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Portland, Sunday, January 19, 1913.

MUNSEY'S MERGER SCHEME.

Frank A. Munsey, as a practical politician, proposes that since the Republicans and Progressives combined were shown by the election to outnumber the Democrats, they should unite their forces and take control of the government.

The Colonel's reply does not truly present the editor's scheme, which is summed up in these words: Form a new party, a holding party, to take over the Republican and Progressive parties.

Let the voters of each party in the several states call a conference to discuss the conference, to discuss the conference, to discuss the conference.

His proposal for a union of voters carries no plan for recognition of the old Republican and Progressive parties, but only a declaration of independence, including that they must get out of business.

But the Mail predicts that the Republican machine being in the scrap heap, its voters will spurn it and join the Progressives.

scheme is approved by the Chicago Evening Post, which comments: It is a scheme of union in the Progressive party for all Republicans who want to work for principles.

Evidently it is the opinion of newspapers reflecting both Republican and Progressive sentiment that Munsey's scheme betrays a decided wavering in the Progressive ranks.

Regarding the Auditorium: It is not the purpose of this letter to recommend any site, nor to enter into any controversy, but rather to ask the Oregonian to answer a few questions concerning all citizens and taxpayers.

Down the Oregonian, the Portland plans committee of the Auditorium committee advocates or recommends the market block for any other reason than that it is the most available piece of either desirable or undesirable real estate.

The Oregonian thinks the market block the most available location, but it could name several sites in the heart of Portland—such as the Portland Hotel, or the Postoffice, or the Corbett block—that would be better.

The architect says that street noises will not be audible within the Auditorium. The market block is not a noisy street.

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The supporters of these bills perhaps were unconsciously laboring under a common delusion that whenever the word "corporation" is used, a public service company or trust is referred to.

Further severity is given the act by the bill which is intended to provide the only ground for change of venue is a showing that the action has been commenced in the wrong county.

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