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EUGENE'S ROSY FUTURE.

Eugene has an especially bright outlook for the year 1907.

The construction of an electric street and suburban railway, is assured, the material now being delivered for the early commencement of work.

The government building has reached the point of advertising bids for construction, the site having been officially selected.

Street paving has been taken in hand by the city council, and quite likely the first of this character of work, the most important step in city-building, will be done during the year. It is a matter in which every property owner is concerned, and should not be allowed to drag indefinitely along without a beginning being made at an early date.

The S. P. Co. has promised a new modern depot—but it has made the promise before only to forget about it. Here is an ample field for work on the part of the Commercial Club, that of securing proper recognition from the railroad company. No town in Western Oregon, outside of Portland, is so large a patron of the Southern Pacific and none has received less consideration from the railroad. Possibly this has been because of the quiescent attitude of our commercial organizations on that subject—they have asked little and received nothing.

Much improvement work is going on at the university and two new buildings are under construction.

The disposition all over Oregon seems to be to treat the university liberally, its excellence as a school and growing importance as a state institution being fully recognized. The constant growth of the university will have a large part in the up-building of a Greater Eugene.

In a general way the future of the upper Willamette valley and its leading city is rosy. The present legislature is quite likely to take such steps as will result in the opening of the Oregon City locks to free navigation, and it will have a direct bearing upon the development of the entire valley. And in course of time we predict the opening of navigation of the river as far as Eugene, bringing an era of development in lumbering and other manufacturing that will cause a great, modern city to grow up in place of our present beautiful, thriving town.

But, with all our natural advantages of location and surrounding resources, the people of Eugene should not lose sight of the fact that cities do not grow up—rather they are built up by the enterprise and energy of their people.

The "business news" of a newspaper is becoming just as important a feature as its telegraphic and local news. The business men of Eugene conduct their correspondence with the people of the city through the columns of this paper. We are "the ready letter writer" for all of them. Through this medium we keep them all informed as to the news of the day. Through this medium the merchant sells his goods, the farmer his cattle, the agent his land. Positive-ly it is a real pleasure to be useful to

so many people, to be a fixed institution in a community, just like a courthouse, a postoffice or an annual school tax.

In his exuberance a writer in the Oregonian, telling of the wealth of this community in part, heads the article "Twelve Millionaires More Powerful Than Rulers of the World Combined." That is our great trouble. While the masses have naturally become prosperous from the vast natural resources of the country, the laws have made "possible" the piling up of vast fortunes altogether out of proportion to the common wealth. It is not of the millionaires we should boast, but of the happy homes and contentment of our everyday working people. They have been robbed—are being robbed—to make these millionaires.

Officialdom is ever trying to still wider open the public purse. There is the Oregon attorney general for whom some friend has introduced a bill in the legislature giving him two deputies at \$1800 and \$2400 a year. That official now has so little to do that not one taxpayer in twenty can tell you who he is. And he wants to saddle two deputies on the state.

Several more or less well known gentlemen agree with Taft that it is better to be chief justice of the supreme court than to be a presidential candidate, and hope to see Taft anchored on the bench before the presidents are nominated next year.

Make way for the wise woman. She advises the people to stop eating for awhile, as an efficient protest against the high prices for food. The effectiveness of such a protest is beyond doubt.

Secretary Shaw should sue the London Times for slander. It says that he is as much of a freak in finance as Bernard Shaw is in literature.

Japan will for some time find so strenuous occupation wrestling with its billion dollar debt that it will have no time—not to mention cash—to devote to another war.

"Is Harriman bigger than Uncle Sam?" asks a worried editor. Maybe he thinks so, but we are backing Uncle Sam to the limit.

Foraker can count upon the support of Bellamy and Maria without writing any letters.

CURRENT NEWS TOPICS.

Ex-Mayor Balingor, of Seattle, has been appointed commissioner of the general land office to succeed W. A. Richards, resigned.

The Southern Pacific Company may not have any lobbyists at Salem, but it is not asleep. Last evening it took the members of the legislature to Portland on a special train, and many of them bit. One kind of lobbying.—Albany Democrat.

The merchants and grocers of Oregon have formed a state association. On Tuesday, January 22, the two houses of the Oregon general assembly will ratify the choice of United States senators made at the general election last June.

Portland leads all Pacific coast ports in shipments of wheat and breadstuffs.

Fatalities in China on account of the famine are increasing.

The interior department has added 450,000 acres of land in California to the Modoc forest reserve.

Paint with Phoenix paint. Preston & Hales, agents.

M. O. Warner tunes pianos. Leave orders at H. E. Morris' music store.

After Ten Years.

Mr. G. L. Stephenson, of Peterborough, Ont., says: "For over ten years I suffered constantly with piles, first itching, then bleeding; pain almost unbearable; life a burden. Tried everything in vain till I used Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid. 'I had taken but a few doses when I noticed an improvement. I decided to keep on, and now, after using three boxes, I am glad to say I am completely cured. My general health has also greatly improved. It gives me great pleasure to recommend Hem-Roid to all sufferers with piles, and I feel convinced that what it has done for me it will surely do for them.'"
 Price, \$1.00. Dr. Leonard's Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y., proprietors.

The Only Feasible Method For Reaching the North Pole

By Commander R. E. PEARY, U. S. N.



WHILE I don't want to appear as criticising the plans of others personally, I have NO FAITH in the airship or allied means for reaching the north pole. If it was possible to bring an airship to such a degree of perfection that it would be as reliable as an ocean liner and dirigible enough to withstand the sudden and remarkable fluctuations of circumpolar aerial navigation and be able to go to windward—ALL OF WHICH IT IS NOT—then we might talk with reason about balloons and aeroplanes.

An airship as it is at present would meet with insurmountable difficulties, rapid fluctuations in temperature there being about as fierce and as variable as the winds. Then, the heavy falls of snow weighing on the balloon would make a very APPRECIABLE difference in its weight, with consequent difficulties in its management.

The rise and fall of temperature to the extent of a difference of 25 degrees with or without the sun would naturally have its effect on the gas and on the MECHANICAL OPERATION of the ship.

I have in no way changed my opinion regarding the proper way to reach the pole. My allegiance to the Smith's sound or American route is unimpaired. I have always admitted the possibilities of the drift method of reaching the pole, if a ship can be put into the ice AT THE PROPER PLACE, manned by men of such temperament as would permit them to submit patiently to a campaign which would not be aided in the least by their own efforts.

Of course it is impossible to say how long such a method would require to be successful. It might take five or six or ten years to drift over the pole or to approach sufficiently near it to make it possible for sledge parties to reach it without any extraordinary difficulties.

I am strongly opposed to the use of any attempt to use untried or UNDEVELOPED IDEAS in the polar regions. The far north is not safe ground for experiments, as I have always maintained, and as I have again found that the only practicable agencies for travel over the rough ice floes and ridges of the polar seas are man and the Eskimo dog.

THESE IDEAS OF ELECTRICAL SLEDGES AND AIRSHIPS AS CONTRIVANCES ON WHICH TO REACH THE POLE ARE BASED, IT SEEMS TO ME, ON LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF PREVAILING CONDITIONS UP THERE.

A Poem for Today

REBECCA'S HYMN

By Sir Walter Scott

WHEN Israel, of the Lord beloved,
 Out from the land of bondage came
 Her fathers' God before her moved,
 An awful guide in smoke and flame.
 By day, along the astonished lands
 The cloudy pillar glided slow;
 By night, Arabia's crimson sands
 Returned the fiery column's glow.
 There rose the choral hymns of praise,
 And trump and timbrel answered keen,
 And Zion's daughters poured their lays
 With priest's and warrior's voice between.
 No portents now our foes amaze;
 Forsaken Israel wanders lone;
 Our fathers would not know Thy ways,
 And Thou hast left them to their own.
 But present still, though now unseen,
 When brightly shines the prosperous day,
 Be thoughts of Thee a cloudy screen
 To temper the deceitful ray.
 And, oh, when stoops on Judah's path
 In shade and storm the frequent night,
 Be Thou, Lord, suffering, slow to wrath,
 A burning and a shining light!
 Our harps we left by Babel's streams,
 The tyrant's jest, the gentle's scorn;
 No censor round our altar beams,
 And mute are timbrel, harp and horn.
 But Thou hast said, "The blood of goat,
 The flesh of rams, I will not prize;
 A contrite heart, a humble thought,
 Are mine accepted sacrifice."

COBURG NOTES.

Most everyone in Coburg is down with bad colds, including the writer, who has been sick for the past ten days.

The snow here at this writing is two inches deep, and indications are that it will be much deeper before the white coat departs.

Mr. Taylor, formerly a resident of this city, died at his son's home in this city last Tuesday, and the remains were laid to rest in the Coburg cemetery.

S. Robertson and others of this city have built a gasoline launch, which is now afloat in the McKenzie river, which they intended to equip for a sporting boat.

The McKenzie and Willamette rivers have been on a rampage here, and the bottom land between these two rivers has been entirely inundated and considerable damage has been reported.

The bridge gang of the Southern Pacific company who are now at work clearing away the old wood bridge south of this city, are advancing rapidly, and it is expected that the new steel bridge will soon be under construction.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

CHICAGO CHILDREN SICK BY THOUSANDS

Chicago, Jan. 17.—With 6000 children in Chicago and suburbs prostrate with scarlet fever and diphtheria and the announcement from the state capital tonight that smallpox and scarlet fever are practically epidemic throughout Illinois, the health authorities have awakened to the most serious condition they have experienced in years. Radical steps were taken at once in closing many schools, and if the diseases continue to spread, it may result in the closing of all places of entertainment and resorts where people congregate in large numbers.

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LOST—January 11, a gold nugget chain bracelet. Finder please return to 194 East Tenth street and receive reward. j19

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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.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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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

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