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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.

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 their special privilege to milk this section as dry as possible.

As to freight rate, The Guard paid \$1.08 per hundred on this carload shipment from Watertown, New York, almost entirely across the continent, and of this total rate 33 cents per hundred, nearly one-third of the total, was charged by the S. P. Co. for hauling the car from Portland to Eugene, a distance of 124 miles.

Is it any wonder that the Willamette valley has developed 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.

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

PULL TOGETHER DURING NEXT YEAR

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.

A steady pull, altogether, 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 than in the past because of the solid foundation that has been laid.

MONEY IN DAILY TOIL

Prize fighting of course may not be as elevating in some circles as preaching, or editing a newspaper, or being a policeman, 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 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-

feated. There is a desire that congress shall become more representative of the people and less cabalistic. The insurgency of last year may have been overdone in spots—may have been intended 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.

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 senate or house, were in ludicrous contrast with the relative esteem in which the occupant of that desk was held by the country.

Then, too, these costly displays, which made business brisk and profitable for many florists, were the avenues which led, in instances, to an amount of very earnest fireside talk and heart-burnings. The query was, in the case of flowers which did not come from home, whether they came from lobby frequenters or from a more offensive source.

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. Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent, recently. The successful papers, the papers of standing, are losing their allegiance to the political parties.

Albany may be slow in some respects, but they have set the 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 seems to be a blooming failure.

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

The surest way to make a city of Eugene is—just to go ahead and make it.

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

THINGS WE THINK and WHAT OTHERS THINK By Elbert Bede

You can never succeed by nursing defeat. The beef trust is capable of tooting its own horn. A jury of your peers is not always equal to the case.

ed," which probably covered them just as well. A Chicago girl bailed a boat out with her slipper and saved the lives of several people. Immense.—Austin Transcript. What did she bail her slipper out with?

The man who does little things well will sooner or later have an opportunity of practicing on bigger ones. Bryan may not be as popular with the voters as others, but he has a speaking acquaintance with most of them.

The only difference between a knocker and a jackass is in favor of the latter. The world may owe you a living, but there is no court in which you can collect it.

It is said that historic Adam was a democrat. That's once when the democrats had an overwhelming majority.

The railroads have put a lid on booze employes. Investigation discloses the fact that a majority of the accidents have been caused by men indulging.

A country editor wrote of Chicago's uniformed police. The intelligent compositor set it up "uninform-

The Tenderfoot Farmer It was one of these experimental farmers, who put green spectacles on his cow and led her shaving. His theory was that it didn't matter what the cow ate so long as she was fed.

All Goods Entirely New at Bowers' Drug Store

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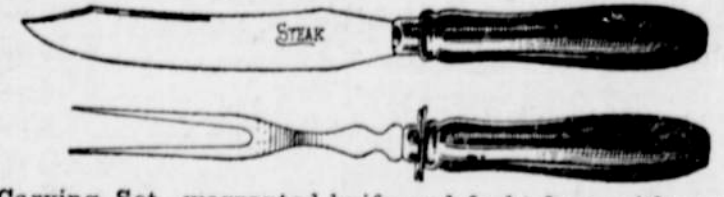
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