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PORTLAND, SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1904.

SEPARATE CITY ELECTIONS.

An agitation has begun in the City of St. Paul for transferring municipal elections from the separate time they are now held to a time uniform with general elections...

We shall assume that when the time comes, the reigning political forces here will be found in opposition to the proposition...

The Legislature will undoubtedly be asked to rectify certain clerical errors in the charter pointed out by Auditor Devlin...

All these deviations from the election laws are doubtless legal; that is, they can be made legal by proper enactment...

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

In Training. The Rev. Arthur Allen is getting ready to attack sin in Independence—Independence Enterprise.

Note and Comment's weather forecast (copyright, 1904): Sunday—mixed. Our naval gunners seem to suffer from nothing worse than an excess of zeal.

Be careful which bill of fare you get in those "fashionable North-End restaurants". St. Louis people won't let the Igorrotes eat dog. This is an unworthy slam at the sausage-makers.

Portland has a Chinese firm called the Bow Wow Company. Are we going to the "demonition bow-wow's"? The war correspondent using wireless telegraphy will be treated as a spy. Better be shot than scooped.

Water that has fire in it has been discovered in Texas—Ontario Argus. It's an old story in Kentucky. "Lamming the Lama" seems no less popular with the newspaper paragraphers than with the British themselves.

If the Vladivostok squadron doesn't make its address known pretty soon, it won't get in this year's directory. The Corean Emperor is afraid of spirits. With such a falling he wouldn't even be a bootblack in Kentucky.

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At the Age of 25 He Became a CARNEGIE HERO. And Has Now Gone to Be With CARNEGIE. This baseball story from the Seattle Argus might have been told about a Portland fan.

A "fan" dropped into Lou Cohen's rope walk Monday to discuss the baseball situation. The average fan likes to say things to Lou when the team loses. "Well," said Cohen with a sickly grin, "the team batted well, anyhow."

"When yesterday?" asked the fan in astonishment. Lou studied the report and error column carefully. "No," said he soberly, "I guess it must have been last night."

The Victoria Colonist notes with satisfaction that few persons attended the wrestling contest between two women, held in the principal theater of the city. Such a spectacle seems more appropriate for a red-light saloon than for the stage of a respectable theater.

But the public had evinced sufficient curiosity to attend. Victoria would undoubtedly have had a series of wrestling matches between women. As it is, the game has been killed by neglect, which is the great lethal weapon against objectionable performances.

"Ignorance, sir, ignorance," said Dr. Johnson when asked why he made a certain mistake, and the same thing caused a mistake recently in this column. Paul being mentioned as having had a chat with the eunuch that was treasurer to Candace, queen of the Ethiopians.

It was, of course, Philip who had the honor of baptizing that official of the Ethiopian court, a court which has remained Christian to this day. Paul, at the time of the interview, was still known as Saul, and was "breathing" out threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, so that the blunder is all the more astonishing. We owe Philip an apology.

If there is one popular man on the stage—the big, and the bigger than the fat is the more the people like him. A critic in New York calls attention to the coincidence that in the two latest plays produced there the heroes are both Irish of unusual ability in their vocation. "The Dictator" is an American play produced by William Collier, and "Saucy Sally" is an English play produced by Hawtree, so that an American and an English actor are vying in lying. Probably the explanation of our admiration for the stage liar is caused by his skill in wriggling out of the consequences that we in real life are unable to dodge.

"Spring poetry," says the Toronto World, "ought not to be scanned with a coldly critical eye (most of it cannot be scanned at all), nor should the poet be held to a pedantic adherence to the regular methods of versification. The writing of Spring poetry is not a mere literary performance, but a process of Nature."

And the World goes on to say that writing Spring poetry purifies the blood, and that the poet needs no sulphur or sarsaparilla to clean his system. This is a new view of the matter, and one that would cause the average newspaper man to tremble, were it not that the World deprecates the publication of poetry produced by Nature's process. We have every desire to encourage the poet who feels that his blood would be benefited by the production of an ode, or desires to shake off his lassitude with a sonnet, provided he burns the completed poem.

Erskine Nicol, an excellent Scottish artist, has died in his 80th year. His pictures of Irish life and character are his best works. Scores of them have been engraved, and in that shape they are familiar in America. "Donnybrook Fair," "Paying the Rent" and "News From the Crimea" are perhaps best known of these.

The cool weather came just in time to check the threatened floods in the rivers of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho that feed the Columbia with their melting snows. For every ton of snow that went off during the first days of the present week the settlers on bottom lands are duly thankful, since by this much is the danger of disaster from an early Summer lessened.

Every resident of Portland who ever drove over the White House road will be chagrined to learn that the finest drive in Oregon is likely to be turned into a dustway this season. Members of the Driving Association, which has taken the initiative and raised the money for the last twenty years to keep the road sprinkled, have gone on record with the declaration that they will not sprinkle this year unless the County Commissioners provide a roadway worth sprinkling. There is no reason why such provision should not be made. Few if any taxpayers will protest against the cost. Riverside Drive is not only a stretch of picturesque park; it is an avenue of traffic from which Portland derives a large part of its revenue. It is the one approach by team to our most beautiful cemetery. No one will dispute the proposition that it is entitled to as much consideration as a road supervisor would give to a country lane. This is about all that is asked of Multnomah County. The Oregonian is inclined to believe that the Commissioners have been only slow to move and that they are not yet chargeable with positive neglect. There is ample time to put the roadway into good shape if a move is made at once. Let it be done; then individual residents of Portland will see that the road shall be maintained in good shape.

Mr. Samuel Gompers lately made a tour of the Island of Puerto Rico, and returning tells tales of the wretchedness and hunger of the people of that island that must shock even the dullest sensibilities. He testifies that he saw everywhere women and

children in rags, and many, indeed, wholly without clothing. He found that the death roll on the island from starvation alone was from 450 to 500 a month. People who, in a mild and equable climate, where the soil is fertile and crops mature quickly and often, cannot manage to live by their own efforts and to keep decent covering for their bodies and simple roofs over their heads, are in a sense objects of pity. They are, however, so utterly lacking in energy and thrift that if put upon their feet, industrially speaking, they could not stand. Paupers by nature, sluggish by instinct, they are content with little and that little they have not the industry to compass for themselves. Gauged by the civilized idea of living they are wretched and destitute; gauged by their own idea they would be happy if their hunger were relieved today. But such as they are, the people appeal through their helplessness to the Government that has assumed charge of them for a policy that in the course of time will make human beings out of them instead of the creeping, helpless, thoughtless creatures that they are.

The Architectural Record for April thinks twenty-five stories is likely to be the average of the skyscraper hereafter. So far as the writer in the Record has been able to discover, "there is absolutely no engineering or economic limit of height below about eighty stories, provided the area of the lot be sufficient to support the structure, however, the ethical or moral question of human nature, it is the writer's belief that, while many buildings will exceed 25 stories, many more, sufficient at least to establish a general practice, will be kept down to 16 or 20 stories, if left free from municipal interference. On the other hand, the writer believes that the maximum height of municipal height limits in certain districts, so that the population by day in such areas will not be too large for easy transportation and wholesome living." A V-form open to the south will become, it is thought, the typical plan. There is, however, a limit not mentioned by the Record, namely, the time of time in which the tenant in the top story can get down to the street in case a fire breaks out on the first floor. Baltimore's experience is said to be that while the steel construction saves the owner in cost of fire from 25 to 50 per cent of the cost of his building, the tenant's belongings are thoroughly destroyed and he cannot afford to linger long after the fire gets started.

The outbreak of plague in Johannesburg causes the British Medical Journal to recall the fact that "plague has existed in Cape Colony for some four years, and although in no town or district except, perhaps, Port Elizabeth, has plague assumed any considerable proportions, yet the continued presence of the disease in both men and men in several towns of Cape Colony and Durban, Natal, rendered the possibility of a serious outbreak, either within the infected area or in adjacent towns or districts, an ever-present cause of anxiety. The last plague patient was discharged from the hospital at East London on February 25. Rats, however, are still reported as being infected by plague at Port Elizabeth and East London; so that although no case of plague in human beings actually exists for the moment, the probability of recurrence in one or other of these towns has to be contemplated. Within the year 1903 the total number of deaths from plague in Cape Colony amounted to 132." The Transvaal has hitherto labored with the disease in both men and men, to keep the disease from crossing the border. The plague there, the journal adds, "is of the pneumonic and not of the bubonic form; and it is much easier to cope with it on the Rand than elsewhere, on account of the existence there of the much-abused compound and location system."

Andrew Carnegie, in setting aside \$5,000,000 for dependent survivors of heroes who lose their lives trying to save others, has created a new avenue for charity. This gift does credit to his heart, but it is worth while to inquire whether heroism will be thus stimulated. Brave deeds are spontaneous; they are not inspired by hope of reward. Will self-respecting widows accept this charity? A pension comes with honor; the Nation simply pays its debt. But making application to a board of directors composed of strangers who are managing a fiduciary trust in a business way—doesn't this savor of going before a Board of County Commissioners? Will Andrew Carnegie's money be sweeter than money raised by taxation for the poor? Will the income from this fund find its way to the worthy, the deserving, the modest, shrinking widow and children of him who nobly surrendered his life? Will Carnegie's trustees be able to carry out in letter and in spirit the intent of the giver? Their management of the trust of his money, and of its reception by proposed beneficiaries will be watched with interest.

The Sunset Magazine for April devotes several pages to the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, to the beauty of Portland and her environment and to the commerce of the second Pacific Coast. The exposition is handsomely treated in text as well as in illustration. Because the Sunset is widely read by our neighbors all the way from San Diego to Slicka, the article can not fail to be of material benefit to Portland and to the Fair.

That Mr. Frank C. Baker, during his absence on a sick bed, was elected as chairman of the Republican State Central Committee is not only a tribute to his qualifications and efficiency, but an unusual testimonial of confidence on the part of the committee members. Mr. Baker's political talents and wide acquaintance fit him admirably for a position of this kind, and we predict for him the successful discharge of his important duties.

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