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PLAYING PETTY POLITICS.

IT SEEMS to be nothing less or else than a spirit of sheer, spiteful petty obstinacy that prompts the council to oppose the mayor's proposal to make inquiries with regard to public lighting and electric power, with a view to ascertaining whether the city is paying too much for the service, and whether a municipal light and power plant would be beneficial.

A POLITICAL BLUNDER.

THE majority in congress is making a political blunder. The six eventful months just passed have brought to the front many matters calling for constructive legislation. Several far-reaching court decisions have thrust conditions into the foreground requiring remedial legislation.

STATE RAILROAD LAWS NULLIFIED.

IT SEEMS to be generally agreed that the decisions of the United States supreme court in the Minnesota and North Carolina cases will nullify all state laws passed for the regulation of railroads whenever a railroad chooses to take a case involving any point in the state law to which they object into a federal court.

THE RIGHTS OF LABOR.

IT IS of consequence to the country that congress should enact into law that feature of the proposed amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law giving labor the right to organize, and the right of peaceful strike.

roads would come pretty near "owning the government" indeed.

These are very important, and far-reaching decisions. We have to duly respect them as the final court-made law of the land, but we think a large majority of the common people will incline to the dissenting opinion of Justice Harlan, who characterized the opinion as era-making in the history of the court, and said it had the effect of closing the courts of a state against the state itself, and predicted that the result would be disastrous.

HAITI AND SANTO DOMINGO.

THE little island of Haiti, containing some 18,000 square miles, is never long out of trouble. For several years the United States has been represented there by a receiver of customs who collects the revenues of the republic of Santo Domingo, and this will go on until the \$20,000,000 50-year 5-per cent bonds issued to pay the Dominican debts to foreigners, are paid.

A HOMESICK KNCKER.

AN ANONYMOUS correspondent of the Detroit News, writing from Seattle, advises people of Michigan and adjoining states not to come to this region, saying in part: "There is no work here, either for skilled or unskilled men. The Pacific coast was harder hit by the panic than any other portion of the United States, because it had only a boom prosperity, and could not stand the shock of hard times."

In the Wild East.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. Huntingdon is a town in Pennsylvania not very far from the capital of that frontier state. From a recent dispatch it appears that its suburbs are swarming with bears, wildcats and catamounts, that these animals attack the farmers on the outskirts of the wilderness, and the venturesome travelers on the trails that are called public roads.

The New Commandment.

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Copyright, 1908, by American-Journal-Examiner. I heard a strange voice in the distance calling me, and I knew it was the voice of a God-sent message of relief.

Chamberlain.

"Chamberlain," says the Oregonian, "is looking for Republicans who commend the policies of a Democratic governor." Well, that is a quite legitimate quest, if the Democratic governor's policies and record suit Republicans. What should voters care whether a governor is Republican or Democratic, if he serves them well? The party name has become something of a slight matter, at least in state affairs.

Opinions of State Press on Statement One

Yes, Whitaker Was Elected. From the La Grande Observer. In view of the fact that a Democrat has not been sent to congress within at least 30 years, and possibly longer, we called up several leading members of the party and without looking up their ancient histories they could not tell us what decade it was, or who the man was.

Parties Not Important.

Supposing a few disgruntled Republican bosses get together in Portland or elsewhere, and say—as they have said in former years—"You vote as we say and a Republican No. 1." Don't follow that. We will do No. 1. Not thinking men vote as they please. The bosses have lost their grip and have no control over the voters.

Under the Head of "What People Say."

From the Grants Pass Observer. "Have you noted how frantic the machine organs are getting over that harmless Statement No. 1?" asked one voter who is prominent in the community, and who resumed as follows: "They are wasting a lot of time and energy for the sake of a few dollars."

There Will Be Money in It.

From the Oregon City Courier. The money used in Oregon to carry the state against Statement No. 1, will not be raised to any large extent, in Oregon. There is great fear that popular election of senators will spread to other states. In such event it might be hard for the various great industrial and railway corporations and other great financial aggregations to own the state.

Oregon Sidelights

Everybody is so busy in Benton county that candidates are scarce. So far there is no candidate for the legislature. A Urantilla Chinaman named Tom Soak, 25 years of age, O. R. & N. coal sack, was arrested for being drunk at a little town, but was discovered and arrested too soon to suit him.

National Parties in Local Elections

In his paper on this subject, "National Parties in Local Elections," Mayor Brand Whitlock of Toledo said: "To me the cure for all the ills which cities suffer is not, as many suppose, less democracy, but more democracy."

Gerrit J. Dickema's Birthday.

Gerrit J. Dickema, representative in congress from the fifth district of Michigan, and one of the Republican leadership of that state, was born at Holland, Michigan, March 27, 1859, of Dutch parentage.

This Date in History.

1625—James I. of England died. Born June 19, 1566. 1684—First settlement in Maryland, that of St. Mary's, founded. 1697—Simon Bradstreet, colonial governor of New England, died at Salem, Massachusetts. Born in England in 1633.

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The REALM of FEMININE

Now that March is nearly over and danger of frost reduced to a minimum, the gardening may begin in earnest. These are some of the suggestions given in Suburban Life, but adapted to our locality, for getting the garden and orchard in trim for the season:

Prune the fruit trees and also the small fruits, gooseberries, currants and grapes. Wounds made in March will heal better than those made during the colder weather. Prune the hedges into shape before growth starts. Spray the orchards for growth scale.

The work can be done better now before the leaves come out than it can later. Use lime-sulphur-salt solution or some of the miscible oils. Frequently there are fruit trees on the place which bear poor fruit. In some of the limbs of each tree insert sections of good varieties which will bear. Three years will be necessary to work over the whole tree.

Plant early smooth peas just as soon as the ground is worked. Do not attempt to plant the wrinkled ones until later. They rot easily. Have a hot bed and plant lettuce, tomato plants, some of the miscible oils. Frequently there are fruit trees on the place which bear poor fruit.

Get rhubarb early, over each root put a barrel, the head of which has been pushed into a rich soil. The barrel is filled with horse manure and over the top of the barrel put a board to keep in the heat. Sow sweet peas. Start asparagus in a cold frame or in boxes in use house.

Grass seed can be sown now. Repair the ground where the grass roots have been pulled out. Scratch the surface of the soil, sow grass and roll. If the grass is thin all over the lawn, scratch the whole with a rake and sow about a pint of seed to 800 square feet. Roll the lawn.

The amateur gardener who has not room to carry out all of these suggestions yet feels the call of the spring and longs to be digging and planting may wish to get a few suggestions. There are some things which may be set out now. It is not too early to plant a few bulbs of lilies of the valley. They will be ready to flower in the fall. Some pansies may be set out, indeed, those that have been in the ground all winter in Portland are now blooming.

Seedlings of the early flowering plants in the late summer, but to get early blooms one must get the plants from the florist. It will not be long now before the early flowering plants have been so many new varieties developed from this favorite old shrub that one may have a fancy for them any time of the year. They grow rapidly here.

The Amoor lily is one of the showy flowers which are well adapted to the garden. It bears large, yellowish-white flowers. It retains its deep green foliage well through the season. The Persian lily is a very early bloomer. It grows from four to seven feet high and has slender branches which form a graceful outline. The flowers are pale purple, and there is also a white.

One who has but a little space must plan more carefully than he who can include all the plants in his garden. Catalogues and magazines are united in praise of nicotiana affinis, a variety of tobacco, which bears star-shaped white flowers which are very attractive during the summer nights. It is suggested as an excellent plant for a border to be placed in front of taller growing plants.

For color effects nothing surpasses poppies. They must be sown where wanted as they do not bear transplanting. They are all familiar with the Eschscholtzia, or California poppy which, though it does not attain such a radiant glow as the others, is very attractive. Another old favorite for color is the hollyhock. There are those who profess to be able to grow a new double variety, and they are showy, but the real old-fashioned single blossom is also beautiful. The clear, rosy pink of these, and the deep red make a beautiful mass against a tall fence. They should be sprayed with Bordeaux mixture for "hollyhock disease." It is often true that one who appreciates the things which are easy to get.

In magazines and in catalogues you will find the most desirable garden shrubs. Here, where it grows abundantly all over the hillsides, and where we may find many a little garden, the orange-armed of the fragrant sprays during late July and August, it is rarely seen in the gardens. Yet it repays cultivation. Its fragrance rivals the orange groves of Florida, or at least serves as an excellent substitute—and it is so beautiful with its long sprays of white and gold blossoms.

By careful planning the gardener may have something different during each month of the year. Beginning with April, the following are suggested: Anemone, in May, Sweet Williams, stocks and pansies; in June, iris, roses, sweet peas and carnations; July, these and also the petunias, hollyhock; August, larkspur, lilies, snap dragons, marigolds; September, asters, salvia, lupines, dahlias, foxglove, verbena; October, cosmos, autumn chrysanthemums, and the month of November, and they last well on until Christmas.

The Daily Menu. BREAKFAST. Stewed Prunes. Cereal. French Omelet. Broiled Bacon. Coffee. LUNCHEON. Creamed Oysters on Toast. Soft Cheese. Wafers. Sardine Salad. Tea. DINNER. Oxtail Soup. Baked Salmon, Egg Sauce. Stewed Tomatoes. Spaghetti. Creamed Spinach. Orange Cream. Nut Cake. Coffee.

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