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THE HILL ROAD MUST COME IN.

THE PEOPLE OF PORTLAND will not long tolerate any unreasonable or purely selfish opposition to the building of the necessary bridge of the Hill roads across the Willamette river.

We all understand why the Harriman people and interests, including the river pilots, would be equally at this point as doubters they would oppose it equally at any other point, and they are not to be blamed for this.

The bridge must be built where the railroad can use it advantageously for a vast volume of traffic, and some point suitable for that purpose must be decided on.

The interests of the river traffic must be protected as much as possible, of course, but one more bridge will not hurt very much, and the bridge is a necessity.

PRIMARY NOMINATIONS.

IN ONE AND PERHAPS IN TWO Kansas congressional districts this year the Republican candidates will be nominated by a direct primary vote.

Senator Burton peeked into the senate chamber long enough to be seen, so that he could draw his mileage.

The greatest disappointment so far apparent is in the failure in some instances of the best men, really desirable men, to come forward as candidates.

When Mayor Lane wrote his open letter to the people of Portland showing that young girls were being debauched at Richards' hotel, which was his moving impulse in authorizing a raid, the only word of commendation that came from the Oregonian was that it contained a sentence 267 words long.

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THE N. P.'S BIG BUSINESS.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC'S recent annual report showed that great railroad to be in a splendid condition, and to be doing a far larger volume of business than ever before.

A gratifying feature of this report not only to the people of the state of Washington, but to those of Oregon also, is the proportion of business handled in our neighbor state. With a total mileage of 5,676 miles, the Northern Pacific has 1,335 miles of track in Washington.

How They Voted. From the Kansas City Star. What happened in Ohio and New York and Pennsylvania and Maryland and in other states on election day recalls one of the best of the Uncle Sam's Thomas tales.

line, the Washington passengers numbered 2,117,529. Out of 13,036,780 tons of revenue-producing freight for the system, the Washington lines carried 5,294,190 tons.

No wonder, in the face of this showing, that Mr. Hill is in love with Washington, and appreciative of its great resources and rapid development, nor that, knowing Oregon to be an equally resourceful state, he at last broke loose from the "traffic arrangement with gentlemen," the division of territory agreement, and invaded Oregon.

THE CASE AGAINST "TOWN TOPICS."

THE REVELATIONS being made in the libel suit unwisely brought by Town Topics against the editor of Collier's Weekly, has somewhat startled the reading public of the country.

But after all it is but a logical outcome of the methods employed in the publication of this weekly newspaper.

Senator Boss Aldrich has already snarled and showed his teeth in opposition to any railway regulation measure, and the big fight will soon be on in earnest.

PORTLAND-ALASKA STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE PROSPECT for a steamship line to Alaska brightens, and may soon be expected to assume a definite shape. The special committee of the chamber of commerce appointed to investigate the project has apparently been diligently active in securing information and data upon which to base its report.

FRANCE, CASTRO AND UNCLE SAM.

THE UNITED STATES would better go rather slow in jumping in to aid France in its threatened chastisement of Castro. It seems quite probable that the Venezuelan dictator, whatever his faults and provocations, has been imposed upon a good deal by alleged creditors and by trust-backed syndicates.

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SMALL CHANGE

Better be careful with the big stick today.

No tax law is ever right.

We still advise readers not to plant gardens yet.

Judge Gary of Chicago says a wife is a luxury. Well, a good wife is the best luxury a mere male man can indulge in.

Get ready for winter next spring.

Portland needs to kill its hog.—Albany Democrat. Why the singular number? Which? Why?

Bryan evidently has his eyes and ears open.

Over \$5,000 looks good to The Journal and its host of friends.

In these crucial times where in thunder is Max Fyacht?

Boss Murphy says he can't name a dog catcher. Well, nobody except some rascal wants him to.

The election to a high office of such a man as Governor Polk is worth an inestimable amount, not to be measured in dollars, to the country.

Fight the fruit pests to a finish.

Of course the Willamette valley can raise better apples, and must.

Now that the Liberals of England have won a great victory, what are they going to do with it? Nothing.

The Sunday Journal is also steadily crawling up; nothing equal to it in Oregon.

If Castro has to pay he proposes that France shall pay a lot of costs.

The mayor did indite rather a long and involved sentence. But the good stuff was boiling out of him. Everybody knows what he meant.

We hope Mayor McClellan will be good, but doubt if he can ever get rid of the Tammany brand and stenoh.

Fear old New York—with far worse than no senator.

Somehow we can't help having a suspicion of a grown-up man who signs himself "Will." Better "Bill."

Bring landless people and unhabited lands together.

Whatever the weather, you should always keep a goodly store of "sunshine in your soul."

Wanted.—The right kind of a Republican candidate for representative in congress from this district.

If Roosevelt is a Red Man Bryan is a Dingo—so there.

When Bill Lechner represents Oregon in the Second District, C. A. Johns occupies the executive chair, J. H. Atkin of Huntington holds the state treasury, and the millennial day will have arrived, arrived, as it were, or words to that effect, remarking the Haines Record.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Seattle, Jan. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Is a long article that appeared in the Journal on Thursday, Jan. 10, about the football men of the University of Oregon were practically charged as being guilty of drinking, gambling and profanity.

The general athletic policy of the University was also attacked, and serious charges of professionalism in athletics laid at its door. I do not know who wrote the article, but I do know that with few exceptions his charges, that are so full of errors and misstatements, are absolutely groundless.

I agree with that writer that too much time was given to football, the California trip being the most marked instance.

The charge that men were encouraged to enter the university for the purpose of playing on the football team is absolutely false. It is the boast of the university that the men who play on the football team are bona fide students in good standing. I am acquainted with the football men and conditions in Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada.

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I am not now connected in any way with the University of Oregon, and I am not now connected in any way with the athletic and general student affairs of the university.

Yours truly, BRUCE C. SHORTE.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Electric line to Eugene, too, of course—and to other places. Salem will only be a central station, never a terminus.

A Eugene man is wearing a pair of boots which he has worn more or less for 22 years. They were made in Eugene and have been half soled only once.

Albany did not escape the beautiful snow, enough falling to step on, remarks the Democrat.

Baker City. "But say, isn't this great for (the year) plenty of water for irrigation? Plenty of water for mining purposes. Our county will be the greatest in the northwest by the end of another summer."

Squaw Creek (Crook county) Irrigation company preparing to irrigate 10,000 acres.

Prineville has a "Williamson quartet."

So many cases of typhoid fever in Eugene prompts a doctor of that town to advise boiling 20 minutes all well water used.

Because he was fined \$5 for obstructing a street a Marshfield ironworks proprietor threatens to move to North Bend.

Prineville people made up a purse of \$150 to send a young man away for treatment for spinal trouble.

Amity Methodists held an all-day meeting one day last week.

H. H. Vincent of Prascoot, Washington, was in Condon last week and bought a carload of mules in this region paying on an average of \$147 per head.

Mr. Vincent uses them on his extensive wheat ranch at the above place, where he farms 9,000 acres and where last year he raised 55,000 sack of wheat.

Sherman county is out of debt, has money in the treasury and has a low tax levy.

Hans pay. Good hens, at least do, says the Corvallis Times. Thirty three of that sort of the J. H. Irvine yard have produced 843 eggs in the last 50 days, an average of nearly 11 eggs per day, worth \$23.82. This may be fair for winter time, but 33 eggs a day would have been three times as good.

A Marshfield paper fills nearly two pages with an account of a mixup at a hotel caused by a drunken lodger.

"Jack Bell fell out of a tree," says the Forest Journal. Why didn't Jack roll out?

Port Orford Tribuna: It is amusing to hear all the shallow harpers on the coast crying out, worse than Portland, for "more water." Port Orford stands proudly on her "10 feet," and bides her time.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Nothing more of unparliamentary, nothing crooked or dark ever came near their heads or hearts. Their integrity was as staunch as their intellects were brilliant, and the people knew that with them the national honor was absolutely safe, and the national safety perfectly secure.

But "how the mighty have fallen!" In the seats of the intellectual giants and incorruptible patriots of the olden time what manning is ailing?

Now and then, it is true, a senator goes to Washington who is worthy of the high place to which he is elected, but in far too many instances the seats on the benches are being filled by men who are both mentally and morally unfit for membership in the most commanding deliberative body on earth.

Speaking of the Roman senate, it should be known to every intelligent American citizen that the Roman senate never, even at the height of its glory, presided over a domain like that which belongs to the United States of today.

The United States of America is a much bigger and more important American than it is a shame that we cannot, in every instance, have big men to represent us in our national senate.

Such men are plentiful enough in this country, and we should have pride and patriotism enough to see to it that none but men of commanding brain power and incorruptible manhood are sent to represent us in our most important and most honorable deliberative assembly.

LEWIS AND CLARK

At Fort Claiborne. January 13.—We dispatched Howard and Werner to the camp of the salt makers for a supply of salt. The men of the garrison are busily employed in dressing and packing clothing. They have great difficulty from the want of brains with which to soften the skins. We have no soap to supply this deficiency, nor can we procure ashes to make lye. Some of the plans which are being carried out here are so singular as it may seem, the green wood is consumed without a residuum.

New Woman at Sulphur.

From the Kansas City Journal. Sulphur has one woman who believes in scratching matches according to the time-honored custom employed by her male contemporaries, and after visiting an exhibition of her prowess the editor of the Sulphur Journal takes refuge in the Bible and relieves his feelings in the following vein:

"In this the thirty-fifth year of our republic even here in the city of Sulphur, hath it first been given unto us to behold the edifying spectacle of a woman scratching a match even as a man scratches. Verily, 'erify!' though our days are many and laden with sorrow, these days of the new woman transform the machinery of our earthly into merry-go-round. But the editor nameth no names, for he of experienced mind prokesh not the wrath of woman."

Dinkelspielers.

Many matrimonial matches was struck amidst kindling der fires of love. Der man got likes to do all der talk always chums mit a good-steady lister.

Der man got it wrapped up in himself always dink be in der form baby.

Man wants but leads here below und vor leads he gets in chentially in der neck. D. DINKELSPIELER. For, George V. Hobart.

ates of deceased citizens abroad and nothing as to be done by consular officers shall go to the United States alone, whether fees are official or non-official, including depositions, commissions, etc., except consular agents. The latter are to be appointed by the secretary of state only, whose compensation shall be by fee up to the maximum of \$1,000 a year and no more, and surplus beyond same to go to the United States treasury and to none other.

Section 16. President to fix scale of fees for certification of invoices, and repairs sections 185 and 1731 of the revised statutes.

Section 17. That consular officers shall all use adhesive stamps to be supplied by secretary of state and to be affixed on all documents, and no consular act shall be valid in the United States without such stamps are affixed and paid for into the United States treasury. WILLIAM REID. 670 Worcester building.

The Woman and the Telephone.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I read the article of C. M. Moore, dated January 13, in reply to my letter of January 3. I am so much surprised that the editor did not sign my name to have a brick house to fall on my head to become popular as a rule. I have never been married and don't think I ever will be if I keep my right mind; on one thing sure, if I was I would not want to have a brick house to fall on my head to get my eye open. I know what hundreds of women have done and, very true, a habit once formed is hard to break. I have dealt with the public most all my life and I have seen lots of things that some would not believe, with others wouldn't want to believe. One half of the world does not know what the other half is doing because they are not in the position where they can see. I know there are a few good women living yet. There is no one on earth who respects a good Christian woman more than I do. A good woman can do more good to mankind than a good man, and it is a poor rule that does not work that way.