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CONVICTS ON THE ROADS.

Governor Chamberlain has taken the bull by the horns, and put forty to sixty men at work on the public roads in Marion county.

He has the hearty co-operation of the Marion county court, but the governor deserves the credit for his willingness to test the matter.

Governor Chamberlain last year built several miles of first-class public highway from the city limits to the state reform school.

He did that against local indifference and some opposition, as the heads of other institutions wanted the money spent on roads between the asylum and cottage farm, that are not really state roads.

The legislature never took the trouble to investigate the road that Governor Chamberlain built. Not a member ever went to see the road, and not a dollar appropriated to continue state road building by convict labor.

The legislature was too busy drawing down mileage, while they rode on free passes, to pay any attention to such a commonplace thing as building better roads for the farmers.

Without any special legal authority, except what the constitution vests in him, as head of the state, and what the general laws gives him in control of the state prison, Governor Chamberlain has put the convicts at the disposal of Marion county.

The fact is, about twenty convicts in a few months last summer built the best piece of road in the county, excepting always what the Liberty farmers and the Marion county court built south of this city.

Governor Chamberlain has started right and deserves credit as the first governor of Oregon to give convict road building a substantial impetus that will result in many miles of fine highways being constructed.

Marion county has been a pioneer in the educational work of good roads building, and this is the proper county to begin this work.

Hundreds of miles of road can be built by this plan by the different counties of the state, and the work should be encouraged and supported by all friends of good government.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT—AN ENGROSSING STUDY.

Never, since the time when a few earnest thinkers began to devote themselves to an exact study of municipal government and management, has the subject received in this country so great or so widespread an interest as is being manifested in it today.

It used to be—and the time is not so far in the past—that municipal government was allowed to go along and develop in a haphazard way. It was nothing more nor less than a slightly advanced exemption of the sort of government that was in vogue when the places, although modern cities in other ways, were villages.

If an improvement occurred to some one sufficiently interested, well and good. Perhaps it would be adopted. Perhaps not. If it was, in most cases both the idea and its adoption were more or less in the nature of fortunate accidents.

No one sat down and pondered over ways and means to improve the physical governmental characteristics of towns and cities. No one probably did that even as a diversion. Certainly no one made a business of it.

But today, in all parts of the country, there are hundreds, even thousands, of sincere workers for the betterment of the cities of the United States, who are devoting their time and energy to the solution of municipal problems.

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THE IROQUOIS BANQUET.

President Roosevelt has formally accepted the invitation to become the guest of honor of the Iroquois club of Chicago at an approaching great banquet, says the Sacramento Bee.

This is the first time, say the dispatches, that a Republican President has been invited to attend a banquet given in his honor by an organization of the opposite political faith—a body which confessedly exerted every effort to secure the election of his opponent to the high office President Roosevelt now fills.

But did the Iroquois club of Chicago exert any special effort in an endeavor to defeat Roosevelt? If it did, its influence in Chicago must be very weak, according to the election returns. It is doubtful if any Democratic organization anywhere within the bounds of the Union worked overtime for Parker.

The New York World, probably the ablest as it is the greatest Democratic newspaper in the United States, recently declared that Theodore Roosevelt would be renominated for the Presidency and that he would be triumphantly re-elected. May it not be that there will be no opposition? May it not be that the Democrats will make no nomination?

Stranger things have happened.

THAT MILWAUKEE EMBEZZLEMENT.

E. G. Bigelow, until yesterday president of the First National bank of Milwaukee, has confessed to being a defaulter in the sum of \$1,400,000, which he gambled away speculating in grain stocks.

This is only another illustration that a banker ought to be an honorable man to start with, and that not even national banking laws will protect the people against any streak of congenital or experimental dishonesty.

The confession of Bigelow is reported to have astonished the board of directors, who immediately demanded his resignation. This was the least they could do, and yet it shows that they were ignorant of what their president had been doing for years.

They were also ignorant of the financial condition of the bank. They were ignorant about the bookkeeping, and they were ignorant as to the whereabouts of the cash. There seems to have been no limit to their ignorance.

The question also arises, what are the provisions of the law requiring national bank examiners to go over the books every so often, if such a default can exist, and only become known when the guilty conscience of the head of the bank will no longer permit him to remain silent.

THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

That ancient fraud for the protection of overlooked criminals and robbers of their fellowmen is being overworked in Oregon at present.

It is a principle that never should apply to the man who commits a fraud on the community or on his fellowman in connection with public affairs.

Some years ago The Journal forced the investigation of the Geo. W. Davis school fund defalcation. When it was all established, the recovery of the money was barred by the statute of limitations.

By stipulation with a jolly at-

torney-general the state lost its right to recover even the small sum that could have been obtained from his bondsmen, on account of the statute of limitations.

Simply because a man helped rob the public or the school fund three years ago, or six years ago in a recovery on a sealed instrument does that entitle him to go scot free?

Those who have done the same thing within three years are to be prosecuted as criminals, and the statute of limitations is not to be applied to their benefit.

NO ONE STANDS FOR BARRETT.

It is reported that John Barrett is coming home to resign as minister to Panama.

No one has ever been able to discover just who had Barrett appointed from Oregon.

He has held high positions in the foreign service, and was always accredited to Oregon.

He was never in the state long enough to acquire a residence, and yet he held Oregon appointments.

Neither political faction would accept the responsibility of having him unloaded on them.

The appointment of Barrett was ascribed to Scott, to Simon, to Moody, and to others.

It is to be hoped that the time will come when it will be known who has the appointing power in Oregon.

The past method has not yielded satisfaction, and there has been a raft of trouble about appointees.

But some one should father Barrett. He will likely be made minister to Mexico, and charged to Oregon.

If no one will adopt Barrett politically, why should he any longer be ascribed to Oregon?

He should be located somewhere, and some county should become responsible for him. He never did belong to Oregon.

Saturday night will see the finish of Eiders piano sale, better hurry up if you want a fine piano at low price.

STARTED WITH A BOOM

THE LAST WEEK OF THE EILERS PIANO SALE STARTS WITH A RUSH.

Three Fine Pianos Were Sold and Delivered, Which Is Pretty Good for Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hager purchased an elegant art style Schumann in Santo Domingo mahogany, the music desk beautifully draped in hand carvings, trusses and all trimmings genuine mahogany. This magnificent piano is in keeping with their beautiful home. Mr. W. M. Welch secured that beautiful antique oak Schumann piano that has been admired by so many people the past week.

Mr. F. A. Rolfe bought a fine Marshall & Wendell in hickory walnut.

This week winds up our special sale of high grade pianos in Salem, and you cannot afford to hesitate if you want to avail yourselves of an exceptional bargain. Scan the list and see if you will ever have a better assortment to select from: Chickering, Weber, Hobbart M. Cable, Story & Clark, Schuman and many other makes, all to go at big reductions in prices. We have only two used upright pianos left; one for \$110, and the other for \$167, both of them snags. We have an elegant square piano, taken in exchange yesterday, which will be sold for a song. This piano is in good shape, splendid tone and easy action. If you can use a square piano come and see it. No question but what you will take it at the price we put on it.

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It is sincerely hoped that this reported improvement and safeguard will soon be forthcoming.

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