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MEN MAKE CITIES AND STATES.

All who study the growth and development of cities and states must know that men, and not nature, make cities and states.

Those who rely on our beautiful scenery, our mild climate, our productive soil for progress are on the wrong track.

The greatest states and the richest and most rapidly developed cities have been built against the greatest natural obstacles.

Spokane was built on heaps of volcanic rock, with no rich farming land lying around the city.

The beautiful Golden Gate Park of San Francisco was built on pure sand hills, with plenty of men, plenty of money and the genius of Suteo.

Oregon has no large cities but one, and has little over half the population of Washington. This is not due to nature, but to men, or lack of men.

The men who have dominated this state for fifty years are the men who have made the state what it is or what it is not.

In place of erecting monuments and writing history about them, we should turn away from their methods, and pray that new leaders may take their places.

CHANCE FOR EASTERN OREGON MAN.

A. W. Prescott of Salem sends this to the Oregonian of Monday:

The appointment of Justice Charles E. Wolverton to the federal bench is not only a matter of satisfaction to the people of the state because it is a meritorious appointment, but it is also a matter of satisfaction to a number of candidates for state offices whose interests are apparently advanced by the removal of Judge Wolverton from state politics.

Judge Wolverton's term would be the next to expire. He would therefore come up for re-election in 1906. His record as a judge and his popularity among the Republicans of the state make it certain that he would be re-nominated and re-elected. This certainty has caused no little concern to several aspirants for office from western Oregon.

Judge Wolverton's home is in Linn county, and if he were a candidate he would be accredited to that county. J. R. Whitney, state printer, who is now serving his first term and wants re-nomination, is also from Linn county. Marion, the adjoining county, has three candidates for secretary of state, probably three for congress, perhaps one for governor, one for state printer, and time yet for development of candidates for other offices.

The certain re-nomination of Wolverton would have been a handicap for Whitney and in some measure might have impaired the chances of the Marion county candidates, for the argument will be used in the campaign that one part of the state must not have all the offices.

Marion county aspirants are now talking in favor of letting eastern Oregon have the supreme judge, this idea being strengthened by the announcement that Governor Chamberlain will appoint an eastern Oregon man to succeed Wolverton. It is assumed that Hadley, after completing Judge Wolverton's term, will be nominated to succeed himself, and it is argued that it would be appropriate for the Republicans also to nominate an eastern Oregon man.

The fact that there are three supreme judges and none has been elected from eastern Oregon adds force to the argument. There is not much talk

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yet of individuals but Judge Eakin, who has been mentioned several times in the past for the supreme bench is talked of in this connection now, should an eastern Oregon man be conceded a free field for the nomination for the judgeship, this would leave western Oregon candidates a better chance for other offices.

THE TENDENCY OF THE AGE.

(Eugene Guard, *Liberty Democrat*.)
With this issue the Guard places at the head of its editorial page the announcement that heads this article, "An Independent Paper." Our reasons:

It has come to be that the best newspaper work is done by newspapers that are untrammelled, can discuss men and measures with absolute freedom from party interference, can commend where commendation is due or disparage where criticism seems just.

Politics no longer plays an important part in our affairs; county, state or national, recurring elections surely telling the story that voters largely vote without regard to party nomination or beliefs. If an unfit man is nominated, Republican or Democrat, he rarely fails to hear from the people at the polls. It was not many years ago that the straight ticket was greatly in evidence—"Vote her straight" was the cry. You no longer hear that, but election returns show that voters go to the polls and vote their party ticket straight only where they have no choice among the candidates.

With this state of facts obtaining we believe there is not the least excuse for rib-roaked politics or the partisan journalism that finds only fault with the opposition and everything for praise in its own party. The people want more news, less politics. We propose to meet the demand.

Good Roads.

(Albany Herald.)
Friends of the good roads movement have been in convention and much information of useful character is as a consequence in circulation.

No development work in Oregon is more important than the good roads movement.

Much that is appropriate to say has been said before. It must be said again. It will be hard to say it too often.

There should be no closed season for the good roads movement.

The Herald has been a pioneer in this field, and expects to do its part in future.

Where the road work was done in slipshod manner and roads were bad as in all the Central Willamette valley counties, improvement may now be noted. Roads about Albany are as good as those leading into any city in Oregon.

Marion county has several exceptionally good pieces of road. Benton is awakening. Polk is doing little. Lane is yet to be heard from.

The work everywhere is but beginning. Given money enough to pay the bills and men with understanding to do the work, good roads might soon exist everywhere. Oregon must do the best she can with available funds. The rate of taxation is always high enough in new countries and is here. But the old farcical way of handling road money and doing road work should pass away and what is done should be done well.

Western Oregon Development.

(Albany Herald.)

Persons in railway circles and political life must brush up their geographical knowledge and include in the list of discovered portions of the globe that rich and neglected region known as the Coos Bay country, for Coos Bay is now on the map. Coos Bay produces, or is able to produce, nearly all the necessities of life, including the cranberry. Mr. Harriman's railroad will be, no doubt, a great blessing to Coos Bay. Coos Bay has a harbor, forests, coal mines and farms. The Willamette Valley Development League has called attention in a plain and effective way to that harbor and its needs of improvement. Development meetings held lately about Coos Bay, at which the principal speakers were Walter L. Toose and Editor Hofer of the Salem Journal, mark enthusiasm and the awakening of a new and great country.

Fighting for Open Locks.

(Albany Herald.)

In the suit instituted by Attorney General Crawford against the owners of the Oregon City locks to compel, in substance an accounting and the payment to the state of moneys due under the law, the General Electric Company has been given a reasonable time to

file an answer. Bearing in mind those sturdy qualities of sense and fairness which, added to suitable legal knowledge, constitute the attorney general the able and satisfactory officer that he is, the belief seems well founded that this suit will be pushed to a conclusion. These locks have long been a hindrance to progress and a drawback to Willamette valley shipping, and the time is not far distant when the government will own and operate them. Meanwhile let the state collect its bill from the owners of the plant.

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To Be Married Today.

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Suicide at Asylum.

Samuel L. Patton ended his long confinement at the insane asylum by hanging himself with a twisted bed sheet Sunday morning. The man was 21 years of age, and had been committed 11 years ago from Baker county, where his relatives reside.

A few minutes before his rash deed, the patient had been confined in his room for insubordinate conduct. The door was locked, and it was thought Patton would quiet down. Instead, however, he deliberately set about to murder himself. He barred the door with his iron bed, and proceeded to twist the sheet into a rope. This he tied to the transome bar and about his neck. A kick freed him of the support of the bed.

The attendants had heard the moving of the bed in the little room, but were unable to force the stout door. They went to a side window, peered in, and saw the patient hanging from the transome. As quickly as possible they forced their way into the room, but Patton was dead when they arrived.

Patton had a habit of running away that was very annoying to the asylum authorities. With a cunning not unusual in a demented person, he would elude the vigilance of the attendants and get away. He did not mind recapture, though he took a keen pleasure in baffling the pursuing attendants. He escaped from the asylum three times, once in company with several others, whom he persuaded to run away with him.

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A Competent Newspaper Critic.

Girindra Nath Mukerji, a highly educated Hindoo, from Calcutta, spent last night in Salem, the guest of Percy Cotter. Mr. Mukerji, was graduated from the highest colleges in India, and is now making a study of the customs of other countries. He spent some time in Japan and then came to America. He has been at the Oregon Agricultural College for two or three years, and this morning left for Berkeley, where he will attend the University of California for a year. After that he will spend a couple of years in the principal cities of the United States, and then return to Calcutta.

Mr. Mukerji is a newspaper man of ability, and says that the only fault he has to find with the American newspaper is that it is too shallow and sensational.

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