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GOVERNOR SHOULD APPOINT

If a railroad commission law is enacted, the governor should select the members. He should also be given power to remove a member at will. This will place the responsibility for the acts of the commission upon the chief executive of the state and the people will hold him accountable for any malfeasance or neglect of duty on the part of the commissioners. The governor says in his message that railroad regulation is a necessity to the welfare and growth of the state—give him the opportunity, then, to carry out his ideas, or, failing to do so, answer to his constituents for his failure to redeem promises made. This seems the only logical and sensible thing for the legislature to do.

Once before the legislature enacted a railroad commission law, and it proved a complete failure, largely because the legislature selected the members by the usual political log-rolling methods that control such bodies. The commissioners did nothing but junket over the state on free passes and accept the favors of the railroad, and there was no way to call them to account until the legislature convened again to select their successors. There was no authority by which in the interim they might be removed for dereliction in duty. Therein lay the chief cause for the failure of the commission to work for the interests of the public—immunity from removal during their term of office—and appointment by the governor, investing in him the power of summary removal, would cure the defect absolutely.

As to the political phase of the question, that is not important, even if the welfare of the people were not superior to partisan considerations. The governor, following his usual policy, would not be likely to appoint more than two Democrats to one Republican, and as the legislature, should it elect, would, as under the former commission law, be likely to choose one Democrat, there is simply the difference of one commissioner to haggle over. More than this, the commission, if it proves effective, is sure to become a permanent institution, and Governor Chamberlain will in all likelihood be succeeded by a Republican, who will reverse the order and give the Republicans the big end of the official patronage.

From every standpoint it would seem that the appointive power should be given to the governor, or there should be no railroad commission at all.

Says the Albany Herald (Rep.): "With only a few exceptions Governor Chamberlain's message could correctly be labeled 'Platform of the Willamette Development League.' The cause for this lies in the fact that the governor represents the progressive ideas that are responsible for the rapid progress being made by the state of Oregon. This, too, tells the whole story of his strength and popularity with the voters of all political parties.

Co. that a new depot has been promised Eugene for this year. We are receiving no consideration at all as a town from the railroad company, in spite of being the largest shipping point south of Portland in the state, and have a right to insist that the company keep its oft-repeated promises to do a 'reasonable amount of improvement here.

Railroad financing isn't the only feature of the business that is in need of reform, in the opinion of that corner's jury in Washington which held eight railroad men for criminal responsibility for the killing of forty odd passengers in a rear-end smash-up.

Manipulators of railroad stock deals, showing profits of \$9,000,000 in one and \$25,000,000 in another, as charged against the Harriman and Standard Oil crowd, can never convince the public that they were acting for the good of either stock holders or patrons of the road.

Simon Guggenheim says he is glad to quit commercial pursuits and enter politics. But after all there is little real difference, because money and ability to make combines are the essentials to success in the present-day public career as well as in business.

In adopting a resolution endorsing the president's action in the Brownsville affair, the South Carolina senate incidentally gave Tillman a heavy swat in his opinion department.

Secretary Root, having tossed King Edward a bouquet, it's up to some other member of the administration to do "something equally as good" for the kaiser, or we'll be hearing of international complications.

The man who thinks that the coming peace conference at The Hague will result in the disarmament of the nations is entitled to the medal as the champion optimist.

Unfortunately the unfortunate artist who traveled hence by the suicide route because he found life a "rare bit dream" is not in position to write an explanatory P. S.

Nothing slow about the way the Philadelphia bank employees skidoo every time anybody says "bomb" since the disastrous affair in one of its big banks.

A glance at the divorce statistics indicates that a handbook on the "Social Etiquette of the Divorced" would be a big money-maker.

Immigration is doubtless a good thing within bounds, but more than a million a year seems to be too much of a good thing.

If favorable reports continue as the recent ratio, we may yet see the Isthmus of Panama advertised as a health resort.

Paul Morton can be counted on to endorse the president's opposition to legislative limitations of insurance salaries.

A good many who do not patronize the "soft drink" places have been on skates this week.

Some of us will appreciate real Oregon winter weather more after this spell is over.

Anyway, the streets are not muddy.

LEARNING TO SKATE

When your neck hits hard
And your head feels queer
And your thoughts rise high
Like the froth on beer,
When your knees get weak
And your voice gets strong
And you swear like hell
At some looker-on,
You're learning to skate, by gosh.
You're learning to skate.
(With due apologies to the immortal Bard.) —Exchange

London Mineral Water Soda.
Pure distilled carbonated water, recommended by Eugene doctors for sick and stomach troubles. Call at Oregon cigar store, 525 Willamette street.

Gigantic Energy of America

By T. P. O'CONNOR, Member of Parliament

A GIGANTIC energy outside and INDEPENDENT OF MAN—that is my impression of the terrific city of New York. That is the impression I have of most of America.

When you get down to the offices in Wall street and the other business streets of New York you get the impression of deafening noise, of overwhelming and bewildering speed, and, in contrast with all this, of universal and BROODING SADNESS. You find not one but half a dozen lifts in a single building. They rush up and down at intervals of a few seconds. They have the ordinary elevator which stops at every floor, and then the express elevator, which rushes at a speed that almost makes your heart stop, up past twelve or twenty floors without a pause.

AND INSIDE THE ELEVATOR STANDS A MAN OR BOY, SELF ABSORBED, SILENT, BARELY ANSWERING A QUESTION, SUGGESTIVE OF SOME VICTIM OF OMNIPOTENT AND RESISTLESS AND GLOOMY DESTINY.



A Poem for Today

The Shape Alone Let Others Prize
By Mark Akenside

THE shape alone let others prize,
The features of the fair,
I look for spirit in her eyes,
And meaning in her hair.
A damask cheek, an ivory arm,
Shall ne'er my wishes win,
Give me an animated form
That speaks the mind within.
A face where awful honor shines,
Where sense and sweetness move,
An angel innocence refines
The tenderness of love.
Their power but faintly to express
All language must despair,
But go, behold Araspas's face
And read it perfect there.

COTTAGE GROVE ITEMS OF INTEREST

John Hubbard and Mary Haskins, of Cottage Grove, were married Sunday evening by Hon. J. E. Young at his office.

Fred Hassen, until a short time ago owner of the large packing house at Aberdeen, Wash., has purchased the business of the City Meat Market of the J. H. Bartels Co. Mr. Hassen will locate in Cottage Grove and take possession about Feb. 1.

Those interested in the growth of our city are pleased to know that J. H. Bartels will not remove from Cottage Grove on account of selling his business to Fred Hassen, of Aberdeen, Wash. By the change we gain a good business man for our city, and will keep Mr. Bartels, who proposes to build a large cold storage and ice plant sufficient to supply the needs of the valley towns.

Mrs. Dr. Kime received a message Saturday from the doctor, who has been at the bedside of his father at Acton California, that his father died Friday evening. The doctor has many friends in Cottage Grove who deeply sympathize with him in his sorrow. Dr. Kime will return to his practice in the Grove in a few days.

CROW NEWS

(Special Correspondence.)
Crow, Jan. 17.—S. Emerson and family expect to leave in a few days for Southern California. They have rented their farm.

There was a clash between the officers and certain share holders of the Crow Telephone Co. this week which we hope to see amicably adjusted soon.

S. R. Jenkins, of Eugene, has been spending several days this week with his brother, J. V., here.

Mrs. John McCulloch is reported suffering an attack of Grippie.

Richard Hayes is down from Heppner, making an extended visit with friends and relatives about Crow.

Edward Silkwood, of Panther, was tried before Justice Jenkins last Monday on a charge of larceny. Frank Crenshaw being the plaintiff, but owing to a lack of evidence the case was dismissed.

STORAGE! STORAGE! STORAGE!

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UNITY ITEMS

(Special Correspondence.)
Unity, Jan. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Dot Kintzly and family, who have made an extended trip to Washington, returned to their home on Fall Creek.

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FOR SALE—A small shingle mill cheap for cash. Call on or address T. C. Thomson, Vida, Or. tf

FOR SALE—Small house and barn and two lots on West Seventh st. for cash. Enquire at this office. tf

FOR SALE—Full blooded White Leghorn roosters, \$1 each. H. L. Burt, West Seventeenth street, third house from Willamette st. d72

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Fine stock ranch with plenty of spring water for irrigating purposes. See Lee Hoselton, Oregon Cigar Store. tf

LOST AND FOUND

PURSE LOST—A ladies' purse lost on Eighth street on December 25, containing watch and chain, \$25 in coin, a return ticket to Portland and other articles. Finder will receive big reward by returning to Guard office. j16

WANTED

WANTED—A medium-sized safe; second-hand will do if in good condition. F. C. Walters, Elmira, Oregon. j18

HELP WANTED—Manager for branch office we wish to locate here in Eugene. Address, with references, The Morris Wholesale House, Cincinnati, Ohio.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—Young men, over 18, good physique, to prepare for examination for railway mail clerks in Oregon. Permanent government positions. Fine salaries, fine futures. Write at once, E. O. Heynen, 315 Columbia Bldg., Portland, Or.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—The Mapleton Hotel, furnished complete. For terms apply to R. H. Clow, Mapleton, Or. j15

MISCELLANEOUS

ROOM AND BOARD—Any one desiring private board and a nice warm room please call at 553 High street, corner Tenth. j14

ESTRAY—Came to my place on W. H. Griffin place, Fall Creek, the first of October, a two-year-old heifer. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this advertisement and expense of keeping. W. H. Griffin, Fall Creek Oregon. tf

HOMESTEAD CLAIMS—INFORMATION WANTED—Do you know of a homestead with any reasonable amount of timber on it that is not being nor has not been lived on? If so address "X.Y.Z." lock box 421, Eugene, Oregon, and later it may be made profitable to you by a responsible party. Location and description of land not asked for to start with. Any information later will be held strictly confidential and paid for. j15

WANTED—Elderly man to run ranch on Siuslaw, must be steady, sober and industrious and understand stock and farming. Yearly job for the right parties. For particulars apply at Guard office. d & wjt

Nice rooms and beds for 25 cents at Courthouse Lodging House, just north of the courthouse. Quiet place and close to the business part of town. See transparency "Beds" from Beckwith corner.

The theatre cafe is the best in town. dtf

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