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WHO OWNS THE CITY COUNCIL?

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE for anyone, no matter how cheerfully disposed, to do the majority of the council the injury which they are wilfully doing themselves. It has been charged that those who were upon the Red Ticket in the last campaign were given places there under the distinct pledge that they would follow out a line of policy dictated by the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association.

IMPORTANT AND PRESSING PROBLEMS.

THE VIEWS expressed by prominent members of the commercial bodies on the question of municipal ownership of a belt line of railway for the equal accommodation of all rail transportation companies will be indorsed, we are quite sure, by a large majority of the people of Portland.

NO REFORM IN RUSSIA.

WHILE RUSSIA has been comparatively quiet since the "reds" were suppressed at Moscow and other cities a few weeks ago, there is slight prospect of the country settling down soon to a condition of peace, security and progress.

TAXATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

GOVERNOR FOLK of Missouri advocates the entire abolishment of tax on personal property, principally on the ground that it leads to wholesale perjury, and that those who should pay the greater portion of such taxes really pay very little.

The Dead Before the King.

From "Reminiscences of a Long Life," by Carl Schurz, in McClure's. At last on the afternoon of Sunday, March 19, 1848, the withdrawal of the soldiers was resolved upon. When the soldiers had marched off, something happened that in dramatic force and significance has never been surpassed in the history of revolutions.

Rich Wives for Poor Men.

By Dorothy Dix. The absurd idea of the society girl has stood in the way of a deal of happiness. Many a poor, rich girl has broken her heart about the man who loved her but was afraid to ask her to share his modest salary.

How a Woman Reasons.

From the Council Grove (Kan.) Guard. A woman never loses interest in the man she might have married. If he succeeds she prides herself on the fact that she could have had him. If he fails she is usually proud of the fact that she had foresight enough to turn him down.

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SMALL CHANGE

The only Swift thing about that beef packer's trial is the name of one of the defendants (or is it plaintiff?) against the government. Russia is breaking out again, but St. Johns is remarkably peaceable.

GEORGE W. PERKINS TALKS OF HIS LIFE

James H. Morrow in New York World. Outwardly the dominating quality of George W. Perkins is his simplicity. He is a plain man in dress and conduct, a homely individual, neither turned to vulgarity nor arrogance by remarkable fortune and uncommon achievements.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Myrtle Point is a good place for factories, says the Enterprise. L. M. Beebe is proprietor and editor of the Springfield (Oregon) News, and he thus shows in his happiness: "Blow tobacco and coffee, visit his mother-in-law three times a year and wear whiskers—the latter provision because unless he shaved twice a day his beard would injure her complexion."

THE CONTROL OF WALL STREET

From the Twentieth Century. The control of the immense interests—transportation, finance and industrial—which center in Wall Street involves 11 groups, these are divided because of the properties in which they operate. These 11 constitute distinct groups, and though interrelated in a thousand ways, not interdependent.

LEWIS AND CLARK

At Fort Clatsop. Sergeant Ordway and two men this morning to join the party with Sergeant Gass and bring in the remainder of R. Fields' elk. In the evening they returned with the flesh of five moose, and the contractors were unfit for use. Later Sergeant Pryor returned with Shannon and Labiche and his party down the Netul. They brought with them the flesh of four elk which they had skinned and dressed.

CHARLES LOCKHART'S MILLIONS

From the New York Herald. Allegheny county's board of tax assessors purposes to clear the mystery that has hitherto enveloped the estate of the late Charles Lockhart, which is now said to amount to \$100,000,000, and to have grown out of three barrels of crude petroleum bought in 1852.