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#### Representative B. L. Eddy Leave for Salem.

Representative B. L. Eddy, with his family, left Tillamook for Portland to-day, preparatory to attending the state legislature. Mr. Eddy was non-committal as to whom he would favor for United States senator, and informed the Headlight man that he had been elected as an anti-Simon man, had told the people in the county convention that he would stand, but had made no other pledge or promise either privately or publicly, that he intended to support some qualified anti-Simon man who had a chance of election, and, naturally, would prefer a man who can be implicitly relied upon to put forth his energies for Tillamook but improvements. That is a burning question in Tillamook, and as we have stated before, is why this county is interested in the senatorial fight. We know we are justified in saying this, no one can get Mr. Eddy's support unless he pledges himself to the above improvements and will be held responsible until it is consummated. So it is to the best interest of the county that Mr. Eddy goes to the state legislature unpledged as to who he should vote for to wear the senatorial toga.

As matters of legislation, Mr. Eddy stated that he thought there was room for reform in matters of taxation, and that he was at work perfecting a bill which he had already drafted along that line. It will be one of the most important measures to be introduced, and he thought, if it becomes a law, it would greatly relieve the people of moderate means in the way of lighter taxation. He had in hand also many measures which the people of Tillamook county were demanding, and which he wished to be able to perfect before the convening of the legislature. One important matter is that of dairy inspector for Tillamook.

Of course the Headlight man had to ask Mr. Eddy what his chances were for holding down the house, for we have repeatedly made the statement—from good authority—that the Tillamook man would get there when noses were counted. Mr. Eddy expressed himself as well satisfied with his campaign for the speakership, and believed he would be elected, but remarked that in case of failure in that direction, he could foresee much hard and important work to be done as a member on the floor of the house, and could console himself if he was not chosen to wield the gavel.

#### Talking Through their Hat.

From a private source we learn that the report which we copied from the Tillamook Headlight to the effect that the election of Chas. W. Talmage as mayor would likely be contested was entirely without foundation.—Telephone-Register.

As the Register calls into question the veracity of the Headlight, let us inform our McMinnville contemporary that we never make such statements without knowing them to be facts, and in proof of this we state again that certain parties did say they would contest Mr. Talmage if he obtained the nomination and was elected, on the ground that he was not a taxpayer on real property. Whether this will be done we do not know, nor even care. But for the Register to deny what was common gossip in Tillamook City looks, to be exceedingly mild, darned ridiculous. The Register was badly imposed upon at the last county election by the duplicity of some people in this city writing disgraceful letters to that newspaper which they were ashamed and too cowardly to come out in the open and father. Now, Bro. Harding, speak out in class, and answer this question: Is not your "private source" from the same source and parties who wrote the letters which disgraced the Telephone-Register and lowered it in the estimation of the fraternity?

Stolen thunder will not bring showers of blessing.

#### The Bonding and Water Questions

Here is a difference of opinion. One party said on Monday they did not want to own city property if it was bonded for \$60,000, while another party said if the city did not do so he would want to sell out. Gentlemen, where are you at when you allow such extreme ideas to prejudice your minds? It is safe to make this remark, it will be almost impossible to bond the city for \$60,000 if the building of a water system and the management of the same is to be mixed up with city politics. We would suggest that, to obviate this, that twelve of the most successful business men and largest taxpayers be appointed a commission, without pay, to manage it, and if the city charter is to be amended to give it larger borrowing powers, this should also be incorporated with the names of the commissioners. This is the right and business way to proceed, but we pity the taxpayers if ever the city is bonded and the building and management of a water system is to be tossed about like a shuttlecock and fought over every year by the city politicians. One thing is certain, the water company must soon improve its pipe line, or the city, as was demonstrated by the urgent demand for water during the forest fires last summer, for public safety, will be compelled to do something to afford fire protection for the large business and property interests which are now at stake in this city.

#### Municipal Ownership.

The extension of municipal ownership of public utilities has in no western state been more rapid than lately in Iowa, a noticeable impetus having been recently given by the decisions of the courts. The most important cause of this growth, however, is the satisfactory experience of municipalities which have made the experiment. For the most part these have not been the largest cities of the state, for the reason chiefly that about all of those had already long since reached what was understood to be the constitutional limitation of indebtedness, depriving them of the means of providing the funds necessary for expensive plants. But for a period of years a large and constantly increasing number of the smaller cities and towns have owned and operated the plants by which particularly water and light are supplied.

So low have been both the charges and the operating expenses of these plants that a multitude of towns have been able to supply themselves where it was impossible to enlist private capital to operate under franchises. There is almost no record of towns which have thus administered their own public utilities abandoning the effort or subsequently turning over to franchised corporations, but there are numerous cases where the latter have originally attempted to supply the public and failed, where the municipality taking it over has succeeded. Municipal ownership is now practically the rule, so far as water and light are concerned.

The case is materially different in the principal cities, for the constitutional reason already cited and for the further reason that the experience of public ownership in the larger has not been as satisfactory as in the minor municipalities. But under the holdings of the courts a distinct movement is already on in the former to control directly as proprietors their public utilities even where they are now in the hands of corporations. The extent to which the public ownership movement has gone in Iowa has hardly been appreciated even within the state itself.

#### Postage Reform Up To Congress.

The decision of the federal court of appeal in the District of Columbia, suspending the classification policy of the Postoffice department, leaves it to congress to reform the laws regulating postage rates. Failure to act involves an enormous deficit in the postal revenues and postponement of cheaper letter postage.

The postal laws properly favor news-papers and periodicals, making them a class by themselves on which the very low rate of one cent a pound is charged, the same being prepaid in money without the trouble of affixing stamps. But this classification has without doubt become the means of gross abuses and

frauds. Innumerable publications which were purely advertising circulars, having no bona fide circulation or any other characteristic of a legitimate newspaper or periodical, have secured the privilege of the pound rate under one pretense or another. In the aggregate the government was thus carrying at less than cost an enormous tonnage, which, in addition, interfered with the dispatch of more important mail, causing a great annual deficit which one year reached \$12,000,000.

Although the facts were well understood, year after year the need of legislation has been urged in the reports of the postmaster general and the presidential messages without result. The reform was one of the important features of the Loud bill which failed in three successive congresses because it went altogether too far. As the postal laws clothe the department with extensive discretionary powers, a systematic effort was inaugurated two years ago to accomplish administratively, at least in part, the reform which had failed in congress. This effort succeeded in weeding out a myriad of illegitimate publications and in saving millions of dollars of revenue. It has now almost wiped out the deficiency of postal revenues, when the courts intervene with the decision that the reform, useful and salutary as it is, is beyond the legal power of the department.

A proper act curbing the defective classification is what is demanded.

#### Coal Oil.

The wonderful development in this line still goes on. The latest is a great gusher in Alaska, and the oil fever has struck that land of gold and ice. We imagine they need something to keep them warm during the three months' night that prevails around Cape Nome. The oil sells for \$4 a barrel there. Fuel is very scarce and in great demand. We suppose the reverse conditions prevail in regard to gold. The Texas field has been extended into Louisiana, and at Lake Charles a big gusher has been struck. Texas oil is being used largely for fuel, taking the place of coal on railroads and in sugar mills. Ocean steamers also use it, and the United States navy is now experimenting with it. Their investigations seem to give it a little less value, ton for ton, than good coal—that is, five and one-half barrels of oil will equal one ton of coal as a fuel. The easy manner in which oil can be handled makes it superior to coal.

#### Blasts From Ram's Horn.

He chooses night who refuses light. Preaching for wages never won the world. A silent idiot is wiser than a babbling simpleton. There can be no communication where there is no union. Everything comes to the man who waits—and keeps on walking. The man who says there is no truth in the world has mistaken a mirror for the universe. It is easier to preach patience in the church than to practice it with our children. It will not help your husband to heaven to leave him at home with cold victuals while you go to warm your heart at the prayer meeting.

Most continental countries have a minister of education among their cabinet officers. As the subject of education in this country does not come within the federal jurisdiction, the educators who aspire to cabinet positions have to find another avenue of entrance. The Department of Agriculture, however, seems becoming closely allied to educational interests and more than any other department has been presided over by an educator.

Our dairymen are usually too conservative in not cutting out for sale the unprofitable milk cows of the herd, says the Farm and Ranch. This is in part due to the fact that they have a strong demand for milk and butter and are inclined to the opinion that every cow in the herd is a paying investment. That might be true if they did not eat good hay and grain. But a lot to this the labor of feeding, milking, driving and sheltering these doubtful ones in the herd and we have cause enough to blacklist the nonpaying members of the family. How can you know "tother from which" unless you use scales and Badcock test?

#### Score 'em Again, Brother.

The Tillamook Herald rightly scored several parties who had taken the paper for years and then quit without paying for it last week. Only a few persons resort to such dishonesty, but it shows the business sagacity of editors putting their subscription lists on a prepaid basis. This is what the Herald says:

The person who tries to brow beat an editor out of several years subscription may think that such dishonesty is smartness while on this terrestrial globe, but he will be sorry when he goes to the hot place—for that is the destination of all dishonest subscribers. Several parties whose names we will not mention at this time, but may later, have taken the Herald for a number of years and now refuse to take it out of the post office and pay what they justly owe the editor. Two cases in particular came to light recently where parties have taken the paper for four years. This means over 800 copies of the Herald they have received, read and kept posted with the news. They have now the Jeffreys to stop the paper and refuse to pay up. To say the least this is dishonest on their part, for every one who subscribes for a newspaper and takes it out of the post office should pay for it like gentlemen and honest citizens. We do not object to a person stopping their paper if they will square up their account. If you haven't paid up for a long time call in and do so, and at the same time renew your subscription for another year, for we intend to put our subscription list on a cash basis in the new year and knock out all "dead head" subscribers, if we have any.

This year has shown a great increase in the postal revenue of the country. The postal department's receipts for the fiscal year ending June, 1902, were \$122,000,000, an increase of more than \$10,000,000 over the preceding year. This was a larger gain than had been made before in twelve months.

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