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- A writer in the Chicago News gives the following seven ambitions which accompany the seven ages of man:
- 1. To be a street railway conductor.
- 2. To be a professional ball player.
- 3. To be able to lick the school principal.
- 4. To marry the smartest girl in the class.
- 5. To be the president of the United States.
- 6. To make a decent living.
- 7. To keep out of the poor-house.

WHAT WILL THE COUNCIL DO?

The only plan under which the city of Pendleton should grant a 25-year franchise to the Northwestern Gas and Electric Company is to take a per cent of its earnings for each year.

Under the plan now being considered Pendleton can only receive \$7,000 from this company for 25 years, no matter if the city grows to ten times its present size and the profits of the company increase 100-fold.

Do the taxpayers of this city want to barter away their matchless, priceless, rights for a pittance?

Do they want to give to this company the exclusive privilege of selling light and power in this city for the next quarter of a century without increased rental from its extending business?

Grant this franchise under only one condition: that the company pay the city a per cent of its annual income, and that its plant and business in this city be subject to purchase by the people at any time dating from the day the franchise is granted.

In this way as the city grows and the income from this monopoly increases, the taxpayers will receive a proportionate remuneration for the value of their franchise.

Think of giving away a 25-year franchise in the city of Pendleton, on the basis of 6,500 population!

What a pittance this proffered rental will be in a city of 20,000 people, which is possible in 15 years from today!

Think of paying a fuel price to this company fixed on a basis of present fuel values, when development in the next 10 years may bring coal to Pendleton at one-fourth the present cost!

Selling a franchise for a quarter of a century in a thriving, growing, developing city is no small matter. You are not dealing alone with present issues and emergencies—you are toying with the rights of the coming generations!

Give Pendleton a perpetual per cent of the income and leave the door open for municipal ownership, at any time the people see fit to embrace the opportunity.

The taxpayers do not rightly estimate the enormity of the question now being considered by the city council.

All franchises belong to the people. The council should grant no franchise until the people vote on the franchise question.

Call a mass meeting and talk over the franchise issue.

The council is considering a proposition to barter away for the insignificant pittance of \$7,000 a 25-year exclusive privilege that would be worth \$50,000 to the people of Pendleton, at a moderate rate of business expansion. What will you do?

Less than two weeks remain in which the school room question in Pendleton must be threshed out and settled. It would be criminal to fail to provide school room for the growing children this year. The conditions surrounding them make or mar their lives. They must accept whatever the community provides for them. They cannot choose, they can only suffer or enjoy as the condition imposed upon them is oppressive or pleasant. Nothing must be left undone by the board to meet the requirements of the taxpayers. The board must pass this question up to the citizens of Pendleton and remove every obstacle complained of. Make it known just as quickly as possible where these buildings are to be erected so there will be no excuse for voting down this question of light, health and happiness for the helpless school children of Pendleton. Make it a fair and square issue that cannot be dodged this year on any frivolous technicality or objections, whether this community wants suitable school facilities or not. The children are here, not by their choice, and the parents who must answer for their keeping are responsible for the conditions that surround them. Pendleton has built up her private schools by public subscription, largely; now provide for the children that must attend the public schools.

The Morning Oregonian gloats over a story from Washington telling of the alleged offer of W. R. Hearst of \$1,000,000 to the democratic campaign fund. It forgets to mention how the millions in the republican campaign fund are raised by assessing federal office holders from \$5 for a fourth-class postmaster to \$1,000,000 from the candidate for vice-president. It is no more dishonest or disparaging for W. R. Hearst to contribute to a cause he loves, voluntarily and willingly, than it was for Marcus A. Hanna, John W. Wainwright or William McKinley to contribute to their chosen cause. Partisanism blinds the Oregonian until its news columns are unfair, to say nothing of the unspeakable narrowness of its editorial utterances.

SENTENCED FOR EATING.

Mrs. Gisella Jack marched into the palm room of the Waldorf-Astoria at 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday. She had her appetite with her. She is 35 years old, dark, large-eyed, well-dressed and of refined appearance. After a leisurely but earnest survey of the menu she ordered: Bouillon en tasse, Filet Mignon, sauce Bordelaise, Pommes Parisiennes, Salade de Tomates et Laitue, Mayonnaise, Un Pot de The Vert. And when she had lunched thus bravely she demanded her check. It was \$2.05. And then—"So sorry," said she to the waiter, "but I have no money with me."

So the waiter told the captain and the captain told the head-waiter and the head-waiter told the cashier and the cashier told Oscar, and Oscar told Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Hilliard told House Detective Smith. "Oh, very well," said Mrs. Jack to the detective. "If you will come with me to my home, I'll pay you the \$2.05 there." Away they went gaily, Mrs. Jack chatting unconcernedly. At No. 205 East Fifteenth street, where she said she lived, she admitted to Smith that she had no money anywhere. He led her to the Jefferson Market police court. She was whisking softly to herself as she faced the bench. "Well, I had to eat somewhere," she said with a reckless smile. Magistrate Mayo fined her \$5. She could not pay, so she was committed to prison for five days.—New York World.

Every man has a neck and sooner or later he gets it dare.

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I met a little Mormon girl; She was just eighteen, she said. Her hair was dressed with one big curl That dangled from her head.

"How many children, little maid, Are in your family?" "How many? Sixty-seven," she said. "And shvly looked at me.

Her hazel eyes to mine she raised. And then she cast them down. "I did not ask," I said, amazed. "The census of your town.

"How many children 'round your door Disport in childish glee?" "Just sixty-seven," she said once more. And smiled again at me.

"Forty of us at Provo dwell; At Ogden there are nine. The good ship Jane, they sail her well— Twelve brothers, dear, of mine."

"My father kind is drawing near." The little maid replied; "He's been to roam; he's bringing home Another brand new bride.

"With father, dear, we dwell at peace; Our mothers are eleven; 'Round every door there's room for more. And we are sixty-seven."

And then I left in dumb dismay; The maid with eyes like heaven; But as I left I heard her say, "And I'm the oldest, by the way. Of all the sixty-seven."

—Denver Post.

COMING EVENTS.

- April 9—Umatilla county republican convention.
- April 12—Umatilla county democratic convention.
- April 12—School bond election, Pendleton.
- April 14—Republican state convention, Portland.
- April 16—Meeting of Oregon Cattlegrowers' Association, Portland.
- April 19—Democratic state convention, Portland.
- May 2—Oregon Federation of Labor, Oregon City.
- May 4—General M. E. conference, Los Angeles.
- May 27-28 — Caledonian picnic at Athena.
- June 2, 3, 4—Umatilla county pioneers' reunion, at Weston.
- June 15, 16, 17—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that a primary election for the purpose of electing delegates to the democratic county convention of Umatilla County, to be held at the County Court House of said county on the 12th day of April, 1904, and that such primary election shall be held in the various election precincts of this county on Thursday, April 7, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. in all precincts except the precincts of Pendleton, East Pendleton, North Pendleton and South Pendleton and that in each of the said Pendleton precincts the polls shall be opened at 1 p. m. and remain open until 6 p. m., the several polling places in and for such primary election in Pendleton, as follows:

North Pendleton Precinct, corner of Water and Main streets.
South Pendleton Precinct, corner Garden and Railroad streets.
East Pendleton Precinct, at the court house.

In Pendleton Precinct, corner Garden and Webb streets.
In said several precincts and at such election there shall be elected in Pendleton Precinct 13 delegates; in East Pendleton Precinct, 17 delegates; in North Pendleton Precinct 18 delegates; and in South Pendleton 13 delegates to said convention, and at such election the following persons, who are legal voters and householders in each of said precincts hereinafter named, have been selected as judges of said primary election:

For Pendleton Precinct, Henry Shockey, Lee Teutsch, T. J. Means. For East Pendleton, H. S. Garfield, Mike Keating, William Hilton. For North Pendleton, J. Barnhart, Will Moore, A. W. Nye. For South Pendleton, Theodore Howard, John Hays, W. M. Blakeley.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1904.

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