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MERGER OF POWER COMPANIES FAILS

With approximately 50 per cent of the voters of Portland going to the polls this week, the electric power merger was voted down by about two to one. The people are apparently becoming more and more suspicious of big corporations, regardless of the fact that their stockholders include many of their employees and ordinary citizens of all walks of life.

The opposition was no doubt due to an alleged idea of a Portland newspaper to increase the rates for light and power as soon as the electric companies were consolidated, regardless of the fact that it would have been possible to reduce operating expenses.

It is unfortunate—unfortunate for the good of the public as a whole, that so many of the people of the country are opposed to anything that corporations or capitalists undertake. This feeling is retarding the industrial growth and development of many sections of the Northwest, because capital finds so many attractive propositions where this condition is not a factor.

Labor is fairly well organized. The wage scale set by labor unions regulates the price paid for all classes of labor, to a great extent. This is a mighty fine thing for the laboring man, and for everyone. And capital is entitled to the same consideration. That we may have prosperous times it is just as necessary that investors receive returns on their investments as it is that labor receive a good price.

Probably less than 10 per cent of the potential water power of the state of Oregon has been developed. It will need to be developed, however, as the other resources of the state are developed, and it will take capital. Unless a fair return can be realized, such capital cannot be induced to come to the state.

The results of the Portland election indicate that there should be a more thorough understanding between the public and the utility corporations.

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THE UNIVERSAL DRAFT PROPOSAL

National Commander Spafford of the American Legion, in his address at Salem Monday night, explained to the large audience the program of the organization in regard to the universal draft. In case of another war, the president would be empowered to draft industries as well as man power. No industrial plant of any description would be allowed to operate at a profit during the period of the war.

If this law is passed, and the speaker believed that it would be, it probably would have more to do toward the prevention of war than anything that possibly could be done. No nation, or group of nations, in the world would care to tackle the U. S. A. knowing that the total resources of this great nation could be immediately diverted to the prosecution of the conflict.

Certainly there is no less authority given in the Constitution for drafting the implements of war than drafting the manpower of the nation. In time of war everyone should be subject to the same rules, poor and rich alike.

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WANT TOWN CLEANED UP

The Garden club at its meeting this week took up the matter of cleaning up the town, and will try to get the council to provide a dumping ground and pass a law that will compel those who haven't enough civic pride to keep their premises clean to do so.

This is a matter that everyone should be interested in if they have any interest in their community. Let's get behind the movement 100 per cent, and do a good job and then not let it become necessary to go through the same procedure again next year.

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Business men of Sandy have devised a scheme that will give the community a great deal of publicity at a minimum cost. They have had a map made showing the location of their city, and facts and information concerning the surrounding community, which is being printed on the back of the envelopes being used by the different business firms.

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Mexico is taking steps to abolish factory work for young children and to curtail long hours in other pursuits, says a news dispatch. We wonder if, in referring to other pursuits, they mean "revolutions."

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Scientists have been unable to determine what causes sleep. Some preachers are also puzzled over the phenomenon.

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Next week we will begin to hear about the big one that was hooked, broke the tackle and got away. The fishing season opens Sunday.

RANK PARTISANSHIP

Anyone who has taken time to wade through the Congressional Record during the present session have been impressed with the utter recklessness of statement which have characterized many of the speeches on the floors of both houses.

The debates have been shot through with the rankest kind of partisanship, and to an impartial observer it would appear that in their disregard of facts, in the utter subordination of the public welfare to political expediency, and in the waste of valuable time through irrelevant wind-jamming, adherents of both major parties and their various factions have been about equally guilty.

Partisan political activity is inseparable from our system of government, and when backed by honest differences of opinion it is not to be condemned. But when supposed national leaders descend to the level of common scandal-mongers and adopt poison tongue methods in order to gain a little political advantage, it is nothing less than disgusting.

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The Portland Valley Baseball League got off to a good start Sunday, and, locally, at least, the attendance at the first game indicated that the public is for good, clean baseball. Estacada has the makings of a fast team and if given the proper encouragement by continued local support, should finish the season near the top. The management is well pleased with the showing made at the opening game Sunday.

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General Sherman's terse description of war is well known. His famous phrase, "War is hell," would seem to be the ultimate in depicting something to be abhorred. But Vice President Dawes has discovered something he considers worse. He says: "War is preferable to listening to Senate speeches."

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Charles Hasenmiller, 70 years old, a merchant of New Albany, Indiana, has never seen a movie, a game of chance, a horse race or a baseball game and has never touched liquor or used tobacco, says a news item. Must have been born blind.

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After reading recent copies of a certain Clackamas county newspaper, the News has come to the conclusion that Oregon should have one more crazy law on its statute books—a law requiring "all" comic sections printed

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A doctor has said that insane people were happier than those who are sane. This may account for some of the hilarity we have often observed.

LET'S GO!

FISHING SEASON OPENS SUNDAY, APRIL 15—
We have a complete line of your equipment. Come in and see our stock of Fishing Tackle.

SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
We have a special for Friday and Saturday only—5-foot steel casting rod, 80 yd. quadruple action reel, 50 yd. spool high grade silk line; all Winchester quality; \$8.00 value; for only \$4.98

Fishing Poles from75c to \$6.00
Lines, Leaders, Gut Hooks, Salmon Eggs of all kinds. Get yours now while the stock is complete.
"BUY YOUR HARDWARE AT THE HARDWARE STORE"

S. & S. HARDWARE
"The Winchester Store"

LIBERTY THEATRE

Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14—

"THE GREAT MAIL ROBBERY"

A slashing melodrama of the roaring rails and Uncle Sam's marines, with an all-star cast. Comedy, Mickey McGuire in "Mickey's Battles"

Saturday Night only—

RUBE SHAW'S NORMANDY GIRLS
and Vaudeville Revue

Show starts at 7:15 Saturday night

Sunday and Monday, April 15 and 16—

"THE CAMPUS FLIRT"

Bebe Daniels, James Hall, El Brendel and Chas. W. Paddock. A good college picture. Also Pathe News Weekly, Snapshots.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 17, 18, 19

"THE BIG PARADE"

The best war picture ever made
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we will give away 1000 sticks of chewing gum
Wednesday, Thursday, "Casey of the Coast Guard"

Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21—

Yakima Canutt in

"THE OUTLAW BREAKER"

A big western picture, lots of action. Comedy, "Getting Hitched."

BASEBALL

AT ESTACADA

Second Scheduled Game of the Portland Valley Baseball League

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Game Starts at 2:30 p. m.

Sherwood Players

VS

Estacada Legion

Estacada Battery: Tony Bronson and Bill Fischer

Bill Fischer caught for the Portland Beavers last season

Admission Prices as Usual--Adults 35c, Children 15c