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"We know nowadays that even a universal education . . . supplies only the basis for a healthy republican state. Next to education there must come abundant, prompt, and truthful information of what is going on in the state, and frank and free discussion of the issues of the times." H. G. Wells, "The Outline of History."

FAIR PLAY

There will be almost general approval, we believe, of the action of the school board in reinstating S. W. Moore as superintendent of the city schools, just as there was general disapproval of the attempt to unscat him by picking technical flaws in his contract of employment. In this the people are making their decision in time have been disputed.

Fair play, in the popular opinion, would not permit a man to be employed for a year and paid at a canvoid.

We sincerely trust that the effort being made to persuade Councilman Innes to withdraw his resignation will be successful. Running as an independent, Mr. Innes polled a larger vote than any other candidate for the council at last year's election, indicating the popular confidence in his ability to serve the city. While the rest of the council, on two important matters on which the people retused support, we have not changed our opinion that he should be retained on the council if possible. We hope that tomorrow night he will be found in his accustomed place at the council table.



of June 29, 1906.)

The statements recently made that the Oregon Trunk line would soon ly provides for the protection of the



building shacks on every hand, and normalcy returns; the honest workman sheds his coat and builds a hencoop or a boat, and blows in what he earns. The war is over, and at last we're cutting out the grisly past, of which we talked so long; the present is a bully time for buying lumber, lath and lime, and we are going strong. The Problems we were wont to ride now have a rest, we let them slide, until the Harvest Home; and now we spend our afternoons in planting peas and stringless prunes, and digging up the loam. The loafers do not throng the street, emerging from their dark retreat in alley or in court, and in my jaunts I do not rub against the Spit and Argue Club, which used to hold the fort. The signs and tokens everywhere a better state of things declare, and men are growing sane; less foolish clamors do they raise, and they forsake the dotty ways that gave the gods a pain. There are discordant notes, I know, and there are strains of strife and woe, by which the world is bored; but through the wail of grief and wrong you hear the grand triumphant song of industry restored.

COUNCIL MAY USE OWN JUDGEMENT ON PETITIONS, BENSON

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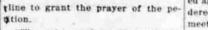
thority to determine whether the per-

tract rate and then, at the end of the thereby and, in its discretion, grant provements thereon as shown by the year, be removed on the ground that or deny the prayer of the petition as last county assessment roll. . He the contract, which had been fol- it found these facts to be; and under must pay in cash the amount of his lowed as to the amount of pay, was well established rules of law, the assessment in excess of these as-

judgment of the council in the matter, honestly exercised, would not be

subject to review by the courts. "I think a careful reading and consideration of the involved section will convince anyone that the construction contended for is the only one possible from the language used. for, had it been the intention that the council should have no discretion in the matter, but should act wholly we have differed with him, as with in a ministerial capacity, the following phrase in said section would have been omitted: "The common council shall thereupon proceed to consider said petition, and if it appear that the owners of a majority of the property are benefited by said contemplated improvement and have signed said petition, the common council shall thereupon declare by resolution,' etc., and in its place words of this import used, 'It shall appear that said petition is signed by the owners of a majority of the property assessable for the cost of said improve-(From the columns of The Bulletin ment, the said common council shall thereupon declare by resolution.' etc. Said section 28, as it now reads, wise-

commence construction of a road up property holder, since it lodges in the proposed improvement before it is made and ascertain its real merits by competent investigation, and if such investigation shows that such improvement involves the use of some untried material or of some material or plan of construction concerning which there exists a reasonand son, R. H., J. P. Keyes and S. A. able doubt as to its utility, the council is in a position to declare that the petitioning property owner will not be benefited, and hence it can de-



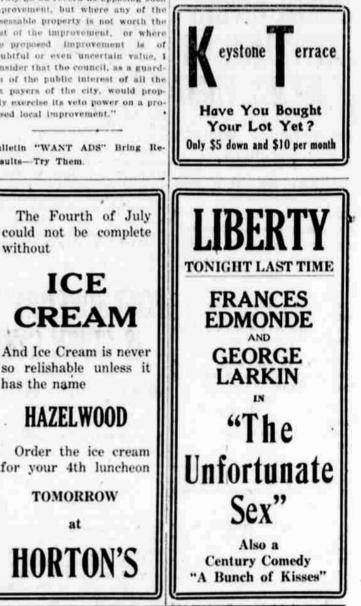
question that should be considered. untary payment of the assessment, or Section 27 of chapter 19 of the city by selling the property assessed in charter embodies what is popularly case same is not bonded. In case a known as the Bancroft act, a provi- tract of land is not worth the assesssion for paying assessments for local ment for the improvement, the ownimprovements in deferred semi-an- er would naturally refuse to pay a spirit of fair play and wholly with-sons joining in such petition do, as a nual installments: where an owner's same, the city is forced to buy out reference to Mr. Moore's capaci- matter of fact, constitute the owners property is assessed \$10 or over, he in the property, carry it at an ties as superintendent, which at no of a majority of all the property can apply to pay such assessment un- expense, and eventually sell that would be benefited by said pro- der the deferred payment plan, to the for the best price obtainable. posed improvement, and whether amount of the assessed valuation on probably at a loss. Thus it will anhis lot plus the amount of the as- pear that all the tax payers of the such signers would be benefited sessed valuation of his permanent im- city are interested in every contract



pay such excess, he cannot bond, and his property will be sold forthwith by the city. The bonds issued under the Bancroft act are obligations of the city, which the city must pay like any other of its indebtedness to the holders of the bonds, irrespective of the fact whether the city collects in the assessments or not. Moreover, the contracts for all improvements under our charter are made with the city through its authorized officials. and in case of a default in payment by the city, judgment can be obtained against it and the levy of a tax ordered to pay same. The fund for meeting this contract is provided by "There is another phase of this the sale of Bancroft bonds, or by vol-11

for a local improvement, and the city council, as the representative of all the taxpayers, should have the absolute veto power over every proposed contract for a legal improvement. Where the property assessable for a proposed improvement is clearly worth what it costs, a council would hardly go on record as opposing such improvement, but where any of the assessable property is not worth the cost of the improvement, or where the proposed improvement is of doubtful or even uncertain value, 1 consider that the council, as a guardlan of the public interest of all the tax payers of the city, would properly exercise its veto power on a proposed local improvement." Bulletin "WANT ADS" Bring Results-Try Them. The Fourth of July could not be complete without ICE

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Last Friday evening M. J. Scanlon Blakely, all of Minnesota, arrived in Bend and spent several days cruising over a large tract of timber held by the Brooks-Scanlon people of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Drake and Miss Ruth Reid were members of a party spending the week-end at Blue lake.

Mrs. Hugh O'Kane left Saturday for Portland, where she will visit her sister for about a month.

W. H. Stants has recently receiv ed patent to the 80-acre tract of land adjoining Bend on the south

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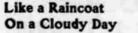
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