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THE MODERN CITY'S NEEDS.

HE EUGENE JOURNAL, a paper that always thinks before and when it speaks, says with regard to that fine interior city: "Eugene is growing rapidly and is destined to be a large inland city, like Denver, Butte and Spokane. Land must be had for a city hall, library, fire and police departments and public parks. Better locations at far less cost could e secured now than later when not only the land would cost much more but buildings that will hereafter be erected must be purchased and removed."

In the same article, headed "Public Parks," the En gene fournal says of the proposal to buy park grounds in Portland: "Now is the time to purchase land for parks and other public uses, for it will cost a great deal more in a few years if it can be had at all, Portland could not go in debt or increase taxes for a better pur pose. The city will not be losing anything, for the land will soon be worth many times what it cost. It can be bought now for \$325,000 but in five or ten years would perhaps cost \$1,000,000 or more."

This is true, and must be thought of by this city's epresentatives at Salem.

If this is to become a great city, it will need more park grounds, and now is the time to get them. Yet the city should refuse to be "held up." It is a busi-ness proposition that must be worked out, and now is the time to do it.

OPPOSITION TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL

FTER yesterday's demonstrations no one can have any doubt as to how the people of Portland stand on the subject of a constitutional They are opposed to it without qualifi-

As a matter of fact the politicians fail to realize the full significance of the movement which culminated the June election. Previous to that time there was no way to get relief; the best the people could do was to rout out one political machine and put in another. In doing so they usually went from bad to worse, and through it all they were ground between the upper and nether millstones. But the worm turned at last and the first indication of it was disclosed in the election held last June. Some of the machine men are shortighted enough to believe that this was simply a spo die movement that would soon run its course, after which things would return to their old groove with the plitical machine once again in the ascendency. But ever was a profounder mistake made. The people eve now learned that they can master the machine provided they unite in the effort. Having learned this ie lesson the movement in favor of better government as received a tremendous momentum. By hook or crook everything will yet be done to thwart it but the so certain they see their way to better things, that the machine or the politician who stands in the way of the rm movement is more than likely to be crushed.

The signs of the times are apparent to most think othing by experience. One of the great move ments which it is fathering is the scheme for a constituonal convention. It realizes now what it did no ally realize before, that with the initiative and refer come a representative body and more largely than ever before obey the popular mandates. There was a time when legislatures could fly in the face of public opinion and defy it. Legislatures have done so in the past, whole archaic regime of his worn-out autocracy. The only safeguard the people have is found in the Kuropatkin will do no more than Stoessel did. referendum. Under that law they can finally pass upon bottom truth is that the czar's men will not fight-

clearly manifest than in the amendments to the local option law proposed in the present legislature. It was not considered impossible to get through the legislature what was wanted but the popular vote was what was feared. It was for this reason that it was proposed to attach to the bottom of an amendment practically renealing the law an emergency clause. If such a law uld receive the signature of the governor then there vould be no need of passing it on to the people for endorsement and in this way the popular will expressed on the previous local option law would have been abrogated. But the governor evidently does not propose that the emergency clause shall be wrongfully used and has so announced to the legislature. But back of whatever the legislature does stands the people and they will finally decide. That the legislature will not dare to take a high-handed stand is perhaps the highest trib aw and the most perfect evidence that it is needed.

Protests, remonstrances and resolutions have already gun to flow into the legislature against the scheme to old a constitutional convention. more to follow and in the end the legislature will have no doubt of the condition of public sentiment and what t does in that direction it will have every reason to know that it is doing in defiance of the popular will?

POOR OUEEN WILHELMINA.

PATHETIC STORY is being unfolded in th historic lowlands.

Wilhelmina, Queen of the Dutch, has no heir and has no hope of any. This is a terrible tragedy in a young woman's life, especially a queen, beloved, hereditally and personally, by the people of Holland.

She made the mistake that her prototype in queen-om, Victoria, did not make. Victoria, while a girl, fell in love with a gentleman, a true man, although a Gerfor England's welfare; and beautiful, young, bewitching beloved, powerful Wilhelmina also falls in love with German princeling, who happens to be a far different man from Albert-and then the lifelong tragedy.

No heir! No children! No hope! She fell in love with a contemptible creature, valuable only in the vast amounts of his debts. He was good for only what he owed. He is a mere nominal

usband. He signs the payrolls.

The Dutch burgher's have passed a law providing for succession to the throne. Wilhelmina has signed it. Then she passes, a new family will wear the dignity. Wilhelmina's lover will gamble and drink, and carouse, and burn out his little candle, and be despised, while he lives and after he is dead.

THE HOPELESS CASE OF RUSSIA.

UROPATKIN has made his bluff-and it ha failed, miserably failed—as it was predicted in these columns Satueday that it would fail.

The Japanese are not to be beaten, evidently. The stars in their courses fight for them. Oyama could be

driven back half way across Manchuria, and yet win; but he does not need to be driven back. He is evidently stout enough to hold his own, and more; and if the foolhardy grand dukes persist in carrying on the war, Oyama may yet capture or annihilate the whole

The czar had better give up and make terms. The whole world is against him-or, rather, against the gov-ernment of which he is the hereditary head. The world despises his grand dukes and their bediamoned mistresses, his corrupt and oppressive ministers, the

legislation and by their votes abrogate any law which for the sufficient reason that it doesn't pay them to has received the legislative sanction. That the people fight. They haven't a country or government worth are feared by the special interests was never made more fighting for, and they know it.

From the San Francisco Bulletin.

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At Rogayan we were fired on from a fort, or cotta, as the Moros call it, and we captured the fort after very slight resistance. It was the first time I had been inside a cotta, and its structure was sides of a square, the land inclosed by
the most being about 60 feet each way.
The earth from the most is thrown up
inward and forms the walls of the cotta.
These are about eight feet thick at the
base, tapering to three feet at the top.
The parapet on the top is planted falckly with bamboos, which form a practically impenetrable hedge. One opening
about three feet wide is left in the wall
of the fort and all entrance and exit can
only be effected through this opening.
A long bamboo is thrown across the
most to serve as a bridge, and when of gaining an entrance is by wading or swimming the most and then forcing the gateway. It is a highly dangerous pro-cess, for inside the cotts, exactly op-posite the opening is placed a large brass carmon loaded with nalls and bolt brass carrion loaded with nails and bolt heads and stones and scrap iron, and at the critical moment the defenders of the fort blow this ironmongery store right into the attacking party. I have in my haversack a piece of sheet fron about an inch square which was taken out of the chest of one of our men who was killed while storming one of these

cottas.

Soon after we left this cotta an armed Moro rushed out of the bush and attacked one of our men. He was shot instantly, but not before he had inflicted instantly, but not before he had inflicted nine wounds on his man. Nothing could better illustrate the necessity of using bullets which will stop a man when they hit him. The average European or American soldier feels that he has had about all he needs when he has been hit by the ordinary slender bullet of the modern rifle, and therefore for what I may call selling warfare the modern small bull. riffe, and therefore for what I may call civilized warfare the modern small bullet suffices. But it is not so with the savage tribes of Asia. Two or three wounds from modern bullets of fine calliber, if they are not in vital spots, do no more to check a More than shooting him with a pea riffe. I have even seen a More after being hit square in the chest by a bullet from a 45 Colt revolver, come right on and afti his man.

more to check a More than shooting film with a pea rife. I have even seem a More after being hit square in the chest by a builet from a 45 Colt revolver, come right on and kill his man.

Den't Appreciate What They Mays.

From the New York World.

Representative William Alden Smith of Michigan made a speech a few days ago at a banquet in Detroit where there were unlimited supplies of champagne. Smith looked around at the forest of betties on the tables and said: 'Out in my town, Grand Rapids, we are fighting for water and can't get it. Here in the result where you have all the water there is, apparently you don't use it.''

A Republican View of Riedringhaus.

When should welcome Mr. Niedringhaus is to the United States senate from Missouri only on the ground that anybody would be better than 'Dick' Kerena. We should very much rather have Senator would be petter than 'Dick' Kerena. We should very much rather have Senator would be petter than 'Dick' Kerena. We should very much rather have Senator would very much rather have Senator would very much rather have Senator would be petter than 'Dick' Kerena. We should very much rather have Senator would be petter than 'Dick' Kerena. We should very much rather have Senator would be petter than 'Dick' Kerena. We should very much rather have Senator would be petter than 'Dick' Kerena. We should very much rather have Senator would be petter than 'Dick' Kerena. We should very much rather have Senator would be petter than 'Dick' Kerena. We should very much rather have Senator would be petter than 'Dick' Kerena. We sh

would, if collected in a heap, make the congressional library look small.

There are some who would place in the first rank of this group that rugged, hardy, vigorous, full-blooded gentleman who can't breathe in a room unless all the windows and doors are open. The lower the pressure of steam in the radiator, the lower the mercury in its tube and the wilder the play of the winds over the roofs and around the corners, the more insistent is he that you are imperiling your very life by not occupying an office wide open to every wind that blows.

Oh, Spartan virtue is a fine thing, but it would be simply sublime if its modern

it would be simply sublime if its modern exponents and inculcators would just keep still about it.

A Republican View of Miedringhaus

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

It is a French engineer who seriously announces his invention of a suit of electric clothing, with fine wire woven in the goods and a storage battery. By means of this invention he affirms that the body can be kept at a comfortable temperature in the coldest weather. There is no apparent reason why we should stop with this. Little if any more current would be needed to produce a light such as persons on the vaudeville stage display. Thus every pedestrian at night would become a walking lamp-post, with electric force enough to shock as inebriate who might wish to cling to him. It would be practicable, too, for an American inventor to connect the current with roller skates, thus allowing every man to be his own trolley car.

Child Pension in France.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

At all times it has been an object with French parents to teach a child to be provident and economical. A child of three can become a member of the Multiple in the good with the cent will entitle it to getting 10 cents a day when it is ill, and the other goes toward getting a pension when it is at a certain age. No one knows how long a child can live but what does the central addition amount to? There is hardly a button amount to? There is hardly a she was putting Dr. Dorn, down and cut in the first round. The countenance of that for candy. Now a boy of 18, giving that pape assually so pleasant and screne would draw a prise in the Klondike these long winter evenings, as a warmer, so to speak.

Small Change

Furth did not go forth Foster needs protection.

The graft is not dead yet.

Hang on to the referendum. It was natural for Piles to win

Beware of that constitution-m

The people should retain and exercis-

Uncle Tommy Neldringhaus se-be running backward, ain't it?

With the Hay creek ranch oppose there was no hope of Jefferson county.

Why does the corporation and nonopoly organ want a constitutional onvention?

The president is doubtful about accepting a cue in the pool game proposed by Sallor Morton.

The Salem Journal says Oregon needs four normal schools or more, and should support them. But sometimes the Salem Journal is a cheerful l----r.

Oregon Irrigator: The average hen has about 8,000 feathers. Accepting that statement as a fact and figuring from that basis, how much does it cost to be elected to the United States senate from Washington?

Chicago Record-Herald: England, Germany, France and the United States have formed a combination for the purpose of keeping Russia from invading China. It might have been cheaper and just as effective to have hired a few Japs.

number of the American Journal of Science. The egg is supposed to be thousands of years old and shows evi-dence of having been in the grocery store of a man who didn't advertise.

Oregon Sidelights

Union Scout: The big hog purchased by Kiddle Bros. of Sam Brooks is now weighing close to the 1,000-pound mark. F. A. Bidwell expects to make the hog weigh 1,200 pounds by the time the fair opens at Portland.

The Grip of the Tropics

made me useless," said an army officer who recently got a New York harbor detail after three years of duty in the

low latitudes—one year in Honolulu at two in the Philippines.

He was coming over to New York of a ferry, and although the afternoon we balmy and pleasant and many of the

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From the New York World.

'I would like to find Senator Bilkins.' said a visitor the the capitol.

'Bilkins' said the attendant. 'Birkins' I guess you mean Elkins, don't

Marriage Wrong?