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A VICTORY FOR POPULAR RIGHTS

The overwhelming victory of the people yesterday is significant. It indicated what a crystallized public sentiment, working for a right purpose, may accomplish when intelligently led and wisely directed. The men who organized the municipal ownership campaign served without compensation and were actuated solely by a desire to benefit the community in which they reside. Many of them entered the contest reluctantly because of the sacrifice to private interests, and their course is more commendable on that account. They came from every walk of life among our growing population, businessmen, professional men and working men, and, placing personal likes and dislikes behind them, became a potent, organized force for a vital principle—the right of the people to rule themselves. It was the spirit of the minute men of the Revolution:

"God wills us free,
Man wills us slaves;
I will as God wills—
God's will be done."

The people of Eugene want to own their own light and water plants—they have said so time and again. A small number of interested persons, backed by corporation money and influence, have organized to defeat this desire of the people. They have hired workers, allied themselves with certain elements in the community in a fusion for mutual benefit, and for four years have defeated the consummation of the popular will by raising false issues, fomenting personal strife and making groundless appeals to the courts with a view only of delaying the progress of a city administration that refused to listen to their blandishments.

Many young men who helped to perfect the organization which won this victory have laid the foundation for future usefulness in the service of the people and they will be remembered gratefully by those voters who know that they can be depended upon to place the best interests of all the people above selfish considerations.

The direct result of such a decisive victory is that we are one step nearer the ultimate goal of complete municipal ownership; that it furnishes ample proof that those officials who have been faithful will not be deserted by their constituents, even though maligned and slandered with a view to rendering them unpopular with the voters.

In short it was above all a victory for good government, for popular rights, for a greater Eugene in all that the words imply—too great in the strength of its manhood and womanhood to be forced by corporation money and influence to rivet the shackles upon its own rights and liberties.

NO NATIONAL NEWSPAPER

At the annual dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, held at Delmonico's, in New York, on St. Patrick's day, Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, declared that there is no national newspaper in America. He said:

"All our newspapers are alike in this respect—their view is bounded by their locality. All of them—and the metropolitan newspapers I do not except—are provincial newspapers.

"The difference between the newspapers of our greater cities and those of the country districts is that the city newspaper is the more provincial. This is so because in the city there is more local news. There they print more of the Associated Press dispatches.

"I do not say this to the discredit of any newspaper. It is a reflection of the larger circumstance that there are not great National interests. There is only one national voice, and that is the voice of the president of the United States.

"A senator once complained to me about two years ago that the constitution had given him the right to send messages to congress. I told him the real trouble was that these messages had to be printed everywhere. Whenever the president sends a message it is presented to every reader of every newspaper in the country. There isn't a member of congress whose messages or speeches are printed, except in particular cases, and then in only a few papers.

"So the president's is the only audible national voice. Only he can sow his messages and sentiments broadcast. If you want national processes, therefore, elect presidents who have national impulses, interests and convictions."

In an interview with a Herald reporter the day after his speech, Dr. Wilson said that one reason why he believed a national newspaper to be an impossibility in this country was because the country was so immense. When asked if he believed there was a national newspaper anywhere he replied:

"Yes, I believe the London Times is a national newspaper. But then, you see, England is a snug little country and very small as compared with our great area. London is the one great centre of English life, as well as the capital of the country. It is fairly simple to make a London paper national."

POWER SITES ARE VALUABLE

Water power sites are becoming more valuable every year, and it would be the height of business folly for the city of Eugene

to surrender the McKenzie site to be gobbled up by speculators or corporations, just as the Willamette Valley Company snapped up the Martin's Rapids location the moment the city let it go.

In the February number of the Technical World, a magazine devoted to scientific subjects, and water powers and large electrical projects in particular, the following extract is just now pertinent:

"When the first cost of a water power development and distribution plant have been met, it will put the richest gold mine to shame in the potent matter of profits. In the case of the gold mine the supply of ore must be continually dug from deeper and deeper levels; this ore must be crushed and the gold extracted at a considerable cost for labor and materials; and every night the mine owner goes to bed with the fear that his rich veins may pinch out into a stratum of worthless rock. The owner of a water power, on the other hand, may sit snugly at home, knowing that at no cost for raw materials, no cost of manufacture or for labor, his spinning turbines will deliver every day, two, five or ten thousand horsepower, available anywhere within two hundred miles at the end of a copper wire.

"And in any market such power is worth upward of twenty dollars per year for each horsepower. Most comfortable of all, the happy owner of a perpetual water power franchise rests secure in the certainty that the golden stream will to the end of time pour its forty, hundred or two hundred thousand dollars a year into the money bags of his most remote descendants."

Collier's National Weekly has this to say in regard to the value of a water power:

"A well-located water power is a PERPETUAL income producing asset."

At the present moment Harriman has a force of men at work on a water power on the head waters of the McKenzie river that will develop seventy thousand horsepower, and will approximate a cost of one million dollars in its development.

In California every practical water power is in the hands of the corporations, and in a short time water powers to give away will be a thing of the past.

The reply of Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, to a farmer organization's request for support of the parcels post, is worthy of reproducing. He said in part: "I do not think it is for the welfare of the community for the government to convert the post-office department into a machine for the distribution of merchandise purchased in the large cities to the detriment of home merchants, upon whose solvency and prosperity the growth and even the life of the community or town depends. If a few of us took advantage of the allured bargains that are advertised by the department stores, and left off patronizing the home merchants, it may be that we could make a little that way, but if the whole community took the same view, it is obvious that the home town would be totally destroyed, its business ruined, and where we now have hundreds of thriving little towns in Iowa, we would, in time, find ourselves surrounded with shiftless and backward village populations, wholly out of line with the progress of which we are so proud. The immediate effect of these conditions would be to depreciate our lands and fatally injure our people."

The Western congressmen should stand for protective duties on lumber, wool, hops and fruit. Tariff legislation has become simply a grab for each section of this great country and the members of any delegation who are not alive to the interests of their particular state will be derelict in their duty to their constituents. We should much prefer to see tariff legislation enacted on a higher plane of statesmanship, but have very little hope that this will ever happen.

Meetings under the auspices of the local organizations of the Oregon Development League are being held at Roseburg Monday, April 5th; at Central Point, Tuesday; Oakland, Wednesday; Cottage Grove, Thursday; Eugene, Friday, and Oregon City Saturday. The Central Point gathering will have delegations present representing the entire Rogue River Valley.

If the Republicans of Oregon really want to elect a governor next time, why don't they unite on the present incumbent? Frank Benson is a safe man who is well endowed with common sense and good judgment, and would inspire confidence among all classes of voters.

And here's a know-it-all Englishman saying that Liberia will never prosper until it is annexed by England or the United States. If it's got to be annexed we're for letting England do the stunt.

If King Peter, of Serbia, is going to abdicate, Wall street might raise the coin to buy the crown and offer it to a distinguished gentleman now enroute to Africa. But if Champ Clark had the disposition of it, he would probably give it to a man whose first name is Joseph.

In addition to being the paradise of prize-fighters and fake mining schemes, Nevada has been indorsed by the high-flyers of swollen fortune as the proper place to secure a divorce while you wait.

We are informed by the census bureau that the average American family is 20 per cent smaller than when the first census was taken, but it failed to tell us how to catch up with the percentage table.

It requires some skillful juggling with figures to demonstrate that a prohibitive duty on a given article will increase the revenue from that article, but the sky-high protectionists are doing it right along.

Those marvelous water power sites on the McKenzie, one hundred times better than the city's, are offered for sale cheap today. No reasonable offer will be declined.

No discount on the thrift of the dad of that Pennsylvania kid who was kidnapped. He is claiming, for the kid, the \$15,000 reward offered by the state.

Now it's up to Judge Harris.

OVER HALF
MILLION DOLLARS
IN BUILDINGS

A year ago on April 1 the office of city building inspector was established in Eugene. Since its establishment permits for buildings valued at over half a million dollars to be erected in the city were issued by Inspector McFarland. April 1, 1908, to January 1, 1909, the amount was \$456,292, and from January 1 to April 1, 1909, the amount was \$103,444, making a total of \$559,737.

SAYLOR IS RECALL
CANDIDATE FOR
MAYOR AT JUNCTION

Junction City, Or., April 5.—A largely attended mass meeting was held in the Commercial Club Saturday night to nominate a candidate for mayor to serve out the term of Mayor C. P. Houston, on whom the recall is being used. F. A. Saylor was unanimously nominated to make the race against the present incumbent. The election will be held on April 9.

"IN A BAD WAY"

Many a Eugene Reader Will Be Grateful for This Information

When your back gives out. Becomes weak, lame or aching. When urinary troubles set in. Your kidneys are in a "bad way." Doan's Kidney Pills will cure you. Here is local evidence to prove it: Charles Beadle, retired, 333 West Eighth street, Eugene, Or., says: "I just as ardently recommend Doan's Kidney Pills today as I did in the early part of 1903, when I first used them. Kidney complaint had clung to me after I left the army. It was not constant, but I never knew the moment when any over-exertion or the contraction of a cold would bring on an attack. At times I was laid up for weeks. The last attack I had was about six months ago, when a lameness across the small of my back appeared, accompanied by a dull, heavy pain over my right kidney. My kidneys were also weak and it was difficult for me to control the secretions. I used several remedies that were recommended to me, but derived little, if any, benefit from them. Finally I decided to try Doan's Kidney Pills and it was not long before I knew that they were what my system required. They soon corrected the weakness of the kidneys and the pains and aches in my back also disappeared. During the time which has elapsed I have had no return of kidney trouble and have reason to say that Doan's Kidney Pills are an effective remedy.

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OBITUARY

Matilda Jane Mitchell was born at Fairfield, Jefferson county, Iowa, on February 18, 1852, and died at Pleasant Hill, Or., March 29, 1909, aged 57 years, 1 month and 8 days. Her parents came to Oregon in 1852, settling on the donation claim where she had continuously resided. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Laura Crabtree, of Freewater, Or., three nephews, one niece and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ellen Mitchell, having lived with her for the past 22 years, who became a Christian at an early age, and lived a pure and virtuous life. A kind friend, a true Christian, a loving aunt and sister has gone to her reward.

Winery Burned.

Healdsburg, Cal., April 6.—The winery of Mrs. F. Gaddini was burned early today. Loss \$65,000.

S.S.S. CURES
SKIN DISEASES

The cause of all skin diseases can be traced to some humor or acid in the blood; the cuticle is always healthy when the circulation is free from impurities. When the blood is infected with acid or unhealthy matter it cannot perform its natural functions, its normal softness, pliability and healthfulness. Instead it irritates and inflames the delicate fibres and tissues around the pores and glands and produces some of the many forms of skin disease. The itching and stinging so often accompanying skin affections are produced by the deposit from the blood of the acid humors with which it is filled, into the sensitive membranous flesh lying just beneath the outer covering, and surrounding the countless nerves, pores and glands. This explains why scratching the outer skin affords no relief from the itching and burning. S.S.S. cures Skin Diseases of every character by purifying the blood, it goes down into the circulation and removes the humors or acids which are causing the trouble, builds up the weak, acid blood, and permanently cures every variety of skin affection. Local applications can only soothe; they never cure because they do not reach the blood. S.S.S. goes right into the circulation, reaches the trouble and cures it by removing the cause. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice free to all who write.

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FORCE OF MEN STARTS
FOR WALDO LAKE
RESERVOIR SITE

Civil Engineer Simon Klov Dahl left Eugene today at noon with eleven men and supplies for Waldo Lake to prosecute construction work on the Waldo Lake reservoir for A. R. Black and the Waldo Lake Irrigation & Power Co. It required three teams to transport the outfit to Hazel Dell. It is extremely early in the season to get into the lake on account of the snow in the mountains, and the party will undoubtedly be compelled to buck snow and suffer some hardships for the next three weeks.

HARRISBURG LOCALS
OF GENERAL INTEREST

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, April 6.—A brother of John Gosser arrived yesterday from Wilsonville for a visit at his brother's home. He will go into the Lake Creek country in search of a young team.

The Douglas auto made a trip to Eugene Sunday.

Mrs. Mildred Willoughby is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. B. Needles at this place.

Mahlon and Wallace Hawk and Mr. Ingram were Junction City visitors Sunday last.

George Turner, of Eugene, was down again yesterday on one of his frequent visits.

Wright & Marguth have just received another Reo car, five passenger.

Miss Lulu Thramer, of Eugene, who has been visiting her cousins, the Misses Haskell, returned to her home yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thramer returned to their home in Eugene Sunday. Mr. Thramer was operated upon for appendicitis at the Harrisburg hospital some time ago.

MIXED RESULTS IN
MONTANA ELECTIONS

Butte, Mont., April 6.—Andrew Logan, Republican, was elected mayor of Missoula today over John E. Patterson, Democrat. At Helena the Republicans elected four aldermen and the Democrats two, and in one ward there was a tie. At Anaconda indications are that Gaugher, Democrat, is elected mayor over Stagg, Republican. At Ellings, H. J. Thompson, Republican, was elected mayor over George F. Binninghoff, Independent.

At Great Falls, Charles F. Murphy, was elected mayor over J. M. Burdette, Republican. In this city, Jones, Republican, was elected mayor over James Harbart, who was recently expelled for absence during the legislative session.

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CREAMERY TO BE
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FLORENCE SOON

Information was received a few days ago from the Hazlewood Cream Company that they were preparing to ship a creamery outfit to the Stuslaw. The company has made contracts with the dairymen in this vicinity to purchase the cream, and it will be made into butter here instead of being shipped to Portland, as was done in the past. The contracts are made for a term of three years.

The directors of the McLeod school district have decided not to have their new schoolhouse built till the latter part of the summer. They will have the lot cleared off and will probably let a contract in a short time for a building to be erected early in the fall.

Harry Cramer, who has been in this section for the past two months, left Saturday for Eugene on business, and later will go to Missouri after his family. He informed us that he had rented a house in town, and later will return here to reside.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday the following were elected officers of the Sunday school to serve for the coming year: Bernice Raymond, secretary; Isabella Kyle, treasurer; Elise Raymond, organist; Walter Hurd, assistant organist; Lewis Bond, librarian.

In reply to an inquiry yesterday, D. M. Kemper informed us that the Oregon & California Lumber Company expects to start up their mill in a week or ten days for the season's run.

A few days ago D. E. Severy received a rain gauge and other equipment, together with blanks for making reports of the rainfall. Mr. Severy is now official observer for the weather of Florence.

A. C. Dickenson and wife, of Eugene, came in a few days ago to Mapleton, where they have rented one of H. H. Fisk's ranches.

George Melvin Miller was a passenger to Florence yesterday morning. He is preparing to do some work at improving his water power above Mapleton.

We understand that Mr. Buchanan has made a deal with Joe Morris Jr., for the latter's ranch on the North Fork. The consideration is said to be \$2800.

The whistle at the mill was heard yesterday morning for the first time in several months.

Miss Emma Lackey came in from Eugene last Friday and is teaching school at upper Indian Creek.

L. V. Stingley and family returned to Acme last Saturday after a residence of several months near Emira.—Florence West.

A petition to probate the will of P. N. Shelley, the Pleasant Hill resident who died a few days ago, was filed with the probate court today. The estimated value of the property of the estate is \$4000. John R. West, F. W. Osburn and P. E. Snodgrass, have been appointed appraisers, and William Shelley executor.

Dr. T. W. Harris has begun suit in the circuit court against Mrs. E. B. Linton to recover \$120, together with interest at 6 per cent from April 6, 1903, and attorney fee of \$25.00. A promissory note, G. F. Skipworth is attorney for the plaintiff.

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