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NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF WATER POWER.

**CONGRESSMAN TAVENER** of Illinois, the gentle- man who has had the temerity to expose the graft of the armor plate trust and munition-making patriots, has introduced a bill for the development of our water powers by the government, and the supplying of electric current to consumers at cost.

In the introduction of this measure Mr. Tavener shows strong symptoms of real statesmanship, and evidence of possessing about ten times the brain weight of the average congressman. It is something of a reflection upon the mountain and Pacific Coast states that the measure comes from a representative of a state that has practically no undeveloped water power.

The measure is one that would, if enacted, be of incalculable value to Oregon—as it is possible to produce electric current at a low cost—the supplying of the same at cost would greatly stimulate manufacturing on the coast and open new industries. It would mean the electrification of all railroads in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and California, and a consequent cheapening of transportation charges.

The people of Oregon ought to stand as a unit behind this measure, not only from a selfish standpoint, but because it would be a step toward relieving the people of the nation from the onerous taxation imposed by owners of natural resources.

With the discovery of a method of making paper from Douglas fir, cheap power would enable utilization of the decaying forests in paper making.

But it will be exhilarating to hear the exponents of private looting of public resources shout their disapproval. In their copy books is spread this motto: "What's the use of natural resources unless the same can be used to fleece the public?"

In development of electricity this country should lead all, but we are far behind Germany even, where electricity has been used for plowing for years and for smelting iron and copper.

With electric current at cost the copper ores in these parts would be smelted and even refined here. Ores that could not be shipped to smelters, two or three hundred miles away could be successfully mined.

The matter is one of great importance, and action should be taken by Oregon to get behind the measure, as it means more for the welfare of our people than any other project that is now possible of realization.

The Oregonian assures its readers that Governor Withycombe will not permit the state prison to be conducted like it was during Governor West's administration. Certainly not. Whoever heard of any prison officials being killed in Governor West's time?

One good think about our presidential elections is that for a while every fourth year they crowd the eternal booster stuff out of the newspapers and enable us to forget for a short time that life is simply one nickel chasing another.

To provide payment of pensions for the aged is socialism. To build a \$24,000,000 nitrate plant and turn it over to a private company to operate, is patriotism.

That dinner they gave Teddy in New York a short time ago, makes one inquire what other coal and iron properties the steel trust is hoping to grab.

Some think the recompense for the awful slaughter in Europe will be the production of some good literature. Let the war go on.

TUESDAY LAST DAY FOR PRIMARIES REGISTRATION

- Precinct No.—
- 1—Ashland Boulevard C. L. Loomis, Ashland
  - 2—Ashland East Central J. A. Lemery, Ashland
  - 3—Ashland West Central Susie L. Allen, Ashland
  - 4—Ashland East Main C. L. Loomis, Ashland
  - 5—Ashland Oak G. H. & G. F. Billings, Ashland
  - 6—North Ashland G. H. & G. F. Billings, Ashland
  - 7—East Ashland J. A. Lemery, Ashland
  - 8—Southwest Ashland C. L. Loomis, Ashland
  - 9—Northwest Ashland Susie L. Allen, Ashland
  - 10—Antioch W. D. Rodgers, Beagle
  - 11—Applegate Gladys A. Rose, Applegate
  - 12—Barren G. H. & G. F. Billings, Ashland, Or.
  - 13—Bellevue G. H. & G. F. Billings, Ashland
  - 14—Butte Falls E. E. Smith, Butte Falls
  - 15—North Central Point J. W. Jacobs, Central Point
  - 16—South Central Point J. W. Jacobs, Central Point
  - 17—Climax James Kershaw, Climax
  - 18—Deed Indian Chester Applegate, Ashland
  - 19—Derby Frank R. Neil, Derby
  - 20—Eagle Point J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point
  - 21—Flourie Rock T. R. Hainbotham, Prospect
  - 22—Fools Creek G. W. Matthews, Gold Hill
  - 23—Giffin Creek W. S. Hammond, Medford, R. F. D.
  - 24—Gold Hill A. J. T. Smith, Gold Hill
  - 25—North Jacksonville County Clerk, Court House
  - 26—South Jacksonville County Clerk, Court House
  - 27—Lake Creek Fred Thompson, Lake Creek
  - 28—Meadows John W. Mitchell, Beagle
  - 29—Mound D. W. Beebe, Central Point
  - 30—Perrydale Ed Janney, Jackson Co. Abstract Office
  - 31—East Phoenix A. H. Fisher, Phoenix
  - 32—West Phoenix A. H. Fisher, Phoenix
  - 33—Pinehurst E. W. De Carlew, Ashland
  - 34—Rock Point A. J. T. Smith, Gold Hill
  - 35—Rogue River Mrs. Rena Whipple and G. P. Wertz
  - 36—Sam's Valley Mrs. M. E. Gardner, Sams Valley
  - 37—Sterling Mrs. Fanna Gilson, Sterling
  - 38—East Talent E. B. Adamson, Talent
  - 39—West Talent E. B. Adamson, Talent
  - 40—Trent M. F. Middleblush, Trent
  - 41—Union Mrs. Anna Bush, Rich
  - 42—Walkers J. C. Burton, Walkers
  - 43—Willow Springs Mrs. D. N. Mc-Nasser, Central Point, R. F. D.
  - 44—Winer J. V. Smithester, Winer

VERY PRACTICAL YOU CAN SEE THAT LITTLE "KNICKERS" ARE RATHER CUNNING, TOO



BY BETTY BROWN.

Blue and yellow—well, you may finish the rhyme if you want to. This bathing suit is blue, purplish blue, and the "knickers" are yellow.

They are sassy and most awfully pert, but the pantaloons are comfortable for swimming and very becoming to the girl who only "soaks near the water."

TIMBER TONNAGE FOR NEW RAILROAD

W. J. Hills, Wood Jeter and Mow Baridull of this city, returned Saturday from a cruise in the wilds of the Steamboat country at the head of one of the forks of the Applegate river. The district they traversed most in the mining center of the Steamboat region is only four and a half miles from the proposed line of the railroad to the Blue Ledge district. It is the estimate of the party that that territory will supply a very large tonnage to the railroad when it shall have been completed—tonnage in ores and lumber and hardwoods.

A BIT OF ADVICE

First—Don't Delay. Second—Don't Experiment. If you suffer from backache, headaches or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. In such cases the kidneys often need help.

UNABLE TO AGREE REGARDING BRANDEIS

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court was considered today by the senate judiciary committee without action. Another meeting will be held Wednesday.

GENEVA, April 17.—The report circulated here today that the German French gun, one of whose shells exploded near the party. It is said several persons were wounded slightly and that others including Colonel Dan Trost, accompanied by his staff and a Colonel Mueller, correspondent of number of correspondents, by the Berne Bund, were knocked down.

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**NAT, April 24-29**

AFTERNOON AND EVENING DIFFERENT PROGRAM EACH DAY.

**Golden Gate Special to CALIFORNIA**

Leaves 10:15 p. m. Instead of 2:18 a. m. Ar. San Francisco 5:30 p. m.

Thursday, April 20th Is the date this change is effective

Other changes as follows:

No. 13	No. 52	Stations	No. 54
8:15 p.m.	8:20 a.m.	By Portland Ar.	8:25 a.m.
8:05 p.m.	8:12 a.m.	Oregon City	7:55 a.m.
10:30 p.m.	10:22 a.m.	Salem	6:12 a.m.
11:23 p.m.	11:08 a.m.	Albany	5:20 a.m.
12:48 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	Eugene	3:50 a.m.
4:15 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	Roseburg	1:00 a.m.
8:14 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Grants Pass	1:30 p.m.
10:15 a.m.	10:15 p.m.	Medford	7:25 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	Ashland Lv.	7:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	Ar. San Francisco Lv.	11:40 p.m.

Motor car will make two round-trips Albany to Corvallis and return as follows:

Motor	Motor	Motor	Motor
11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	By Albany Ar. 10:55 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
12:40 p.m.	5:40 a.m.	By Corvallis Lv. 10:20 a.m.	2:15 p.m.

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HONG KONG KOLUM

If you're not interested in golf, it's a bore; if you are it's a disease.

**In the Midst of Death**  
Remains of the late Mrs. Sarah A. Majors, who passed away at her home in Columbus, O., yesterday after a brief consumption. To settle the matter the members of the club each tossed a litney collection and purchased crackers and cheese—Wheeler (W. Va.) News.

**A Vote Killer**  
He may take all the graft that gets in his way, he may throw over preparedness for pork, he may vote at the behest of foreign agents, he may pass laws to make the poor poorer and make the rich richer—and still get by, BUT WOE BETIDE THE CONGRESSMAN WHOSE P R E E GARDEN SEEDS DON'T COME UP!

**Who Will Dance**  
The Grange dance, which was postponed from last Friday night, will be held in the Grange hall on Friday evening, Feb. 25. All who attend will have to furnish their own refreshments.—Freetown Cor. of the Marathon (N. Y.) Independent.

**The Fat Man's Doff**  
(In Vers Libre.)  
And, when I'm shy  
A fl, I walk,  
Which, everybody says,  
Reduces fat,  
I'd like to run  
But can't because  
I shake, I'm  
Getting tired of  
Having people ask  
Me if my heart is bad,  
Dog-gone-it—No,  
My heart is good,  
It beats some  
Every day,  
Well, anyway, I  
Can take a bath  
And pull the plug;  
And any chair I sit in  
Sure is nice and full  
—B. Stanger in "Stung"

**An Essay Against Preparedness**  
Don't believe anything you hear about any other nation ever thinking of attacking our nation. It's sinful to have such disagreeable thoughts about such a nice lot of countries as those now shown on the map of this dear old gentle world.  
Nobody will ever hurt us if they know that we can't hurt them in return. Haven't you noticed that when a man with a 28 chest and a heepp of the size of bluepoint nysters walks past a tough gang with a pretty girl none of the toughs ever makes a remark about the girl. Oh, no! NEVER! It's only when the girl is with a man who weighs 150 ringside and has shoulders half a mile across that the bunch in front of the carner saloon starts trouble.  
The little man is helpless, so nobody molests him, but the big man is able to lick the whole gang with one hand tied behind his back, so of course, they pick on him right away.  
It's just that way with preparedness. If we're halphas we'll never get hurt, but if we learn to defend ourselves like the other nations of the earth will be anxious to come here and get a licking.  
See how simple it all is! Anybody who isn't all corner plots and no brains" can see how sinful it is to be prepared.

AMSTERDAM, April 17.—Telegraphing from Cologne, the correspondent of the THT says: "Catholic ecclesiastic authorities in Germany have received from an authoritative source in the Catholic mission trustworthy information that more than one million Armenians have been murdered by Turks through starvation on the treatment about 100,000 (including 100,000) Armenians, including four bishops. The message concludes: "Popular feeling among the Armenians was roused against the Turks by the British."

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