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THE LIBERTY EXTENSION.

An electric car line extension to Liberty would be of great value to every business in this city.

All the money subscribed for it, and as much more, would be expended on labor in the construction of the line.

The construction and operation of the line would increase the payrolls of this city, both now and for all time to come.

It would open a rich and prosperous section for settlement as suburban homes, and enables Salem to show the world's fair visitors next year the richest pruned belt in the state.

It would make available for immediate use in improving our streets the finest broken rock pit in the state, and that material could be hauled in for all the principal streets at a nominal cost.

The same influences to head this off are at work that defeated the extension to Chemawa, and it is a question whether the younger and more active business men of the city will set such a good opportunity to do something for this town to slip a second time.

As every business in the city will be improved by any car line extension, or by any new railroad connection, there is not a business but can afford to subscribe liberally for any such purpose.

Let all take hold with a will and a power, and make this thing go without any conditions or qualifications of chronic conservatism.

THE CLOTHES FOR THE BOY.

A mother wants the fashion editor to tell her what is suitable for a boy of 9, with full instructions for making and cost of materials.

Why can't fashion leave the children alone?

Jam the young ladies into straight-front corsets, if you will. Keep 'em thinking about what to wear and how to get it, at an age when they might better be playing golf or tennis, and doing the supper dishes for mother as a side exercise; but, for goodness sake, leave the boys alone!

The clothes question shouldn't approach them until the budding mustache begins to prickle.

We have in mind a boy who will be 10 his next birthday. You couldn't interest him in the subject of clothes. He does not want them, and because he has parents who remember their own youthful days, he does not have them to any extent. Just at present his outfit consists of a pair of copper-riveted blue overalls and a calico shirt. He is barefooted, and has a stone bruise and a sore toe. Both contribute to his happiness. He cannot carry water because of the sore toe, or bring in the garbage bucket because of the stone bruise. Both would give him caste with the neighboring boys, who are not similarly afflicted. He is tanned and happy. There isn't a belt or a button to interfere with the use of his lungs or the movements of any of his muscles. If he wants to go in swimming, it is possible that he would do so, dressed, and let his clothes dry on him. If you never tried it that way you have missed good fun.

The other morning he wrestled another boy in the middle of the road. His mother did not have heart failure because one of the features of blue overalls is that they cannot be injured and if they could it would not make any difference.

In the afternoon he helped dig a robber's cave in a hillside lot. It was just a make-believe robber's cave, he explained to his mother, for, bless his heart, he feared that she might distrust his honesty of purpose, and expect to see a real robber emerge from the hole in the hill. The blue overalls were much in evidence, and answered all purposes. The dirt that clung to them dissolved when he was sprinkling the lawn and took a shower bath.

And when, at 9 a. m., he went to his room, so tired that he couldn't keep his eyes open, the blue overalls slipped from his brown, straight body and as he fell onto his little white bed his "Now I lay me" was lost in a dream of more happiness to come.

Madam, for the summer of 1904 we advise blue overalls and plenty of liberty for your boy. Let fashion go hang!

ELECTION CONTEST IN COOS COUNTY.

In Saturday's issue of The Coast Mail was given the gist of the document served on Sheriff Gallier by Z. T. Siglin, who would be pleased to relieve Mr. Gallier of the duties—and emoluments—of the office of sheriff for the ensuing term. It will be seen that he bases his claim on cer-

tain irregularities alleged to have been committed in the North Bend precinct. The Mail says:

"The allegations made are allegations merely, and have yet to be proved. The assertion that certain votes cast for Siglin in the North Bend, Myrtle Point and Bandon precincts seem to be thrown in for good measure.

It is claimed by Republicans that the judges in the North Bend precinct were not guilty of the irregularities alleged.

However, in every election, some irregularities are certain to occur, and so long as there is no indication of fraud the defeated parties usually take their medicine. Even in precincts which gave a majority for Mr. Siglin errors could be found. For instance in the South Marshfield precinct, electioneering for Siglin was going on in exceedingly close proximity to the polls, and electioneering slips of paper were passed out by Democrats under the noses of the judges. In one strong Democratic precinct, one of the candidates, whose name appeared on the official ballot served on the election board. In fact it is doubtful if any precinct in the county everything was done in strict conformity to the law.

Perhaps when Mr. Siglin gets time he will look into the doings in some of the precincts which gave him a majority, for of course he only wants to see justice done, and would not take any benefit from votes cast for him in cases where there was the slightest suspicion of irregularity.

CITY OFFICIALS ARE WISE.

The Salem officials should exercise their usual good judgment in dealing with the park question, and not plunge headlong into debt on this account. A reasonable sum, such as provided by the council, should be used to beautify the parks, but let us not get a "hobby" on this matter.

MORE IMPORTANT MEASURES ARE BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

More than that we will have them, and they will be worthy of the name of parks within a few years, but improvements of this character are slow to work, and it will require time to bring them to the high standard sought, and not embarrass the city's finances. They are not revenue-producing, hence can only be improved from time to time as the city is able to spare the money. Any great outlay of funds in this direction in one year might cripple the financial condition of the city. The council is wise in judiciously using the funds provided for this purpose.

SO FAR SO GOOD.

The experiment in Leeds, England, of government ownership of tramways shows excellently for its last financial year. Wages were raised, the fares lower than in our country, and a surplus was earned which goes into the city treasury to reduce taxes. In detail, the municipality owns and operates the tramways.

For the year ended March 25, 1904, the gross income from them was \$1,363,532.22 and the operating and maintenance expenses \$723,629.21, leaving a gross profit of \$639,903.01. From this last sum were deducted various charges for depreciation, income tax and interest, leaving a net profit of \$416,619.79.

And after redemption-fund charges of \$128,345.49 were taken from this, a surplus of \$288,274.30 was left and turned over to the city treasurer to be used in reducing the city taxes. That is the largest profit ever shown by the "tramways" in any city in the United Kingdom.

One of the best operating reforms has been the giving of bonuses every three months to motor men who run their cars without accident. This has resulted in a more careful service, a reduction in accidents and an increase of pay where is appreciated. Taken all together, the experiment is going well in Leeds. But all municipal matters are the prey of certain political lils. The best of this system will be its resistance of political domination. If a city can run a business as a business, pure and simple, it is bound to succeed.

PROTECT THE CHILDREN.

St. John's Episcopal church of Brooklyn has taken the right course in regard to Sunday School picnics. The vestry has voted to refuse to sanction any more Sunday school excursions by water except on "iron or steel steamboats, with fire proof decks, protected boiler and galley rooms, a minimum of woodwork, a properly drilled crew and a full supply of life saving devices"—and it will try to induce other churches to take similar action. The general adoption of this plan would do more to force steamboat owners and leasees to maintain only boats that are absolutely secure against fire than a dozen government investigations such as

the one now in progress or a score of criminal prosecutions such as those which are now threatened in the General Slocum case. As long as the people will take "chances" the boat men will get along with as big a load of risk as they can.

THE UNHAPPY MARRIAGE.

Eight years ago the People's party listened to the blarney of the Democratic leaders and entered into an alliance with them. For a time Democracy went to seed, and stepped far beyond what even respectable populism asked for. Altgeldism was infused into the Democratic platform, but the whole mess and all the disrepute and stigma arising from the nauseous dose was laid at the door of Populism.

The illicit marriage was always an unhappy one, but it is at an end now. Eight years of life with the worst elements of Wall street was enough for the good confiding brothers from the wild and woolly west and the sun-kissed South, and now they will attempt to reorganize their party. Democracy is thoroughly "reorganized," and it has left its allies nearly as thoroughly disorganized.

Democracy however will find it rough sledding without the votes of the People's party, especially in the border states of the south. Missouri is pretty well saturated with Bland Ideas and Bryanism. An active campaign in that state by the Populists might result in Parker losing the electoral vote of that heretofore Democratic stronghold. The majorities at the recent presidential elections are not sufficient to warrant the assertion that Missouri will swallow every nostrum prepared by the eastern Democracy and say that it is good. When Hill and Belmont get such thoughts in their minds they may wake up to a sane realization along in the fall. Only a few years ago the state sent a number of Republican congressmen to Washington and it took hard work to keep the rank and file in line about the time of the People's party movement in the early nineties.

The members of the People's party realize that they have been holding the sack for the Democratic snipe hunters and they are liable to go after game themselves this fall. Revenge is sweet, even if tardy, and "reorganized" Democracy had better not count their chickens before they are hatched.

ASSUMES SOLE CONTROL.

Ira A. Phelps, formerly of the Scio News, is now sole proprietor of the Harrisburg Bulletin. W. W. Briggs having retired. Mr. Phelps is a good newspaper man, and will certainly make a success of the Bulletin.

First Things in Oregon.

George H. Himes has compiled a list of first events in the history of Oregon. Some of them are:

- First white child, Alice Whitman, March 14, 1837, near Walla Walla.
- First marriages, Rev. Jason Lee and Anna Pitman, Cyrus Shepherd and Susan Downing, July 16, 1837.
- First funeral service, July 28, 1834, over a French Canadian, by Rev. Jason Lee.
- First religious service by Rev. Jason Lee, September 28, 1834. Rev. Lee also cradled the first grain.
- The first thresher was brought to Oregon by Thomas Otchin, coming by way of Cape Horn, and coasting \$1550.
- Rev. J. L. Parish brought some white clover here in 1840.
- P. W. Gillett brought the first roses, strawberries and raspberries to Oregon.
- The first sawmill was near Vancouver in 1825 or 1826 by Donald Mason.
- William Meek brought some grafts to Lun county in 1847.
- The first brick was made in Oregon by George Gay, at Wheatland, Yamhill county, in 1841.
- The first frame house was at The Dalles, built by Rev. Perkins, October 1, 1839.
- Etienne Lucier cultivated the soil first in 1829 near Portland.
- The first printing was May 18, 1839 at Layport, and the first newspaper the Spectator, at Oregon City, February 5, 1848.

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By the Birds of a Feather. Mrs. William Robbin, of Louisville, Ky., was recently married to David Buzzard. It is her fourth matrimonial venture. She was a Miss Martin, a daughter of one of the best known Bourbon county families. She first married Robert Crow. He died and she married John Sparrow six months afterwards. She and Mr. Sparrow did not agree and a divorce followed. Mrs. Sparrow became Mrs. Wm. Robbin, but again a divorce was found advisable. After a year of lonely life Mrs. Robbin has become Mrs. Buzzard. She has two Crows, one Robbin and a Buzzard at her home.—Ex.

The following sign is displayed on a bookshop in Chambers street, New York: "Dickens' works here all this week for \$1.50."

X-RADIUMS

Fine parks and poor streets form a combination about like a red dress and a yellow hat on a Creole belle.

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Beautiful parks and streets covered with dust in the summer time and full of mudholes in the winter season will certainly be an attractive sight for newcomers to gaze at.

To try to make out that there is jealousy among the committees of the council, and to otherwise stir up strife, is a poor way to get that fountain erected, or to help the park board.

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Will Study Journalism.

A Swiss journalist of distinction, Dr. M. Buhler of Berne is in San Francisco on a somewhat unusual government mission. His business is to make an expert examination of the methods and policies of American journalism, and upon this examination to render an exhaustive report to the heads of the little republic. It is a work for which he is particularly well qualified, his position as editor in chief of Der Bund of Berne, the leading newspaper of Switzerland, having put him in close touch with European public affairs, as well as with the journalism of the continent.

The Patriotic League (Junta Patriotica) of Peru has already collected nearly \$414,000, which has been deposited with the banks in Lima. The purpose is to raise a sufficient sum wherewith a man-of-war is to be built and presented to the Peruvian government.

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Sued Fourteen Times.
Herman Cordes, a farmer, whose second wife had sued him for a divorce, has become reconciled to her, and they will bury the hatchet. Mr. Cordes has had some experience in the divorce courts, says an Indianapolis dispatch. His first wife sued him 12 times without success. The thirteenth proved unlucky for Cordes, however, and he was mulcted in the sum of \$10,000 alimony.

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