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**CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.**  
 Though we can make no more than a passing reference to it at this time, we firmly believe Mayor Mottman's recommendation that all new sidewalks to be constructed shall be of concrete will be one of the most potent factors in the improvement and betterment of Olympia, as well as adding greatly to its outward appearance.

The unsightly, dangerous and quickly worn wooden sidewalks should be replaced as rapidly as possible with the modern, concrete pavement. Nothing adds more to the outward aspect of a city than the improved condition of its streets and sidewalks, and the mayor's recommendation for the construction of concrete crossings should also be carried out as rapidly as possible.

We wish it were possible and feasible for the city council to order every wooden sidewalk in Olympia replaced with a concrete pavement, for we know it would greatly enhance the outward aspect of the city, but we realize that it would be too great a burden upon the property owners and that the improvement must be made gradually. Consequently we hope the city council will firmly refuse to permit the replacing of worn-out or dilapidated and dangerous sidewalks with any other material than concrete.

**FOR THE PARTY'S WELFARE.**  
 Why any Democrat possessed with ordinary intelligence should countenance and aid the formation of another permanent party organization in Thurston county is something we cannot understand. We know that Democrats have the reputation of doing the wrong thing at the right time, but we had hoped they would have good sense and sagacity enough not to jeopardize their party's interests at this time by such a move.

We care nothing whatever about the matter of the endorsement of candidates for federal or state appointments. That is why we took no part, officially or personally, in the post-election factional contest in this county, hoping that in spite of differences occasioned by the matter of endorsements the Democrats of this county would be able to unite in one organization with which to carry on the party's work and strengthen its present victorious position.

The matter of appointments is a minor one and one in which we have no interest, but when it comes to the formation of another permanent organization of Democrats in Thurston county THE WASHINGTON STANDARD can take no other position than that of firm, constant and aggressive opposition. We believe it to be politically disastrous, and absolutely nonsensical, inspired solely for personal reasons, directed at the destruction of the party in this county rather than its construction, and destined to accomplish that end unless nipped in the bud by those Democrats of this county whom we believe will place the welfare of the party above personal jealousies or personal aims and will devote their time, energy and money to obtain for the administrations of President Wilson and Governor Lister the support they must have.

Division such as this is the greatest danger that confronts the Democratic party in the next four years. It should be stamped down in its inception. Thurston county Democrats chose the personnel of their county central committee at the September primaries. That committee has framed the Democratic Party Organization of Thurston county, whose officers are the officers of that committee, changing as the personnel of the committee changes.

The state laws vest the party authority in this county in that committee. It is the legally constituted authority, chosen by the members of the party themselves and so entitled to their support. Furthermore it represents that element of the party which was victorious in the Baltimore convention and the national election, the Progressive Democrats to whom the people of the United States turned last November to lead them out of their political and civic difficulties.

Consequently THE WASHINGTON STANDARD can recognize but one permanent organization of the Democratic party of Thurston county. The Democrats of this locality should rally to one standard, not two, should destroy petty personal aims and jealousies for the welfare of the party and should unite in forming an organization which will be an aggressive, progressive, energetic and potent factor in Thurston county politics during the next four years.

Anything else will be political suicide.

**LITTLE LOGGED-OFF LANDS.**  
 Something the people of Washington more often forget than remember in their dreams of the development of this state was expressed by Governor Lister in his inaugural message when he called the legislature's attention to the fact that if we were called on "to furnish the necessary land at a reasonable price and ready for the plow, for 1,000 families who might desire to make their homes in our midst, we would find it a most difficult task."

That is why we believe the governor's recommendation that the state should undertake the clearing of thousands of acres of logged-off lands in Western Washington is the most important single recommendation ever presented to a Washington legislature, even if it be not the most important for the success of Lister's administration. We admit that, as it holds almost limitless possibilities for good, it also offers an unscrupulous or ignorant man almost as great opportunities for mulcting the state, yet we hasten to remark that if it is started in this administration, a standard of efficiency and economy will be set which will compel those who come after perforce to maintain it.

Various plans for clearing this section of the state, so its lands may be developed agriculturally, have failed, largely because of the magnitude of the undertaking. Other states are engaging in drainage work on a large scale, Minnesota in particular reclaiming thousands of acres of swamp lands so the work of its development may proceed.

Is it such a far cry from such undertakings directly by a state on a large scale to the clearing of logged-off lands, as both have the same object in view, the development of the state? We think not. We do not believe the project should be given too great a beginning but do think it should be undertaken in a small, preliminary way during the next two years, so the 1915 legislature may have some actual facts in its possession for consideration.

Western Washington should get behind this recommendation of Governor Lister's and impress upon its legislators its desire to see the great work undertaken.

The annual edition of the Gray's Harbor Washingtonian issued January 25 reflects great credit on its editor who is temporarily retiring from newspaper work and also for the mechanical department of the office. It is well illustrated, containing cuts of camps, mills, factories, banks, public and fraternal buildings of Hoquiam and many prominent business men.

We wish the Washingtonian the continued success it has enjoyed under the management of Albert Johnson.

**DEMOCRATS IN HOUSE.**

Eleven Members Appointed to Standing Committees in Organization.

In the organization of the lower house of the legislature, the following Democratic representatives drew appointments as committee chairmen:

- W. C. Masterson, Walla Walla, penitentiary.
- J. A. Fontaine, Columbia, Eleventh, Agriculture.
- E. L. Farnsworth, Lincoln, Sixteenth, banks and banking.
- A. T. Stream, Pacific, Twenty-sixth, compensation state and county officers.
- N. B. Brooks, Klickitat, Twenty-first, counties and boundaries.
- F. M. Hedger, Walla Walla, Twelfth, education.
- Ben F. Hill, Walla Walla, Thirteenth, enrolled bills.
- John Gray, Spokane, Fifth, hospital for insane.
- T. C. Mills, Whitman, Eighth, home arrangements.
- B. B. Horrigan, Adams, Fifteenth, military affairs.
- J. E. Brislaw, Lincoln, Sixteenth, miscellaneous.

In addition to these appointments to standing committees, several Democrats have been placed on special committees for temporary investigations, so that the party is well represented in the house organization, though in the minority in membership.

**Democrat New Traveling Guard.**  
 Ben Ludlow, a Democrat, deputy sheriff of Kittitas county, was appointed traveling guard of the Walla Walla penitentiary this week by the state board of control, to succeed A. C. Coates, who resigned to become deputy sheriff of Pierce county.

**With the Editors**

Remember "Silent Majority."  
 (Colfax Commoner.)

Ernest Lister was inaugurated governor of the state of Washington last week, report says, before one of the largest crowds that ever gathered in Olympia for such an occasion. In all this there is much good, but while looking over this assemblage of admiring friends—and office seekers—let him remember that the vast majority of the men who spent their time and energy in advancing him to the chair of the chief executive of the state of Washington were not present at the most memorable event in the history of his life. The men who made it possible for Ernest Lister to become governor of the state of Washington had not the time or money to make the pilgrimage to Olympia for that auspicious occasion, but they should not be overlooked or rebuked in the battle for pelf and place. Ernest Lister owes to these men more than he owes the throng that greeted him at Olympia, and in turning a deaf ear to those who make the loudest demonstration and giving his state an equitable and just administration he will receive the commendation of this "silent majority."

Is This True?  
 (Davenport Tribune.)

A joint resolution favoring the election of United States senators by direct vote was read in the legislature the other day. It is of Republican parentage and it has already been prophesied that it will, like those previously hatched from Republican hot-air incubators, develop into a full sized bluff and then vanish as easily as it came. The Republicans are afraid of a direct election of senators as their opposition to its proposal in the past shows.

In re M. E. Hay.  
 (Tacoma Forum.)

If Governor Hay is sore he has no one to blame but himself. Quit beefing, governor, and take your medicine like a man. It might have been worse.

A "Hang Over" from Hay.  
 (Friday Harbor Journal.)

A capitol building scandal is brewing in Olympia. The commission which has charge of building the new Temple of Justice is asking for an appropriation of \$600,000 to complete a building for which \$300,000 was appropriated to build complete at the last session, for which the state at present has only a one-story shell in existence. The construction of a capitol building is always supposed to furnish graft in some way, and Washington's venture promises to be no exception to the rule.

A Roast for Taylor.  
 (Chehalis County Call.)

Speaker Taylor of the house showed the kind of material in his makeup when he referred a bill introduced by one of the lady members in regard to the white slave traffic to the committee on commerce and manufactures. After the laughing had subsided the lady legislator called the gentleman down good and hard and he rescinded his action by referring the bill to the committee on morals. This one little act betrays the true character of the gentleman chosen to preside over the legislature.

White and Troy Good Leaders.  
 (Legislative Gossip, Seattle P.-I.)

Senator Henry M. White of Bellingham, the acknowledged floor leader of the Democratic members of the senate, has shown exceptional qualities of leadership. He is facile in debate, discusses all questions intelligently and fluently and does not make the mistake of appearing or mixing up in debate too frequently. He likes occasionally to take a dig at the Republican members—sort of rubbing it in that a Democrat is now the chief executive of the state. He suggests that perhaps that fact influenced them in voting as they did.

His chief assistant is Senator D. S. Troy of Jefferson, chairman of the important committee on appropriations, who is the Democratic floor leader's chief adviser. Frequent caucuses are held every day between the two Democratic leaders and the result appears always to be to the satisfaction of their followers.

Mr. Bryan Speaks.  
 (The Commoner.)

Some of the newspapers are borrowing a good deal of trouble over the relations existing between Mr. Clark and Mr. Bryan. Neither is saying anything against the other, but if they were criticising each other what difference would it make? Mr. Clark has earned his re-election as speaker—why should any one ask whether he likes or dislikes Mr. Bryan? Certainly no friend of Mr. Bryan would make that a test. There is a constant tendency to overestimate the personal element and underestimate the importance of the principles and policies involved. If either Mr. Bryan or Mr. Clark allow personal feeling to interfere with service to the party and to the country

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it will be time to condemn the one guilty—why anticipate improper conduct?

We're Looking for Them.  
 (Big Bend Outlook.)

Already the plunderers of the people are lining up at Olympia. Every special interest has its paid lobby there. A law should be placed on the statute books requiring every lobbyist to register, stating in whose interest he appears, and the necessary restrictions should be placed on his activities.

What's Wrong at Pullman?  
 (Colfax Commoner.)

The college at Pullman is not sacred. It is not a crime to suggest that something may, possibly, be wrong in its management. It is not treason to suggest that the people who pay something like half a million dollars a year for its support should know what is being done there. The Commoner suggests that the state legislature appoint a committee to inspect the college, investigate conditions, giving promise of immunity from discharge to the students or faculty members who come before it and give testimony, and learn if things at Pullman are as they should be. If they are, the investigation will prove it and silence the rumors. If they are not, the people have a right to know it.

Concerning Federal Appointments.  
 Answering a correspondent's query, Robert Montgomery, editor of the Puyallup Valley Tribune, commented as follows in the last issue concerning a much-mooted question:

"President Taft has recently made over 1,000 appointments—some of them to positions of considerable importance. The obvious injustice of a Democratic administration—charged with responsibility for carrying out policies to which it is committed—being obliged to depend upon men, through whom it must work, who are frankly opposed to its purposes, ought to suggest to our correspondent the answer to his own question.

"Certainly all appointments—which by their very nature are not removed from the sphere of politics—ought to terminate with the expiration of the power to which they owe their existence. Could anything be more natural or consistent? It is not a question of spoils or of political rewards, but simply a matter of having in positions under the administration men who understand and who are in sympathy with its aims, objects, policies and principles."

The Colonel Jobbed.  
 (Cle Elum Echo.)

Somebody "jobbed" the "colonel" during the recent campaign. This is made quite evident by comparing the statements of Governor Hay in analyzing the causes of his defeat with the statement made by Blethen in last Sunday's Times—which is made in connection with an apology for the failure of the Times to support Governor Lister.

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**SAYS RAILROADS LOSE.**  
 "When Congress authorized the establishment of the parcels post it made no provision for the remuneration of the railroads, which will be compelled to carry this additional business free for some years unless the national lawmakers authorize an earlier adjustment of existing contracts," said Mr. J. P. O'Brien, vice president and general manager of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company recently.

"The committee on railway mail pay, representing 214,275 miles of railways in the United States, operated by 268 companies, has issued a statement containing facts and figures which prove that the railway mail pay does not equal the operating expenses that it makes necessary, leaving nothing for return upon the value of the property.

"This statement was called forth by a report to Congress by the postmaster general, in which he claimed that the railroads were being overpaid for the work of carrying the mails. The committee asserts, however, that the cost of carrying the mails is much greater than the postmaster general estimates it to be, and that even his own figures demonstrate that the railroads are not fairly paid now for the work that they do and for the facilities that they furnish. The statement of the committee further calls attention to the fact that the inauguration of the parcels post will force the mail pay still further below the level of just compensation by enormously increasing the volume of the matter transported.

"The people of the Pacific Northwest receive a large amount of mail over the O.-W. R. & N. In connection with related lines we operate a fast mail train from Chicago to the Coast. This train makes the best running time of any train on our lines. It is made up solely of mail and express cars. We are enabled by its operation to make prompt delivery of mail and articles sent by express.

"We are giving good service with our fast mail. We are meeting the demand for expeditious delivery. Should the demands of the mail service under the new conditions brought about by the inauguration of the parcels post necessitate an additional amount of equipment we may be compelled to curtail our service. This will not be done, however, if just compensation is received."