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HE DOES THINGS.

It is gradually dawning upon the mind of the American people, that we have a president that is both capable and willing to do things. Probably we have never had a chief executive who has exerted greater influence upon congressional action, than has Theodore Roosevelt.

When he recommended to congress that legislation controlling railroad traffic and freight be desirable, if a vote could have been taken at once, the measure would have been snuffed under so deeply, that it would not have been heard of again. But with the agitation, it soon dawned upon the mind of the Republicans that the entire Democratic side of the house would support the president's measure and that he could add enough republican supporters to support the measure that otherwise would have been rejected.

Let us hope that, by means of the referendum, the people will administer such a rebuke, that future legislators will be more economical and use greater wisdom in expending the people's money.

HOW THEY GET THE MONEY.

Those who wonder why the Legislature makes such heavy appropriations immediately after going to Salem from the constituency are clamoring for economy or retrenchment, may perhaps understand the reason if they will consider the old rule to "put yourself in his place."

Most of the members of the Legislature have an earnest purpose to decrease rather than increase the rate of taxation. They perhaps expect that the appropriations will grow as the state grows, but they have no intention to swell the burden of maintaining the state government more rapidly than the taxable wealth of the state increases.

But consider the situation that confronts them as soon as they reach the State House. From the opening of the session until its close, there are scores of new and serious urgent appropriations for this purpose and that. Investigating committees are sent to visit the several institutions and the Legislators are cordially received and regally treated by the officials in charge.

Before the ways and means committee each demand upon the State Treasury is presented in a most plausible and convincing manner by persons who are familiar with the matter in hand and who have but one immediate end to accomplish—to get the money. These persons are honest in their arguments, for they have so long viewed the merits of their claims that they can be no question in their minds that the state is in honor and duty bound to give what is asked.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

The investigation now to be instituted as to the methods and manner of conducting the business of the Standard Oil Company will undoubtedly result in great good for the American people.

Any wrong can be corrected and the needed reforms before the public must become informed to just what extent it is being wronged or swindled and the case may be, before it proceeds to correct the evil. The government, before it punishes the land grabbers and swindlers, goes to great trouble and expense to ascertain the extent of the wrong-doing of the suspected ones. It can then punish the guilty and institute the needed reforms.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

After the Standard Oil company has been investigated and made to be good, let us hope that every trust, or combination, that is extorting unjust tribute from the people's will, in due time, be brought to book. The correcting of wrongs by the government, especially such as pertain to business, seem discouragingly slow; but it is a comfort to know that it does move, if slowly, and that the chief of sinners, the S. O. company is to feel the weight of the government's power.

THE LATE LEGISLATURE DECIDES.

The late legislature decides that we should not have a state fair this year, yet the customary \$10,000 (we believe this is the amount) was appropriated just the same. This thing of appropriating money for fairs, in our thinking, is not justified by the people. Linn county has no county fair, yet she is taxed to maintain fairs in Eastern Oregon and in Southern Oregon, in addition to the state fair. If fair appropriations are to continue the rule, the News favors organizing a fair association in Linn county. Then our representatives can institute in a little legislation themselves and get a state appropriation for a Linn county fair.

PERHAPS THERE NEVER WAS A TIME.

Perhaps there never was a time when the newspapers told of more morality and crime than at the present. One is almost driven to the opinion that the state is going to Old Nick, at a 2:40 rate. But here, again, perhaps our fault lies in the wrong that is going on through the country, is evidence that the evils are about to be corrected. Let us hope that these investigations is the dawn of day for the better observance of law.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT—EXHIBIT SPACE INAD-QUATE.

A great conference of cities, which will be addressed by leaders in the movement for municipal reform, will be one of the most important features of Sunday afternoon at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

The cause of the Pacific Northwest, the great territory which was won for the United States by the expedition of Lewis and Clark, will be able to send delegates to the great city's conference, which will be held during the latter part of August. Dr. Edgar P. Hill of Portland is now in the east arranging for distinguished speakers on subjects connected with municipal reform who will address the gathering.

Subjects of timely interest have been chosen for the conference, and the discussion will be along practical lines. "How to Fight Corruption in Cities" will occupy the attention of the delegates for several days. "Social Betterment Work in Cities" is another topic, which will include the suppression of vice and the matter of dealing with the liquor traffic. "Municipal Improvement" will be a third topic, and the discussion will be along practical lines.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Administrator of the estate of William W. Trexler, deceased, by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County made and entered of Record on the 30th day of January A. D. 1905.

OUR CLUBBING COMBINATIONS.

For the convenience of our patrons we have floated the following clubbing combinations. The price named includes one year's subscription to the mentioned news.

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LICENSES FOR HUNTERS.

In enacting the hunters' license law, requiring the payment of a fee of \$1 a year for each gun, the Legislature made an exception in the case of farmers and members of their families who hunt on their own land.

There is a disposition among city sportsmen to look upon the farmer as a pestiferous violator of the game laws, and undoubtedly there are sportsmen who kill birds out of season. It is also true, however, that farmers in general observe the spirit of the law and do what they can to prevent extermination of the birds.

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We are now running our Annual Clearance Sale. Every thing reduced to the lowest possible price. Want room for our large Spring stock now bought, to which we want your attention, a little later. THE BLAIN CLOTHING CO., - ALBANY OREGON

WINTER EXCURSION RATES TO YAQUINA BAY.

A New Departure on the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern Railroads.

Recognizing a long felt want, and desiring to give the public cheap rates to the coast in the winter as well as in the summer, for persons who desire to see the bounding billows in their wildest moods and explore the pure sands of the winter at the coast, the Southern Pacific Company in connection with the Corvallis and Eastern Railroad have placed on sale, taking effect Nov. 2, 1904, and continuing until March 31, 1905, round trip tickets to Yaquina at the same rate as during the summer.

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Table with columns for Train No., Destination, and Time. Includes routes to Corvallis, Astoria, and other coastal locations.

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