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Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires, but according to our consciences.—Amiel.

THE ROSE FIESTA AND THE STATE PRESS.

THE ROSE FIESTA which is to be held in this city next June will be much more than a local affair. It will serve to advertise Oregon quite as much if not more than it advertises Portland.

It is the purpose of the Rose Fiesta management to make the event such a conspicuous and brilliant success that it will attract attention all over the country.

To make the Fiesta completely successful Portland must have the hearty cooperation of the state. Already assurances of generous interest have been received from many cities and towns of Oregon.

It is highly important that the Fiesta shall be exploited within our own state even more fully than has yet been done. The papers of Portland are doing much in this direction, but vastly more can be done by the state press outside of this city.

PORTLAND'S TERMINAL STATIONS.

ACCORDING TO present plans of transportation managers there will within the present year or the next year to come be seven different passenger terminals of railroads entering Portland.

In the development of transportation as a science the public, as well as the purse of the railroad stockholder, is entitled to some consideration from the standpoint of economy and convenience.

The aged, the woman with children, the innocent who has never before traveled and has no idea of how to get from one place to another, are even more discriminated in having a journey broken by separation of passenger terminals in a large city.

These people, and not the convenience or prejudice of the railroad management, should be taken into account in the organizing of a

city's transportation facilities. Portland wants to be up to date. It should be said by travelers who come to Portland that this city is, in matters of human conveniences, alive to the requirements of modern civic progress.

WHEN GEARIN WAS SENATOR.

WHEN GEARIN was senator there was no quarrel in the delegation over distribution of patronage. The members were a happy family, as it were. They did not have to bother to write a contract, stipulating on what terms the offices should be parceled out among the brethren.

It has remained for the present delegation to be perhaps the first on earth to commit to writing their solemn vows as to how the offices should be bestowed among the "true blues."

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WILL OREGON GO DEMOCRATIC?

IF IN order to make a record for economy as a campaign issue, congress makes no provision for northwest waterways, Oregon ought to go Democratic. It is not certain that the state will not do it, anyway.

Besides, it would be a splendid thing for Oregon to go Democratic for president, if for only once. She has been too long a sure Republican state.

The state is now clamoring for government aid for her waterways. The call for this aid is akin to that which comes from a sinking ship. It is an appeal for relief.

cratic, and that is probably the thing that will happen. It would certainly put an end to the discrimination against which she has so long and so disadvantageously struggled.

THE MEN OF THE PRESS.

MANY COMPLIMENTS have been paid to the country press, many encomiums have been written upon it, and these were for the most part deserved.

We cannot on such an occasion particularize or differentiate, by name, but not a week passes but we see striking evidences of the enterprise and ambition displayed by some of our country brethren.

A noticeable feature of the country press is its real political independence. The average country newspaper is a very different thing from what it was a generation ago.

In other ways, too, the country press has progressed with the advancing times. It is at once an agency and a reflex of advancement, of a gradually growing civilization.

We confess to having read Dr. Day's book with a good deal of interest, not unmixed with admiration. We do not agree with all his propositions or ideas, but acknowledge that he is a writer of much force, and one who commands attention.



LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The Proposed Tax Amendment.

To the Editor of The Journal—Kindly allow me space to submit a few lines on the proposed tax amendment to the state constitution offered by the Oregon Tax Reform Association.

This amendment is justly recognized as approaching the single tax, or taxation of land values (not acres) as far as practical, and taking in consideration conditions in Oregon.

Part of the above argument will sound familiar to our voters, all of whom would like to see Oregon become a manufacturing state, and this reminds me of a letter I heard an ex-manufacturer say in a public meeting recently.

The state of Oregon owes the recovery of this fund directly to the execution of Governor Chamberlain, who executed an additional bond from State Treasurer Steel only a short time ago.

A Happy New Year. From the (East Portland) People's Press. It already looks as though Portland was to be fortunate among the cities of the nation to have cause to rejoice over the coming of 1908.

Province of the Press. Waldo, Or., Jan. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—I regret exceedingly

Open the Willamette.

Portland, Jan. 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—The opening of the Columbia and Willamette rivers to free and unobstructed navigation will if ever attained in the near future necessitate more activity on the part of those directly benefited.

War With Japan. Portland, Jan. 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—I want to say a thing or two in regard to this war talk which we are hearing so much.

Twenty-Five-Year History. The World Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1908, the 25th anniversary number of that well-known reference book, has just been issued.

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Achievement

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Trust in thine own untired capacity. As thou wouldst trust in God himself. Thy soul is but an emanation from the whole. Thou dost not dream what forces lie in thee.

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