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POLITICAL NEGLECT.

It is quite true, and the fact has deep significance, as ex-President Harrison observes in a recent magazine article, that "God has never endowed any statesman or philosopher, nor any body of them, with wisdom enough to frame a system of government that everybody could go off and leave." There is, says the *Globe-Democrat*, a constant and serious necessity of watchfulness on the part of those who are affected by its operations, particularly under such a system as ours. The machinery is not so organized that it can be relied upon to render the desired service by virtue of its own inherent power. It is only what the men make it who are intrusted with the control and direction of it, and what it is permitted to be by the people. The idea of the delegation of authority to chosen political agents does not carry with it the condition of exemption for citizens from duty and responsibility. They are still in honor bound to exercise unremitting vigilance with regard to the manner in which public affairs are conducted. They have not the right and they cannot afford to assume an attitude of indifference in that respect. "It is not enough," as Mr. Harrison says, "to construct and to start." There must be close supervision to insure success, and no opportunity to encourage faithful officers or to condemn delinquent ones should go unimproved. The obligation of personal attention never ceases. It is the basis of good citizenship, and cannot be safely or exorbitantly disregarded on any occasion.

The American people have the reputation of taking more interest in politics than those of any other country; but as a matter of fact, this interest is apt to be only spasmodic, generally speaking, and not regular and persistent. When there is a president to be elected, for instance, they rally to the support of their respective parties in a zealous way, and as long as the campaign lasts the air is filled with political enthusiasm. But after the election, calmness and lukewarmness ensue, and nobody seems concerned about the matters that so recently caused so much activity and excitement. This comparative lethargy usually continues until the time draws near for another casting of votes, and meanwhile gross abuses often creep into the processes of legislation and administration, and trusted agents turn out to be disappointing because they have not been properly watched. The average citizen is absorbed in his private business to an extent that practically suspends his relation to politics, and the public interests are left to the mercy of circumstances. Prof. Bryce related, with an accent of surprise, that when he was in this country he traveled clear across the continent without once hearing a word spoken on any political topic. His experience is hardly to be taken as a constant illustration; but it is true, unquestionably, that there is a prevailing disposition, except at certain intervals, to subordinate politics to other subjects.

This form of neglect, this evasion of duty and responsibility, is the source of most of our political evils and misfortunes. We allow mistakes to be made and wrongs to be perpetrated that might be prevented. The theory that what is everybody's business is nobody's business blunts the sense of heedfulness and provides chances for mischief to take root and grow.

Sheriff De Rackin informs the Walla Walla Statesman that Sprague is fast losing population since the loss of the N. P. car shops and division headquarters. Before the fire, Sprague had a population of 2900 with 600 voters. It is doubtful whether the registration for the next city election will show more than 100 voters. The life of a railroad town is certainly very uncertain unless that town is backed by other resources, as is The Dalles. The taking away of the railroad shops from this place, while it was a loss to be regretted, did not prevent the growth and prosperity of the town. Although we have made good progress without the O. R. & N. Co. shops, we would bless any stroke of fortune that would bring them to us again.

Every business man and every professional man should hasten to aid the committee of seven in their endeavors to form an organization conducive to the welfare of the town. The Dalles needs an organic body which will represent the business solidity of the town.

represent the business solidity of the town. Pendleton, La Grande, Baker City, Walla Walla and other places, no greater than The Dalles, have these organizations, and find in them an opportunity for good to the town. Now that the project has been started, it must not be allowed to drop. Every business man should lend hearty support to the new organization.

The Dalles has long needed a board of trade or a commercial club. It now looks as if it were going to get what has been one of its greatest needs.

ABOUT AN OPEN RIVER.

Arlington Record: Paul Mohr is out buying right-of-way for his portage around Tamwater and Cello. He is repeating the much worn story that the portage will be completed in time to haul the next crop. This much is certain, he has been buying right-of-way and paying the cash for it.

Goldendale Sentinel: Brother Ireland says a canal and locks can be built around the upper obstructions in three years. We agree with him, but as the government isn't in that big a rush and the engineers have recommended a boat railway, we'll have to take what we can get. The government never rushes anything, especially when there's a railroad company working against the improvement. We believe Uncle Sam's agents make more money by taking it easy, in such a case, and going slow. Nothing is generally gained by bucking against the recommendations of the government engineers, so the people and press should help rush the thing through, for they will accomplish no more by objecting than the fellow that sits by and sucks his thumb.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles uncalled for Dec. 7, 1895. Persons calling for the same will give date on which they were advertised:

Barger, Mary & W S Bramlett, A
 Brown, Miss M Clark, James W
 Adams, Miss S J Farney, Mrs F N
 Hannaman, A M Hoffman, Will
 Hoy, Tom Humphrey, E
 Johnson, Carl J Kincaid, Newton (2)
 Morgan, Sheppard Mowry, J B
 Roach, A Stamal, Hy
 Smith, Sherman (or Wilson, W C
 W C)

J. A. Crossen, P. M.
 If suffering with piles, it will interest you to know that De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. This medicine is a specific for all complaints of this character, and if instructions (which are simple) are carried out, a cure will result. We have tested this in numerous cases, and always with like results. It never fails. Snipes-Kinersly Drug Co.

The steamer Sarah Dixon, which temporarily is under charter by The Dalles Portland and Astoria Navigation Company had a rather lively time on the lower river during the hurricane, of which mention was made yesterday. The wind began blowing as soon as the Dixon left Portland and continued till Cascades was reached. The elements were out in full force and the steamer had to force her way through a young tornado. Although the wind was blowing against her all the time, under the skillful management of Capt. Johnson and his assistants, the Dixon arrived at the Locks without any material delay. Flood nor wind cannot keep the D. P. & A. N. Co. from doing what it starts out to do.

Wife—Here's an account of a man who shot himself rather than suffer the pangs of indigestion. Husband—The fool! Why didn't he take De Witt's Little Early Risers? I used to suffer as bad as he did before I commenced taking these little pills. Snipes-Kinersly Drug Co.

Wanted.
 A girl to do housework. Apply at this office. n22:31w2.
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LOST.
 One gray horse, string halted in both hind legs; one small gray mare, branded diamond J on shoulder; one sorrel mare, with small piece out of one ear. A liberal reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery. Address this office or O. B. Hartley, Hood River, Or. n20-1m.

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That is DR. HENLEY'S Celery, Beef and Iron
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And She Won't Want to Vote, Either
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 Only a few names as a "persuader."
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 May Pink
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 Peach Blossom
 Not mentioning common odors.
 Just received, a new and elegant bulk of Handkerchief Extracts and Sachets, principally "Lundborgs," at
Donnell's Drug Store.
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"There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at its flood leads on to fortune."
 The poet unquestionably had reference to the
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