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ON THE WAY TO EMPIRE

THE advent of the Oregon Electric was celebrated at Albany yesterday, with a great crowd in attendance. The real significance of the Oregon Electric is its typification of the fact that James J. Hill is operating in Oregon.

THE NEW ALIGNMENTS

THE bolt of Taft by Governor Osborn of Michigan and his support of Woodrow Wilson disclosed the complications to result from the present political revolution. Osborn is one of the seven Republican governors who joined in urging Roosevelt to become a candidate.

IN CALIFORNIA

PORTLAND establishment has been awarded the contract for building a concrete bridge at Ventura, California. The structure is to be 1,000 feet long and to cost about \$60,000.

HELPING OUT THE TAXES

THE inhabitants of Wake county, N. C., ran short on tax money for the support of the county's schools. But there was a bit of land unused round each schoolhouse.

beautiful scenery. There is more of the picturesque to contemplate. But Oregon makes no bid for tourists. We fight over road plans. We debate but do nothing. We preach about the value of good roads but do not build the roads.

PROGRESSIVES ABSOLVED—NO. 2

NO La Follette Republican is under the slightest obligation to support Mr. Taft. No Roosevelt Republican is under the slightest obligation to support Mr. Taft.

OUR COMPLICITY

BECAUSE of a few drinks and a loaded revolver, a boy of eighteen is awaiting trial in the county jail for attempt to kill. He is one of four boys landed in a Portland prison within a week on account of pistols.

EXPANDING TRADE

IT will be remembered that a few months ago a representative of the Maple Leaf Steamship company visited Portland on his tour of the Pacific coast, to ascertain the possibilities of cargo between these ports and England.

THE CATTLE OF THE NATION

THE rising prices of farm and ranch land are only one of the causes that maintain the high price of cattle. It is obviously true that low-priced cattle cannot be raised on high priced land and feed.

THE NOW FAMOUS RYAN

THE now famous Thomas F. Ryan went as a delegate to Baltimore to beat Woodrow Wilson for the presidential nomination. Ryan got into the convention in a peculiar way. There was a fight between Wilson men and Clark men in one of the congressional district conventions of Virginia.

set to work, and were, in working, taught the practical side of gardening and intensive farming, but they were associated with their fathers and mothers in the profit-making for the schools.

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Thomas F. Ryan From the Atlantic Journal. John Shelton Williams, banker, railroad magnate, southerner, of Richmond, Va., gives out an interesting interview of his experience with Thomas F. Ryan, who was seated as a delegate from Virginia on the floor of the Democratic convention in St. Louis.