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PEOPLE VS. POCKET-SUFFING POLITICIANS.

Meddlesome interference by a low order of politicians in the affairs of the people has been rebuked at Portland for the present, but it remains to be seen if the people are capable of holding the position of advantage over bossism which they have gained.

"Citizens' tickets," "people's movements," and "committees of 100" have a fatal habit of losing their grip after once exercising their authority. Apathy overtakes patriotic impulses, while the appetite for spoils is only whetted by the enforced temporary absence from the public crib. In municipal government hereafter the people propose to demand some slight show of disinterestedness on the part of aspirants. Unblushing gluttony for spoils shall not be the only sign by which candidates for public office are to be recognized. A tip from a tax-payer will be quite as valuable in securing promotion as one from a tax-eater.

A wholesome check is needed on prostitution of the departments of government, federal or municipal, for the personal ends of those entrusted with office by the people. To employ a public trust only to enforce greater gifts of office, and to employ power that should be used to guard the public service only to subvert private ends, is the disease most widespread and dangerous to city, state and nation today.

SUGGESTED COMMENT.

Marriages of very young and tender persons are now called weddings.

A beautiful home is one of the highest objects of human pride. Build one.

The story of \$10,000,000 being invested in a company to build air ships at Burlington, Iowa, is a trifle windy. It sounds as if the project should have originated in Seattle.—Tacoma News.

Young gentlemen of criminal turn of mind who cannot be accommodated in the Oregon reform school until September next, are hereby informed that the Washington school is open.

S. F. Chronicle: The ingenuity of the importers of Chinese knows no bounds. The latest device appears to be to smuggle in Celestial women under the guise of Japanese. One class is about as bad as the other from a moral point of view, but it is easier to land the Japanese; hence this masquerade.

Speaking of the result of the consolidated city election a Portland paper says: "God be praised for what has been done." Until the tree of victory has borne some fruits it may be as well to give the credit for the result to the Oregonian and Telegram.

D. H. Stearns, of Portland, begins in July publication of "Fruits and Flowers," with Prof. E. R. Lake, of the state board of horticulture as editor. This magazine should receive a warm welcome in Salem homes—and all over the Northwest coast.

The agitator of a sheet in this county is warned that he need take no pains to correct anything he prints, so far as the JOURNAL is concerned. As everything in that paper is accepted by the public in the same spirit corrections are of the least consequence.

Astoria papers claim to have seen a sturgeon in the bay there as long as T. T. Geer, of Marion county. That sounds like a fish story to get the Oregon editors to come there from the remotest corners of the state on prospect of something to eat when the editorial association meets there.

Portland Telegram: Let the workingman have his praise for the work he performed in achieving this glorious victory. The workingmen stood in solid phalanx in support of clean government. They supported the citizens' ticket because they knew it was the right thing to do. The bread-winners can always be relied on in a public crisis.

The Oregonian can now see what a power it might be with the people of all Oregon if it would take the right side of public questions, as it did in the consolidation fight. It spoke earnestly and well. It was not apparent that its advice therein was dictated by any selfish interest. As long as a newspaper speaks from that standpoint it will have influence.

Oregonian on his city elections: Here are gangs of partisans and

spoilsmen, led by the United States senators, fighting for the maintenance of a political and partisan organization in the business affairs of the city, and pretending that this local business administration, which in fact can have nothing more to do with the actual questions of politics and disputes of parties than with the procession of the equinoxes, is a political and party matter. Men who show entire indifference when party questions are actually before the country, who never are heard from when political measures are to be considered, and even United States senators who don't speak in their state when a president is to be elected, are now shouting for "the party" in a municipal contest—that is, for ring rule.

ZENA ITEMS.

Sidney Cochrane, of Palouse City, Washington, is visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Clark.

Mrs. Joe Bixby, of Big Nestucca, is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. Patrick.

Mr. Nelson Klyver, of Appleton, Wis., arrived here Tuesday, to visit his son Fred. He seems to be delighted with Oregon.

The Woolly Aphis is giving our orchard men lots of trouble, and will no doubt destroy the orchards, if something is not done soon to stop them from their ravishes. We were shown some apple trees last Sunday nearly completely covered with them.

The rain and wind of the past week has caused lots of fine wheat to fall, both in this and Yamhill county, but has helped the garden truck wonderfully.

Last Sunday being Children's Day, the Rev. J. Hoberg, of Lafayette, president of the state Sunday school, was here, and delivered an excellent address to the Sunday school class, teachers and all. He praised the school by telling them that they were the best in the state, without any exception. He evinced surprise at the proficiency of the children and teachers. No wonder, the last time he preached here he found things different; the boys were out along the road playing baseball. The Sunday school superintendent told us that a thresher all day Sunday, but not so now. The church has been repaired and painted since then, and the cemetery has been cleaned up, and a new fence put around it, which speaks volumes for the community. It is indeed the best advertisement our people could make of their taste and liberality. Eastern people coming through here, looking for a location will pay much more for land here than elsewhere. Here we have one of the best district schools—averaging nine months school the year round, with the latest improved charts, globes, etc. We will say to new comers to the country, come and take a look at Spring Valley, ere you buy elsewhere.

Are Young Men Barred Out?

The approaching marriage of Gen. Schofield and Miss Georgia Kilbourne, of Keokuk, has been a prolific subject for social discussion. Instances in which "elderly" gentlemen have married young girls have been cited in many of the newspapers. Harriet Kilbourne, an elder sister of the bride-elect of Gen. Schofield, married Hiram Barney, of New York, collector of customs under Lincoln. He was, at the time of the marriage, 72 years old, while the bride was a budding girl of 22. There is a third Miss Kilbourne, the authorities tell us, the handsomest and most fascinating of the sisters, but she seems to have the same preference as marked in the marriage of her sisters. She loses no opportunity, it is said, to express her preferences for elderly gentlemen instead of younger ones.

These preferences for "elderly" men on the part of young girls become very serious matters to the young men of the country. Is it possible that at some time in the future, man, unfortunate man, must calmly hide his face until age has frosted his hair—or denuded his head—before he can hope to achieve a bride? Are the old men, the widowers, or the fellows infinitely worse, the bachelors, to be preferred by pretty young women? Are the young men too callow, to diffident, or too uninteresting? When a young woman marries a young man it means that she must strive with him, work with him and hope with him to achieve a home and a business success. Has she come to the conclusion that the game is not worth the hunt? The end to be attained not worth the struggle of a lifetime of love and loyal devotion? Has she made up her mind that it is easier and more to be preferred to enter a home that is already established and to share success that is already achieved? Or lies the fault with the young men? These are interesting questions for discussion—perhaps the women's clubs will take them up and solve them.—Tampa State Register.

Greatest attraction in Salem is that fine upright piano, which is to be given away at Krause Brothers' shoe store.

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The flow of lava from Vesuvius has been stopped.

The census of England and Wales shows a population of 29,000,000, an increase of 3,000,000 in the last decade.

Michael Davitt, the anti-Parnellite, is in San Francisco, visiting relatives. He expects to remain in California about a year.

Jefferson Davis' birthday has been made a legal holiday by the Florida legislature.

James B. Colgate gave \$1,000,000 today to Colgate university without reserve.

The idea of an autumn session of the English parliament has been abandoned. It will reassemble in January.

Most of the natives belonging to the Ureg tribes in North Africa are compelled to leave the Sahara region on account of locusts, and they threaten to raid Tunis.

The British consul at Odessa in a dispatch to Lord Salisbury denying the truth of the reports of the exodus of Russian Jews to England, said the bulk of emigrants go to Constantinople.

Secretary Rusk has resolved to have a large quantity of American pork examined with a microscope in order to prove it is free from all disease for the purposes of export.

The body of James Larson, a Seattle carpenter, who disappeared about a week ago, was found near the city yesterday in the woods with his throat cut. There is no clue to the murder.

The stage from Wenatchee to Ellensburg was held up yesterday near the latter place by a lone highway man, who took all the registered packages and letters. The robbery occurred in broad daylight.

The new district court of appeals for the Ninth district of the United States was opened yesterday at San Francisco by Judges Fields and Sawyer. Judge Dundy, of Portland, was named as senior district associate.

General Low Wallace, of "Ben Hur" fame, says that he is not a candidate for the republican gubernatorial nomination in Indiana, and that he would not have it were it offered to him on a silver platter.

In response to a protest of foreign diplomatic representatives at Peking, the emperor of China has ordered the Chinese authorities to protect all foreigners, and to punish natives who took part in the recent riots.

The Calcutta Times asserts that over one-third of the pilgrims who go from Bombay to Mecca never return; that they die, owing to the overcrowding of the steamers or owing to disease or violence on the land journey from Jeddah. The Times calls upon the government to inquire into the matter.

The foreign ministers to Peking who saw the emperor at the recent royal audience carried away an agreeable impression of the Oriental sovereign. He was simply attired in silk and wore no scepter or other emblem of authority. Instead of a crown he wore a plain Chinese felt hat surmounted by a button of crimson silk. He appeared mild and somewhat melancholy, and his pale face wore an expression of great refinement and dignity.

The Russian Grand Duke Sergius is said to be profoundly devout in manners. If he happens upon an image of reputed sanctity he will prostrate himself before it. If there are relics of some old ecclesiastic or by-gone generations, he will not be happy till he kisses them. If there is a shrine where pilgrims gather, there he must also worship. And the lady (almost an English princess, since the granddaughter of the queen) to whom he is married has had to learn to accommodate herself to his tastes.

Lieutenant Davis and party of ten men returned Monday night, after a trip of ten days patrolling the newly made Yosemite National park. They were ordered by Captain Wood to go through the Northern park in search of sheep and cattle, which are said to be in that section. They went through the Little and Big Hechbecha valleys, and as far north as the snow line would permit. They found no sheep in that section and but few cattle. These owners were getting out their own lands as rapidly as possible, and the party found an old man who had gone into the mountains prospecting and been lost. He was nearly famished for want of food, but recovered under proper treatment. The party returned by way of the Yosemite and Glacier point, and found the snow on Glacier point five feet deep in many places.

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

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MISCELLANY.

A FOOLISH TASK.

New York, June 18.—Samuel J. Dixon of Toronto, Canada, the only man that ever walked over Niagara falls on a wire, is now located in this city. He is making preparations for several wire-walking trips over the most dangerous parts of Niagara rapids. Dixon, on September 6 of last year, crossed the falls above the suspension bridge on a swaying cable of woven wire only five-eighths of an inch thick. His performance was most remarkable, but what he intends to do some time next month will be more difficult than anything he has yet attempted. It is his intention to make about four trips both ways from the American to the Canadian side, and vice versa. The wire will extend from the Canadian to the American side, between the suspension bridge and whirlpool rapids, above the spot where Captain Webb lost his life while trying to swim the whirlpool. Dixon intends to make his last walk on that day a memorable one. He intends to cross the wire about 9 o'clock in the evening. He will be followed by a powerful calcium search light as he makes his journey. When he is midway across, the calcium light will be turned off and a fireworks display will begin.

TWO MEN MURDERED.

FORT SMITH, Ark., June 18.—A double murder committed February 18, 1890, has just been unearthed through the agency of a boy named Sherman Phelps. The crime was committed on the Cherokee strip, near the mouth of the Chittar river. The boy implicated six men—John Bird, Sherman Westmoreland, Wilder Westmoreland, George Anspaw, John Cagle and Noah Westmoreland—who, he says, committed the murder for the purpose of robbery. Two men, whose name are unknown, aged 35 and 43 years, stopped at Westmoreland's to buy some corn, offering to pay for it with a \$20 bill. Westmoreland could not make the change, but gave the strangers the corn, at the same time asking them to stay long enough to go into the woods and shoot some turkeys. The proposal was accepted. When about three miles from Westmoreland's house, the strangers, being in advance of the party, were fired upon by the six men and instantly killed. The bodies were weighted with heavy stones and thrown into the river. The boy was with the party, and was a witness to the double murder, and was threatened with death if he told of the killing, and through fear kept his secret until a few days ago. Deputy United States Marshal White returned yesterday afternoon from the scene of the crime having in charge John Bird, John Cagle and Bud Westmoreland. They were lodged in the United States jail to await further developments.

GERMAN CORN DUTIES.

LONDON, June 18.—Advices from Berlin say that the price of corn continues to rise, and that in some of the more thickly populated localities the scarcity almost amounts to a famine to the poor. A socialist meeting at Dortmund Tuesday night almost broke out into a riot, the people demanding the suspension of the corn duties so earnestly as to provoke the attention of the police.

It is said that vast quantities of corn are stored at various places on the Russian frontier, awaiting the lifting of the duties in order to enter the German market. Captivists fear that this Russian corn would come in such quantities as not only to supply the present needs, but also to destroy the future trade in German corn. Every day, along the Russian frontier, throngs of Germans pass over the line to the Russian villages in the vicinity, and there make purchases at much cheaper rates than in Germany. They are permitted to cross the frontier without the annoyance of an inspection, provided their purchases come within a certain amount made free by law. This amount, however, is quite large enough for a family for a day or two. POWDER EXPLOSION. MONTEREY, Cal., June 18.—Word has just been received of a powder explosion accident which happened at McDougall's camp, on the Modoc to irrigation district canal near La