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The Jeffries-Johnson fight is over
and the Black was victorious. We
hope this puts an end to the fights for
a time at least.

Is your community news in THE
GATE CITY JOURNAL? It should
be and we would like to see it there.
What are you going to do about it?
Come in when you are in town and
let us make some arrangement with
you.

The season of the year that good
roads would be appreciated is now at
hand and it would mean a great deal
to the people of this county if they
had a road that would be in the pink
of condition. The dust is getting deep
and now when you drive through it
you should think of the advantages
of the macadamized road.

Kiss and Make Up.
If the editors of the Enterprise and
Oriana of Vale realized how tiresome
their personal opinions of each other
are they would use that good editorial
space for something interesting. A
good clean un-personal newspaper
"fight" is interesting for a short time
but even that grows monotonous. Kiss
and make up, boys!

Oregon Weather.
Do the Oregonians appreciate their
weather conditions enough? We cer-
tainly read of enough deaths in the
East caused by the unendurable heat.
While at home we never dream of
this occurring. The days are warm
but not suffocating. The nights are
always cool and the good old Snake
never gets too hot for bathing as Lake
Michigan did last week.

The Direct Primary.
In the last issue of the Oriana we
noticed an editorial on the direct pri-
mary. The editor poses as a repre-
sentative of the people and also tries to
make the people think that he has
their interests at heart—that is, po-
litical interests—yet he upholds the
convention and gang rule and de-
nounces the direct primary as a po-
litical measure and that the peo-
ple at large have no say as to who the
candidates for office shall be under it.
He says that by the convention plan
that the people are directly represent-
ed. He also says that the socialists
and democrats are backing the pri-
mary while the republicans are in
favor of the assembly. We have a
large number of republicans that are
not in favor of the assembly at all and
if Brother Hurley would read some of
the exchanges from the neighboring
county and come of the county papers
he would readily see that there are
some republican papers that are still
working in the interests of the people
and the republican party. We agree
with you on party organization but
not the principal that you advocate.

Col. Roosevelt Defeated.

Last week Col. Roosevelt received
one of his few defeats. It was in the
defeating of the Cobb Bill in the leg-
islature of New York. This bill stood
for direct primary—fashioned after the
Oregon law. Roosevelt had heartily
endorsed this bill from the very first
and is going to follow up the fight.
The Colonel will be asked to get back
into the political harness and help
to win the day. His fellow men are
going to force the leadership of the
party upon him. This defeat is not
an indication that his power is on the
wane as the majority of the republi-
cans were with him and the only way
that this defeat could have taken
place was the combining of his republi-
can opponents and the democrats and
that is what they did.

Citizenship.

We have been severely criticized
for the stand we have taken against
the liquor element, inasmuch as we
were denouncing a business that
couldn't be proven unlawful and that
we were not encouraging good citi-
zenship. Does the liquor element in
any way encourage good citizenship?
If it does we shall be obliged to
search for a more appropriate defini-
tion of the word citizenship.

We have attacked the evil because
we know, as other right minded men
know, that it is not a means of ele-
vating the character of the coming
generation, nor it is a medium of bet-
ter law enforcement, therefore it evi-
dently remains a menace to society
and a discouragement to better citi-
zenship.

The Glorious Fourth.

The glorious fourth is now over and
reports of the dead and wounded are
now coming in.

The fourth is a day that we look
forward to for pleasure and to do
honor to the boys of '76 but forget
the boys of today. How many homes
received the shock of parting with one
of their loved ones within the last
three or four days? How many homes
have been made desolate by the cele-
bration of the fourth? We haven't
stopped to count them nor could we if
we wanted to. The celebration of the
fourth is grand and it is one of the
best days in the year but it is a pity
that the children must pay the pen-
alty. The days and spirit of '76 could
be brought to mind in some other way
that would not take from us the boys
and girls or cripple them.

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