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LET US BE PRACTICAL.

Politics is the unsatisfactory business in the world. It is a compound of theorizing and selfishness. The theorist grasps after ideals; the selfish politician can see no farther than his pocket and works for that. The public welfare must put up too often with a compromise between follies and greed. The people must learn to reach more directly for results, to demand certain results at a given time and make that result a definite political issue.

THE JOURNAL has tried to indicate the special needs of this congressional district as being summed up not alone in a representative who should go in for big appropriations but one who should concentrate his energies especially upon the work of opening our principal rivers. We have attempted to show that Congressman Hermann has not done as much to open the Willamette river as he has to open Coos Bay, and yet the commerce of the Willamette valley is a thousand times as great as that of Coos Bay. Not but that Coos Bay harbor should be improved by the government, but that two millions for Coos Bay and no special effort for the great Willamette valley is an injustice to this valley. The whole thing lies in a nutshell of selfishness, to boom Coos Bay real estate with a big government appropriation at the neglect of other parts of the state.

We believe at the coming election is the time to secure an open river congressman. We believe Mr. Hermann, if he is re-nominated and re-elected, will be a more useful congressman and will come more nearly to doing his duty by this great valley and its majestic waterway if the issue of opening the river is forced plainly upon his attention in a practical manner.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The railroad commissioners are an expensive luxury, and, if of any use in the world we fall to understand what it is. It seems hard, indeed, to them to think of walking over the track, but that is about the only way in which it could be examined. Rotten ties, defective bridges and unsafe trestles cannot be examined from the platform of a Pullman car, but fortunately the salary can be drawn from that standpoint.—Hood River Glacier.

Glaciers are slow moving bodies and require to traverse the space a small would ordinarily cover in a week. The Hood River Glacier is true to its name. If the glacier has been to Portland and back since August last he would find that he had saved fifteen cents on the round trip all on account of the railroad commissioners cutting out false mileage on the U. P., which the company had always charged the people on that line.

If 10,000 people go into and out of Portland on that line annually, this would be a saving of \$15,000 to the people. But the Glacier, probably, is excusable for this oversight, as people who enjoy free transportation would not have their memory jogged in this way. It is true that the commission are censurable for making inspections as guests of the company. It looks bad but, it is not true that they fail to make proper inspections.

The reports of rotten bridges and ties, specifying as they do each structure and timber condemned, show a thorough work. The activity in repairs displayed along all the lines of railways in Oregon since these officers have inspected and condemned structures over the state shows that the work is productive of great good, and is a safeguard which the public cannot dispense with.

THE LAW'S DELAY.

It is sometimes unavoidable. It is often necessary to secure justice. If these exceptions do not justify it, there is not any other excuse for continuing the street car litigation that at present ties up the Salem Street Railway property and prevents its improvement. The tracks are very much in need of repair, but repairs cannot be made until it is out of the courts, unless the court could order the repair.

Owing to the delays by litigation the company and the public suffer loss and inconvenience. The horses suffer, too, from being driven over tracks much needing repair. It is to be hoped a speedy settlement can be made.

Under favorable circumstances the Salem Street Railway can be made a valuable property, and the disposition of the present owners is to make it such if they can get it out of the courts. The settlement of the litigation of course is a private matter and all parties must have their rights and claims respected and protected. We speak only of the public interest in a public service that is of very great im-

portance to the city. It is to be hoped it may soon be out of court and in good shape.

ROAD REFORM.

There is need in Oregon of a great road reform. Governor Hill of New York has recommended issuing of millions of bonds to build roads within that state. Other states are as bad off as Oregon. A few things are certain here. The roads are bad and expensive. The supervisor should not be allowed to collect taxes and then go to work with a plow and summer-fallow the roads. To plow up a road bed that has been used twenty years is a suicidal policy of road work. All the tax money for roads should be expended in some uniform plan adopted by the county court. Every man should be allowed to work the roads as he pleases, when he pleases or where he pleases.

At present roads are an embargo upon town and country prosperity. They will hardly permit farmers to go town to get mail, say nothing of marketing his products, or taking advantage of good prices. Bad roads are the biggest tax.

SUGGESTED COMMENT.

The New York World thinks a western man could cut the Gordian knot of Democratic success in 1892.

For the first time in his political career Wm. McKinley, jr., seems to be cornered—not by his opponents, however, but by pneumonia.

One-cent postage, 3-cent telephones and 10-cent telegrams are Wainamakerisms that the people appreciate almost as much as free sugar.

The Republican party needs wise leadership and a good platform of principles, (more than party machinery), to bring it dear to the people and insure its victory in 1892.

Francis Murphy says the Tacoma ministerial alliance refused to have him come to that city because he will not declare for constitutional prohibition and Sabbath law.

The whole proposition of taking up a collection to enable Oregon to be represented at the world's fair is a mistake. Our interest in that event cannot be properly come at on a pass-the-hat basis.

Oregon must have lower local freight rates if she would develop manufactures and internal commerce. The manufacturers and jobbers of the state should organize to help secure that end.

Hon. James Lotau has returned from a three weeks' visit in California. He is looking in perfect health. He does not intend to call the Republican state central committee together until after the Democrats meet Jan. 8.

The Astorian comments on the recent defeat of the Republican city ticket and says there are not enough Redubicans in that city to make two parties. That is about the way it is in Salem and the rest of the United States for that matter.

D. S. K. Bulk, of the Roseburg Plunderer, is to be appointed to succeed Warren S. Pruitt as register of Lakeview land office. Mr. Bulk is an Oregon pioneer, an aggressive editorial writer and a member of the state board of agriculture.

THE JOURNAL takes no offense at the compliments (?) showered upon it at times in the columns of The Oregonian and a few other papers. It will never be deterred from vigorous discussion of any and all questions of public or political policy from the people's standpoint, and if individuals or newspapers for the time being stand before the public as the embodiment of such questionable or erroneous policy THE JOURNAL will go straight at the root of the matter.

The press of the state is taking kindly notice of the death of Mrs. B. Goldsmith of Portland, wife of a prominent public man of that city. The Dispatch says: "She was in the most complete sense a Good Samaritan and never faltered in well doing. Her purse, as well as her time, was devoted for the good of the distressed and needy. She never confined her good deeds to those of her own religion, but they were universal and general. A woman of excellent executive ability, she held prominent positions in nearly all the societies organized in our city for the elevation and aid of the poor and fallen. She was ever ready to do good unto others whenever called upon, and it is to this self-sacrificing spirit her early demise may be largely attributed. There is no woman in Portland who will leave a larger vacancy in the benevolent circle as well as the social."

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POSED AS A MODEL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The ruling topic at a 5 o'clock tea in West End yesterday afternoon, was the scene that took place Wednesday at the studio of Jopling Rowe, the artist. Sandol, the strong man, who is of an unusually handsome figure, posed as a nude model before a large body of ladies for at least an hour and a quarter. The occasion of his appearance was a lecture on anatomy delivered by Mrs. Jopling Rowe to her fellow-artists, and illustrated by Sandol. News having got abroad of this attractive tableau, there was a great rush of Mrs. Jopling Rowe's friends, and the studio was crowded by people.

ENGLISH LABOR QUESTION.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A deputation of agricultural laborers have waited upon Joseph Chamberlain, in connection with his schemes proposed for bettering their condition. Chamberlain assured the deputation the government was more willing than was the opposition to adopt legislation looking to the amelioration of the condition of the agricultural laborers throughout the country. Chamberlain also said the dwellings of laborers would be improved, adding that the government proposed to authorize loans for that purpose. It would also introduce a measure to allow laborers to acquire small holdings and to assist them in procuring land.

WILL NOT RESORT TO ARMS.

SOFIA, Dec. 18.—The French minister of foreign affairs, after the breaking off of diplomatic relations between France and Bulgaria growing out of the expulsion of Chodoulis, a correspondent of the agency of Ravas, from Bulgaria, instructed the French consuls in this country to close their consulates and to withdraw. It is not believed France will resort to arms to enforce her demand that the decrees of expulsion be withdrawn, yet, nevertheless, the Bulgarian minister of finance is going to Vienna to negotiate a loan for the purpose of strengthening the army. Already troops have been hurried to Rouschank and Philippopolis, and the garrisons at these places are now twice their usual size.

STRIKING COAL MINERS.

BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 18.—The owners of the Eureka mines, in Clay county, have given in to the demands of the men, but no work has been done there yet. "We gave in and paid the advances," said John Brownley, one of the proprietors, "and worked the full force of men. We shut down yesterday because we can't find a market for our coal. Our customers have all made contracts with the Hooking valley (Ohio) operators, and don't want our coal." The miners are inclined to think it is a maneuver on the part of the operators to scare them. They are still firm, and will stick it out until spring.

THE SEARLES WILL CASE.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—COUNCIL in the Searles will case were in Salem yesterday, and took copies of the papers in the case. It is understood argument is to be made before the supreme court in Boston.

THE EXPRESS WAR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—There is no positive verification of the interesting rumor circulated yesterday that the celebrated case of the Adams Express Company against John Hoy, its former president, who is charged with wrongfully converting \$700,000 of the corporation's money to his own use, was about to be settled privately and by compromise. John Hoy himself flatly denies it, and the lawyers identified with the case are silent. The published report of the alleged settlement had barely appeared in the sheets yesterday afternoon when Mr. Hoy was interviewed by a reporter in Deimonico's cafe. "How about this reported settlement of your express company's difficulty?" was asked. "Reported what?" exclaimed Hoy. "You are talking in riddles." There was certainly a look of astonishment in the ex-president's eyes as he fastened them on the reporter. Mr. Hoy was given the details of the published report, and the more explicitly the reporter explained the

The Voice of the People.

Reading should do so—through the ballot box. This is the medium through which it ought to speak in election times. But there are other means by which the people voice their sentiments, irrespective of parties, concerning matters of vital importance. Successful or unsuccessful are those popular demonstrations as they are heard distinctly or faintly. Not health, the grand demonstration, appeals to us all. The avenue is only cleared when the obstacle which has completely blocked recovery are swept aside. Haystack's stomachic, bitter, and purgative, a century-old remedy, the first rank among proprietary remedies for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, disorder of the liver and kidneys, and as an effective means of cleansing and preventing general constipation. Hence the advice, "If you grip it, it has also signified itself as a cure of the complaint.

Three or four carloads of straw are being delivered daily to the Oregon City paper mill, each car containing about eight tons of straw in bales. Most of this product comes from the vicinity of Woodburn. The shipments by boat have exceeded the amount brought by rail. It is an important item to farmers to be able to dispose of a hitherto unmarketable article for a good price, and a new industry is also added to the business of Oregon City.

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