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IF YOU MUST FIGHT—DON'T BE NOISY.

There will be a city election held in Eugene soon. Already the advocates of divergent ideas of municipal government are lining up for the battle and there promises to be a spirited contest for control of the city council. It is eminently right and proper that this should be so, since an active interest in municipal affairs can only tend to greater efficiency of government, the rivalry engendered causing the bringing forward of the best men in the community for office, and to that extent at least enhancing the general welfare.

That the principal issue before the voters will be that of municipal ownership of public utilities goes without saying, since it is really the only municipal question in which there is general interest and a diversity of opinion. This being so, there seems little necessity this year to thresh the matter out in the newspapers, as has been done heretofore. The voters know their minds on this subject, as it has been a standing issue for some years, and its discussion through the press pro and con will have little effect upon the verdict to be rendered at the polls election day.

No matter how hard the campaign is waged by either or both sides it is altogether a bad policy to continue washing this dirty linen in public. Eugene has had so much detrimental advertising through the press because of the controversy over its water supply and the local option question that the past year, which should have been one of advancement and progress, has practically been a blank so far as any substantial improvement is concerned. Business has been good because of large crops, fair prices and activity in the lumbering industry, but there has been no building to speak of in Eugene, and a lack of harmony and concerted action is bearing fruit that is a cause of anxiety to the well-wishers of the city.

The present year, however, opens brightly with the promise of electric road building, university enlargement, federal building, and other improvements, and there should be a united effort to make a decided gain in population and business before January 1, 1908. It seems an instance of opportunity knocking at the door—and the portals should be swung wide in answer to the summons.

So let us bear in mind during the next few weeks that Eugene's interest is the personal interest of every one of us, and in doing so work for a clean, honest campaign, no matter how strong and earnest our convictions may be upon the issues involved. Let's make it a great year for Eugene—a red-letter chapter in the history of Oregon's onward march! One of America's greatest naval heroes was responsible for this toast: "My country, my she always be right, but right or wrong—my country!"

That expresses the acme of patriotism—suppose we paraphrase the quotation and give it local application.

—Just as an experiment for this year if nothing more.

Those who are interested in the president's recommendations as to rifle shooting in the public schools should note that the Preparatory Schools' Rifle Association of Great Britain encourages rifle practice in preparatory schools by practice with both miniature and air rifles. Lord Roberts, the distinguished soldier, is president of the association. Competitions are held three times yearly, at 25, 50 and 100 yards. Three challenge shields, of St. George, St. Patrick and St. Andrew, are provided, one for each competition. They are modelled in Sterling silver. In this connection Mr. Birrell, president of the board of education, has announced in the house of commons that the educational authorities had been given permission, under certain restrictions, to allow children of certain ages to be taught shooting at miniature ranges, the instruction to be paid for out of the public funds.

There is nothing new in the suggestion of Senator Morgan, that the Democrats dispense with a leader in the senate and allow each Democratic senator to carry on "a sort of political guerilla warfare" as he pleases. It has been done before, but is mighty poor politics. Victories are not won without leaders.

It grows more and more difficult for the layman to know "where he is at." Congress says the Panama canal zone is foreign territory for immigration purposes, and a New York court has decided that all territory owned by the United States is a part of the United States.

No wonder the venerable Senator Pettus went to sleep during the taking of testimony in the Brownsville investigation by the senate military committee. Judging from what has been published it is astonishing that any member of the committee has been able to keep awake.

Considering the size of the town and the bank, Treasurer Walker, of the New Britain, Conn., savings bank, who walked off with \$565,000, and was still walking when last seen, appears to have made the most of his opportunities.

A Cuban general called at the White House the other day and Captain Hobson was not on hand to ascertain if he had an ultimatum concealed about his person. Such carelessness should not be tolerated.

Nobody has yet suggested that the canal experts of Mars be called upon to help us with the Panama job, though many suggestions equally as useful have been made.

If the spirit of the lamented Lincoln be cognizant of current stories, he must be surprised to learn of many things he is now said to have done while living.

Dan Kelly Valuable. (Baker City Herald.)

It is estimated by Representative Farrell, of Multnomah, that Dan Kelly is worth \$125,000 to the state. This is the view of Multnomah county, which wishes to make the fast sprinter its protégé and Baker county will have to get busy or it will lose its honors in that connection. Kelly holds the world's record and Baker county should not overlook the value that young man is to this community. He is the best advertisement we have had for many moons. Dan is good natured and does not mind in the least being made an advertisement, for his home town and county, and it is up to Baker to get busy and use him.

Portland has a habit of claiming every famous athlete turned out in the state. The Multnomah Club does not hesitate for a minute to capture every fast man that comes its way. Dan Kelly is a Baker high school athlete and is not ashamed of it. He is ready to stick with Baker, and it is up to this place to stick with him. Whoop it up!

And the Journal and Tom Kay Didn't Boar. (Albany Democrat.) Speaker Davey is credited with getting a \$5,000 graft through for the state fair. Of course it tickles Salem.

How Federal Control Of Railroads May Be Had

By Governor JOSEPH W. FOLK of Missouri

A CITY or town is a business corporation, and all the municipalities of the state should have the power to purchase, own and operate ANY PUBLIC UTILITY whenever they see fit to do so.

Whether municipal ownership is wise or not depends upon conditions in each PARTICULAR CASE. In some instances it is manifestly the proper thing. In others, owing to different circumstances, it might be unwise.

The need of more strict laws in the state and nation for control of public service corporations is manifest. If there were a comptroller of railroads, appointed by the president, subject to removal at pleasure, WITH ABSOLUTE POWER to suspend directors or officials of interstate railroads violating the law, to appoint receivers to take charge of the road until its operators could furnish sufficient guarantee of MORE RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT, the result should be to remedy evils now existing in railroad affairs.

In other words, give the comptroller of railroads the power over railroads that the federal government now exercises through the comptroller of the currency OVER NATIONAL BANKS. The federal government can require a license from interstate railroads, subject to revocation by the comptroller.

WHAT IS NEEDED IS PLENARY POWER IN SOME OFFICIAL TO CORRECT ABUSES IN RAILROAD MATTERS, AS IN THE CASE OF BANKS.

A Poem for Today

THE RED PLANET MARS

By H. W. Longfellow



STAR of strength, I see thee stand And smile upon my pain; Thou beckonest with thy mailed hand, And I am strong again.

Within my breast there is no light But the cold light of stars; I give the first watch of the night To the red planet Mars.

The star of the unconquered will, He rises in my breast, Serene and resolute, and still And calm and self possessed.

And thou, too, whose'er thou art That readest this brief psalm, As one by one thy hopes depart, Be resolute and calm.

Oh, fear not, in a world like this, And thou shalt know ere long, Know how sublime a thing it is To suffer and be strong.



CREW OF STRANDED ALPHA AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

Were Not Assisted by Life-Saving Crew, as Reported—Waded Ashore Next Morning.

From Gardiner, Oregon, comes the report that the crew of the beached schooner Alpha is still there awaiting instructions from the owners. Captain Trugell and his eight men were not rescued by the life-saving crew at Umpqua, but remained on board the stranded vessel over night and waded ashore the following morning.

The Alpha went ashore a few miles above Winchester Bay February 3 at 11:30 p. m., and was beached high enough for the crew to reach shore the following morning by wading waist deep. Shortly after reaching shore the men were picked up by the stage that passes that place and brought to Gardiner, Joseph Fellman assisting them.—Portland Journal.

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company; a petition now in circulation has about the required number of signers. Others that would like to become members may sign the roll by calling on Bert Lawson—Nugget.

This is a Suggestion. (Oregonian.)

Senator Smith's proposal to regulate the curriculum of the state university by law is unwise. If he wishes to avoid conflict between the schools at Eugene and Corvallis, let him move to merge the two institutions into one great institution with its literary department in one town and its technical courses in the other, all being included under the name of the state university.

But There Was Opposition. (Albany Democrat.)

The Eugene council will meet tonight and pass the required ordinance specifying the kind of a pavement. Though labor and material are just as high in Eugene as in Albany, and the district covered is more than twice the size Albany is preparing to pave, some of its residence property, there is no opposition, the spirit in Eugene being one of progress.

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