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THE WATER PROPOSITION
There is not much use filling the papers with long reports about Salem water matters.
The Salem water at present is as good as can be had out of the river with present filter.
The proposition to
The proposition to start condemnation proceedings has failed
to accomplish results. to accompish results.
schemes until the city is ready to act. to go into arbitration Without some plan for a better water supply the people will
not authorize a bond not authorize a bond issue. last year, but it wrould have solved the problem.

THE SCARE OVER THE BRIDGE.
It is not plain what purpose is being served in working up a
scare over the steel bridge at Salem. To all appeances the bridge stands as it did the day it was completed.
as it did the day it was completed.
It is too narrow for any congestion of traffic that is liable to break it down under any circumstances,
Only two vehicles can pass at the same
of elephants could put a serious straine time, and only a drove
The law should be enforced about fast driving, but even that is
difficult, as motorcars will speed.
The next bridge built at Salem should be heavy enough to be
as safe as a street anywher
But a solid concrete and
will stand for fifty years.

## THE PRESENT ROTTEN SYSTEM

It is a remarkable fact that all the big newspapers that are al-
lied with the capitalistic interests, regardless of politics, are lied with the capitalistic interests, regardless of
fighting the nomination and election of Roosevelt. The delegations from states like Washington, California, Idaho
and Oregon are to be stolan by the hocus-pocus of the national and Oregon are to be stolen by the ho
committee seating the Taft contestants.
committee seating the retten element in the whole situation is that it puts the publican party in the attitude of suppressing the direct vote of the people, and by this they hope to w
This is the audacious campaign management on which the in terests hope to keep control of the national government.

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& \text { The audacity of the campaign } \\
& \text { becomes more apparent each day. }
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The people of the nation are fully conversant with the details of the system.
All fair-minded people admit the legality of the Roosevelt del-
egation from Oregon, Washington and California-by direct vote. Colonel Roosevelt carried the state and he is overwhelmingly backed by the Repubican voters.
In the face of these facts it is almost beyond understanding to
read the astounding miscepresentations of the Taft managers.

## TWO REMARKABLE GATHERINGS.

At the Hotel Marion last night a group of financiers sat around
a dinner table and discussed howto get money to build homes for working people
On the street was a large gathering of workingmen demand-
ing that they be given a chance to have employment on public work done by the city.
How can workingmen with families get homes and pay for
them, or even pay their rent in homes they do not own, if they cannot get a chance at public work?
non-resident and transient who comes into the town to camp or
board for a short time
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the two policies should have been accentuated by the presence the two policies should have
the home-building financiers.

## PROFIT IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

The insurance companies are reaping a bigger harvest out
Orexon than ever before. Oregon than ever before.
They practically dictate cape publicity as far as possible.
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Oregon has stacks of laws regulating insurance, but the people
pay more and more.
Does this not prove that insurance departments and insurance legislation only plunder the people?
Following statistics from the Portland Telegram indicate the need of insurance for the people by the state:
in this state during the year ending December 31, 1911, wrote risks aggregating $\$ 214,764,844$, for which they collected promi-
ums amounting to $\$ 3,296,638.75$ and paid $\$ 1,473,591.91$ for losses sustained.
insurance in force, collecting $\$ 3,276,997$ in premiums, and paid \$1,417,848 to claimanits.
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The 39 miscellaneous insurance companies transacting casual
ty, liability, surety and miscellaneous classes of insurance. col ty, liability, surety and miscellaneous classes of insurance, col-
lected $\$ 1,127,617.83$ for premiums and paid $\$ 398,280.94$ for loss-
es. The Mutual fire relief associations of this state added $\$ 5.333$,-
223 to insurance in force, collected assessments of $\$ 429,637$, 223 to insurance in force, collected assessments of $\$ 429,682$, and
paid $\$ 198,419.89$ for losses.
The fraternal societies collected $\$ 1,179,760$ for dues and assessments and paid to members $\$ 693,383.28$ for death and disability
benefits. Oregon seems to be paying the piper to a very liberal degree.

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