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RAKE OFF THE ROCKS.

This is the time of year to make the annual appeal to have the streets cleared of loose rock.

At least once a year all the streets should be raked clear of rocks and rubbish.

This prevents injury to horses' feet, breaking of springs and wheels of vehicles.

It also prevents the streets from wearing rough. If Salem streets were kept free from loose rock in summer and sprinkled they would be fine.

PROGRESS IN ROADS.

Work for several years on the county roads south of the city has made quite a change in that section of the country.

Now a better highway is being constructed from Scott's Mills to Mt. Angel. Other parts of the county will follow suit.

The governor has placed three crews of convicts at the disposal of the Marion county authorities and will test convict labor on the roads.

There is one step the public authorities must yet take, and that is letting such work by contract.

Fair-minded men say that under the contract system about 50 per cent better results would be obtained.

The present system costs too much. The expenditure does not produce enough miles of road for the money.

Properly drawn specifications and left to the lowest bidder would give nearly twice the result in the shape of good roads.

Perhaps the city of Salem will have experience in the construction of South Commercial street that will be valuable to the county.

DROP PUBLIC EXECUTIONS.

This paper entered a protest against making too public the execution of condemned prisoners at the state prison.

It suggested that only enough persons be admitted to prove the death penalty was administered.

It made the suggestion that the exact time when the person was hung be not made public.

Of course, it will take years to get such a reform established. But is it not a crime against humanity to give the wide-spread publicity that is now given?

Does it not arouse a morbid interest in the execution, and cause the victim himself to hold the thought that he must prepare to act his part as in a tragedy?

There is to be another execution in a few days. Would it not be better to set a wise example in Oregon of the least publicity possible?

Spreading the harrowing details in all the newspapers certainly is productive of no good result.

It answers no good purpose. It hardens the public conscience and brutalizes and debauches public sentiment quite as much as public hanging.

THE PORTLAND DIRECT PRIMARY

The Journal printed a fac-simile of the direct nominating primary ballot that was used at Portland Saturday to nominate the Republican city ticket.

The direct nominating primary has been used twice in the city of Salem in the past two years, but this is the first direct primary held under the new state law.

The result of the election in Portland is awaited with keen interest and will solve the question whether the law is operative in making a ticket or not, and whether it can be elected or not.

The Journal has always advocated a direct primary law but had nothing to do with drafting the bill now adopted, and did not favor the adoption of this law.

However, the people voted for it and it is the law, and the Journal now favors enforcing it to the letter and abiding by its provisions and amending them when time shall show the defects of the law.

By studying the ticket it will be seen that some of the candidates adopted catch-phrases and made more or less declaration of purpose as to their policies if elected.

This is a strong feature of the new law, and will in time afford the people some protection against the padlocked, grafting office-hunter, who only wants place for opportunity to plunder.

The Portland newspapers have made a great harvest out of the direct primary, publishing pictures and pledges of the candidates, and running direct appeals to the people for voters.

The power of the press and the power of the people is extended by the operations of the direct nominating system, and the ticket nominated in this way stands a big chance of election.

The direct primary has almost eliminated the democratic party, but that organization is in hopes that there will be dissension among the Republicans and they have nominated Harry Lane and hope to elect him mayor.

REMEMBER THE RASCALS.

The law provides that a congressman shall be paid a salary of $5000 per year; and in order that the compensation shall be equal, among members, the government pays their traveling expenses. Otherwise the representative who comes from the Pacific coast to the capital, paying his way, would realize very much less on this salary than a representative from Maryland or Virginia.

The cost of traveling was greater in the olden days than now, and the free pass had not then become one of the devil's favorite inventions. Consequently the law-makers declared that the tax-payers should furnish twenty-cents per mile to meet the expenses of the representative in going from his home to the post of duty.

Inasmuch as every member of congress—occasional cranks excepted—now rides on the free passes, the mileage has become a considerable addition to the salary.

A member who lives west of the Mississippi will find his pay increased a sixth, or a fifth, according to the distance from the Atlantic seaboard; while the delegate who comes from Hawaii will pocket considerably more than $2000 for the alleged cost of getting to Washington.

So far so good. Everybody knows that congressmen do not pay their way, and everybody knows that mileage no longer has any honest foundation; but we've got used to the grab, and we let it go, as inevitable, with a weary sigh of hopeless disgust.

But the congress which recently adjourned broke all previous records and gave the country a new chapter in the record of brazen dishonor.

Previous to the meeting of the regular session there had been an extra session. This held on till the regular session began. There was no interval between the two. So far as time was concerned, the one ran into the other. Hence, no member went home from the extra session and came back to the regular session.

There was absolutely no "recess" at all—not a minute between the one session and the other.

The imaginary recess having been created by the President, the members of the lower house took an imaginary recess, and then proposed that they be paid their imaginary expenses, not in imaginary money, but in hard cash.

Therefore, sixty-odd Republicans and forty-odd Democrats, and two Union Labor Men, voted to give themselves $190,000 of the people's money to pay for imaginary journeys made during an imaginary recess.

It is doubtful if a more shameless attempt to steal from the public treasury has ever been attempted.—Tom Watson's Magazine.

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE?

The Portland Journal of Sunday has an editorial under the above head, as follows:

"The people of Oregon have been exceedingly kind to the railroad companies. They have practically given them everything they asked and have got nothing in return. Millions of dollars have been contributed to the railroad treasuries, and they have seen these millions diverted for improvements, costing staggering totals, to make traffic glide with ease and expedition to San Francisco. They have seen four-fifths of the state left entirely without railroad connection, to worry along as best it could; they have rarely seen a feeder built. On the other hand they have had reason to know that independent railroad enterprises have been throttled, and that the state has been effectualy bottled up to prevent the very development for which the people have been clamoring.

"North they see giants inthe railroad world bestriding the Sound cities, diverting traffic there which legitimately belongs here, and making herculean efforts to build them into centers of overshadowing consequence. Thus we have the upper and nether millstones with Portland in between.

"It is then no longer a question that concerns alone the merchants or even the property owners, but all the people. What are we going to do about it, and what are the O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific going to do about it? The present relations cannot always be maintained; it cannot always be a case of give everything and get nothing, of being fed on promises which are made only to be broken. We have earned the friendship and good will of these corporations, and are repaid by something worse than neglect. It has now become a question of self-preservation. The time for temporizing has passed. The embargo laid upon us must be raised. This is now the temper of the people. They are now beginning to act for themselves in the river projects, but they will not, for they cannot, be content with that alone. There is an obvious duty for the railroads to perform; they realize it better than they can be told. Will they do it, and go hand in hand with a friendly people, as in the past, or will they temporarize, and thus rupture these cordial relations, bringing about a frame of public mind that will find expression in something more tangible than mere newspaper expressions or even resolutions of public bodies, however clearly they may mirror the public mind?"

Business men and citizens of Oregon who can read and understand the above statements should begin to do some thinking.

The ideas promulgated by the Portland Journal were first enunciated at the Willamette Valley Development League convention at Salem, March 23d.

They have been expressed in other newspapers, in the Oregonian, and other newspapers in the valley.

The most powerful influence exerted by these statements lies in their truthfulness.

Yet there are public men and railroad managers who will shut their eyes to the facts and klink at them, and refuse to learn.

There are alleged politicians in the state who will get off columns of slobber about some good old pioneer who has been with the shades for a quarter of a century.

They will flatter some great newspaper or some one in authority to get a little notice or toleration in return.

In the meantime the facts remain, and what are we going to do about them.

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