

MONTAVILLA

IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE MEETING

The Improvement League held its regular meeting last Monday evening. Owing to the street car strike, with no cars running after night, an expected delegation from the East Side Association did not materialize and the theater question was laid over. Secretary Carter reported that the city engineer's office had finished its work in the matter of the improvement of Hibbard street and it was now in the hands of the city auditor for advertising. It was reported that the citizens' committee having the Villa Avenue improvement in hand had

decided to have a resolution introduced at the next council meeting asking for the opening of an 80-foot street from the eastern boundary to Grand Avenue. R. J. France, a property owner on the proposed extension of Villa Avenue eastward, was present and expressed himself very much in favor of the proposition and stated that he thought the large majority of those affected would get in line.

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And never will its happiness
From out our lives depart
If only we, dear children,
Keep Christmas in our heart.

The National Synod of Norway has recently voted by a large majority to give women equal rights with men in the government of the church.

Louisiana has enacted a law which permits cities of over 10,000 inhabitants to appoint women factory inspectors.

The mayor of New Orleans has appointed Miss Jean Gordon as inspector for that city. Miss Gordon has taken a prominent part in civic movements and is peculiarly well qualified for the position.



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Wine drinking and cigar smoking are bad habits; they impair the health and pocket, and lead to waste of time.
—McMinnville College Bulletin.

Public Ownership of Railroads.

PORTLAND, ORE., Dec. 15th, 1906.—I have just returned from a two months visit to Boston where I gave much attention to the question of the public ownership of railroads, and conferred with many of the national leaders of this cause.

Since my return to Portland I have organized "The Oregon League for the Public Ownership of Railroads." The object of this league is to carry forward an aggressive educational campaign in behalf of the public ownership of railroads. It will select and circulate the very best books and literature which treats upon the general subject of railroads. It will furthermore endeavor to procure legislation in this state which will serve as steps in the direction of public ownership, and at the same time give the people and the business interests of the state better railroad service, and prevent the unjust and unwarrantable discriminations that the railroads are now making against Oregon interests, and force the railroads to pay their just proportion of the state taxes. It is to be non-partisan and will seek to give to the voters of the state such facts and arguments as to cause the people of both parties to capture both parties for their own interests instead of being captured by the parties for the interest of the railroads.

In as much as many of your readers are deeply interested in this question, I wish you would publish this letter for the purpose of informing them that if they will send me their name and address upon a postal card to Post Office Box 454 Portland, Oregon, I will mail them free of charge some interesting literature upon the subject.
Truly Yours,
HIRAM VROOMAN.

Men, Women and the World

Municipal suffrage has been granted to Women in Natal, South Africa.

The National Grange, at its recent annual meeting in Denver, passed a resolution in favor of woman suffrage by a unanimous vote.

The Denver Post quotes Frederick E. Smutzer, secretary of the Denver Theater company, who witnessed one of the demonstrations by the English suffragists in London, as saying, "It did more good for the women's cause in England than anything that has yet happened, in that it created a great many new followers and also shows that the women are in earnest."

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