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CONDITIONS WHICH RETARD GROWTH

A special dispatch to The Guard today from Boston tells of the Oregon Electric Railway bonds having been placed on the market there for the purpose of raising money to extend the line from Salem to Albany and Eugene. This is encouraging news because it holds out at least a hope for the betterment of transportation facilities in the Willamette valley. Naturally it will follow that once the era of railroad building begins more than one corporation will invade the field, now controlled by a single railroad.

The Willamette valley has unquestionably been held back in point of development many years by railroad monopoly, and the greed of Portland jobbers, who seem to think it their special privilege to milk this section as dry as possible. This matter appeals very forcibly to The Guard just now, because we received a carload of news print paper this week from a New York mill. Although we paid nearly \$400 freight on this car, we were enabled to save \$200, compared with the price quoted by the Portland jobbers, who are in a combine which has eliminated competition. They go further than this, and have established a "dead line," through an arrangement with San Francisco, by which the territory is so divided that there is no competition in this part of the state. Yet these same Portland jobbers ship this paper to Boise, Idaho, and undersell Eastern mills, and into of the paper situation because we have personal knowledge of that line, but the condition, we are reliably informed, is true of groceries and all other lines jobbed out of Portland.

As to freight rate, The Guard paid \$1.08 per hundred on this carload shipment from Watertown, New York, almost enhundred, nearly one-third of the total, was charged by the S. P. newspaper is the best evidence that this policy pays. Co. for hauling the car from Portland to Eugene, a distance of 124 miles.

slowly in such adverse circumstances? It emphasizes the crying necessity for more railroads, not only north and south through the valley, but more important still, across the country to Coos Bay. The latter line would not only free us forever from transportation monopoly, but would emancipate us from the robbery of the Portland jobbers, who are forcing us to pay seems to be a blooming failure. higher for the goods we buy than any other section of the Northwest. In fact, railroad monopoly plays into the hands of the Portland dealers by shutting out competitive centres of up the Panama canal. trade.

To remedy these conditions is the great work that lies before the booster organizations of Eugene and other Western Oregon ahead and make it. cities during the coming year, and for all time in the future until the object has been fully accomplished.

PULL TOGETHER DURING NEXT YEAR

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tended for Chautauqua spectacularism, rather than for solid effect, but the fact remains that it was founded in a correct idea: the idea of less individual domination and more popular expression. The congress just convened will be judged by the country For His

as much on the influences which appear to dominate it as or the legislation it passes.

CONGRESS GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

In former times the news descriptive of a new session of congress was cumbered with detailed accounts of the flowers heaped upon the desk of this or that senator or house member. Often it happened that the floral tributes piled on the desk, in sen- day of his life. Something ate or house, were in ludicrous contrast with the relative esteem he will treasure. The Gilin which the occupant of that desk was held by the country.

Then, too, these costly displays, which made business brisk handsomely finished as a and profitable for many florists, were the avenues which led, in piece of jewelry. instances, to an amount of very earnest fireside talk and heartburnings. The query was, in the case of flowers which did not come from home, whether they came from lobby frequenters or from a more ofensive source. At length the whole silly flower business was cut out; there are no floral offerings in Monday evening's story of the first day in congress.

It appears that during the brief time they were in session the members took serious account of the new way of shaping up estimates for the departments. Under the instructions of the president, these are submitted this year, not on the basis of standing a cut-down in committee, but as a summary of each department's absolute needs.

By this process at least one good end will be served-a vast amount of time hitherto spent by senate or house in the pruning process will be saved.

The independent paper nowadays is a paper that commands confidence, because it is realized that a paper to be worthy of confidence must to a large extent be independent, says Dr. Ham-Washington in competition with Seattle, quoting prices for below ilton Holt, editor of the Independent, recently. The successful those demanded of the consumer in Western Oregon. We speak papers, the papers of standing, are losing their allegiance of the political parties. It is no longer popular for a newspaper of standing to say that the worst Republican is better than the best Red Cross Democrat. That day has gone by. People are too intelligent. And if they know in advance what a paper is going to say, because it is stamped with a party label, they do not want it. At tirely across the continent, and of this total rate 33 cents per least, not very many of them do. The growth of the independent

Albany may be slow in some respects, but they have set the Is it any wonder that the Willamette valley has developed pace for Eugene by voting bonds for a \$40,000 city hall.

> Looks like there will be some more electric railway building in Eugene and its suburbs next year.

As a mud-scow the United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie

Up to the hour of going to press Mr. Zelaya has not plugged

The surest way to make a city of Eugene is-just to "o

Notice how steady the earth appears? Congress is at the helm again.

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scientist states that when people kis they should use a strainer to preven

The centipede ought to be able to

If you want a job well done, do !

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resentative of the people and less cabalistic. The insurgency of last year may have been overdone in spots may have been in-

Christmas

A Gillette Safety Razor would be a most useful and practical gift for a man. Something he will use every day of the year and every lette is as compact and as

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A Real Christmas Suggestion

Can you think of any more acceptable Christmas gift than a box of really fine writing paper? Writing paper is something one uses constantly, and is, therefore, constantly reminded of the giver. The boxes are made in several sizes, with different ssortments of linen paperaton - Hurlburt, Whiting. rane, in beautiful holiday oxes. 25c, 35c, 50c, 5c, \$1.00, up to \$5.00

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The coming year should be one of great growth and progress in Eugene, and it will be if the people stick together and boost good and hard along all lines of endeavor. During the past three years the foundation has been laid for a splendid city, and its population has grown from 6000 to above 12,000. Many substartial improvements have been made, streets graded and paved, and substantial buildings, public and private, erected in large numbers. The era of railroad building, steam and electric, seems to have opened, and Eugene's greatest effort at this time should be to secure the greatest possible benefit from this movement. We want more suburban electric lines, a steam road to the coast, and the greatest possible benefit in the operation of train service over the Natron extension now building across the mountains to Klamath Falls. These are the things which will make Eugene a commercial centre of importance, and render permanent the growth of the past three years.

A steady pull, altogehter, for everything which makes for the general good is what we need, and if a united effort is made throughout the coming year the results will be greater ones. than in the past because of the solid foundation that has been laid.

MONEY IN DAILY TOIL

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Prize fighting of course may not be as elevating in some circles as preaching, or editing a newspaper, or being a policeman, jority. but there appears to be fully as much money in it, and after July next Messrs. Jeffries and Johnson may be able to take a day off from their daily grind and possibly enjoy a little excursion into the country. The bid for their fight, which will be held probably July 4, next, in or near San Francisco, specifies that they are to receive \$101,000 and two-thirds of the moving picture proceeds, which will amount as their part to from \$200,000 to \$400,000, so that there will be from \$300,000 to \$500,000 to divide between the two scrappers, the winner to take 60 per cent and the loser 4 per cent. In addition to this, they have a \$10,000 bet with each other. The pay, as will be seen, is not so bad, and by pulling off a fight of that kind every year or so a pugilistic gentleman ought to be able to make a fairly good living and buy Christmas toys for the baby.

THE DUTY OF CONGRESS

The present congress will have many things to do. The president's program for internal improvements will be submitted and consideration will be given to it. But the question with the country is not so much the amount of legislation, or even the kind, as the spirit with which that legislation is enacted or de-

ed," which probably covered them just as well. A Chicago girl balled a boat out with her slipper and saved the lives of several people. Immense, —Austin THINGS WE THINK WHAT OTHERS THINK

By Elbert Bede Transcript. What did she bail her slipper out with? The Cleveland Leader says that a

You can never succeed by nursing efeat, The beef trust is capable of toot- dicious use of chloride of lime whe

ng its own horn. osculating, which might prove an excellent means of sanitation. A jury of your peers is not always Fre dbition might put the liquor

qual to the case. business on the hog. Some people cast their bread upon he waters in the hope that it will

stand on its own feet. ome back buttered. . . . If you want to stand well in the

community, always give your street yourself, says the egotistical selfcar seat to a woman. . . .

The man who does little things! The only difference between well will sooner or later have an knocker and a jackass is in favor of opportunity of practicing on bigger; the latter. . . .

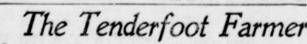
made man.

The world may owe you a living. Bryan may not be as popular with but there is no court in which you the voters as others, but he has a can collect it. speaking acquaintance with most of them.

One dispatch says Abdul Hamid has gone crazy; another says he is It is said that historic Adam was a writing a book. There may be some democrat. That's once when the connection.

democrats had an overwhelming ma-The railroads have put a lid on . . .

booze employes. Investigation dis-A country editor wrote of Chica- closes the fact that a majority of the go's uniformed police. The intelli- accidents have been caused by men gent compositor set it up "uninform- indulging.



It was one of these experimental farmers, who put green spectacles on his cow and fed her shavings. His theory was that it didn't matter what the cow ate so long as she was fed. The questions of digestion and nourishment had not entered into his calculations. It's only a "tencerioot" farmer that would try such

an experiment with a cow. But many a farmer feeds himself regardless of digestion and nutrition. He might almost as well eat shav-ings for all the good he gets out of his food. The result is that the stomach

grows "wesk" the action of the organs of digestion and nutrition are impaired end the man suffers the miseries of dyspensia and the agonies of nervousness.

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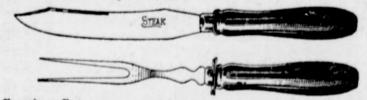
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