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THE DAY OF THE NEWSPAPER "SOUARE DEAL" HAS COME.

ster mass meetings last night denouncing the course of the Oregonian and incidentally commending the course of The Journal was in no sense the result of a sudden pique but the culmination of a series of irritating experiences extending over a period of many years. When a prize fighter came to Portland he printed in the Oregonian, but a long and exhaustive story rould go with it showing clearly his position in the fistic novement in the direction of the betterment of the comof those who under the protection of the law most flagand sneers of the Oregonian and never be disappointed umns of the Oregonian might be relied upon as an index of the feelings of the people of Portland and Oregon the noral outcasts, the men who were insidiously working to upturn the established order of things and subvert all represent and speak for the churches and those agencies hich elsewhere are fostered and stimulated because of the uplifting influences which are believed to flow from

If all of this were an occasional manifestation of pre dice and bigotry, if there were times when any moral overment received not encouragement but fair treatn possible. But it was the realization that this varying policy, that all movements for the betterment nd jeers that gave united expression to the long pent up

ession of a world-wide sentiment. It is the in-backward swing of the pendulum from the extreme of materialism to the sweet and simple faith of an as they have in the past.

a mass of newspaper waste which was on the docks bundled for shipment to the paper mills. With ghoul-ish glee it exhibited in the foreground five copies of The

which we had printed just for the fun of the thing, without regard to the cost, to give the impression that we

nal has never bragged. Each day it prints on its first

into the paper mill scrap heap.

lation is one of the things about which The Jour-

HE extraordinary resolutions adopted at 10 mon-carlier day. The reaction is deep and profound and it ster mass meetings last night denouncing the has to do with those things which, when fully felt, concern a man much more deeply than aught else under the blue arches of the heavens. A man's religious beliefs and convictions are something sacred to him, and are rightly so regarded. Once he sincerely feels them nobody doubts that he is a better man and a better citizen. Anything that tends to uplift men, that gives them a higher conception of their moral responsibilities, surely merits approval. The men who have inaugurated the world; if a boss gambler undertook any new enterprise, if present evangelistic movement in the city are men of have visited is that they have left things much better ming here and undertaking a campaign which promises gs that were good and true, were not the gamblers preposterous on the very face of it that we are surprised

> rests upon it should not have done. These men are now commanding the deep and earnest attention of at least 15,000 people every day. A movement which directly interests 15,000 people will indirectly influence and in-terest 45,000. With 45,000 people interested it is but a short step to interesting the great majority of the people of the city. That a movement of this naure should not be deserving of deep attention from a newspaper from its news value alone if for no higher motive, is a shortsighted view to take; that it should command fair treatment should be admitted as a matter of course. This it has received from The Journal, like scores of other movements fraternal, charitable and religious, and it and they will continue to receive them in the future

WHAT THE JOURNAL IS AFTER. done, the office should be kept where it is. Oregon City

is just as convenient to people who have business at the land office as is Portland. The office is a matter of a N OPPOSITION evening newspaper which has long enjoyed a calm and peaceful vegetable existence in this community erupted into a semistence little local importance in Oregon City. The register and receiver and their clerks have made their arrangements blance of life last evening when it took occasion with un-ladylike heat to denounce The Journal. It also embel-lished one of its arid pages with a huge picture showing to live in Oregon City, not in Portland-accepted their positions on that basis, rented or bought property with that understanding; and it is not a "square deal" to throw them into Portland. Nobody in Portland asked for the change, so far as heard from. The senators from Oregon

Then why make the change, that nobody here wants? The Journal seconds the motion of the people of Oreout regard to the cost, to give the impression that we had a large circulation when in reality our legitimate circulation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation when in reality our legitimate circulation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation when in reality our legitimate circulation was much smaller than we would have a conculation when in reality our legitimate circulation was much smaller than we would have a conculation was much smaller than we would have a conculation when in reality our legitimate circulation was much smaller than we would have a conculation when in reality our legitimate circulation was much smaller than we would have a conculation when it is a conculation when it i

THE WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS.

page the actual, bona fide circulation of the previous day; the correctness of that statement it is ready to back by TNLESS the people, through their governmen e which any reasonable man may require. At make better progress in overhauling trusts, the same time it is ready to pay a dollar apiece for any unmutilated copies of The Journal that find their way remedial legislation will never catch the thrifty manipulators. A Sherman law was not on the statute books in time to reach the new forms of industrial com-So far as the opposititon evening newspaper is conbines, and the Elkins anti-rebate measure became efcerned it receives at our hand as little consideration as fective after railway magnates and packing barons had is accorded it by the general public. A mere attenuated perfected subtle means of evading the plain intent of the shadow of its morning owner, without opinions which legislators. Trusts show far greater celerity in finding it dares to express, a haven of rest for a kindergarten ways of evading the will of the people than the people group of aspiring journalists who make a pretense of have yet developed in the effort to bring colossal schem-

newspaper making by feebly imitating the methods ers to a halt.

which The Journal has introduced into Portland, it has now gone to the final limit and boasts that it is about Equitable Life Assurance society has casually revealed ot red ink as proof that it is keeping up with the one of the latest systems by which Wall street commodern procession. But salt couldn't save it. It is so passes a combine in handling capital. When the perlong since that The Journal measured itself by such sonnel of the directorate of the three big insurance comstandards as the opposition evening paper sets that it seems like a thousand years. We are flying after much one person serves any two of the apparently rival conhigher game. Having long ago got second place in the cerns. These three companies, with assets of more than newspaper procession we are hard after the first. That \$1,000,000,000, and a surplus of approximately \$200,000,000 we are going to get. The cast iron type of journalism have entirely distinct managements, separate agents of which the Oregonian is the last exemplar in the United States has seen its day. Too many people have gle for business. On their boards of directors are found already found their way into homes for the feebleminded such men as J. P. Morgan, Jacob Schiff, John D. Rockethrough a too assiduous reading of its yawning columns. feller, August Belmont, Chauncey Depew, George Gould The public wants something with a touch of modern life J. J. Hill, et al. No single man serves on two boards of in it, something that stands for the present and future insurance organizations, but these same men are found as well as the past, that realizes there are other things sitting together in the directorate of other great financial on earth besides itself and which not only keeps up with institutions that need heavy capital. Jacob Schiff, as a the procession, but sometimes gets a little in advance of director of the Equitable and also promoter of some great enterprise requiring many millions, had his fellow it. The Oregonian represents what was; The Journal what is and is to be. The outcome of such a struggle magnates in the latter apply to the Equitable for a loan can be figured like a mathematical problem, just as logof \$20,000,000, and then as a director in the latter comically and just as surely. And when the Oregonian pany, put the loan through. The men organizing the finally adopts red ink in a desperate effort to save the Northern Securities company, all of them directors on prestige that has gone from it it will be too late, for long before that time The Journal will have gotten there with big insurance companies, placed about \$19,000,000 of the merger stock with the insurance concerns with which they were connected.

These are merely instances of the methods pursued Complying with the law by maintaining nominal competitive organizations in any line of trade, it is possible for the Wall street magnates to attain the trust principle through harmony of the members of the boards of directors in other companies which have no legal or ostensible connection with the first.

If such an inquisitor as young Garfield is to be the government sleuth on the trust trail, and the United States senate with its convenient conservatism is to hang sonable contract made for quarters for a term of years on the flank of the people when seeking to enact antiafter July 1, when the present lease expires. This being trust legislation, the race will be a sadly unequal one.

OR. MY! OR. MY!

THE OREGON CITY LAND OFFICE.

THE JOURNAL heartily seconds the action of the

exorbitant rent is charged for the government's office in

Oregon City. This can no doubt be arranged, and a rea-

people of Oregon City in protesting against the

removal of the land office from that city to Port-

There is no demand here for the change, and there

good reason for it, unless, as has been intimated, an

all of its impedimenta.

From the Seaside Signal. The political atmosphere of Portland in a distressfully disturbed condition. Matthews has resigned from the Jack Matthews has resigned from the leadership of the Republican machine gang, and the little fellows are trying each for himself to bring order out of chaos with himself at the top. Among the "reformers" are found about "steen different breeds of "high and low" degree," each for himself clamoring for a chance at the fleehpots while over and beyond them all, calm, dignified and sevenels viewing the strife, is "Oregon's

above the rough ward-heelers and petty politicians as a diamond above a wagon-load of Marquam gulch gravel.

BOCKEPELLER AND MISSOURIANS.

From the Sloux City Journal. From the Sloux City Journal.

It seems that the obstinate prejudices of some Missourians make it necessary for Mr. Rockefeller to maintain three branches of the Standard Oil company in that state, two of them in disguise. The situation goes to show what Mr. Rockefeller himself is not a man of prejudices. If a Misoursian wants to think he is buying from some concern other than the Standard Mr. Rockefeller is perfectly willing to give him that

MATOR WILLIAMS.

From the St. Johns Review. Mayor Williams' mysterious attitude relative to his possible candidacy for resolved-but not wholly so, as many believe. He declares now that he will be a candidate if the Republicans will nomiit was quite generally reported that the Republican organization had concluded not to place a ticket in the field. Perhaps the honorable mayor imposed this condition in order to avoid the effort of indicating his present administration

Small Change

Hurrah for King Rain! Nature helps to clean up. Fairbanks for president-nit.

What old Hull said

Think of Steve Elkins as a reformin the matter of railroad rates!

Mayor Williams can retire with ast as much honor as Europatkin. There's always something to be thank ful for—Addicks is not yet a senator.

The caar wants his people to "stand y him"—but beyond homb-throwing

Dowie says he hates newspapers. Buthey have given him a great amount of free advertising.

If Rockefeller were a widower, might propose to Ida Tarbell. W the very name is seductive.

George Ade is in Japan. But Japan is in luck so much otherwise that the mikado may tolerate him a little while.

Is it really a good reason to re-elect a man mayor because he is \$2 years old and still a good politician? We better sleep on that.

"Why do girls leave home?" asks the lew York Herald. Well, most self-especting young Americans don't pro-

Why, is it possible that any Republican can think of such a thing as running for mayor when the only Grand Old Man is a candidate? This is terrible, awful, if not more so. It can scarcely be thought an "Tis enough to drive us mad, my masters.

It is somewhat definitely and semi-officially announced that the Filipino will not be capable of self-government for probably three or four hundre years. Meanwhile let no dusky Filipin two-legged animal suggest that Ameri-cans are not yet capable of self-gov-ernment themselves.

Oregon Sidelights

Revival of work, not talk.

Oregon has a senator, thank ---

Civic improvement has become epi

Water works and electric lights coning—in Ione.

Vol. I., No. 1. Seaside Signal: Nice newsy, young paper. Miss Scovill's Canyonville Echo arrived. Thanks, Harriet,

The biggest and best garden spot carth—the Willamette valley.

The Inland Empire can own railros

Southern Oregon is the nearest approach to Paradise on this planet.

Condon is glad it bonded itself for \$30,000 for a needed water plant.

Seaside Signal: The Colonial hotel is adding a four-story addition, which will contain about 60 rooms.

Malbeur Gasette: Vale is likely to have several large stone Structures erected this summer for business pur-poses. Local people also contemplate building a 30-room hotel.

The outlook for all lines of busing in Condon this spring and coming sumer is the brightest in the history the town, says the Condon Times.

Loggers, miners, farmers, stockmen, everybody but dudes without an um-brells, happy because of the mist—in weather bureau parlance, precipitation.

Condon Times: The saloons haven' closed yet, and the chances are they won't, either, until the supreme court passes on the validity of the recent or-der made by Judge Bradshaw.

A passenger on the night stage from Prineville shot a valuable sheep dog helonging to C. B. Durbin one night last

Letters From the People

Parkers, Or., March 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—The uprising and dissatisfaction among the laboring classes in far-away Russia calls to our minds the European revolution.

in far-away Russia calls to our minds the European revolution of 1830 and 1848. The revolution of 1830 did not bring about peace to the masses of France nor to Europe. The people demanded a greater share of liberty. Louis Philippe kept putting the people off until they grew weary; there was no visible signs of reform. Philippe used his exalted position to add to his great riches; he failed to touch the hearts of his people. He was charged with selfishness and greed. There were risings of legitimists in favor of the Bourbons, while the Socialistic element was opposed to monarchy. Several attempts were made to remove the king by assassination, all of them being failures, but they showed the disturbed state of public feeling. Liberty, equality and fraternity became the watchwords of the common people. Socialistic ideas arose and apread like wildfire and the industrial element of the various nations became allied in one great army of revolutionists.

In Germany the demand of the people for political rights grew until it reached a crists. The people were deeply dissatisfied; they were rapidly arousing from their stuggish acceptance of the work of the congress of Vienna in 1815, and the cry of liberty rang out everywhere. The era of injustice and oppression reached its climax in the closing years of the eighteenth century and went down at length in that hideous nightmare of blood and terror known as the French revolution. Deplorable as this was, the pride and privilege of aristocracy had the people by the throat and only the sword could loosen their hold. It was the need of money for the spendthrift throne that precipitated the revolution. For years the indignation of the people had been growing and spreading just as it is in Russia today. The caar will wake up to the fact that oppressing his subjects will only tend to shorten his reign. When the people ask for bread they are not to be put off with a crust all the time; there is a limit.

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I am not an alarmist or a crank, but I do most earnestly believe in equal rights and fustice to all men. The mother of Socialism has visited our liberty-loving people in the form of great trusts and combinations—in other words they are oppressors. The people are dragged into bondage an inch at a time until they find themselves unable to make a livelihood for themselves and families. The trusts fix a price, the people pay it; the trusts waxes fat at the people's expense. If the Sherman anti-trust law was enforced to the letter, as it certainly should be, we would have no cause for alarm as far as the trusts are concerned, and we would have no need of Socialism.

J. D. WINN.

Activity is so much the national watchword that we can hardly conceive of a great fortune accumulated by slow and easy stages. In "The Antor Fortune," in the April McClure's, Burton J. Hendrick traces the growth of this, the biggest fortune in America, which in less than a century has grown from old John Jacob Astor's modest \$2,000,000 to approximately half a billion, and this great increase is neither the creation of enterprise nor chance; as the story shows it is, in effect, a gratuitous bonus, the tribute said by New York to the in-

The Play

sea as the Poliard Lilliputian Operacompany, began an engagement of two
works at the Marquam Grand the the apring, from five to eight incheadeep, and then harrow it immediately
and transformed an auditorium full of
people into a literal whiripool of admiration and delight. For the same
amount of money nobody ever obtained
it would be sown about October I, but
before being placed in the ground it
which takes out all the trash and weed
commedias—the most tuneful, most engaging and most comical. Every number in its score is of that quality which
you three of only after a thing has been
played into staleness on your own plano.
The piece calls for more comedians than
any other three operatic books combined,
and the vocal demands are almost as
a heavy. In view of this it was almost unprecedented daring for the children to
attempt it, but they seemed to have
scored a distinit triumph, age consider
ared, from the very beginning. In fact,
the bables last night.

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tilique, the 'queen of comic opers. This
was somewhat surprising, as there are
in a tiesst two feminine roise of greater
importance. But you forget that whon
you see Daphne. While she may not
dominate the show entirely, the stage is
the best institutes of Lillian Russell
and May Irwin combined, and if her
quiding star eneages collision with, a
comet che will some day be a real queen
of comic opers. Her chic and plaquamer
were not driven into that tiny body, for
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to grown-ups with less than half the
talent and intelligence displayed by the
bales last night.

Deprime rollard, the luny mem

he Belle' will be repeated tonight

and tomorrow night. RACE WHITNEY.

A Bovised Greed.

From the Chicago Record-Herald,
do not ask for jewels fine,
For money stored in vaulted banks;

haunts; With now and then a casual treat To gratify my wants.

It may be well that I should walk, But, eh, I much desire to ride; To make my richer neighbors, talk I should be satisfied.

And much I'd like some costly clothes,
A wedding garment for the feast;
My worldly spirit truly loathes
The wardrobe of the least.

Paris Cable in New York Herald.

one of 'loving one another."

Should the amended clause really come a law a wife or a husband may

Prom the Atlants Journal.

Professor Winiston of the University of Chicago says that gradually the places of men on earth will be taken by birds. We can easily believe this, as Williston is a bird himself.

A Little Girl and Wheat

dealers for export.

Morrow county wheat was awarded the first prize at the Buffalo exposition, and she will no doubt receive the first prize at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Lewis and Clark

March 19—The weather clear and the wind from the northwest. The obstruction above gave way this morning and the ice came down in great quantities, the river having fallen 11 inches in the course of the last 24 hours. We have had few Indians at the fort for the last three or four days, as they are now busy catching the floating buffaloe. Every spring, as the river is breaking up, the surrounding plains are set on fire and the buffaloe tempted to cross the river in search of the fresh grass which immediately succeeds to the burning; do their way they are often isolated on a large cake or mass of ice, which floats down the river. The Indians now select the most favorable points for attack, and as the buffaloe approaches dart with astonishing agility across the trembling ice, sometimes pressing lightly a cake not more than two feet square; the animal is of course, unsteady and his footsteps insecure on this new element, so that he can make but little resistance, and the hunter who has given him his deathwound paddles his icy boat to the shore and secures his prey.

SOFT SPRING MAINS.

From the Chicago Chronicle.

The soft spring rains begin to throw Their silver lances down
To drive away the winter snow
And pierce the buds of brown:
Full soon the rivulets will flow
And kies the mossy mold.
And fields and woods will sayly glow
With daffodils of gold.

From the Grants Pass Herald.

Alaska is a close second to Oregon in congressional representation. Alaska has a typowriter, several fare dealers and an aching void to represent a territory of magnificent istitude and inconceivable wealth, while Oregon has one representative in congress and a bunch of indistances to do things with in her contennial year. Oh, Alaska, let us weep a little weep together.