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THE MAN WHO WINS.

The man who wins is the man who does,
 The man who makes things sum and buzz,
 The man who works and the man who acts,
 Who builds on a basis of solid facts;
 Who doesn't sit down to mope and dream,
 But humps ahead with the force of steam;
 Who hasn't the time to fuss and fret,
 But gets there every time—you bet.

The man who wins is the man who wears
 A smile to cover his burden of cares;
 Who knows that the sun will shine again,
 That the clouds will pass and we need the rain;
 Who buckles down to a pile of work,
 And never gives up and never will shirk;
 Till the task is done and the toil made sweet,
 While the temples throb with the red blood's heat.

The man who loses is he who moans
 That the way is rough and he dreads the stones;
 Who is looking for something soft to do
 Where the pay is big and the hours are few;
 Who dreams of this and dreams of that,
 But never sails in and throws off his hat;
 Who fears the feel of a drop of sweat,
 And never gets anywhere—you bet.

The man who wins is the man who climbs,
 The ladder of life to the cherry chimneys
 Of the bells of labor, the bells of toil,
 And isn't afraid that his skin will spall
 If he faces the glare of the shining sun
 And works in the light till his task is done—
 A human engine with triple beam
 And a hundred and fifty pounds of steam.

—Selected.

ISSUES IN THE CITY CAMPAIGN

The Guard is not interested in the approaching city election in any personal sense. It has no choice between the candidates as individuals, since all of them are good citizens, capable of filling the offices for which they have been nominated. This paper will, therefore, be content with merely calling the attention of the voters to the issues that are presented, and it is up to them to choose the policy they wish their representatives in the council to pursue. This is the duty of a newspaper when so much that concerns the public welfare is at stake and where such determined efforts are made by interested parties to distort and misrepresent the facts.

There is no doubt but the fate of the movement for municipal ownership in Eugene will be decided by the ballots cast next month. The opponents of the policy pursued by the present administration have contested their acts at every step, at every election, in the courts—regardless of the burden such methods have added to the naturally heavy expense of municipal government. By pursuing a systematic course of "knocking" they forced the sale of the \$300,000 bond issue at par when these same securities are now listed in the East at 109 and a fraction, a clear loss of nearly \$30,000 to the taxpayers. They have influenced the city treasurer to refuse to honor warrants regularly drawn upon the funds in his possession, and have enjoined the city in the courts from proceeding with the installation of a municipal power plant, causing delay and needless expense.

All this has been done in the interests of the private corporation which controls the light, power and gas supply of the city, and in order to retain for that corporation the monopoly that is becoming each month more burdensome to private consumers. In January the corporation charged the city nearly \$1000 for furnishing power to operate its pumps, and for the short month of February just ended \$900, making it apparent that when the water system is extended to cover the entire city, which should be done, the price charged by the Willamette Valley Company for power will bankrupt the treasury and render municipal ownership of the water plant a costly experiment, although it was almost unanimously voted to take this step.

On the other hand, if the people back up the present administration in its fight for the right of the people to supply themselves not only with water but with the power to pump it and the privilege of lighting their streets, there will be a saving of probably \$20,000 a year that will pay interest on an investment twice as large as that required to install the municipal power plant. It is this prospective loss of revenue that is impelling the corporation stockholders and bondholders to make the desperate fight that will culminate in the struggle at the polls on April 5. It means that the voters who on that day cast their ballots against Mayor Matlock and the councilmen who have stood back of him in his effort to carry out the pledges made previous to their election are in favor of turning the control of city affairs over to the representatives of the Willamette Valley Company.

There are, it is true, men who will oppose the re-election of Mayor Matlock on personal grounds, claiming to be advocates of municipal ownership, but they will in nearly every case be found to be men who want a municipal ownership that does not own. They invariably talk for the right of the people to own the public utilities, but vote for the candidates of the Willamette Valley Company on the silly excuse that the officials who are actually trying to do something for the people are not going about it right. They either belong to that class who, doing nothing

themselves, put in their time "knocking" those who do things, or are insincere, and while pretending a sympathy with the people are merely henchmen off the corporation, talking for the effect they may have in creating dissension in the ranks of municipal ownership forces.

As a matter of fact Eugene has made greater progress under the present city administration than ever before in its history. It is a bigger, better and cleaner town in every respect and the policy of its officials has in the general reflected the public-spirited progressiveness that has made Eugene a household word in the Northwest during the past two years. It would be little short of a public calamity to turn the management of municipal affairs over to men who have been put forward because they are satisfactory to a private corporation that has shown its disposition to oppress its patrons upon every opportunity and is charging not alone the city but private consumers rates that can only be described as extortionate.

An authoritative definition of drunkenness has long been needed, and the want is now supplied by a decision of Judge Hart, of Nashville, who has been hearing testimony in the Carmack murder case, according to the New York World. On the question of the fitness of a juror who habitually uses intoxicants, Judge Hart ruled that "man is drunk when he is so much under the influence of liquor that he becomes a nuisance to the general public." An old view of drunkenness, which has had wide acceptance, was that a man is not drunk so long as he can lie down without holding on. A British justice has recently held that a man cannot be regarded as drunk if he can find his way home alone. These precedents are now further amplified, though the Nashville decision is subject to appeal and review by the higher courts.

The Guard has hesitated to publish the well authenticated report that Colonel Erastus Hofer, the versatile editor of the Salem Journal, will be a candidate for governor of Oregon next year. We feared the ecstatic joy with which this announcement would be received in Eugene might be productive of apoplexy.

If every pretty girl is to be equipped with one of these new-fangled "truth-telling" machines, flirtation is due to join the other lost arts, as no man can flirt and tell the truth at the same time.

A German court has decided that a public clock shall not strike after 10 o'clock at night, but that will not affect the clock of the Chicago University, which is to have a bell that may be heard five miles.

This is one from today's Oregonian: "Stamp sales at Eugene this year show an increase of 63 per cent over last year. And this is not a state election year, either. What will the increase be in 1910?"

This get-rich-quick financier who calls his having served several terms for larceny and forgery "little indiscretions of youth" was doubtless speaking comparatively, and therefore correctly.

Long ago it was said that misfortunes never come singly, and its truth is proven by the calling of special sessions of congress and the Oregon legislature on the same day.

And here's more race discrimination. A bill has been introduced in the Texas legislature to make chicken-stealing a penitentiary offence.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

March 6.

1482—Francesco Guicciardini, celebrated Italian statesman and historian, born in Florence. Died there in 1540.

1706—Sir George Pocock, British admiral who took Havana from the Spanish in 1762, was born. Died April 3, 1790.

1805—Minnesota, east of the Mississippi river, made part of Michigan Territory.

1820—Authority was given by Congress to the people of Missouri to form a state constitution.

1831—Gen. Philip H. Sheridan born. Died August 5, 1888.

1838—John Stevens, inventor and founder of American patent laws, died in New York. Born there in 1748.

1857—Isaac Toucouy, of Connecticut, became secretary of the navy.

1861—Fort Brown, on the Rio Grande river, surrendered to the Confederates.

1888—Louisa May Alcott, famous writer of books for children, died in Boston. Born in

Germantown, Pa., November 29, 1832.

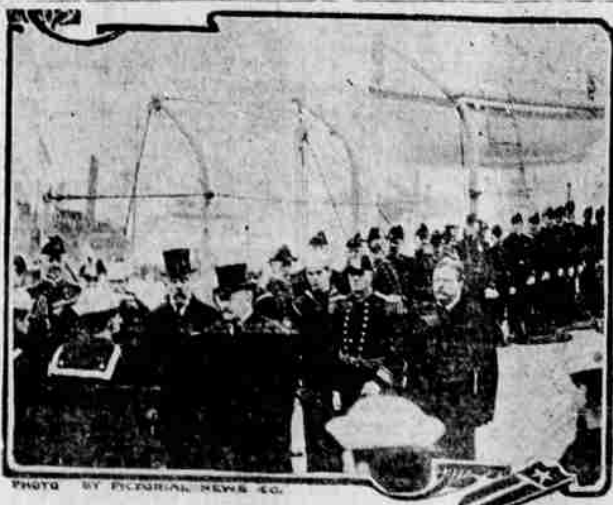
1908—Minnesota State Democratic committee endorsed Governor John A. Johnson for the presidential nomination.

"THIS IS MY 51ST BIRTHDAY."

Schuyler Colfax Graves.

Schuyler Colfax Graves, a noted physician and surgeon, was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 6th, 1858. He was educated in the public schools of Grand Rapids and at the University of Michigan, where he received his medical degree with the class of 1881. Under commission of major from President McKinley, received in 1898, he served during the Spanish-American war as chief surgeon of the First brigade, Third division, Fourth army corps, and was stationed at Tampa, Florida, and Huntsville, Alabama. In the study of medicine and surgery he has traveled extensively in Europe and in Africa and has been an extensive contributor to the leading American medical publications.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT THE FLEET REVIEW.

After President Roosevelt had reviewed the returning battleship fleet from the bridge of the Mayflower he went aboard the battleship Connecticut and reviewed and addressed the crew. This photograph shows the president with Rear Admiral Perry on the deck of the flagship. The president has his hat in his hand in response to the salute of the sailors lined up on the deck. The party is led by Assistant Secretary Satterlee and Secretary Newberry of the navy department.

ANOTHER SAWMILL
IS IN PROSPECT
AT SPRINGFIELD

Parties Are Negotiating for a Site—The Postmaster's

It has been rumored for some time that we are soon to have another sawmill but until recently the report had not been verified by anyone who was on the inside enough to know. However, the News is in a position to state positively that the facts are reported are true and within a very short time we will be able to give out more information. For the present we have been requested to withhold the names of the parties who will be interested in the mill, but we will say that they are thoroughly responsible parties and will erect a mill that will employ at least fifty men. We are informed that they have purchased a six-acre tract of land not far from the planing mill in North Springfield.

There has been considerable talk about town for the past few days in regard to a change of postmasters at the local office. The News has investigated the matter thoroughly and we are glad to state that Mr. Roberts, our present humble servant, will remain at the helm and give us the same courteous treatment that we have heretofore received.

J. W. Machen informs us that his former partner, Fred Snyder, who was engaged in the butcher business with him at Springfield about a year

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ago, has fallen heir to \$10,000. It seems that Fred just received the glad news this week and now he says that the U. S. can no longer hold him but that he will start for the old country as soon as he can make arrangements.

The mayor instructed the marshal to notify all dog owners in the town that they must comply with ordinance No. 113. The marshal set about the task Wednesday and says that he found in his rounds but five families who did not have a dog and in many cases from three to five of them in a family.—News.

DIED

Near Blachley, March 4 days. Mrs. Horton was well to many Junction people who her loss. She became a member of the Christian church one year. Interment was made in the Iowa cemetery, Wednesday, March 4, 1909. Morgan officiating.—Times

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