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"The yeas have it." So declared Mayor Laughlin at the special session of the council Friday evening. It was the vote whether or no to accept the gift of a park and library that the above short concise sentence bears such significance to Forest Grove. In all small towns it is usually a great burden to start a public piece of property for any purpose and nine times out of ten when a town hall is founded it is as far as a town gets while being of a population of from one to five thousand. But it is not so here. Through the public spiritedness of Mrs. G. O. Rogers, Forest Grove is given a ready-made park and a beautiful castle-like building for a library. The action of the council in accepting this gift is certainly a commendable one, and will live forever in the memory of all true-blue and loyal citizens. To be sure, there were dissenting voices heard, but they were without the slightest evidence of good argument, for there is none. Forest Grove will have a public park and library building that any body can point out to the stranger with the highest degree of pride; where the children can romp and play; where the old can rest in the shade of the moss-covered oak; where book lover can appease his imagination either in love and fiction or science and religion. Forest Grove has stepped ahead, anyway.

There is something rudely wrong with Portland. It can

hardly be believed that she is jealous of Astoria, but the recent coldness towards Vice-President Fairbanks, who was that city's guest would not down without passing notice. 'Nary a glad hand was extended the second highest officer of the land, when he arrived in Oregon Monday, en route to the city on the Columbia. Eve if you don't like him, don't be rude.

The state of Texas is on the map not only in proportion but as first in legislation of a unique character. Sometime ago the big state started the world by excluding entrance to that region of consumptives who were in the last stages of that disease, but now comes an even more sweeping bit of legislation which not only forbids trusts to exist there but has made it a finable crime for merchants to sell or offer for sale any goods made by trusts. Under this regime the poor citizens there will be clothesless, eatless and everythingelseless.

HOWE'S OBSERVATIONS.

You can waste a good lot of time telling how reliable you are.

A boy's idea of a crazy notion is a safe and sane Fourth of July.

In his efforts to place the blame, a man seldom looks in a mirror.

Nearly every mother thinks other mothers have fool notions about raising children.

There is one thing sure about the newspaper business; when a reporter loads, everybody knows it.

It is possible to think a great deal of the nation's great men without being interested in visiting their graves.

When a boy has old junk to sell, he always finds, when he gets to the dealer's that he overestimated its value.

How people hate drunken men! And how drunken men continue to parade around in public places, and act smart!

If a man doesn't like buttermilk, celery, or olives, he is pretty apt to believe that others only pretend to like them.

When a woman thinks some other woman has her outclassed in the matter of clothes, she accuses her rival of "overdressing."

The nervous person is pretty positive in his belief that children are not as well behaved now as when he was young.

When a real young girl goes down town to work she is liable to spend her first month's salary having her photograph taken.

Summer is also the time the girl with a "voice" keeps the tired neighbors awake by her efforts to sing them to sleep.

After all, the only sure happiness we have today is the knowledge that we don't know what is going to happen tomorrow.

A man and woman may agree on other subjects, but there is sure to be a difference of opinion as to which has the most spare time.

The average man thinks a woman has great faith in him because she doesn't try to find out a lot of things about him she already knows.

You think an orphan child is a sad sight; what do you think of parents who have outlived all their children? Isn't that a sight with more grief in it?

When a woman cleans out a bureau drawer, she leaves the drawer as full as before beginning, and throws out enough junk to fill it again.

If a man has his choice of two reforms, it is easy for him to argue that the one which will do the world the greater good is the one that will cost him the least.

From the way many boys can always get some of the other boys to help them with their work, the wonder is there isn't a surplus of captains of industry.

The self-sacrificing member of the family who eats the chicken necks (Mother is usually the one) can always be relied upon to tell how sweet and juicy the meat is on that particular piece.

Next Year's Platforms.

There will be party platforms next year, we may suppose, and much labor will be spent in preparation of them. The task will be more difficult than heretofore for many years, because the leaders of parties will realize that old platforms will not afford much material for new. The questions raised by the



Democratic party more. Changes in the opposite direction are probable among the larger masses of voters, who want capitalists brought under reasonable control. The Socialists will stick to their own party and expect to increase their vote greatly. They are talking of a voting strength of three millions next year. For even under the leadership of Bryan, the Democratic party will not go far enough to satisfy them.

Many Republicans of the capitalist class, and those associated with the capitalist class, will surely turn against the Republican party, even if Mr.

"If we are to have the splendid nation we deserve, we must have the right leaders. No one is better fitted as a leader than our distinguished guest here this evening," said Senator Fulton last evening in introducing Vice-President Fairbanks at the Seaside banquet. It was the most signal utterance of the occasion and was interpreted by those present as placing Senator Fulton in the forefront of those who will oppose the renomination of President Roosevelt at the next national Republican convention.

Bryan should be the Democratic candidate. For the Republican party undoubtedly in its platform declares its intention of continuing, and even of extending, the legislation necessary for abatement of the colossal abuses, detected and exposed, or yet hidden, in the vast combinations of capital throughout the country. The Democratic party will make similar declaration, but will direct its criticism at Republican methods, and thus seek favor for its own. But its own methods will lack the definition that those of the Republican party have obtained, through the laws and through the prosecutions urged by the present Administration against the operations of the Rockefellers and the Harrimans. The double purpose of resentment, and of hope to have "influence" with a Democratic administration, will turn most of these forces to support of that party.

Platform-writing next year will be an artistic business. The platforms must be so constructed as to say both more and less than they mean. If, however, we could have direct nominations for President and Vice-President, after the fashion of Oregon's primary law, we should be rid not only of party conventions but also of the trouble of platform-making. We could vote on instinct then, without the bother of inquiring what we were voting about.—Oregonian.

Last week the Oregon Land Company sold the R. B. Bates farm, known as the Carey Porter place on the Gale Creek road, to John Allen of Manhattan, Kansas, for a consideration of \$5,000. Mr. Allen has gone to Suber of this state, where his family and household goods are and will soon arrive in this city.

Mrs. Evangeline Bash of Port Townsend, Wash., was the guest of Mrs. Seymour the first of the week, they having been old friends in the east. Mrs. Bash has just returned from an extended trip to Boston, New York and other eastern cities.

Charles Warren Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States, who was the guest of Oregon, Monday and Tuesday. (Matrix by courtesy of Portland Journal.)

present administration must be dealt with by all parties—and each of them will wish and strive to get before the country on a basis that will satisfy the radical, without doing too much violence to the conservative element. There will be no little shifting of ground. The Republican party will have less support from the capitalist class; the

MID-SUMMER SALE

—of—

WHITE GOODS

We are overstocked this season in White Goods and we will make every effort to move them while the season is right. We will move them when everybody wants them. We are not going to wait until the season is over but "will strike while the iron is hot." It is to your interest as well as ours to get in while the stock is complete, and lay in your supply at prices that are right. This sale does not only include white goods but all summer wash goods which we are offering at



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