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Character is the best capital a man can own; it is the best security he can offer in time of need. It is better collateral than bonds, notes or mortgages. These may be lost or destroyed, but character lasts while life lasts.—George H. Maxwell.

## THE PASS IN POLITICS.

Washington and Idaho legislatures are savagely fighting the railroad pass evil.

Since legislature and railroads have existed in the United States, enough free passes have been furnished legislators to form a beautiful mosaic pavement decorated with the autographs of railroad presidents, over a considerable territory in that country where railroads are unknown.

It has become a custom to give and accept a pass. Men ride on them and curse railroads while doing so. They accept the compliment as a matter of business; they don't take it in the light of a price for their liberty.

But that is what it is. It represents a sale. It may not say so in words, but there is a principle attached to the transaction that does not permit of denial.

If you "tip" the porter and he don't brush your hat and help you on with your coat, what do you think? What do you say?

If you gently slip a silver quarter into the fingers of the waiter, and she don't show understanding enough to smile and bring the second quarter of pie, what do you say?

The pass is your "tip." You become the waiter, the porter, the lackey, when you take it—If you take it simply because it is free to legislators, and not to you, on personal considerations—and the corporation expects you to shine its shoes, brush its hat and smile as you deliver the people's pie to it.

That is the meaning of it. All the laws and customs to the contrary cannot make it anything else.

Idaho is suffering acutely from this old practice. Many of her legislators come by way of Spokane and Pendleton to Boise, travelling from 500 to \$600 miles. The mileage is an enormous expense.

An effort was made to return the mileage to the state where members were furnished free passes, but this was defeated.

Washington's governor bitterly censures the railroad lobbyists and says the power of the pass, in defeating the railroad commission bill, will turn that state into the democratic fold.

Happily, Oregon is not openly accused of trading in this line yet.

Some wholesome legislation might prevent it in future.

## ROOSEVELT'S INTERFERENCE.

The action of President Roosevelt in sending a personal message to the legislature of the state of Utah advising that body not to elect a Mormon United States senator is a piece of truly Rooseveltian impudence. It is none of Theodore Roosevelt's business whom the legislature of Utah elects to the senate or any other office. If a Mormon is unfit to be a United States senator he is unfit to be a postmaster or other federal official, and yet President Roosevelt has appointed many Mormons to such positions. The Rooseveltian gallery plays are

growing wearisome. He seeks to conduct the United States of America much as if it were a stock company of which he is not only president, but general manager as well.

President Roosevelt informs the people of Utah that they should not have for United States senator the man they want, and he informs the people of Indiana, Mississippi, that they must have the negroes they don't want for postmistress.

## REDUCED INTEREST RATES.

The first bill introduced in the state senate, after organization, was one to reduce the rate of interest on money loaned by the state from the irreducible school fund, from 6 to 4 per cent per annum.

The bill should become a law without a dissenting vote.

The reduction of this interest rate from 6 to 4 per cent was a boon to farmers who need money. It stimulated energetic men to take advantage of low interest to improve rundown farms, stock them with cattle and sheep and become independent of money lenders.

The state can afford to further reduce this rate. The school fund is accumulating fast, is now unwieldy and should be loaned at a rate of interest that would induce men to put it to legitimate uses in improving the country.

Oregon is no longer in swaddling clothes. She is a prosperous, mature enterprise and as such should encourage local pride and local improvement by helping those who are willing but helpless.

Real estate is unquestionable security for the school funds. It should be in use drawing 4 per cent interest, instead of lying idle in the state treasury.

It is a happy condition found in Oregon, in which farmers are not compelled to borrow, although \$750,000 of state funds are available at 6 per cent.

But if this enormous fund were to be procured at 4 per cent, on real estate, many energetic men would gladly enlarge and improve their holdings, to the glory and prosperity of Oregon.

The people of La Grande are struggling with a new charter, which, as now framed, places the city, the people and the public utilities at the mercy of the council. On the final settlement of public questions the people should have a right to vote, at least.

The sketch of L. T. Harris by Murray Wade, in Tuesday's Telegram, makes the speaker of the house look like the picture of Czolgosz in a meditative mood. People who have never seen Mr. Harris will wonder how he won on that awful face, as outlined in the sketch.

A referendum vote on the fair appropriation would be so overwhelmingly in favor of it, that the legislature would feel ashamed to think it doubted the people's willingness to the extent of referring the matter to them.

## FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

The King's county, New York, grand jury, the other day, made a strong report on the inadequacy of street railroad facilities and emphatically advocated the annulment of the charters of the monopoly and the public ownership and control of the roads. In the following "plain language:"

"The only solution of this vexed problem of metropolitan transportation is municipal ownership and operation of the means of public travel. These street railways, elevated railways and tunnels, all the facilities of

metropolitan transit that have been given away for absolutely nothing until recently, and practically nothing in this day, should be brought back where they naturally belong, under the control from which they passed, the ownership and operation of the public.

"We are of opinion, also, from statistics submitted to us, that experience has demonstrated that, under public control, these railway systems would not only be operated efficiently for the public, but that fares could be reduced to three cents, still leaving a large net surplus after the cost of operation is met, which could be applied to reduce general taxation."

The whole nation will wake up some day to the necessity of public ownership, not alone of the railroads, but of all public utilities.—San Francisco Star.

## DEMOCRACY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

State schools are, so far as mental training and the acquisition of knowledge go, vastly superior to either church schools or individual schools. Private and church schools tend to breed caste and division among the children of the community. The public school, on the other hand, is the mirror of the republic. In the public schools of a town you have the purest democracy in the world.

When we look at the hard facts we see that it is folly to blame schools for defects of blood, lapses of virtue and blight of character, which neither our laws nor our policy require the schools to combat. You must blame the church, you must blame the offenders, you must blame yourselves when your children become the victims of intemperance, vice or impiety.—President J. G. Schurman of Cornell University.

## ALL TOGETHER, NOW.

In the good old summer time, In the good old summer time, For all the hard coal in the ground we wouldn't give a dime.

When people sweat Darn few, you bet, Will think of frost and rime And now we see what jays we were. In the good old summer time, In the good old winter time, In the good old winter time, Our name is Dennis, you can bet; We feel just ripe for crime;

We offer gold, Yet we are told In prose and not in rhyme, "Go way back and cool off some more In the good old winter time."—T. O. C., in Baltimore Sun.

W. H. Watt, who attempted to commit suicide in Portland Monday, is a prominent banker of Halley, Idaho.

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