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OREGON FIRST EVEN IN GRATITUDE.

THE parcel post is credited with already taking away 25 per cent of the business of the express companies in the United States.

Here is a pretty good argument in favor of the government owning and operating all public utilities. True the principal work of this system is done by privately-owned public utility corporations, the railroads of the country, but it shows that in some things, at least, the government can do business as cheaply as private individuals. The parcel post has, in fact, met the express companies at their own grounds, and done the work formerly done by the latter so much more cheaply than they, that it has practically absorbed all their business of a certain class.

As usual Oregon set the pace, for did not our own senator, Jonathan Bourne, perfect this system, and get it tried by the government.

Oregon has shown the way to the balance of the country in a remarkable manner. It began when the good old battleship Oregon set the pace for the world, and the state has followed that grand example faithfully. The initiative, referendum and recall are all Oregon-made goods, so is the direct election of senators, and in the enfranchisement of women, if not the leader, she was largely the cause, through the life work of Mrs. Abigail Scott-Duniway, Oregon's "grand old woman." The parcel post is also hers, as are many other things too numerous to mention, though among these one stands so prominently that it cannot be overlooked, and that is the school children's industrial fairs. Started because Superintendent Alderman a few years ago saw some Yamhill county school children raising a purse to send after a supply of popcorn, instead of raising the popcorn. In a few years, from his little experiment of offering a prize to those children for raising popcorn, the movement has swept over the country. Sixty thousand school children in Oregon took part in the contest last year, and the movement has spread over the entire country, from Coos Bay to the Kennebec and from Seapoope to Boca Chica.

For the referendum and that part of it and the direct election of United States senators we have collectively and individually alternately poked fun at and damned U'Ren, while adopting his ideas. We are now boasting about the parcels post, and using it, too, to our private convenience and profit, and we Oregonians rewarded the author if it, Jonathan Bourne, by refusing to re-elect him to the senate, and taking Harry Lane instead. Lane is all right, in a way, but still one cannot help feeling that we have traded off our pasture for a cow.

Alderman has not got his yet, not all of it, but, according to the eternal fitness of things, he will surely get a full measure of Oregon's gratitude, which always hits the recipient about the solar plexus, and leaves him down for the count from the fullness and force of it. Still Oregon is to the front in everything from start to finish, initiative to recall, equal suffrage to parcel post and battleships to popcorn. Genius seems to thrive best on ill treatment, and Oregon's peculiar kind of gratitude seems to bring the best returns, though, as a gift, it would seem to the average man about as welcome as the seven-year itch; it sticks to him about as persistently and keeps him about as steadily entertained and delighted.

Even a girl who isn't a flirt may not want some men to think she isn't.

THE TROUBLES OF A REPORTER.

AS A SAMPLE of the difficulty of a reporter getting at the true inwardness of things, and getting stories absolutely correct, the matter of the earth left or claimed to be left on Church street by the John Construction Co. and on Union street by the P. E. & E. is a fair one. It is self-evident that either the dirt was left in the street, as is claimed, or that it wasn't. As to Church street, there is no question about the matter, unless it arises over the amount; but on Union street, there is a pretty wide difference of opinion.

The P. E. & E. engineer says his company removed all the earth from Union street that was taken out by them in excavating for the road, and naively adds that "all the company left was the street." Under some circumstances this would be rather startling intelligence as a railroad is not supposed to leave anything it gets its grip on, and it is therefore pleasing to mention so notable an exception.

On the other hand, the committee appointed by the council to investigate the matter, called the city engineer to their assistance, and basing their report on his estimates, say there are now 1145 cubic yards of dirt in Union street, taken from the excavation made by the P. E. & E. in laying its track on Union street—and there you are. One says there is no dirt, the other that there are 1145 cubic yards of it, and between the two the newspaper reporters can take their choice and get as near the truth as possible, yet knowing at the same time that whatever they say one or the other sides, and perhaps both, will pronounce the statement a lie. As to the Church street dirt, Councilmen Skafie and Hatch say the property owners claimed it and forbade its being removed. Here again the reporter is up against it, or was in first mentioning the story for he gave the facts as stated by Councilmen Skafie and Hatch only cropped out after the first story was in print.

However, whatever the truth of the matter is, the statement in the Capital Journal served to stir the matter up, enough at least that it will be threshed out and settled.

In this connection it might be added that yesterday the Capital Journal frankly stated that Councilmen Skafie and Hatch exonerated Councilman Stolz. It looks as though both Councilmen Skafie and Hatch were entirely too generous in assuming the responsibility, for while the dirt was put on the streets before Mr. Stolz entered the council the last time, it was there when way, but still one cannot help feeling that we have traded off our pasture for a cow.

The man who has much land and overvalues it to immigrant homeseekers is no true friend of Oregon, or the country in which he lives.

The girl who has two or three brothers at home finds no chance to develop conceit.

X-RAYS.

The Portland city election is drawing nigh. It has reached the "nailed a lie" point.

Considering that Portland is now like Mayor Rushlight's idea of a Sunday school, and that Sheriff Word is rounding up some of the toughest and most vicious women on the coast, in that city, a complete description of Mayor Rushlight's idea of a Sunday school would be immensely interesting.

A new language has been devised. Perhaps Teddy might use a few of the necessary expletives in that, if it has any and if it hasn't, it will never become popular.

Parcels post is already credited with taking away one-fourth of the express companies' business. And yet Jonathan Bourne, who had brains enough to get the system adopted, was turned down for senator by Oregonians; but then it is evident from present senatorial timor that she doesn't want brainy men for that job.

THE ROUND-UP.

The balloonists who left Roseburg Saturday, reached a height of 12,000 feet. Balloon dropped 3000 feet in a minute and a half and landed in the Cascade mountains, 75 miles from starting point. The balloonists reached home Monday.

Three Grant county cattle men were indicted Saturday on a charge of stealing cattle.

The Porter Bros., contractors on the Willamette-Pacific line have been ordered to begin the work of boring tunnels 3 and 6 on that line.

Rev. J. C. Cruzan, who was a pastor in Portland for several years, is reported as in a dying condition at Santa Rosa, California.

Lee Laughlin, aged 80, and a pioneer of 1847, died at his home in Yamhill county Sunday.

Sheridan has let a contract for 17,000 yards of paving to a Portland firm.

Creswell people are extremely proud of the new depot park, work on which is about completed.

A flower-raising contest for the school children of Bend has been announced for the summer. Children of more practical natures may raise vegetables if they like.

After occupying the pulpit of the Second Baptist church at Baker for the past five years, Rev. C. H. Eyma has resigned and will take up a theological course in an eastern seminary.

The Burns Commercial club has been reorganized for active work in connection with prospective railroads and other development agencies. James J. Donegan is president, Ben Brown, vice-president, John E. Logan, secretary and George Fry treasurer.

At a birthday party at Lakewood last week in honor of Mrs. Grisella Miller, 87 years of age, the guests besides the honor guest were: Mrs. Taylor, 83; Mrs. Best, 83; Mrs. Whorton, 80; Mrs. Foster, 80; Mrs. Green, 77; Mrs. D. Cronemiller, 77; Mrs. Russell, 71; Mrs. Nichols, 73; Mrs. Walters, 71.

Lafayette Visitor: We should have announced in the last issue that we were now sailing through the mails as second class matter, having secured our entry in a little over three weeks from date of application. How is that for unwinding postoffice tape?

Not content with buying a steam road roller and a traction engine for road work, Linn county now has a "sacrificer," which, as described by the Brownsville Times, is an implement used in scraping off the high places in the roadways, after which they are graded in the customary style.

Raymond Henrichs, of Moro, 9 years old, has been demonstrating what can be done on a city lot. The Observer tells how from an area 25x50 feet he has sold this season \$9 worth of radishes, onions and lettuce. As the different crops have matured he has prepared the ground for reseeded and has thoroughly applied the principles of intensive farming.

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UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS ARE IN BIG DEMAND

The different university professors are being called on to give high school commencement addresses for the next few weeks.

President Homan, of Willamette, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Creswell high school last Sunday; tonight he is delivering the commencement address at Estacada high school and tomorrow evening he will make the commencement address at the graduating exercises of Roseburg high school. He will act in a similar capacity at Myrtle Point on June 4, and at Albany on June 6.

Vice-President Todd preached the baccalaureate sermon at Hillsboro last Sunday, and will give the baccalaureate sermon at La Grande high school next Sunday, and the commencement address at Astoria June 20.

Prof. Matthews preached the baccalaureate sermon at Woodburn last Sunday. All the members of the faculty, and especially the president and vice-president, have found it necessary to refuse many requests, on account of the increased burdens of the coming university commencement.

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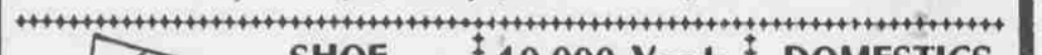
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