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TRYING TO RUB OUT HIS RECORD

M. R. BOWERMAN is an assemblyite. But he wants people to forget it. He is a pioneer and pillar of assemblyism. But he is trying to hide it from voters.

Mr. Bowerman started the ball rolling for assemblyism at the last legislative session. "I would rather vote for a convention candidate than for a direct primary candidate," he said in his senate speech.

That was the birth of assemblyism. That was the baptism and christening of assemblyism. That was a speech over which the assemblyite boys in the senate and in the lobby clapped their hands.

Probably the greatest deterrent to water terminal advance in the United States is the present adverse attitude of rail lines toward independent water traffic in their exclusive control of frontage.

THE PROPOSED amendment to the constitution providing for a verdict of three fourths of a jury in civil cases, and intended to decrease the number of appeals, is a very meritorious proposition.

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CONGRESSMAN HAWLEY is an assemblyite. He is a standpat. He is a bourbon. He is a Cannonite. He is an Aldrichite.

money has been raised otherwise than by taxation. It would be very interesting to learn how the federal government gets any money to spend except by taxation, of one kind or another.

The Oregonian advises voters to vote in favor of a constitutional convention. This is wanted by the predatory corporations, and all enemies of the initiative, referendum, recall and State One, and by all the old discarded politicians.

Dr. Cudlipp for Prohibition. To the Editor of The Journal: In last night's issue of The Journal, November 1, there is a report of an address delivered by Sidney Story, at Oakland, Or., in which he declares that Dr. Cudlipp is not in sympathy with the prohibition movement.

THE OREGONIAN says it never heard of Hugh McLain. Then why worry about the candidacy of Mr. McLain for railroad commissioner?

IN A SPEECH on the street last night Mr. Lafferty said his name is his own and that he can change it as often as he pleases.

FROM COLLIER'S WEEKLY. Shortly after the Arizona statehood bill became a law some men closely identified with President Taft, Postmaster General Hitchcock, and the National Republican machine secured control of the Arizona legislature.

THE FRENCH cabinet has resigned. But that happens often, not only in France, but in other southern European countries. It only takes a trifle to create a "crisis" over there.

Letters From the People. Normal Schools. To the Editor of The Journal:—We are asked to vote for normal schools, especially the one at Monmouth.

Small Change. A hobble hat might not be so bad. Oregon needs more hogs and hens. Party has ceased to be the principal thing.

Measures to Increase Two City Salaries. Remuneration of Attorney and Engineer Involved. Among four measures to be voted on at the special city election next Tuesday are two that relate to the salaries of city attorney and city engineer.

November 4 in History—Felix Mendelssohn. On November 4, 1847, Felix Mendelssohn, one of the greatest of all musical composers, died at Leipzig.

THE STOVEPIPE SEASON. (Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet.) The stovepipe season is a feature of this column in The Daily Journal.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. Grain acreage will be larger than usual. Two members of the U. of O. Glee club are Chinamen.

OUR WEEKLY JOKE. Tell me a story, papa dear, said William Faversham Devere. "All right," says Pop, "once on a time a kid like you picked up a dime, but an honest cop—" The boy turned pale, and said, "Don't spring a fairy tale."

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THE WATER MAIN AMENDMENT

HOW NEW water mains shall be paid for is a question that concerns every taxpayer of the city of Portland. There is danger that many voters, because not understanding its effect, will be led to support an amendment to change the method of payment, to be voted on next Tuesday.

By this amendment the cost of all future bonds for the Bull Run pipe lines and reservoirs would be shifted to the water consumer. This burden is new borne by general taxation and should remain there, because this is an improvement of transcendent benefit and adds value to all the property of the city.

Under this amendment unimproved property would bear none of the cost of water mains, but holders of such property would be prompt to advance the price of their holdings as soon as mains were constructed in front of their property.

The proposed change would not be for the benefit of the poor man in the newer sections of the city, as might at first glance be supposed. Such consumers would be called on, not only to pay their share from the water fund, but would keep on paying as other extensions are made in ever-growing greater Portland, and would be made to pay the greater part of the cost of big fire protection mains in the business district.

Meantime, be it remembered, the water consumer would in all probability be paying increased rates because of the new burdens thrown upon the water fund and he would also be paying the interest on the bonds proposed to be issued to pay for new mains and redeemed from the water fund.

The amendment would entrust to the "judgment of the water board" the discretionary power to lay mains in new districts when it believes the revenue would equal 8 per cent of the original cost. This provision is elastic and it might easily be abused to favor certain property owners and certain districts.

The present law on water main payments is good. The most of the cost should be borne by abutting property and the remainder distributed to general taxation or the water fund. As the law stands, part of the cost of any main, of any size, can be paid from the water fund. Bond issues were expressly authorized two years ago to pay for mains 10 inches and over from the water fund.

The fact that the present administration has seen fit to throw all the burden on abutting property and has not renewed an inequality as it is the system. The law as it is embodies the correct principles. It might have done, is not the fault of would be a mistake to reverse engines and go to the other extreme.

The proposed amendment would play into the hands of lot speculators, nonresidents and would mean higher water rates. Vote no.

RAILROADS AND WATER TRAFFIC

THE INCREASE in Chicago's population from 1900 to 1910 was from 1,693,575 to 2,485,383, 49 per cent. This was a smaller percentage of growth than for any decade since Chicago was a village of less than 100 people in 1823.