open and then to say, "Sorry to have inconvenienced you. What is your bill?"

Every person who takes waste paper to the fire engine houses today will not only receive payment but will help to limit the price of paper which he will buy in future.

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tion. Who has read the simple tale of Doc Sifers who does not recall? And Doc he's got respects to spare the rich as well as poor.

Friends will write nothing more touching upon the death of the poet himself than he wrote in those lines—"Away."

And, like his own Doc Sifers, "with perfect faith in God and man-shinin' in his eyes."

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For a short time during the 160 years of the French monarchy the seat of the royal government of France during the period when the country was being united by the sword of Napoleon was there. Charles VI, who was known as the Mad King, Charles VI, reigned, neglected, at Senlis.

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European War Primer

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The allies may yet learn that two can play at the blackmailing game.

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SMALL UTILITY IN CITY'S PARKS

Correspondent Avers There is Too Much Glass Showcase Policy.

PORTLAND, July 24.—(To the Editor.)—While Commissioner Baker has been complaining that funds are insufficient to keep the public playgrounds, he has been spending money in unprofitable parks for children's recreation.

The same policy has been pursued at Holladay Park. Formerly there were swings for children and the public was free to ramble on the grass. A swimming pool might well have been made there and a few arc lights would have prevented impropriety.

I contend that the purpose should be to derive full enjoyment from the parks. It is better to have turf rather worn by people loitering about the grounds than to have bare ground where children scrape their feet in swinging, to have pools where they swim, wade and frolic in the "army duck" pool.

AMENDMENTS HARMFUL TO BILL

The tariff commission bill was shot to pieces by the House of Representatives when it passed the bill July 19.

For the first time in history all political parties have united in a nonpartisan tariff commission. The answer of the House to this demand is a commission (the most important feature of the bill) to be created by the vote in the house on \$10,000 to \$7500 per year.

The people demanded a commission to deal with the tariff from the economic viewpoint, for the good of all the people.

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With Oregon Poets

Alaska's Awakening

The dawn! the dawn! Thrice welcome morn, ah hail! 'Tis gala day that calls me to arise; The day when artless maidenhood gives place

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