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VOTE "Yes" on the proposition of incorporating the proposed outside district next Tuesday, and thus register your name as being in favor of progress.

AN AFFIRMATIVE vote on the proposition to incorporate, next Tuesday will show you to be a man of progress and enterprise while a negative vote will be a knock on the prosperity of the city and the surrounding country. Get in the band wagon of progress.

"THE voters in Coos county are making inquiries to learn what members of the legislature are responsible for the passage of the laws protecting pigeons and requiring a license from those who would fish with a hook and line. They propose to see to it that they are not allowed to represent them at future legislative sessions. They are both cheap and silly laws as far as Coos county is concerned and really tend to create disrespect for laws of that character.—Enterprise.

SPITTING on the floor in public places is a thing from which everyone should desist and in some states it is prohibited by law. Any man who will go into the post office, a church, or any other public place and deliberately spit on the floor is truly devoid of all sense of common decency, and besides such action is liable to spread disease. This idea might be extended to the sidewalks as well, and we understand the city council has under advisement an ordinance prohibiting spitting on the floor in public places, and on the sidewalks, also prohibiting the throwing of banana peels and other things on the sidewalk. This is a step in the right direction and should be carried out.

THE Coos County Chamber of Commerce and the tax payers of Coos County are taking up the proposition of building an all-the-year-round wagon road from Coos Bay and the Coquille valley to Roseburg. This is a step in the right direction and should be pushed to completion. If the proper kind of a road were built, the trip from this section to Roseburg could be made by automobile in about five or six hours. This would not be a tedious trip and in fact would be an exceedingly enjoyable one during a good portion of the year. We have lots of railroad talk and there seems to be some possibility of realization of a railroad within the next year or two, but if we had a dozen railroads, the need of a wagon road would be just as great and even greater than it is at present.

THE Drain Nonpariel is responsible for the circulation of the following libelous statement about a prosperous and pretty Coos county town: 'Over around Bandon, Coos county the wind blows so hard and constant that a sheep was blown against a barn there a few days ago, 14 feet from the ground and held four days until it starved to death.' We expect editor Kopf of the Recorder, to properly answer this story. In the meantime we merely suggest that when the editor of the Nonpariel is suffering from the heat this

summer he might enjoy a few of the gentle zephyrs that make life pleasant around Bandon," says the Coos Bay Times. Well Brother Maloney, we might have answered it but then you know the idea is so preposterous that it really was not worth while. Why the sheep over around here are so fat they can hardly waddle and if the poor, hungry, lank, lean editor of the Drain Nonpariel will come over this summer we will feed him on mutton and cheese until his eyes will stick out, and our gentle sea zephyrs will all be thrown in.

THE world moves, and Lo, the poor Indian moves along with it. The noble red man has abandoned the time honored practice of going out with a meat ax and musing up the headgear of the paleface whenever he gained the impression that the paleface was not doing the proper thing. For example, note the admirable James Kash Kash, Amos Pond, Umagine and Poker Jim of the Umatilla tribe. Not approving of the policies of the Indian agent who had been entrusted with their affairs, and having learned that the pen is mightier than the tomahawk, they sent a written complaint to Washington. As a result the resignation of the obnoxious agent was immediately called for. A good many Indian outbreaks might have been averted in the past had the Indians followed the plan adopted by Kash Kash and his associates, provided their complaints would have received the same consideration that has been given the offended Umatillas.—Oregonian.

NEXT Tuesday is the day when we vote on the proposition of incorporating the outside platted districts into the City of Bandon. It is important that a full vote be polled at this time. That the city will vote in the proposed district, goes without saying, but even then we cannot take them in unless they vote themselves into the city. That it will be the best for all concerned, if the new district is incorporated, is a certainty that is beyond successful contradiction, but of course there are some that will not see it that way, and it is with these, that the work must be done. They must be shown that the advantages of being inside the city limits is much greater than any disadvantage, and the only argument they have for staying out is the possibility of a little extra tax, and in this case it is so little, in fact, as to not be appreciable. People who have comfortable homes on the outside would not be called upon to pay more than fifty cents to a dollar extra tax and in a short time, the improvements will make the property double in value, and in fact the increase in the value of the property at once would be many times greater than the extra taxation.

UPON the death of Henry H. Rodgers, we note the passing of one of the notable captains of industry. As to the public estimate of the man, this much tells the story of his life: He was endowed with great business capacity. His genius for organization was para-

mount. His devotion to a purpose, once clearly fixed, was unwavering. In pursuit of his business ambitions he was implacable; utter devoid of anything that resembled sentiment; destructive as to competitor's interests, constructive as to his own; a general in finance, and a diplomat who was an adept in the so-called higher order of secretiveness and deception. Henry H. Rodgers had every qualification for successful leadership in his chosen field. The natural and the chief comment upon his passing is: He was a rich man, one of the richest men in the country. About the personal side of Mr. Rodgers, by which is meant the every day livable side that appealed to his intimates and his business associates, the public knows comparatively little. We have the encomiums of Mr. Rockefeller and others of the Standard Oil group, which count for little in the public judgment, because of the bias against that great corporation. We also have the friendship, intimate in its nature of Mark Twain, a fact in itself strongly in evidence as to a strain of kindness in Mr. Rodgers's makeup. These considerations aside, the public would write Mr. Rodgers's epitaph from the impression he has created in the conduct of his business affairs: "A successful man and rich. The builder of the greatest corporation the world knows anything about. The accumulator of a great fortune by virtue of conquest, whereby many a more conscientious man has perished."—Telegram.

A WRITER in the London Times says that Theodore Roosevelt is the hero of every boy in the United Kingdom. No other American except Lincoln has ever been looked up to by so many youths and young men as an inspiration and as a civic model as Mr. Roosevelt. He has a genius for inspiring people to higher ideals, to cleaner methods. His life story is one of the greatest sermons that has been preached on the American continent since Lincoln was assassinated. Mr. Roosevelt started out with the stern resolve that, let come what would, whether he made friends or enemies he would keep his record clean; he would not take chances with his good name, he would part with everything else first; he would never gamble with his reputation; has had numerous opportunities to make a great deal of money during his public career, through graft and all sorts of dishonorable schemes, by allying himself with crooked, unscrupulous politicians, but even his worst enemies can never say of him that he took from Albany or the White House a dishonest dollar. He has refused to be a party to any political jobbery, any underhand business. He has always fought in the open, has kept the door of his heart wide open; he has kept no secrets from the American people. He has always preferred to lose any position he was seeking, if he must get smirched in getting it. He would not touch an office on preterment unless it came to him clean, with no trace of jobbery on it.—Success Magazine.

THE Wisconsin legislature has passed a law prohibiting the use of profanity. That legislature must have seen written in the clouds, "The millenium has come." The new law says, if any person shall use in the hearing of other persons in any public place lewd, lascivious, obscene or profane language, they shall be deemed guilty of a misde-

meanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$25 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days or by both. Shades of Daniel Boone defend us. If it is the restriction of personal liberty to tell a man he can't have a drink, then what must it be when we tell a man he can't talk for obviously this is what the bill amounts to. If a three hundred pound man steps on your corns, on the church steps just as you are bowing to your friend Ignacio Jollylass, what is the involuntary utterance that flies to your lips? "Pardon me!" A mere trifle I assure you! Don't mention it my dear Sir, or any similar combination of falsity? Of course not. Language is primarily the expression of feelings. Words are language. Profanity is words, therefore profanity is the expression of the feelings by language. To prohibit by law an occasional cuss word is to inhibit the God given right of man to express himself by words. There is nothing inherently bad in the expression, "Holy Mackinaw" or "God Durn It," besides to eliminate profanity of even a more ponderous character would woefully restrict the masculine vocabulary. There is some consolation, however, in remembering that one can still swear in private—in other words at the house cat—but this is little compensation for the great loss to the sacred list of masculine prerogatives. Verily if an Oregon legislature would pass such a law as this the people would no doubt use the "Recall," the "Initiative and Referendum," "Statement One" or some of the other modern privileges the poor, ignorant easterner does not enjoy in his rights of citizenship. Moral: If any of the moss backs of Wisconsin wants to get even with their legislators, just let them move to Oregon and bring their little old legislature along with them and they can get even.

Now is the Time to Remember

THAT UNBATTENED CRACK in the woodshed which let the rain down your neck when you were splitting Cody Mill stove wood last winter.
THAT HOLE IN THE GARDEN FENCE which you thought would prove troublesome for any dog trying to get through, but which after all turned out to be a snap for your neighbor's cow.
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