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SHOULD NOT DELAY
ACTION TO SECURE
ELECTRIC ROAD SYSTEM

If Eugene people will get a move on, they may be able to make arrangements to have work begin at once on this end of the electric system that is destined to traverse the Willamette valley from Portland southward. The complications arising over the uncalculated delay in accepting Mr. Carver's Siuslaw proposition should be sufficient incentive to cause a hurry-up call to action to be sounded in this instance. In some matters the "better late than never" axiom does not prove a good rule for guidance, and Eugene should by this time be convinced that prompt action is necessary to secure success.

The building of electric roads in the valley marks the beginning of a new era of development, and this city should endeavor to become the center of a system radiating in all directions, like the points of a compass. There are thousands of acres of as fine land as can be found anywhere on the globe along these proposed lines, much of it not properly cultivated because the owners have not found it necessary to give it proper cultivation nor to make any effort to get out of it all that should be gotten from it, in order to make good money. The land has been so easily productive that it has been a temptation for years to the owners to make a living from it as easily as possible.

The operation of these electric lines will mean that this land is too valuable to longer lie in practical idleness. The great farms will be divided into smaller sections which will be occupied by families who will cultivate the soil in the best possible way, and these new families will bring new business and every point along the line will benefit from the new business.

Each of the towns will have its customers along the line of the roads and as the new people come in to increase the business each will receive its share.

Eugene merchants can profit by drawing the trade from other towns only as they pay better prices for farm products or as they carry better goods or sell them cheaper than competing merchants at other points, but the business interests will prosper in various ways. In the winter and spring, for example, when the roads are muddy, farmers refuse to take their teams and vehicles out into the mud unless compelled by absolute necessity for the want of provisions. The merchant is deprived of his custom and the residents of the city are deprived of the produce they have to sell. When the farmer can make use of the electric line he will take his produce to the city and to market, exchanging it for the provisions he may require, and the conditions of the roads and the weather will make but little difference. The expense of his own transportation and that of his farm produce to market would be but little if any more than the cost of his feed bill if brought in by his team.

When electric roads from Spokane were built connecting that city with small towns in Northern Idaho, it was freely predicted that the Idaho towns would suffer. The contrary has been the result. The little town of Coeur d'Alene, the terminus of one of the roads, has grown in the last two of three years from 1500 or 2000 population to 8000, and every acre of ground along the electric line is now under cultivation. In other words, both Spokane and Northern Idaho towns have been greatly benefited. The same result will undoubtedly follow relative to Eugene and surrounding points.

J. Edward Addicks is once more before the public; his third wife is suing him for divorce. He is now in poverty. That is he has millions in debts hanging over him, though

he probably has enough stuck away upon which to live. A remarkable feature is that the wives he has had are all rich. The first two were sisters. Wife No. 2 is dead. She made the daughter of No. 1 her executrix and heir. She secured a large fortune at the time of a settlement of the divorce suit she brought against the gas man. Number 3 has three-quarters of a million and \$200,000 worth of jewelry. While the man has been getting rid of \$200,000,000 the wives have been husbanding the money he gave them, and the last one proposes to cut loose with what she has and leave him to eat the crust alone. Addicks has been a remarkable character, but no feature of his career has been more remarkable than his matrimonial record.

The band concert in the park last night drew a larger crowd than usual, this fact tending to show the growing popularity of these entertainments. Such gatherings serve a good purpose by bringing the people together and putting them in a position where they meet and talk to people and gain new ideas, results that could not be gained otherwise. Towns where celebrations and public social events are frequent always prove to be livelier the year around than the towns that go along in the same rut from day to day. The organization and maintenance of a first-class band was one of the most important steps so far taken in Eugene during the present year.

State School Superintendent Ackerman, after a conference with prominent educators, has adopted a high school course with one, two, three and four-year courses. Under it students will be required to read two English classics. Bookkeeping is mandatory the first year in all high schools, irrespective of curriculum offered. Latin is placed in the fourth year course and is optional. Physics is required in the third year of the course. Work in English has been strengthened by requiring grammar, composition and rhetoric to be carried through the first two years.

Butter is advancing in price rapidly on the coast and it is predicted it will rule higher during the coming winter than for many years. It is said that consumption has kept pace with production during the year, and none has gone into cold storage. Consequently there will be no surplus upon which to draw as the season advances, and the price is expected to soar. It will be a good thing for the dairymen, and other people will not complain, even though it makes drafts upon their bank accounts.

Owing to our complex industrial system no one industry can be put out of business without seriously affecting scores of others. Because the telegraph companies and their employees have a dispute over hours and wages, the whole American people are hampered more or less in their work and business. Those who regard government ownership of public utilities as the solution of these difficulties will find more listeners if these constant strikes, walkouts and lockouts continue.

The enrollment of the state university, exclusive of the law and medical departments in Portland, promises to reach the 500 mark this fall. It shows how rapid the growth of the institution is likely to be in the future, and proves the wisdom of the legislature in making an increased appropriation for maintenance and buildings. It is safe to say that there will be 1000 students in attendance three years from now, due largely to the rapid growth of Oregon in population.

Eugene isn't booming—only putting up new buildings, paving streets, building railroads, opening new banks, and selling real property at advancing prices. We have no idea of creating a boom, but purpose to show old Oregon an object lesson in building up a city that will open the eyes of the croakers who are always talking about the Websters being slow and sleepy.

The movements of E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, are as mysterious as those of John D. Rockefeller, the oil king. Just now the telegraphers' strike adds him in connection with his movements from the public, but he is thought to have arrived in Klamath county, Oregon, today, where he will spend some time at the Pelican Bay resort, fishing and hunting.

The strike may be broken, but the daily newspapers are not getting any press dispatches from the same. Evidently no news is being received from the East by the Portland office of the Associated Press, since if they had it it might be easily transmitted to Eugene over the Postal wires.

In order to get in another winter before the public, his third wife is suing him for divorce. He is now in poverty. That is he has millions in debts hanging over him, though

Problems of the Republic

By Governor JOHN A. JOHNSON of Minnesota.



YET PROTECTS AND FOSTERS ITS DEVELOPMENT.

Or in the great problem of transportation with railroad corporations enthroned upon EIGHTEEN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF CAPITAL SECURITIES, endowed by the government with the SOVEREIGN POWER of eminent domain, collecting tolls now aggregating two billions of dollars per annum or over THREE TIMES THE AGGREGATE REVENUES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT and the nation only feebly and imperfectly able to control its means of transportation.

Or again in the problem of THE STATUS AND CONDITION OF THE COLORED MAN, still, after nearly a century of argument and conflict, one of the most profound and vexatious problems since the days when the children of Israel contended with Pharaoh. Its solution is being deferred because the master mind has not worked out the science of its law of gravitation, and America still awaits him.

Demanding the best and most careful national thought is the question of OUR COLONIAL POSSESSIONS. This nation was born under the doctrine of the inalienable right of self government, a protest against the theory of foreign possession and colonial rule, while today we are a mother country, denying to our colonial SUBJECTS even the rights and privileges guaranteed in our constitution, from which our government derives its powers, and denying that this constitution controls our septs or follows our flag.

Recently there has been promulgated the doctrine of GREATER CENTRALIZATION OF POWER in the federal government for the curbing of some of the evils which threaten the public interest.

TO SO HARMONIZE NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND STATE LEGISLATION THAT THE FORMER SHALL INCLUDE EVERYTHING STRICTLY NATIONAL AND INTERSTATE AND THE LATTER COVER ALL CONDITIONS WHICH BEGIN AND END WITHIN THE STATE IS ONE OF THE NICEST PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE AMERICAN STATESMAN.

promises justified the postponement until next year of his dash for the north pole. It's LOW up to Walter Wellman to pull off something equally as good.

A Solomon doing duty as a Paris correspondent gravely announces by cable that "there has never been a crisis in French affairs without a woman mixed up in it." He'll be cabling the ten commandments as news, next.

Harriman is touring the West, he says, "just trying to have a little fun." If our memory serves us correctly, he was in Washington for the same avowed purpose last year—what he got everybody knows.

Should conviction be found on all those New York federal indictments of the Standard Oil Co., and another Landis hand down the decision, there may be \$18,000,000 more charged up as fines.

Much space is wasted in magazines published for women, giving instructions which are entirely useless to the average female—on how to manage male things.

It is very improbable that the president is keeping silent to win a wager; much more likely that he's thinking up things to say to congress.

Everybody has heard a lot about reform in the insurance business, but has anybody heard of a reduction in the premiums paid by policy-holders?

Naturally, there is a streak of burry-up in the granddaughter of Stonewall Jackson, who pulled off a quick runaway marriage the other day.

Union telegraphers merely got the reasonable "rest" day, aggravated by the notion that there was entirely too much wiring going on.

Tom Lawson is a grandad, but it's a girl and he is saved the trouble and worry of starting the kid on the road to the White House.

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They speak of me and wish that I would come.

They are all there, the blessed household band!
I, only, shiver in the cold outside;
I, only, lift an eager, pleading hand,
Outstretched to reach a love that is denied.

I wonder should I know my mother's face—
The face that last I kissed with bated breath,
Lest I might mar that perfect calm and peace

That Love calls life but we poor souls call death.
I wonder if my father's eyes would smile,
As in the olden times, upon his child.

Alas! It is a long and weary while
Since any love like that upon me smiled.

Have the grave questions in my sister's eyes
Found happy answers till their depths no more
Seem to brood over hidden mystery.

Are they alight with heaven's blessed love?
I wonder if they know—they loved me well—
The petted darling of the household band.

Methinks that even in heaven their hearts would swell
With grief, to see how all alone I stand.

I wonder, when I falter, over-worn,
With lonely days and even lonelier nights,
How all the bitter pain my heart hath borne

Must look to them in that eternal light.
Perchance they, seeing, with that clearer view,
From which the earth's bewildering mists have passed,

Beholding all the dark things touched of agony,
And life's enigmas plain and clear at last.

Say this: "The Lord will lead her safely on."
The weary feet will reach our home some day,
And from her eyes the darkness will be gone.

God's hand shall wipe the burning tears away,
So all the days, or dark or bright, go by,
And give the varying gifts of joy or woe.

The earth-worn feet go stumbling toward the sea
Where waits for me the Boatman pale, I know.

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