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THE FIGHT FOR THE STATE.

The Journal gives considerable space to the Coos Bay country this week.

THE FIGHT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN OREGON AND THE INTERIOR HAS ONLY BEGUN.

The Portland proposition to spend all the federal appropriations on the Columbia river is intensely hoggish.

The whole state should rise up against it and rebuke Portland for wanting to hold back the whole state until they get what they want.

Hasn't the whole state been stood up for the past twenty years to build up Portland? Hasn't the federal and the state treasury been raided for millions to help Portland get water transportation?

THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE A FIGHT FOR THE WEST COAST HARBORS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT UNDEVELOPED INTERIOR.

Portland today is demanding that the congressmen for the second district and the next United States senator be Portland men. Portland is seeking to dictate a Portland selection for congressmen of this district.

The time has come to stand up and say we shall have a delegation go to Washington for once who will stand like a wall for a square deal for the whole state. Open every western Oregon harbor, and not alone the Port of Portland.

RAILROAD REBATES.

Prominence is given in the December McClure's Magazine to "Railroad Rebates," Ray Stannard Baker's second paper on the railroad question. He explains what rebates are, how they are paid, who pay them and how they affect industry; illustrating the whole process by specific instances, little human stories picked up from railroad men and shippers, the gainers and sufferers by the system.

The practice of giving railroad rebates is one of the results of open competition for traffic, **UNLESS IT IS MADE A CRIME** by law it is not likely that it will ever be entirely abolished.

That it is a species of bribery that inures to the benefit of the large establishments, whether it be in manufacturing or wholesaling, and is largely responsible for the existence of the Rockefellers, Hills and Morgans, there can be no doubt.

When Paul Morton was convicted of this crime as president of the Santa Fe, he was excused by the president on the ground that **ALL THE RAILROADS ARE COMPELLED TO GIVE REBATES** under the present system, and that is about the truth of the matter.

WOMEN ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS.

The prominent society women of Portland have banded together to fight the proposed woman suffrage amendment.

It seems the women who preside in the model homes of the great city **ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE BALLOT.**

They represent immense property interests, immense social influence, and are opposed to having political power placed in their hands.

Perhaps it strikes them that their wealth and social influence gives them a monopoly of political pull that they wish to keep.

They do not want to be placed **ON A POLITICAL EQUALITY WITH THEIR HUMBLER SISTERS** of toil when they step up to the ballot box.

There is nothing like bringing out both sides of the question. The Journal will try and give both sides a hearing.

It has heretofore always opposed woman suffrage, but it is now on the fense, like the rest of the great newspapers.

THE ROSEBURG LAND OFFICE.

A Portland paper deplores the fact that a Mr. Hegardt could not be appointed to the Roseburg land office.

He seems to have been championed by the Portland paper as a remarkably fit man for the place.

As a matter of cold, hard, frozen fact, he had very little relation to Western Oregon in any way.

He seems to have had a long official connection with the engineering department and was on the Columbia river jetty work for many years.

He is neither a writer nor a public speaker and had not identified himself with the interests of the people or the party.

Beyond being on the pay rolls in a professional capacity he was not of or from or by the people honored in any way.

It does seem to the uninitiated as though there were a constant pressure to put all political power in the hands of one or two men or even into one newspaper in this state.

We hope that when a man is finally selected for the Roseburg land office he will be a man who means something to the common run of Republicans of Western Oregon, even if he is not worshipped in Portland.

AN ALASKA NOVEL.

Everybody's Magazine for December has sprung what promises to be the great American novel, of the west at least. The first installment of Rex E. Beach's powerful romance of the Alaskan gold fields, "The Spoilers," indicates that this is a pretty close approximation of the long sought for "American novel."

It is a stirring story; and it is not, as certain intriguing politicians will observe, entirely the product of Mr. Beach's imagination.

The opening chapters are full of thrillers. There is a rush and bustle to it that carries the reader out of the calm of magazine pages into the whirlpools of real life in the western and on the gold coasts.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

(Independence Enterprise.)

Here is the way it appears to the Ashland Tidings from down near the California line:

"An item appearing frequently in the exchanges from the northern part of the state chronicles the 'arrival of Hon. Walter Tooze in our town in his interests for the Republican nomination for congress. He is accompanied by Col. E. Hofer of Salem.'' It is quite likely an understanding exists between these gentlemen that in the even of failure of Mr. Tooze to get the nomination he is to transfer such strength as he can to help the latter win the prize."

To avoid any misunderstanding we wish to say that all above the "jim dash" except the headline is by Hon. Walter Lyon, former private secretary to Governor Geer. Those who know Hon. Walter Tooze or understand that no transferring is possible under the direct primary need not be told that he is not a candidate in the interest of anyone but himself. It is also a fact that the editor of this paper is not a candidate and is not seeking the congressional nomination. His friends and the friends of Mr. Tooze have formed no combination or understanding to shut out any other candidate for congress. It will take their united efforts and the efforts of all Republicans to 'shut out'' the Democratic candidate, whoever he may be. So far as the editor of this paper favoring Mr. Tooze is concerned, it is a friendship of some years' standing. The Journal editor has had to decline to many people and even Democrats of prominence, and Democratic newspapers have urged him to become a candidate and he has told them all that he was not a candidate and was not seeking the nomination, but was getting out of the race to give Mr. Tooze a long coveted opportunity to become a candidate. In withdrawing he is also removing himself from the pathway of congressional honors for other gentlemen, who are all better Republicans than he is. As such he wishes them all success and if all will go along in this spirit, "in honor preferring one another," the result will be the triumphant election of any man nominated. The editor of the Journal is not a floater nor a drifter. It has not yet become a crime to get out of the way for a friend, or to help him along to the best of your ability, even to not becoming a candidate yourself. There is no longer any monopoly on the candidate business.

As the matter stands Mr. Tooze is an acceptable candidate and his nomination can be almost set down as a certainty. He has a larger individual following today than any man in the field and whole sections of the district are coming to his support. It costs a candidate several thousand dollars to canvas the district. But once done by a man of ability and standing with the people and the party, it will not soon have to be done over. The honest enforcement of the direct primary law will make nominations more difficult to secure, but once secured such a nomination is worth more to a candidate than the old convention system.

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Woodmen Election.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Woodmen of the World was held in their hall Friday evening. Besides being the night for the regular election of officers, there were present General Rapson of California, commander of the uniform rank of the order, and Head Organizer Woodcock.

Captain Longcore had out his drill team and was highly complimented by the general for the manner in which they were drilled.

The election of officers resulted as follows: A. J. Basey, C. C.; C. L. Capper, A. L.; J. A. Dickey, escort; A. L. Harvey, watchman; B. W. Snyder, sentry; P. L. Frazier, clerk; Ben Koomler, banker; John Longcore, manager; F. A. Rollo, musician.

Accidentally Shot.

Harvey McKnight, the 15 year old son of C. H. McKnight, of the Chemawa neighborhood, was accidentally shot in the thigh Saturday by a 22 rifle. He was out in the pasture near his home when a spent ball struck him and entered into the flesh about five inches, ranging obliquely downward. He was removed to this city, where the bullet was removed by Dr. Robertson. It is not known who fired the shot, as he did not even hear the report of the gun.

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Want Their Money Back.

Suit has been filed in the recorder's court by B. E. Keeney and W. J. Booth against Jack Cooper, George Wright and Jack Desmond, in which the plaintiffs seek to recover from the defendants twice the amount of money they allege was lost in gambling. Keeney sues for $14, and Booth for $67.

They allege that the money was lott at a "21" game in Cooper's saloon, and that Wright and Desmond operated the game.

The suit was filed last Saturday, and Recorder Moores gave the defendants until next Saturday to file their reply.

H. J. Bigger is the attorney for the plaintiffs and Webster Holmes for the defendants.

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