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Good breeding shows itself most where to the ordinary eye it appears the least—Addison.

PARCELS POST

The Postal Progress League of New York is campaigning for a parcels post, recommending additional features to those recommended by Postmaster General Meyer.

WILL PORTLAND DO LESS?

AN UTTERANCE that should burn itself into the minds of all urban citizens was spoken in Temple Israel, Boston, last week by Rabbi Fleischer.

VALUE OF GOOD ROADS

BECAUSE AUTOMOBILISTS are unanimously in favor of good roads, farmers should not be less enthusiastic in the same behalf.

DIAZ AND MEXICO

PRESIDENT Porfirio Diaz, now in his 79th year, has consented to be a candidate for reelection.

horses and a man, is 9 cents per ton per mile. In Germany, where careful and complete statistics are kept, the cost over a turpentine road is less than half the cost over a country road.

WHAT CALIFORNIA NEEDS

CALIFORNIA NEEDS the recall. The people of that state ought to have the power to clean out their appellate court.

ABDICATED

From the New York World. A scene in the house of representatives, which alone has power under the constitution to originate revenue measures.

LABELED MEN

MEASURES ARE afoot to establish a Democratic newspaper in San Francisco. If its claim to support is to be based solely on its partisanship, its success will be doubtful.

RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE

From the Circle Magazine. Many business enterprises have been saved by the introduction of what has become a watchword in the commercial world.

CHARLES H. PARKHURST'S BIRTHDAY

Dr. Charles Henry Parkhurst, the noted Presbyterian clergyman and reformer, died here in Framingham, Mass. April 17, 1884.

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Running Shots

Written for The Journal by Fred C. Denton.

A dilapidated and declining mining town exemplifies the fact that population creates law.

With a mass of corporation lawyers assisting Taft to run the country the people must expect but little "big stick" work.

Any bunch of citizens have a right to assemble and recommend the people's board of public works. They can kneel down and worship the rusty, creaking "machine" an assembly may haul out the junk shop of the road and can mock and scratch and smile, for the party is no longer enshrined in an enthroned, on, or by any assembly of assembly of ward heeler or patrician.

England and other countries are snatching the last rag and crust from the pockets of the people. They are warring. The willingness of the purse and blooded aristocracy of every country to have the necessities of life and the means of production of the world. When it is proposed to tax the enormous land values then the aristocracy in all degrees of wealth, princes of the blood-royal to latest "codfish" protest in loud and strident tones.

When the necessity sets through with the film-film tariff reform bill its own 300 fathers would not know it.

For needed public improvements beyond the necessities of life we continue to tax improvements. The bonds do not make confiscation so apparent as a tax. The annual rental tax on the land in Portland is a tax that created by the entire community should go to defraying its municipal expenses. It is a tax without bonds.

An eastern man landed in Baker county recently and went to killing coyotes for fun. He found that each coyote was worth about \$50 for bounty and pelts and he has taken up the sport as a business. If our National Game warden would only allow the coyote hunting they would earn enough to pay expenses and qualify themselves as our defenders. Their country better than in most battles.

When a city has nearly 50,000 inhabitants and has to fight a fire in the morning paper denying and helping its owners take, no wonder it goes to a general establishment. Henry George found the theory of attraction of gravitation. He said that the theory of gravitation was a myth. To help the daily knocker hold a special privilege in receiving dispatches the city must lose millions.

With one man controlling all the railroads of the country and another all the money of the country, it would be to further consolidation in the interests of economy and industrial harmony.

Women and children wear too many stockings and gloves, anyhow. A high tariff would touch them economy in these superfluous lines of togger. A "barefoot boy" and the barefoot girl is much more attractive than the one with silk stockings.

England has one man out of four buried a pauper. Not one child out of five is born in a pauper's home. The revenue derived from the land of England pay only one fourth of 1 per cent of the national expenses. Some people say that there is no distinction between these things.

Land subject to homesteading still looms up into the millions on the books. In fact, however, there is very little left that can support a family or a man. The public lands remaining are mostly inhospitable mountain, desert or swamp lands. From time to time developments in transportation, irrigation or drainage, the opening of an Indian reservation or the relinquishment of some reserve forest or military strip give the public a chance. With land enough to support 2,000,000,000 we are facing a era of land famine and speculation such as the world has not seen.

Many thousands of acres of land in the mountains of Oregon that have been denuded of timber could be cheaply and easily renewed as forest lands with a little light stirring of the soil between the ridges and the scattering of seeds. Nature is ready to do much in this direction. Give her a little help.

Out of the chatter middle will come better things. Then further progress will be necessary.

What will a "business administration" of city affairs do? If some business men get at the helm it will do the public.

We must have more and better bridges.

If a city lighting plant is to cost so much to build and run, where is capital to be had? It is a question of kindly and profit-making monopoly that now threatens to leave the city in darkness unless the city submit.

Fewer officials and better ones is what the people want.

Why do the railroad wise-ones "cry peace, peace, when there is no peace?"

A few more bank failures might start another boom for guaranteed bank deposits.

This Date in History.

1784—Universal religious equality created by law in New York.

1815—Emmal A. Allibone, author of "Fanny Hill," died September 2, 1882.

1843—The steamer General Pike burned at the Mississippi.

1856—Quebec made the capital of Upper and Lower Canada.

1861—Virginia seceded from the union.

1865—Federalists took possession of West Point, Mass.

1870—The centennial of Paul Revere's ride.

1873—Over 300 persons perished in a collision explosion at Mons, Belgium.

1874—The first of the great Japanese and China signed at Shimonoaki.

1897—William J. Bryan declared in favor of the initiative and referendum.

Polite Sport

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas City sportsman.)

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