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We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count.—Emerson.

THE MILWAUKIE CLUB.

THERE IS NO good reason why that nefarious gambling hell known as the Milwaukee club should be permitted to continue in operation for another hour. It is conducted in open defiance of the law. Everyone connected with the management of the place, every employe and every inmate is subject to arrest.

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BRYAN AND GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

IT IS BEING said by newspapers opposed to Mr. Bryan, Republican and Democratic, that he has changed ground on the government ownership of railroads question, that he has abandoned the position he took less than a year ago, in order to secure the nomination for president next year.

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WARMTH NOT DEADLY.

TUESDAY the mercury rose in the official thermometer to 102 degrees in Portland. Other heat measuring instruments along the streets recorded more.

In his Madison Square Garden speech nearly a year ago Mr. Bryan did not, as his critics assume, push forward government ownership as a necessarily paramount or prominent issue next year.

He doesn't have to take any of that back in order to say that public ownership will not be an issue next

year because the people are not in favor of it yet and want to try government control first. Railroads of right ought to be public property, whether Mr. Bryan said so or not, to the extent of being operated in the public interest, and the government is already trying to exercise a good deal of ownership, or control, which amounts to about the same thing.

Later, in writing to Mr. Whitney of Massachusetts, he said: "This, however, is not an immediate question; at least, I am not sure the people are ready to consider the question of public ownership, and until they are ready to consider that question the interest is centered in regulation."

What Mr. Bryan has recently said and published is practically a repetition of these former statements, with the added statement, due to a year's observation of the situation, that public ownership would not be an issue next year. Why? Because, as he suggested a year ago might be the case, the people are not ready for it, don't want it, want to try regulation instead; and Mr. Bryan, knowing this better than he did a year ago, simply says so.

CENTRAL OREGON.

AWAY over in south-central Oregon, in southern Crook and northern Lake, for instance—is a good place for a poor, stout young man who wants to get a piece of land for a home, to go. Land there is cheap; much can yet be homesteaded and thus obtained for practically nothing.

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A young man with a team and wagon and, say \$100, can go into that country now and, by diligent, intelligent work in a few years can have a farm worth anywhere from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Senator Bourne long ago gained a reputation as a "stayer," and he seems to be living up to it, for he is staying back in Washington, or out of Oregon, for a long time.

Fairbanks received a great ovation in Boston. But that always was celebrated as a chilly town, and it naturally likes Fairbanks.

If Anna Gould-Castellane marries another spendthrift and gets into trouble, she won't get any sympathy.

reasons for them are quite generally understood here. But along with other facts favorable to Oregon they ought to be impressed as much as possible upon eastern people, in the Oregon literature sent out. When they read of 102 degrees in Portland, and know that 92 degrees kills many people in New York, Chicago and other eastern cities, they naturally conclude that the heat here must be deadly, unless specifically and thoroughly informed otherwise.

ARTIFICIAL RAINMAKING.

IT IS AN era of discoveries, inventions, new devices, improved apparatus, and astonishing accomplishment of things not long ago thought beyond human power, or more likely never thought of at all. So let us not sneer at Rainmaker Hatfield. He says he can work electrical apparatus on or from the top of a tower so as to produce substantial quantities of rain over a large circumjacent area, and there is some evidence that he is not mistaken.

The Ohio Republican leaders and spokesmen are a delightfully inconsistent and acrobatic lot of fellows. In their last convention they indorsed Senators Foraker and Dick equally with Roosevelt, though the senators were piling in exactly the opposite direction from Roosevelt; and now, while indorsing Taft for president, they "protest against the elimination of Senators Foraker and Dick," who are at cross-purposes with Taft.

What Causes a Lunar Eclipse?

Portland, July 29.—To the Editor of The Journal—To settle a dispute you will kindly answer these questions through The Journal:

1. What causes the eclipse of the moon? 2. Is it a shadow of the earth or is it the moon passing between the earth and the sun? But this must not be confused with an eclipse of the sun by the moon, which results when the moon passes between the sun and the earth.

An Ideal Beauty Contest.

Writing on the recent newspaper beauty contest in the August Everybody's, James Hunker says: "I confess I prefer the old-fashioned beauty contests of St. Louis or New Orleans, of Vienna or Arles, where the woman, life size, radiant, smiling, vital, walks before the enraptured eyes of the judges."

The "Tongues of Fire" lunatics should be sent to the asylum or to jail, the adult males being put to work on the rockpile. Experience with the "Holy Rollers" should be worth something. There ought to be bounds even to so-called religious liberty.

Pacific railroads may have to pay the government some \$40,000 for delays in carrying the mails. The traveling and business public can take their damages out in cursing.

Bennett and Jonathan.

From The Dalles Optimist. The rumor that Jonathan is at Sagamore hill, catching hay with the president is unfounded and untrue. Jonathan does not pitch hay. He sometimes makes hay, but he performs the labor vicariously, the newspaper, by doing the actual cutting, raking, hauling and stacking. However, this paper never looks any notice of his hay-making operations, except to try and get the miles to hulk and run away and walk a load now and then.

Letters From the People

Shall the Japs Be Excluded?

Portland, July 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—Will you permit me to say a few words in your columns regarding the Japanese menace to this coast? That the Japanese are a rapidly growing menace to the best interests of Americans in the Pacific coast states no impartial observer can deny.

New King of Finance

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Politics and Politicians.

Congressman Wesley L. Jones of the state of Washington has announced that he will be a candidate for the United States senate in 1909, to succeed Levi Ankeny.

Glouce de Dijon.

From the Pall Mall Gazette. Something of dawn. Went to thy making. Fairly and fast. Watched for thy night. Brought thee delight.

Better Burdocks.

From The Dalles Optimist. We seriously object to the name the Portland people have given their ball team. They call them Beavers. That word belongs to the state, and Portland is not the whole state by a long shot.

This Date in History.

1291—Founding of the Swiss Confederation. 1485—Marquis de Donoyville entered on his duties as governor of Canada. 1743—James Blair, first president of William and Mary college, died. Born 1654.

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Oregon Sidelights

Grain and hops all right around Gervais. Hubbard has three general merchandise stores. Irrigation already has fuel enough to last till spring.

A fair association has been organized in Coos county. Freewater is to have a new brick \$15,000 building.

Woodburn has ordered 1,200 gallons of oil for its streets. Get ready to go over to Tillamook's great fair August 23-25.

Manufacturing spraying material will be a new Hood River industry. Many wheat fields around Weston are yielding over 50 bushels an acre.

No hobos bother Hillsboro, where they would have to work on the streets. Sheep ticks are rapidly increasing around Prineville, says the Review.

A rancher near Condon has sold 250 tons of hay at \$10 a ton and has lots left. Corvallis will punish severely anybody found drunk in that soberly sober town.

A Newberg spring pullet has already laid a setting of eggs and is ready for setting. Klamath county will be well represented at the irrigation congress in Sacramento.

The Southern Oregonian estimates Medford's population at between 4,000 and 5,000. Life is better worth living in Woodburn than anywhere else, says the Independent.

A Washington county hen is a cow, and lays no eggs, so will doubtless come to a "bad end." Many Umatilla county fields are yielding 40 bushels an acre, some 50, and one yielded 55.

Solo now has the most wretched mail service she has had for the past fifteen years, says the News. The Elder, thinks the Albany Democrat, has atoned for all the seasickness she has ever caused.

Woodburn Independent: We will have a distillery. We will get that cannery. We will get more than one or two motor lines. Just keep your eye on Woodburn. "An East Side Bank for East Side People."

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