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WATERWAYS COMMISSION REPORT.

THE REPORT of the Inland Waterways Commission, published in full in yesterday's Journal, is more than sufficient to justify its creation and maintenance. The report ably and exhaustively shows the importance of and necessity for the improvement of inland waterways.

THE MOUNT ANGEL TRAGEDY.

PERHAPS IT is the way of life for small boys to lose their lives in gunning accidents, like the melancholy affair at Mount Angel college. Every activity and every diversion seems to yield its harvest of death.

COST OF GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION.

THE cost of government constantly grows, and out of proportion to the growth of population and wealth. Is this necessary and inevitable, and if so when and where is the limit?

these matters, they are expensive affairs. Good roads and bridges are a prime necessity in any progressive country or state, and they cost lots of money.

OREGON BUTTER GOING EAST.

OREGON is squaring accounts with the east in the matter of butter shipments. Whenever in the past there has been a movement of the product, we have been importers.

DAIRMEN RAISING STANDARDS.

THE MOVEMENT for raising the standard of dairy cows in Western Oregon, if carried on in a legitimate sequel, will result in great benefit to the dairymen of the region.

THE GLEADDEST TIME.

I like it in the morning when the sun shines in across my bed. And seems to kind of whisper then, "Get up, you little sleepy head."

a 10-mule load with one lonely mule. It is, however, a truth that many farmers and numerous dairymen have during all these years been trying to make profit from a dairy with fifth-class cows.

Anti-Machine.

From the Silvertonian Appeal. The question of direct primary law and its connecting Statement No. 1 was tried two years ago in June before the Oregon State Board of Education.

People Should Decide.

From the Jefferson Review. Oregon has some 200,000 Republican majorities, with a lead like that, cannot defeat a Democrat, then the Democrat is a whole lot better than the Republican.

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From the Brownsville Times. It is a fact that every one of the seven newspapers in Linn county is a staunch advocate of Statement No. 1.

Opinions of State Press on Statement One.

Will Not Change Back. From the Myrtle Point Enterprise. The Oregonian and a good many leading politicians are indulging in a systematic attack on Oregon's initiative and referendum law and Statement No. 1.

Difference in Two Editors.

From the Seaside Signal. Colonel Henry Watterson, writing to his paper from Florida, says if the Kentucky legislature should unanimously pass a bill to elect a state senator he would resign to make room for the legislature to elect a Democrat.

Oregon's Political Octopus.

From the Gresham Herald. In a recent editorial the Oregonian says "that Republican candidate for the legislature who takes Statement No. 1 pledges himself to vote for George E. Chamberlain for the United States senator."

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Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice's Birthday.

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, the present British representative in Paris, and who is talked of as the probable successor of the Right Hon. James Bryce in the latter office, was born in the British war office and then in the foreign office, and for a time was assistant secretary to Earl Grey.

Letters From the People.

Questions for Mr. Palmer. Baker City, Or., Feb. 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—I have followed with interest the campaign that is being waged against the initiative and referendum law and Statement No. 1.

A Majority Candidate.

Logan, Or., Feb. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal—Being a firm believer in a government of, and for the people, I have therefore, from the start, been an ardent friend of direct legislation, direct primaries and Statement No. 1.

Democracy's Policy.

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Small Change.

Perhaps Henry and Fulton both tell considerable truth. At least no untoward weather can kill the crop of baseball fans. Before the tariff can be revised right, congress will have to be revised.

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Was it the trouble with Bruin that he was doing too honest and faithful service? Still, you can't reasonably expect Bruin to eat, he never puts his foot in his mouth.

Small Change.

Perhaps George Ade will write the Republican platform, but he must cut out slang. The battleship fleet will soon be in home waters again, if not off the Atlantic coast.

Small Change.

When Abraham Lincoln was a Republican, the party was young and comparatively innocent. But will Japan allow us to send some new battleships over for exhibition at that great exposition?

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There's snow now expecting anything else in February, says a Detroit paper. But it is different in Oregon. The do-nothing policy of congress is some advantage; it may not pass the Morgan-Aldrich currency bill.

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Who can deny that railroads are soulless, heartless, bloodless, cruel things? They won't let chorus girls ride without paying fare. The Pendleton Tribune editorially discusses "The Origin of Woman." Evidently it is skeptical as to the Adam and Eve story.

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Senator Tillman admits that he has not studied finance. But he probably looked over those Chautauqua contracts and counted the receipts. Hetty Green said—but she said she didn't say so much thing—or maybe she never said it—she didn't say it—but what's the difference?

Small Change.

Merchant tailors have been holding a national convention, but they are of small consequence here to a national convention of dressmakers or milliners. Democrats who will attend the convention at Denver, next summer hope that the hotel prices will not be any higher, at most, than Pike's Peak. By giving up some of his skin, a man saves the life of his son, a college student. But it is nothing very unusual for a college youth to "skin" his father.

The REAL FEMINE. LUTHER BURBANK'S SCIENCE.

MUCH as we have heard of Luther Burbank through the medium of magazines and newspapers, there remains always something to tell, and that something is always of interest. That he is to receive an appropriation of \$10,000 from the state, to be devoted to his experiments in plant development, is the news that this money will be put to its best use when it reaches Luther Burbank's hands.

Working quietly, studiously and without thought of publicity, through many years at the absorbing problems of the creation of new species of plant life by crossing known varieties, a field of labor all his own, Burbank has achieved results that are no less than astonishing. It is said that he now has under cultivation 3,600 new species of plants, some represented by thousands of varieties. His new fruits and fodder plants and notably the apical cactus, are watched with intense interest by botanists and agriculturists all over the world, to whom he has thus originated will preserve their type.

The common American corn is one of the plants in which Mr. Burbank is much interested. Singularly, this plant is not known in its original wild state. Mr. Burbank considers the South American wild grass, and notably the apical cactus, as having produced a simple grass that may be the original corn.

The St. Louis Democrat in commenting upon the possibilities which such a discovery opens, says that if Burbank had not been so successful in his work he would have been a great success. He has hitherto been but a theory, with naturalists, he has performed a notable scientific feat, and he has done so in a wide suggestion to the facts of evolution.

It would not be wide of the mark to say that corn has been the making of America. What it meant to the Puritan fathers we can only dimly recognize. Such a feat is primarily his business to wring from the soil in their early days, was chiefly through the cultivation of the corn to which the red men of the south has been its chief dependence as a nutritious and inexpensive food.

Nourishment for man and beast corn has furnished in abundance through the harvest of 300 years. If Burbank had not been so successful in his work he would have been a great success. He has hitherto been but a theory, with naturalists, he has performed a notable scientific feat, and he has done so in a wide suggestion to the facts of evolution.

The Daily Hint.

- Stewed Figs. BREAKFAST. Cream Toast. Coffee. Luncheon. Lima Beans. Scrambled Brains. Hot Biscuit. The Apple Sauce With Custard. Soft Gingerbread. Chocolate. Dinner. Oxtail Soup. Baked Halibut. Brussels Sprouts. Nut Bonana Salad. Rice Fudding. Wetmelon Cake. Coffee. Oxtail Soup—Wash two oxtails well and put to boil in cold water. Add one large onion, sliced, salt, pepper, and a couple of large carrots. Simmer gently four hours. Skin and strain the soup and serve with oxtails.