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Notices have been posted announcing a special election to be held soon in order to give the people a chance to vote on the question of amending the charter to provide for the bonding of the city for \$20,000 or less should it become necessary to do so. This should carry without a dissenting vote for it gives us a chance to help ourselves. No community is able to make the necessary improvements it should have and pay for them out of current funds. This is out of the question and there must be some way provided whereby these necessary improvements can be had. The simplest method so far employed is the issuance of bonds. As no one but the General Government has the power to coin money, it is up to corporations or municipalities to resort to other means to procure funds. We have it from competent authority that a water and light plant can be put in for considerably less than 20,000 and that it can be run for a maximum of \$200 per month, paying for labor and all other expenses. As this town is now paying more than that sum for light alone it stands to reason that the light bill will pay the necessary running expenses of both plants. It is also believable that if we had a home owned plant that there would be more people take lights than are now doing. The above estimate covers the expense of running not less than a dozen are lights, which we are not now getting and which would at the present rates cost the city \$72 a month. These would be free and the added prestige to the town would be more than \$100 a month. At this rate there would be all the income from the water plant as profit and which could be set aside to pay the interest on the bonds and to create a sinking fund to pay off the bonds at the end of, say twenty years. We are fully persuaded that the sum of \$20,000 will be sufficient to put in a good water and light system and also a septic tank system, which would give us the most sanitary town of its size in the state. Every progressive man in the city should boost for the amendment.

The republicans (?) of Portland have nominated Joe Simon for the nomination for Mayor, that is to say a lot of machine politicians got together and agreed to place his name before the people as the candidate for the republican nomination at the primary election. There may be others who will object to him and the real republicans may put up a better man. The machine wing of the republican party caused the election of Mayor Lane and it is possible they may elect another demo-

cratic mayor. It is said that Mayor Lane is pluming himself for the nomination for governor next year and if so he will stand a very good chance for election. Governor Benson being a republican it is now time for another democratic governor in order to preserve the regular order of things in this state, as we have had a half and half administration, or in other words half the governors of the state have been democrats and half republicans.

Roycroft Philosophy

By Fra Elbertus.

Art is founded on commerce. Commerce makes the artist possible, and allows him to live by buying his wares.

Men who are untrue to a trust are dangerous in proportion as they are clever.

Only character counts.

Everybody dig up. We will all feel better. Who wants special favors anyway.

It is getting so 'tis harder to find a gentleman than a genius.

Colleges are no more necessary than factories, and therefore should be taxed.

We cannot afford to be bigots.

All human services is sacred.

There is no place for the man who lives in the squabbles of the past.

Perhaps the man who pardons another is a fool or rogue—I really do not know.

The best result of oratory is, that it reveals a man's ignorance to himself.

Nature intended that we should all be poor, that we should earn our daily bread every day.

High aims are good things, and like the mariners, we should steer our course by the stars.

Boys grow to men—at least some do, and trust it will not be denied that all men were once boys.

To carry a responsibility gives a sense of power.

I would like to see a university devoted to turning out safe men instead of merely clever ones.

To own the thing is little—to create it is much.

Something All Should Know.

That we have cheap freight rates to Portland; that we can go to Portland in the morning, transact a days business there, and back the same day. We have an unlimited market for all the products of the farm, dairy and poultry yard. We have just as good facilities for selling our products as those paying \$400 an acre for land near Portland. We have just as good school, society and church privileges as any town on the coast. Our soil is unsurpassed for fertility by any in the state and the price of land is but a fraction of what it is almost anywhere else in the west. Climatic conditions are at their best and the general health of the community is attested by the fact that there are more old people living in Polk county than any like area in any country in the west, or elsewhere. Make these facts known to all your friends in the east and spread the news abroad among the people coming west. Let the newcomers know that we have all these advantages and it will be but a short time before the county is settled with a prosperous and thrifty lot of immigrants and we will reap the benefits.

Mrs. E. A. LaDow, of Falls City, was visiting last week with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Davis.

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