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EVERYTHING DON'T GO.

The Portland politicians are having a spasm again over removing Jack Matthews as state chairman of the Republican party.

They never learn anything, except by experience, and after Jack cost them the governorship, they begin to object to him as chairman.

Left to themselves they will probably choose no better man, because the Portland politician has the same kind of mud in his skull as he had when Jack was elected.

The Portland politician will not learn respectable, modern politics until he has wiped his party out of existence in Oregon.

The general intelligence of the state has outgrown Portland political methods, and Portland propositions have been rejected in one-two-three order for the last five years.

The state has served notice on Portland that everything don't go that is proposed in the name of the Republican party.

The people rejected the Jack Matthews candidate for governor, and the Jack Matthews candidate for United States senator.

The people will reject any proposition lacking in brains and respectability that is put up by Portland influences.

There are just enough Republicans in Oregon who demand a little brain matter and a little character in their politics, or it don't go.

It is doubtful if the Portland politician can ever comprehend that proposition sufficiently to put it into practice.

Oregon has not yet emerged from the era of low-lived politics that seems to be in full sway at Portland.

The state and the people have outgrown the skunk and rattle-snake stage of development in public affairs, but it is doubtful if the Republican party can be got off the hands of that element.

PUNISH THE MAIL FRAUDS.

President Roosevelt shows firm determination to crush and prosecute frauds unearthed in the postal service.

The postmaster-general was formerly a ward politician in Milwaukee, Wis., and may be just the man to work out reforms.

And he may not be. All the stirring up may be only for the purpose of making vacancies in the service for his strikers.

The postal frauds now looming up may make it uphill work to elect Roosevelt or any Republican.

Right here in Oregon there is a good deal of complaint at the way the mails are handled.

There is not a week passes by but complaints reach this office of daily papers not being received, or being received late.

In many cases a whole bunch of dailies will accumulate, and be sent to the subscriber in one day.

This system makes it difficult to build up a newspaper business in any of the interior cities of the state.

Will this ever be remedied unless there is a new deal in the postoffice department?

A Democratic clean sweep could not make matters much worse. The postal service seems to improve slowly in spite of civil service rules and regulations.

Perhaps too much civil service is what ails the service. Let us hope and watch and pray, and kick like steers, for a better service.

The X-Ray man "didn't think" in last night's issue. There will be 12 small electric lights in the grand stand tonight, besides one large are light in the square. The square will loom up with Chinese lanterns, flags and bunting. Come out and enjoy yourself.

EUGENE VERSUS SALEM.

Eugene papers get great pleasure and satisfaction out of comparisons of their city with Salem. The Guard says:

The appropriations for the state university cut little figure in Eugene's prosperity.

Salem can never come up with Eugene in tributary lumbering and mining industries, in well-kept streets and sidewalks.

In proportion to our size, we donated more money for the Heppner sufferers than did Salem. Next!

The Register says: Down at Salem the city is in the throes of a strenuous debate over whether or not bicyclists shall be allowed to use the sidewalks. The controversy is so bitter that councilmen are divided on the question, and the election or defeat of future candidates for city legislators will be based on the question. In a case of that kind the whole matter should be compromised by allowing the bicycles on the side street walks during the winter months, and make them take to the streets in summer.

During the summer months bicycles do twice the damage to walks they do in the winter, for the reason that the rainy season swells the boards, and walks are more solid than in summer time. During the warm season the boards loosen, nails come up and bicycles running over the walks work many of the boards loose, and wear out the walk faster than do the pedestrians. The rule should be made universal that bicycles must keep off the sidewalks in all the valley towns during the summer months.

It is a poor commentary on the streets of a town when they are not fit for bicycling in summer season. More street bicycling will mean better streets.

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JOURNAL X-RAYS.

Albany people show commendable enterprise in working up excursions to their baseball games.

Dr. Lorimer has put Talmage in the shade, Tremont Temple having offered him a \$20,000 a year salary to preach for them.

The fact that the vaudeville show is not brilliantly lighted all the time is no detractor from its merits to the average young fellow and his girl.

Independence will celebrate the Fourth of July with Hon. L. T. Harris, of Eugene, as orator of the day. Lyman will be chief marshal and Hon. F. A. Patterson president of the day.

It is stated that Eugene has put \$3000 into her baseball club, and the sports up there expect to win back their money several times over betting on their club winning the pennant.

The twice-a-day steamer between Salem and Independence would pay any man to operate without a bonus, but the \$1200 worth of tickets is only a plan for making use of the vessel on a larger scale.

Go and eat ice cream tonight and enjoy the sweet strains of the Salem Military band, and while the moonlight and starlight make the park a delightful place for young people, help a good cause by your presence, whether you are young or old.

Salem has a first-class open-air theater and low-price vaudeville theater, and is the only city in the state, outside of the metropolis that can support such an amusement. Eugene must get up and dust to keep up with that.

Because Albany's ball team has met with several successive defeats the Democrat beefs as follows:

"With all home players, Albany can beat any baseball club in the valley. Albany's baseball team is too amateur for the professionals of the other clubs. The Willamette Valley Baseball League has become a professional affair, as a whole, though started as an amateur arrangement."

SUBJECT CALMLY REVIEWED

A Writer on Bicycles Who Does Not Become Excited

He Gives Both Sides a Hearing and Asks For Both Justice and Equity

Editor Journal: The recent proposed ordinance ruling all wheels from all walks has evidently touched a tender spot in the wheel world. Judging from the printer's ink which is being wasted and the tongues set wagging, Salem seems to have been aroused by this rather radical clean sweep proposition and the pros are at it as hard as the cons. It would appear from the opinions expressed by some of the interested, that the matter had to be settled before the next train time, or within a very short time. The council occupies a very trying position and it would become us to take things easy for the present and not hurry the council into a radical measure either way. The motto of the civilized world is, "Arbitrate." Therefore, if we look at the two sides which be, and will concede something to the "other fellow," we will more nearly reach a satisfactory agreement for all concerned. It appears from arguments presented that there are comparatively few who are willing to discuss the matter without bias. A wheelman, for some unknown reason, seems to have become endowed with special privileges when he rides upon the walks made and maintained for foot passengers. He hears about the streets, lanternless, bell-less, and most of the time, senseless. (This is not the general description, but with enough of the riders it is true to have brought the matter before the council.) There are certain riders who dash around corners, scorch past open gates where children and babies are at play, rudely ring aged and respectable ladies into the fence or off the walks to allow them to idly tear around town wasting their time when they should be at work or trying to learn something, riders who ride close behind walkers and force them to interrupt their conversation and destroy the sense of their talk, in order for them to pass when they could have taken to the other side of the street as well. I have seen no less than a hundred wheels fleeing homewards without lights. These are the things which bring wrath upon all wheelmen. For wheelmen to allow a few young "cubs" to carry on in this style, is to sanction their methods and they naturally help pay the penalty in our efforts to restrict these uneducated riders who evidently ride after the model presented by the wheels they have in their heads. These palpable and flagrant wrongs must be stopped before the bicycle will ever win favor with those who walk. It is an insult to be engaged in a conversation of concern to you and be obliged to break in on it for some young dandy who should have respected your conversation and refrained from interrupting. There is also another phase of this element of wild and careless riders, and this will both surprise and astonish you, but there are as many foolish riders among the girl-folks as among the boys. I know whereof I speak for I have been run over, knocked-down, and rode through several times and generally by young ladies. I presume my critics will say I should have taken myself out of the way, but in some cases I believe the riders were so forcibly arrested by my manly form they didn't really realize the danger to me, and in such cases I do not hold any of them to blame. I blame myself in these cases. Girls ride up to within a sixteen-millionth of an inch behind you, and then if you don't get up a tree quick enough, they are either over you or through you, if you don't manage to let them get around you. So much for the broncho busters! They are only good for one thing that I can see from where I am sitting, and that is, they should be sent to Washington and ride up and down the Capitol grounds so that Teddy can look at them from out the window. He would enjoy the scene as much as skinning a grizzly bear with one hand.

There is another class of riders who do not get a new wheel every year and who carry a tin bucket. You usually meet them about five, six or seven in the morning. (Scorchers at this hour are generally in bed—if they have got home yet). These riders live in the suburbs and go long distances to work. They ride slowly and

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carefully. They represent the working men and working girls of Salem. Their number is a labor gauge for all Salem to read every day. The more of these kind of bicycle riders Salem has the better. The wage earners have no time for fancy tricks upon the wheel, and are considerate, as a rule, of others rights. Therefore, these riders cannot be made the object upon which to base this newly proposed ordinance. There remains another class of riders. The business man. These men are generally sensible riders. Now, we find in summing up the situation that all these riders are to suffer for the sake of a few. There are probably 6000 wheels in Salem. What per cent is ridden by the working man and woman? What per cent by the business man and what per cent by the scorchers? Make an estimate and you will find that the sensible and needy riders are being crowded into the streets by a handful of foolish and thoughtless young wheelmen. Will the majority of riders allow this to be forced upon them by the minority? That is a question for wheelmen only to decide. The people at large, and the council as a consequence, will decide the matter as it now stands regardless of the innocent or guilty. The law must be general in character. The present laws are sufficient and the walks permitted wheelmen amply provide them every concession, but what is needed is enforcement of these laws. This is the great trouble with all law. If the wheelmen will enforce the law themselves they will draw much encouragement from outsiders and get what they want. In conversation recently with a common sense reasoner on this matter, it was suggested the wheelmen appoint a police officer, and have him arrest all those who violate the law, without partiality or favor. This sort of enforcement will soon clean out these scorchers and midnight riders who slip along the dark streets. Let this officer stand on Marion, Center, Chemeketa and some of the cross streets and he will catch them by the hundred almost, all openly violating the law. This will remedy the weak defense in the argument made by the wheelmen. Their talk will always be without a sense of conviction because of these well known and obnoxious riders.

If the wheelmen could present a clean argument before the council. The council would listen to them. But can they? The council is disposed to treat all fairly, but will the circumstances as now existing permit the council to disregard the appeal coming from our many walkers? They have rights which must be respected. The council must also give them consideration. But, the wheelmen deserve this threatened ordinance because they have wholly disregarded the rights of others by allowing their own riders to violate the law and have done nothing to help the city nor the officers of the law to enforce it. Now, when the people cry out for justice, then the wheelmen get together and throw printer's ink all over town and demand consideration. They have brought this upon themselves. Now, that they have been thoroughly awakened to the great inconvenience to be suffered by them in prohibiting them the use of all walks, there can be no doubt that the council and the people in general can depend upon a sudden and effective stop of this broncho busting bicycle riding. The wheelmen can be depended upon to enforce the law when it stands between doing that or talking to the streets. There is no doubt of the inconvenience of forcing all riders to the streets and it does smack of injustice, but the people must be respected and it now rests with the council to administer justice and equity to both, which is to be had under the present law, when enforced.

WHEELMAN.

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