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VIA THE CONDUIT.

Portland is to be heartily congratulated upon the pledge just made by President Goode, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, to put the vast system of wires incident to that business, underground, as soon as the conduits can be built, and it is hoped every other concern there despatching business over wires as a business, will soon do the same thing. It is one of the radical and immensely advantageous changes that are devoutly longed for by thousands of the largest communities throughout the country, and every concession of the sort made by this company, is irrefragable testimony of the distinct value of the process from the moment it is done. The seas of wire that swathe the superstructures of our cities are among the very curses of modern civilization, especially in great conflagrations, and in building generally. The day should not be far away when municipal administrative intelligence will rise to a point where no franchise will ever be granted that does not impose the underground method of distributing wires, expressly, and absolutely, for all commercial purposes.

TWENTY-FIVE TO FORTY!

It seems a bit odd that the United States engineering department in charge of the public works hereabout can easily secure the services of a big dredger when it desires to clean out the channel of the Columbia river between Tongue Point and the Portland docks, to maintain the customary twenty-five feet of depth therein (which is a good and wholesome thing to do, by the way), but can find nothing to work with when Astoria asks for some assistance in the clearing of the bar channels that serve Portland as well as Astoria. But, laying that aside, it is good news to hear that the open river to the metropolis is to be maintained and that something is to be done, even for the bar, at the same time and by the same agency; and we may be reasonably certain that these things will come to pass, because Portland wants them; always, and imperatively, at the bottom of anything that IS done in this section, is the Portland desire for it. It is a formidable and successful argument. Let the Portland program go on to the ultimate of its best principle; it must help Astoria, incidentally, if not directly and purposely, and we are grateful for anything on earth that has a tendency to build up the Columbia river country, Portland included. As the Oregonian has said, repeatedly, "the trouble lies below Astoria" (meaning, of course, the Columbia river bar, and the inadequate depths of channel water thereon), but we are puzzled to know just what Portland will do when the river, the jetty, and all other agencies, have set up a thirty-five or forty foot channel across that barrier, with only a twenty-five foot river behind it?

NOT LATER THAN TODAY.

It is expected that the regatta committee will, at its meeting tonight, settle all the real and practical elements of the festival; that the Admiral, the Queen, the leading events, the big contracts, and all the important detail, will be determined or made apparent

enough, to build a reasonable estimate of the scope of the program upon, and permit the indulgence of certain declarations in the press in behalf of the regatta. That it will be an interesting and successful season goes without saying, and the day is at hand when the definite things must be said to the outside world in order that it may have timely notice of all it is expected to come and witness. With a fine program at their elbow there will be lots for the newspapers to talk about, and the talking will be done instanter.

LIBELED AMERICAN WOMEN.

The opening address before the American Medical Association, by Dr. William N. Beggs of Denver, has aroused some resentment in Boston, where it was read the other day, on account of its summary dismissal of what he called the "new woman," meaning by that, apparently, the educated American woman of the well-to-do class as a factor in the life of today.

"The modern woman," Dr. Beggs said, must be disregarded in making up all our estimates as to the future of the American people, because she has no children. "Her interest in the coming generation is but a negative one, to say the most," Dr. Beggs went on. It is only the woman of the poorer classes, he said, who must be considered.

Is this learned physician exactly right here? The "modern woman," the well-to-do and educated wife is not childless. Her children may be fewer than those of the women of what Mr. Beggs calls the "poorer strata," but as a rule they survive. Statistics of graduates from women's colleges who have married show that as a rule they become mothers. And whether their children are few or not, they are by no means a negligible quantity in the development of the country.

Moreover, the American-born woman of the "poorer strata" is scarcely better provided for in the number of her children than the female college graduate. Emergence from the poorer stratum, both in this country and in Europe, is very apt to be the signal in any woman's case for a diminution in the number of her children, but also for their promotion to a higher power of survival and a greater relative value in the community.

The American educated woman is not so bad in this regard as she is sometimes painted. Even now her children sometimes rise up and call her blessed.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

If there's so much room at the top, how is it a man is pushed off so quickly?

There may be no real happiness in riches, but there is real unhappiness in poverty.

Four hundred and eighty-six new national banks were organized last year.

So long as man's health stays by him and he is honest to himself, and to his neighbor, he will ultimately reach the goal he is striving for.

New York City reports a shortage of chorus girls. Inasmuch as chorus girls never become superannuated it must be that they are marrying off.

Honestly, now, when Russell Sage could gather together only \$60,000,000, what's the use of the rest of us trying?

The government has introduced savings banks into the Philippines. Something had to be done in a country where stockings are so scarce.

A Japanese professor in Chicago says the number of bachelors in this country is so great because courtship is so risky. Wonder what his opinion is of marriage?

One of the most serious charges brought against President Roosevelt is that he acts as though he didn't intend to leave any opportunity for his successor to make a record.

"Take care the Mayor does not have too much to drink; he gets dangerous." "What does he do—fight?" "No, he begins to play the piano."

An Atlanta man has been arrested for sitting on his front porch and hugging and kissing his own wife. They evidently won't stand for a novelty like that.

"To Hell and Back," was the title of a sermon delivered by Rev. C. T. Russell at Ashbury Park, N. J., the other day. Our reports indicate that it was a hot talk.

He—How old are you today, Fraulein? She (offended)—Never mind. He—Oh, I beg your pardon; how was I to know I shouldn't ask?

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Major Hamm, editor and manager of the Constitutionalist, Eminence, Ky., when he was fiercely attacked four years ago by piles, bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of which he says: It cured me in ten days and no trouble since." Quickest healer of Burns, Sores Cuts and Wounds. 25c at Charles Rogers drug store.

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