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As to the selfish man in the world, his works are like a vapor in the parching plain, which the thirsty traveller thinketh the thirsty to be a lake of cool water, until, when he cometh thereto. findeth it to be nothing but a delusion that sharpens stones in the dreary pathway. -Koran

#### BEWARE OF PARTISANISM.

The East Oregonian opposed the movement to change the city charter ter last winter, from the present appointive to elective methods of selecting the city marshal and recorder on the grounds that politics should not enter into municipal elections.

As long as men are selected for their business qualifications and fitness for the office without regard to their politics, the appointive method is the surest method of securing good government. As long as the council is made up of non-partisans, selected on higher grounds than that of point ical affiliation, the East Oregonian will favor the appointive method of selecting the marshal and recorder.

It believes in a business administration, and to get the most business principles into the city government the nasty ear-marks of the politician must be erased from the personnel of the council. It must be free toact in the interest of the people, no matter what political considerations stand in the way, and must be under obligations to no power except to the taxpayers of the city of Pendleton.

Whenever the politicians attempt to make the city government their plaything, and to select men for the city offices because of the soothing effect their election will have upon old factional sore, then this paper says to the voters of Pendieton to assert their rights as American citizens and change the charter to elect all officers.

Whenever the power delegated to the council by the voters is endangered by the fact that the councilmen and mayor are to be selected because of their politics, instead of their business qualifications and experience, then It is time for the taxpayers to take this power from the council and mayor, and use it themselves, through the ballot,

As long as business men are to be at the head of the municipal government, irrespective of their party affilintions, it is safe to delegate the appointive power to the council.

But whenever the politicians begin to trade offices for peace, and to patch up partisan trenches to gain complete control of the city government, then all power belonging to the people should be taken from the hands of the council in order that the people may assert their choice, operating room, and the responsibility be placed "A case treated like this is

where it rightfully belongs. The city is now in a highly prosperous condition. It can be continued in this condition by a strict adberence to business principles, or it can be thrown into the political "grab bag" and made the toy of the politician to the sorrow of the taxpayer.

#### THE SPECIAL SESSION.

The omission of the levy clause in the new assessment and taxation law, is due to the policy of "railroading" bilis through at the last hour.

The Phelps assessment bill was in troduced in the house on January 19, and for one solid month it was kept between the frying pan and the fire in the bouse and house committees going to the senate for consideration on Pebruary 19, or one day before adjournment, with some hundred other

bills, all crying for immediate action Recognizing the many good features of the bill, the senate, in the brief time allowed for consideration of it, passed it rather than kill it, even though the house had juggled with it during 30 days of the session, without giving the senate chance to consider it closely.

The house committee on assess ment and taxation, consisting of Phelps, of Morrow, Robbins of Baker, of Multnomah Huntley of Clackamas, and Fisher of Multnomah, is wholly responsible for the blunder, as it held the bill under consideration from January 19 until February 9, when it reported it back to the house with minor changes As much consideration as this com mittee gave the bill, should have revealed any omission in its construc-

The oversight of this committee will cost the state at least \$15,000 for a special session besides throwing the county, state and school government into a turmoll on the prospect of a total absence of funds with which to meet current expenses,

If the referendum amendment, which says a law shall not become effective until 90 days after its passage, holds good, the situation in Oregon is very grave. School districts must have funds, counties must pay running expenses and the special sexsion cannot possibly convene before December 15 or 20, making it impossible for the act of the special session, authorizing the levy, to become effective before March 15, at least,

There are now five vacancies in the legislature, which, according to the constitution, must be filled by special election before the legislature convenes. Ahis will necessitate a delay, in issuing a lices and calls for the election.

The vacancies are those of C. W. Fulton, now United States senator, J. Williamson, now congressman. and Daly, of Benton county, now surveyor-general of Oregon, besides those of Senator Mulkey, of Polk, who has moved out of his county. and Representative Davy, of Marion county, who, it is said, has given up his residence in that county,

The governor's return from East is now anxiously awaited. The emergency now confronting the state demands prompt action and it is thought he will call a special session to convene at the earliest possible

One reform which should be instituted in Pendleton and every other progressive city is the custom of requ'ring all women to remove the hats in church. It is impossible to enjoy a sermon if the listner cannot see the speaker, or if only faint glimpses of the speaker are caught in the maze of plumes and feathers. It is unpleasant to twist the neck and almost stand straight, in the effort to see the minister in the pulpit, and where the floor is not built on the incline plan, it is impossible to him without this. The winter season is coming on. Meetings will be held more frequently and will be more largely attended and this custom should be adopted now, at the beginning of the active season in church work. The adoption of this custom will make it more pleasant for all, and will impose no inconvenence on the women. It will be a standing inducement to larger church

#### PROFESSIONAL SLANDER.

A special cable message to the Inter Ocean quotes Dr. Lorenz, the fa- and mous Vienns surgeon, as follows: I am sick of being slandered and if it were not for the dear children I have benefited I would re pent ever having crossed the At-

"The false statement that the op eration on Lolita Armour was a fail Reliable Companies second visit to America

"I was first called to Mr. Armour's child last October. I found the case a very difficult one. The little gir The little girl had been operated upon by a doctor who said he was well acquainted with the Lorenz method. The truth was that ten years ago, before I myself dreamed of my present method, this doctor had been five minutes in my

times as difficult as one on which nothing has been done. Still, I performed the operation, and Lolita was about with a plaster cast about both

hips. was arranged that I should go back to America in April, when it would be time to remove the cast. In April I stayed on Michigan avenue, Chicago. I was happy to see

"It was arranged before my sailing for Europe that I should go to Beach Bluff to see Lolita again. But the child took the measles, her seaside journey was delayed, and I re-turned to New York, where I found a message saying: 'Quite recovered. I am sorry Lolita could not see you before you left. She now is quite re-covered and expects to go east in a few days. She walks really very well. All are delighted with the progress made since you last saw her

Lolita sent four enormous baskets of delicious fruit for my voyage, arriving in Europe I wrote to thank her and said, as I could not eat all the fruit, I gave some it to the children on board. Lollta made her nurse answer. She asked what the nurse answer. little girls looked like, as she didn't want me to have too good times with other little girls!

"Mrs. Armour was interviewed in Europe several times as to the al-leged failure of the operation, and emphatically denied it each time.
"The last letter I had from the Ar-

dated Sept. 7, said: Lolita is very happy and is going

to dancing school. She sends lots of Dr. Lorenz also showed a letter from Mrs. Mason of Monroe avenue whose little girl, Belle, was Cnicago, whose little girl, Belle operated on at the same time.

Belle has been walking alone for a month. Every day we The debt of gratitude is great er than words can ever expres

A letter from Dr. Gaudet of New Orleans, dated Sept. 10, thanks Dr. Lorenz for saving his little nephew Amede Gaudet, and speaks of the marvelous success of the operation and the gratification of the medical profession over eight cases in which the plaster cast has been removed. Dr. Lorenz operated on no cases of children in New York or in Chicago during his second visit which proved

"Dr. Gibney was not my associate. he says, "but is a doctor, who against my advice, operated on a girl I lost patients for over when I tried the method. think others should profit by experience. Gibney said Lolita could not walk



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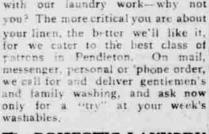
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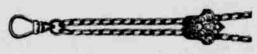
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