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History is a mighty drama enacted upon the theatre of Time with suns for lamps and Eternity for a background.

A PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE.

MAYOR LANE will run again as a Democrat, having received the nomination of that party without asking for it.

Major Lane will necessarily run on his record, and while many will think he has made a few mistakes in minor matters, we believe not a man in the city doubts either his capacity or honesty, nor that he has always done what he honestly thought best for the city, without fear or favor, and he was generally right.

Very important matters will have to be acted upon by the council during the next two years. Probably the personnel of the council will not be greatly changed by the election—unless there should be a large-sized citizens' movement, for which there is ample justification.

The time has come when a man fit for public office, and especially such an office as this, must realize and acknowledge, in acts as well as in words, that duty and service to the whole people is of infinitely greater importance than service to a political party.

Here is the mayor's platform; these are his words, and the people of Portland know that his word goes no farther than his deed will follow.

PRINCIPLES AND PARTIES.

IN an eloquent and forceful speech to Democrats one evening recently Mr. E. S. J. McAllister decanted in glowing terms upon the principles of the Democratic party—government of, by and for the people, equal rights to all and special privileges to none, and so on—and what he said was true and the way he said it was convincing.

protection. When some years ago Ohio, for the first time in years and for the last time, had a Democratic legislature, it elected Calvin B. Brice, an especial friend and agent of the "money power," and of every anti-people combine, to take the seat of that "grand old Roman," Allen G. Thurman.

There have been a few luminous exceptions, and most southern members of congress have been and are at least clean men politically, free from any taint of trust alliance—Bailey of Texas being the only conspicuous exception.

True, the Democratic party has not had much of a chance for a long time. With another opportunity it might do better. But the people are justly becoming distrustful of both parties, and are calling for Men, men who dare to carry out Democratic principles, even if in doing so they have to wreck their party machines.

AN IMPORTANT AND TIMELY DECISION.

FLORIDA, along with other states, having suffered from lack of cars last fall, its attorney general instituted a mandamus procedure in the state supreme court to compel the Atlantic Coast Line railroad to furnish cars, and the court has recently rendered a decision sustaining the contention of the state officer.

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must be specifically alleged in the writ, and the proof must conform. In the matter of cars and other equipment a large discretion must be left to the management of the railroad and the state tribunal charged with railroad supervision.

CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANTS.

TRANSPORTATION and immigration agents of Oregon observe a perceptible movement of Californians into Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, this being particularly noticeable in the Willamette Valley, and it is suggested that last year's earthquake is the principal cause of it.

While the earthquake is undoubtedly one cause of this movement, we think that floods and droughts, the very climate itself that Californians boast of, are more potent causes. Except where irrigation is possible, the greater part of California is arid, and its great valleys are subject to frequent and very destructive floods.

We do not mean all of California, of course. It is an immense state, with a great variety of climate, soil, resources and opportunities, and will go right on growing, in spite of these "drawbacks."

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One big trouble follows swiftly upon the heels of another in San Francisco. It is now getting the reputation of being the worst strike town in the country. Both the strikes and the reputation hurt.

It is said Oregon is importing a carload of butter a day. Evidently the dairy industry will stand a good deal of rapid development.

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Small Change

The local ice trust hasn't got rich yet. Bathing suit business is not brisk yet.

Fairbanks might run well up in Iceland. Maybe Fred Merrill is a Democrat after all.

If Tarr runs, he will need a strong platform. So probably we will get no higher license after all.

The cyclone season has opened down in the southwest. Speaking of the council-to-be—"Good Lord, deliver us."

Some actresses never get too old to marry or be divorced. There is time for the crops to be destroyed several times yet.

Iceland wants a flag. Better have it of red flannel—something warm. The coast resort people are yet cheerful; they know it's bound to come.

Mr. Fairbanks is in the hands of his friends. But who are his friends? Isn't a mass meeting to nominate a few candidates for councilman in order?

So far the preachers haven't struck for higher salaries and longer vacations. Jamestown is like Pookahants when J. Smith called to see her—not ready yet to be seen.

Some clocks have struck many thousands of times, but never got less than a 24-hour day. Either Mr. Calhoun or the spokesman of the San Francisco streetcar strikers is a twister of the truth.

Roosevelt calls 50 years "Dear Willie." Think of a man 50 years old and weighing 300 pounds being a "Willie." A Maine man boasts of catching a salmon weighing 15 pounds. Salmon of that size out here are not wasted yet.

Now the Spanish baby isn't expected for two or three weeks, which will give the sports more time to bet on its sex. If we are to have a big Fourth of July celebration, let nobody become unreasonable and demand that it be safe and sane.

It is said some kids are trying to outdo their companions in calling one another liars, expecting to be president some day. A Texas man has 120 acres of peanuts and 40 acres of watermelons, but he was careful to locate his ranch 40 miles from the nearest neighbor.

Pittsburg is to have a 45-story, 700-foot high building. The top of it would be a good place for a lot of rich Pittsburg people to jump off of. Those Spanish doctors seem to have grown less about the time of the stork's visit than almost any neighbor woman would have known in this country.

The Washington Post says there are 57 varieties of Democrats. Why, more Democratic votes were cast last Saturday. Oregon Sidelights

Springfield may have a big brickyard. Trout are becoming numerous in Lost river. Prineville will have a creamery before long.

Morrow county's fruit crop is all right yet. Pendleton has formed a Twenty Thousand club. Only strawberries badly damaged around Milton-Freewater.

Gardening is a favorite pastime of Medford people, claims the Mail. Many Heppner people went fishing Sunday and caught several hundred trout.

There is scarcely a day but newcomers enter Union, looking for investment or location. A new boat launched at Independence, though only 15 feet long, is called the "Great Western."

J. M. Engle has received 7,000 basket willow cuttings from Iowa, to be used to prevent the banks of the Umpqua from washing away land on his big farm, says the Oakland Owl. The Heppner Commercial club has 85 members, many living out of town; has a \$5,000 building; has distributed 10,000 circulars, and is doing much good for that town and Morrow county.

While transferring some bees from one hive to another, a Dr. Van's mosquito net costume caught fire from the smoker and burned off the remaining dozen hairs from his head, leaving him as bald as a door-knob, says the Non-Paral. Union Republican: We find it doesn't do to blow too much about this climate. A modest little reference last week to the fact that frost had given us the go-by this spring, brought on a frost the succeeding night.

Vale Orlando: The measles are still king of all in Vale and vicinity. We hear of two or three new cases every day. We haven't published the names of those sick with them because we don't wish to name everybody in every issue of the paper. Summer Lake correspondence of Silver Lake Central Oregonian: And now we can all be good, for every other Sunday we are to have church services. Everyone who has listened to Mrs. Collins says she is a very pleasant speaker. She is 89 years old and so knows from experience some things. Blue Ledge correspondence of Medford Mail: Old camps are growing and new ones springing up almost daily. The boom of giant powder trails of the development of many promising properties and the building of new trails for the transportation of supplies to new fields. The Blue Ledge is progressing nicely indeed.