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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12.

It is evident from the statement of day morning, that the Government will not do anything to impair the vitality to the department which has now under before been supported by Republicans examination the applications for arid law has been enacted. They will be they ought to be; if they comply with the law in good faith, they will be approved. This is sound policy, and noody will be injured by it. Of course, this is a general statement, and does vital bearing on the subject. It does not say what would be best for the Deschutes Valley. It gives no intimation of the course that would be purto withdraw its application to reject arid lands under the Carey act. But it is profitless to speculate upon the possiso long as both parties, all parties, show a disposition to be fair. It would be silly to suppose that capital would embark or had embarked on irrigation en. terprises without a measure of protection. It will protect itself in some maning in the guise of reclamation projects. It is to be regretted that so large an element of suspicion has entered into consideration of a problem of such importance to the development of Oregon. n problem hard to solve at best, and do not credit each other with sincerity. As with many other matters, half knowledge plays havoc. The authentic

restatement of the Government's post-

tion and intentions at this time must

tend toward good results. If all is sweet harmony between the R. & N. and the Northern Pacific Railroad Companies, appearances are York end much of the bitterness that the days of independent action to the without New York in 1904. present community of interests. When Mr. Harriman and Mr. Mellen were in Portland together last Spring they were very civil to each other. Mr. Harriman common interest. Mr.-Mellen on a subthe details. Now it appears that the Northern Pacific regards its position in ern Pacific does not herstate to make demonstrations toward building its own bia, and the manner of that movement leaves it open to the interpretation that the O. R. & N. would better come to terms. The O. R & N. never has driven easily, and it is not likely to become truculent in these days of prosperity. It is not likely that aggressive hostilify will be resumed by either road; the 'harmonization' policy will be able to prevent that. But it is possible that each will be able to block d-velopment work of the other in competitive territory. This is not yet regarded as a probability, and it is to be hoped that it will not be, for Portland has everything to gain by the cultivation of such railroad relations as will give the freest rein to commerce to take the easiert. raute. Therefore, we should regret rallroad inharmony that would defeat either the new road to Lewiston or the use of the Columbia River line to Portland by | tions without disguise or evasion, and the Northern Pacific.

a welcome result to him and his friends If he is really a guilty man, he prob- Republican renegades have done their

through the law's delay. It is one of Roomvelt will be renominated and re- kets. Shipments even go through Port- IS THERE HOPE FOR DEMOCRACY? SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS the mysteries of the proceedings of the to determine upon the guilt or innocence of a prisoner accused of murder. Not only has Molineux suffered four years of imprisonment, but his father has spent many thousands of dollars in ertheless it cannot be said that such a cial and business standing in the comcivic loss and disability. If, as is quite possible, he is an innocent man, his sitbody can help him to perfect reinstatereal author of the crime is not likely ever to be known. It does seem as if rest, trial and long imprisonment upon an accusation of murder unless there is something better to justify the proceedings than a maiter of handwriting idendification, which is a subject of dispute between equally respectable experts. And really there does not seem to have been any solid evidence against Mollneux outside of the matter of disputed he was arrested, tried, convicted tried a gratulates himself, but if, as is quite ossible, he is innocent, he must think times if worthy of a martyr's crown,

THE CORPORATIONS SHOW THEIR TEETH.

The Oregonian, the morning following Democratic vote in Greater New York ould only be explained upon the assumption that thousands of Republicans districts of New York City carried by the Democrats the normal Republican rison, the novelist, a young man utterly without political experience, who had married a rich woman. This gilt-e-iged political dude was elected, wiping out the Republican plurality of 6000 and securing nearly 1500 votes more. The Hydrographer Newell, published yester- Twenty-first District, that gave Room velt 1524 in 1898, gave Odell this year but 275 plurality; the twenty-fifth gave of irrigation enterprises already under Odell less than half its Roosevelt pluralway. There is nothing particularly new lty; the twenty-seventh less than oneabout this, but it comes at a time when fourth. These facts go to show that in it may be of service in guiding public the City of New York the Democratic opinion in Oregon. Mr. Newell belongs ticket was supported as it had never

We need not go far to seek the r ason lands in the Deschutes Valley, and it is for this Republican defection in Greater entirely safe to say that action upon New York, which never before gave the those applications will not be in any Democratic ticket to exceed \$5,000 plurwise affected by the fact that a new ality. Governor Odell has shifted taxation to a large extent from realty to dealt with on their merits, as they corporate franchises-to elevated railshould be. If they shall be found to roads, street-car lines, gas companies, lack merit, they will be rejected, as telegraph, telephone and electric light companies. These corporations, that through Governor Odell's influence and approval have been made to pay the state tax once borne by rural and city real estate, have voted the Democratic not touch upon details that may have ticket in so great numbers that nothing but the loyalty of the farming countles of New York saved Odell from defeat. It has been very difficult this year for the Republicano to obtain subscripsued if the state were to ask permission tions to their campaign funds. One erganization which has sometimes given over \$190,000 to the Republican army chest, this year gave less than \$5000. bilities of sharp practice on either side and it is a social organization of which Governor Odell is a member. In its membership and chief among those who have subscribed the Republican campaign funds hitherto are men who have been identified with mergers, combinaner. It may do so and at the same time | Hall has been the natural ally and de- ion in regard to it. Members of the facserve public interests well. But rad- fense. It is notorious that the Demo- uity say that it is because she failed leal shostility to investments made in crats had money "to burn" this year; in music, and that her celor had nothproduce harm, as so much money that they were able to long to do with her practical dismissil. would land-grabbing syndicates operating and the guise of reclamation projects effort a clear a Democratic Courter.

The extraordinary personal tribute to the twin elements of greatness.

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District. The odiousness of Odell will not acdoubly so where the parties in interest York. This was accomplished by the same Republican "corporation" vote which voted for the Democratic Congreesmen in order to serve notice upon Washington is to drop the matter and President Roosevelt, who as Governor lican National ticket in 1904 if Roosevelt was nominated. These political plutotruly deceptive. Locally there is no for the Democracy in 1904, but it will the faculty. It is bester, therefore, for open evidence of friction, but it is too do them no more good than it did the plain to be doubted that at the New Democracy to carry New York for their educational institution where the recandidate, Horatlo Seymour, in 1868. was engendered by the Clearwater war Grant was triumphantly successful in eare less strict. has been revived after a truce that was 1868, in spite of the loss of New York, presumed to have bridged across from and Roosevelt can and will win easily

The total electoral vote in 1994, an based upon the apportionment not of 1990, is 476, of which 239 votes are necessary to a choice. The returns of the tice. Such growth is not unknown, but then announced that the road up the recent election show that the Republic it is not uniform, hence the inharmony Snake to Lewiston would be built in the can party is clearly dominant in all the New England States, in New Jersey, requent visit to Portland made the same Pennsylvania and West Virginia; in all statement, and freely went into some of the states of the Middle West, in all the Rocky Mountain States, and those of the Pacific Coast. The only doubtthe Clearwater country too valuable to | ful states today north of the Potomac be lightly relinquished, and it demands and the Ohio are Maryland, Delaware settlement of the terms of its truckage and New York; so that Rocsevelt could rights down the Columbia to Portland not be beaten for election even if New to go hand in hand with the Clearwater | York should can its electoral vote settlement. In the meantime the North- against him. These Republican plutecrats in New York City distike, distrust and fear Rocsevelt because they does not wholly bear out the assertions line down the north side of the Colum- know that he is never a wooden gun on a party platform after election, as the Democratic candidate is sure to be, tically unlimited, it makes plain the fact These corporations are shrewd in choos- that there is large room for expansion ing this time to show their teeth. They in the business. This may be raid withhave practically served notice on the Republican party that Roosevelt, if engaged in that line of endeavor. It is nominated, will lose New York in 1964. perfectly glear that the consumption of But the Republican defection clearly dees not extend beyond New York. The protest from corporate privilege and duction. At the same time a curious power has been answered by the people. The whole West is enthusiastic in its support of Roosevelt, even in states raw article brings a higher price than like Wisconsen, where there have been it does here, are shipped into the local factional differences in the matter of local policies and politics. President Roosevelt saw early that he might expect war from these Republican plutocrais in New York, so he took an open appeal to the people of all the states by declaring his opinions and interhe has been warmly sustained in every etate. The West really nominated The acquitts) of Molineux after an Ecoccycli for the second place by its | ficiently large to admit of the closest imprisonment of four years is, of course, aggressive influence in 1999, and it will use of all materials. Another fact not

elected. The corporations have the most courts that it should require four years money, but the people hold the most quality.

RIGHT KIND OF COMBINATION.

The proposed combine of the Multnohis defense. While the jury have ac- mah fruitmen is an important move quitted him from lack of evidence, nev- towards increasing the value and enlarging the market for a product which verdict restores the accured to full so- is rapidly becoming one of the great n'aples of the state. Combines of the kind munity, so that Molineux has not only proposed have met with great success endured great hardship through long wherever they have been properly orimprisonment, but has incurred serious ganized and conducted, and have unquestionably been of great value in increasing the financial returns for the uation is worthy of commiseration. No- fruit crop. A notable case in point is that of the Hood River Association, ment in public opinion, because the which has been more successful in its methods than any other similar organization in the Pacific Northwest. Hood a man ought not to be subjected to ar- River produces remarkably fine fruit, but the same can be mid of many other localities in Oregon and Washington; yot everything, from early strawberries late Winter apples with the Hood River Association brand on comman's the top price, not only in the local market, but in the Eastern markets,

The combine as outlined by the Multnomah fruitgrowers will be on similar handwriting. Neverthelese, on this nlone lines to that of the Hood River concern, and will provide for greater care in second time, and finally acquitted. If grading and packing the fruit, and also he is really guilty, he probably con- for marketing it. It required many years of patient endeavor on the parof merchants and brokers who handled the prune crop of the Northwest to induce growers to exercise more care in packing the fruit, and not until an era of low prices made their ill-sorted, badly packed product almost unsalable did the election, said that the unexampled they begin putting it on the manier in clean, attractive shape. The individual grower, whether his specialty is berrier, cherries or apples, is unable, on voted with the Democrats or old not account of his comparatively small outtote at all. In one of the Congressional put, to go to any expense in catablishing the identity of his brands of fruit. A acquitted if the could prove that the combination of growere would not thus was a woman who had suffered wrong majority is over 6000. The Demograts be handicapped, for, by working to at her lover's hands. But if this young nominated a son of Mrs. Burton N. Har- gether, with uniform grading rules, and | woman is pronounced same by the Enga uniform style of package and brand lish medical experts, she will hang, for on same, the product would g and the increased expense of adverti tag by the

increased price it would command. The Eastern buyer of a carload of apples from this vicinity has no assurance that they will all run even unless they are repacked by the broker, for in some cases the car may be made up with are no executions by lynch laward there small consignments from half a dozen orchards Going out under an areocia- rules that society cannot afford to be tion brand, and properly graded, the buyer would know exactly what he was shipped, just as the European wheat- a woman, it would be holding that a buyer knows what he is to receive when he purchases a cargo of No. 1 Walla responsible for criminal acts than a Walla wheat. There are numerous other reforms which the association can murder in both New York State and in work out, and its organization, if on Vermont during the last twenty years, proper lines, can hardly fail to meet but in both cases the murderess was a with success. The fruit output of the revolting creature who killed her victim state is steadily increasing, and with from purely sordid reasons, a deed of enlarged markets and better prices it is blood relieved by no halo of sentimental destined to be one of the big resources passion. A woman who commits murof the state. The Multnomah growers der and is able to make the jury behave suffered in the past by a lack of lieve that she was wronged by her unity of action in disposing of the crop, and if the proposed combination will result in bringing them together it will she is sane, she is sure to hang unless be a success from the start.

A PLIMSY EXCUSE.

Miss Portia Washington, a cultivated Washington, of the Tuskegee Institute, spent one year at Wellerley College, but for reasons that can readily be surmised she did not return for the cond year's work. There in diversity of reasons given for her disappearance from among the students of that wellknown institution for the education of man from the new Fifth New Jersey ground for dropping a young woman of color from all her clustes, but it is mony among the Wellestey students due to the presence of a negress in their clarace, the kind thing to do by M'ss let the blame fall where it belongs, began the tax reforms that have beed Wellesley College cannot be forced to carried to a finish by Odell, that New accept her, nor would she desire to force York was no sure state for the Repub- her presence upon unwilling classmates or cause a diversion in her favor that uld result in inharmony among the crats may be able to carry New York students and cause endless trouble to all concerned that she has found an quirements as to "musical proficiency

> The episode represents a sentiment against which appeal is futile, as it is wholly outside of the domain of reason. It is one of the inherent things in human nature that can only be overcome by growth in magnarimity and in jus created by the presence of Miss Washington at Wellesiey. It is but fair to suppose that some of the young women had risen above the parrow confines of race prejudice, and so became, in a sense, her champions, while others were bitterly opposed to her presence among them on color grounds. There was but one way out of the dilemma, and "mus'c"-messenger of harmony-furnished it.

While the news printed this morning of enthusingte that the hog-producing capacity of the Columbia Valley is pracout reflection upon these who are now pork products in the Pacific Northwest far beyond the present power of proeconomic condition is revealed in that cured products from the East, where the markets of the Northwest, and make it difficult for local competition to hold its own. The statement that the local butchers cannot make good use of certain by-products that would add materially to the profits of the burings may explain a large part of their handicap, but it ought not to apply to such markets as Portland and Puget Sound renominate and re-elect him in 1904, at all creditable to Portland is brought ably feels satisfied with his escape from worst in New York; they will not be quarter of a cent more a pound than out. Puget Sound buyers of hogs pay a function but if, as is quite possible from any stronger, but probably much Pertiand buyers. This results, of course, the syldence, Molineum is an innocent weaker, in 1904, but with the vote of in turning much of the supply naturally man, he has suffered severe hurdship New York or without it, President tributary to this city to the other mar-

land to both the Puget Sound and the San Francisco packing-houses. And in votes of the unterrified, unpurchasable all these markets the local supply falls far short of meeting the demand and Eastern packers ship pork products to this Coast almost by the trainload. Though Seattle packers pay more than those of Portland, both pay less than the Eastern packer, who, after paying more for his hogs, still ships his cured products across the country and sells them in successful competition with the packing-houses of this Coast. This is not a satisfactory condition of affaire. We cannot admit the implication made by these circumstances that our packers are not good business men, But how can we account for the fallure of the hog-packing industry to keep pace with the demand when the conditions are so favorable for its development? Portland has peculiar qualifications for a great packing-house center. It has a large market and the whole vast Columbia Basin in immediately tributary to it. The hog production of this field would increase rapidly under the s'imulus of prices that are current in the East, which would still leave a transcontinental freight charge to pro- bave to win his way back to respect and tect the home packers from the competition of the Eastern products. Adequate packing-houses in Portland would to more for the permanent development of the country than would new sawmills. We have both packing-houses and mils, but we ought to have more of them. Portland ought to pack all the hogs of

prices for the live arimals.

A young woman in London has mabbed her lover to death, who was a prominent member of the Stock Exchange. If this crime had been committed in any American city, the young woman, even if pronounced perfectly while there are sentimental juries and contimental verdicts in America, they are unknown in England-a fact that in greatly to the credit of the English courts and juries. When the courts are stern and juries render verdicts according to the evidence and the law, there is no cax in crime. The English law more lenient to a woman who commits murder than to a man, because, if the receive, even before they were death penalty was not enforced against mar. Women have been hanged for "lover" almost invariably escapes conviction in America, but in England, if the crown interferes to commute the gentence, and the crown does not interfere except on the recommendation of the Home Secretary. Women who were professional horsethlever have oung woman of color, daughter of been hanged by Judge Lynch in America, but women who shoot men on sentimental grounde generally escape punichment.

The Eastern wheat market scored an advance of a cent yesterday in spite of an enormous increase of nearly 4,000,000 tions and trusts, of which Tammany young women, but unanimity of opin-day previous. As the season works on buchels in the American visible on the toward the close of the year, it is becoming apparent that the wheat market has e effort to elect a Democratic Congres - perficial, branch of study is sufficient present the principal argument of the publican majority in Minnesota is getting bears is that a heavy Argentine crop is coming on. The effect of this is nul'ified not one that holds good with other by the shortage in Australia, which is In this, as in other states, the state ticket count for the defeat of all the Republi- students of Wellesley. Whether it was of sufficient proportions to require the can Congressmen from Greater New that or because there was lack of har- greater portion of the exportable surplus of the Argentine. The Pacific Coast States have a crop fully 25,000,000 bushels smaller than that of a year ago, and the eagerness with which millers in the Central West are taking up all of the offerings of wheat at much higher prices than were paid last year does not indicate a surplus sufficiently heavy to oppress the market. Wheat may not scar to fancy figures, as it has during booms of the past, but ite position at the present time is very strong.

> Archbishop Ireland thinks Canada will eventually be under the domain of the United States. We think the Archbishop's prediction will not prove true in this century. We lost our chance when, in 1866, we let the twelve years' reciprocity treaty with Canada expire without renewal. The Dominion confederation was formed in 1867, and Canada's ambition is to be an independent nation. If she ever ceases to be part of the British Empire. There is no annexation sentiment of conrequence left in Carada. The Canadians bear us no ill will, but their ambition will not be putiofied short of independence, if Canada ever makes any departure from her present condition.

Manny Howard, a lad of Baker County, has been for the second time landed in the Penitentiary for horsestealing. He was committed for five years some months ago for a similar crime, but the community interested itcelf in his behalf on account of his youth and secured a pardon for him after a few weeks' incarceration. His prompt repetition of the crime proves that this confidence in and sympathy for him were misplaced. While it is not probable that five years in the Penitentiary will make an honest man out of a thieving boy, the public will at least have resplie from his lawless propensities during this period.

George Stinson, lineman, received 600 volts of electricity in his person, and lives. Now we understand where the electricity which should have been employed in lighting the streets has gone,

Mr. Rhes, of Virginia, doesn't want to go to Congress so he says-if he was not honestly elected. A man holding such centiments would naturally feel out of place in Washington.

If the Legislature would put a curb on the quantity of printing ordered by itself and the state officers, there would be less to complain about in the exorbliant charges of the printer.

Governor Geer's r:asons naturally have great weight with Governor Geer; so we chall have no special session.

New York Evening Post, Ind. Dem. New York Evening Post, Inc. Dem.
One lesson of Tuesday's election is written large on the face of the returns—the Democrats have not regained the confidence of the country. More narrowly, there remains evident a distrust of Democratic leadership. The Democratic policies give signs of winning their way area. In the would be party leaders. again, but all the would-be party leaders of the hour have been dealt terrible blows by the electors. Even Bryan's volubility is quenched under the cold douche of both Nebrasks and Colorado gone Republican. There never was a clearer case of a vicious and abhorrent leadership wrecking a party's fair prospects.

Now the truth which the disappointed Now the trith which the disappoint and sobered Democracy must take to heart is that an exceptionally high leadership will be demanded of it under present already with the second ent circumstances. What would have been regarded as passable or excusable in other years will not do now. The party is very much in the position of a man who has been running a round of dissoluteness for some years, and suddenly professes a determination to reform. This will, of course, interest all his friends and wellwishers, but they will be sure to keep a sharp eye upon him to see how he behaves. They certainly will not admit him to their houses the very first day after he has shaved and cleaned up. He confidence by a steady course of decent living; and if he is caught occasionally dropping into one of his old boozing kens. all his virtuous pretences will go for nothing. Reform is a good thing to promise, but where are the fruits meet for re-

For six years the Democratic party has been playing the political drab. It has sinned grievously, and driven away thouthe Columbia Basin, even at Eastern sands of its best supporters. Many of them have now formed the habit of vot-ing the Republican ticket. Forced first to do it by way of protest, and much against their will, they have kept it up year by year until today it requires an unusual effort and a powerful attraction to win them back to their old allegiance. Emerson used to say that he preferred to vote with the Democrats but to live with cane by the doctors, would escape the the Whigs. Changing the name of Whigs death penalty and very likely would be for Republicans, that attitude exactly corresponds to the position taken by great numbers of our best citizens for many years. Their political convictions were with the Democrats; their friendships and social affinities were with the Re cans. But now they have been preferring to vote with the Republicans for several elections, as well as to live with them. That is the situation which puts the Demeracy to its trumps.

Under the Eyes of Beath. Omaha Bee.

A physician prominent in New York state was interested in manufacturing. While visiting his factory one day his coat was caught in a shafting and he was hurled around and around with terrific force, and every time he went 'round his legs struck an adjacent wall. When he was finally released he was found to be still alive, and physicians were hurwoman, because of her sex, was lets riedly sent for. A half dozen of them responsible for criminal acts than a came, beheld their injured brother and shook their heads.

"I knew it," said the man. "I've already diagnosed the case. You'd just be wasting your time if you tried to do any-thing. But tell me, don't you agree with me that I'll live about five hours before the shock takes effect?"

The six men of medicine nedded. "Then send for a lawyer." The lawyer came. Rationally and calm-ly the crushed man dictated his last will and testament and signed it with a hand as steady as that of a man in full health. "Now," he said, when the last witness

had affixed his signature, "please send for ny wife." A little later on he requested: "Call up Mr. Blank and Mr. So-and-so on the phone and say that I want to talk over some important business matters with them.

For over an hour the three partners arranged for the conduct of the doctor's business interests after his death. The onference ended, the injured man turned to his wife:

"Now, dearest," he said, "T've still an hour to live. Give me a cigar, take hold of my hand, and we'll wait patiently for the end."

And so he died with a smile on his lips and the blue smoke of his cigar curling about his head.

Minnesota's Tribute to Roosevelt.

Minneapolis Tribu attention all around. This tribute is made more emphatic by analysis of the Repub-lican majorities by Congressional districts. was lifted on a tidal wave pushed by universal popular enthusiasm for the President. But this impetus took more frect effect on the vote for Representatives in Congress, who are commissioned to support the President and co-operate with him in carrying out Republican policles. Popular attention was directed to this point particularly by the so-called in-surrection of last Winter.

It is a significant fact that the only candidates for Congress whose majorities fall below those given for Governor Van Sant In their districts are those who seemed to be in opposition to the President on the of Cuban reciprocity. these Representatives but one received a lower vote than Van Sant, and one of them lost his election. On the other hand, five flew Republican candidates, untainted by suspicion of opposition to the Presi-dent, and pledged to his support, ran far ahead of the state ticket. In these five districts the Republican candidates for Congress received nearly \$6,000 votes more than the Governor; in the whole state, in spite of Fletcher's defeat, the Congressional tickets received about 4000 more votes than the head of the ticket. These figures may be changed by official returns, but they are significant enough as they stand.

Let Republicans Be Responsible. Boston Herald, Ind. Dem.

While the fallure of the Democrats to earry the National House of Representa-tives may seem to the party leaders a grievous disappointment, we feel corvinced that on this occasion, for perma-nent purposes, the fortunes of war have served the Democracy better than they would have been served if the wishes of most of their leaders had been realized and a great victory had been won at the polls on Tuesday. The Herald has been taken somewhat severely to task for in-sisting that if the Democrats wish to have entire control of the Government the United States four years from this time, it would be a great mistake to deprive the Republican party of its entire responsibility for the conduct of public affairs between this time and November of 1504

> The Little Bee. Baltimore American, there was once a politician, And he had a little bee A bussin' and a bussin', Where an insect shouldn't be

And the bee kept on a buzzin' Till the politician gpt
a notion he was born to tell
The people what is what.

And his mouth got broad and roomy, And his tongue got long and thin, As he shouted and he spouted On the reasons he should win.

And he spent his cash in handfuls. But he didn't care for that, In the high part of his hat

And he saw himself a sittin' In the office he had won, And everybody talkin'
Of the things that he had done.

But, ains! the morning after, When he crawled out of his bed, He listened and he listened. But the little bee was

One More Crisis Safely Passed

Cowlitz Advocate.

The party of prosperity never even felt the jolt of election day; but maintains its seat firmly in the saddle. Court

The Sitting on of Tom Johnson.

Whatcom Revellle. And Tom Johnson knows what it feels like to be sat on by an elephant. Were he to relate his flattening-out experience, it would doubtless prove interesting.

Bogus Democrats Must Go.

Lewiston Tribune.

There is only one kind of Democracy that ever did win or ever will win in this country. Some other kind may get in under cover and pretense but it can't stand the test. There is no other way.

> A Sneer From Salem. Salem Journal

The Portland delegation deserve about as much credit for standing as a unit for \$500,000 for their fair as any family would in being united in accepting a gift Government bonds.

The elections last Monday in nearly every state in the Union proved a verit-able landslide for the Republicans. The latest dispatches are to the effect that Florida will go Democratic, also W. J.

Brynn Already "Has Went."

- Granite Gem.

Bryan. Two Jacks Under One Umbrella. Pendleton East Oregonian. John Mitchell and John Morgan-the two biggest men in the public eye teday. It would be a glorious spectacle to see

under the same umbrella, and to hear them call each other "Jack." Idnho Sees the Light. Eugene Register. Well, Idaho, we thought you would get into line after awhile. No Western state can afford to enjoy the sun of presperity under Republican policy as has Idaho during the past few years and con-

these giants of labor and capital standing

Mr. Balliet's Rare Good Fortune.

tinue showing a thankless spirit for the

favors of Divine Providence and its ally-

Paker City Democrat. Mr. Balliet is probably shaking hands with himself that it is in the county fail he will have to spend a year, instead of the United States penitentiary. In the former place he can occupy a furnished room, sit at ease and write letters to "my dear stockholders," while in Uncle Sam's prison he would have to don a rebra suit, lose his identity as Letson Balliet and become No. 987.

Says the Amount Is Excessive.

Myrtle Point Enterprise. The Lewis and Clark Fair would be a great thing for Oregon, but a \$500,000 appropriation for it by the state is too much. The benefit to Portland would be such that it could put up the remainder of the funds necessary after the state has appropriated a reasonable amount. It is hoped the Legislature will be wise enough Mr. Frost's friends advise him to let the to see that the amount asked for is excessive and not burden the taxpayers so heavily.

Don't Know What Hit 'Em.

Pocatello Tribune. Democrats, both locally and in the state find it hard to reconcile themselves to the results of Tuesday's election and are trying to make it appear that some ille-gitimate influence was used to bring about the landslide. They might as well drop all that kind of talk. It is foolish. The reasons for the Republican victory were legitimate and the universality of their application shows that the whole state was moved by a common impulse.

Astoria News. his statesmanship. His presence in Washington, in advance of the session of Congress, and his vigorous pressing of Oreshow his active nature. With him to decide is to act. Decision and action are

Half a Million None Too Much Shaniko Leader

The Lewis and Clark Ceptennial is the paramount subject of Oregon papers these days, and all because the Legislature be asked to appropriate \$500,000 for Gregon has never done anything yet that has justly advertised her unlimited resources, and now that the time and the occasion are offered for celebrating acquisition of this great paradise of the West, it should be done in a manner worthy of our great state. Five hundred thousand dollars is none too much, and considering the wave of prosperity which has swept over Oregon this year, should be no occasion to rise up in arms, if the fair directors were to ask for \$250,-000 more in a year or two from now.

The Path Is Steep and Rocky.

New York Times, Ind. Dem. For one thing, this election shows the Democrats can regaln control of the State of New York only by entire unity of action, by great wisdom in the selec-tion of their candidate, and by high skill and sagacity in campaign man-agement. The Republican managers have set an almost unshakable grip upon the rural vote of New York State through their fascinating policy of sadding the cost of the state government upo cost of the state government and clinger up the state with a burden of taxes so light that they may easily carry it and dance as they go, Coler's Immense vote in the city reflects the re sentment which all classes here against the Republican policy of brigandage toward the city. It was not alone the Tammany voters, it was the voters of all parties, all classes, all previous conditions, which sought to bring about a change in administration. They were thwarted in their intent by the great firmness with which the untaxed up-the-state stuck to the party that favors him-the party that buys his vote annually by continually lightening his taxes. The to Democratic victory is obviously steep and rocky. Only the feet of a strong leader can climb it. It will be the Democrats to make the attempt with

Democracy's Lucky Escape. Chicago Post, Ind.

a strong leader next time.

Approval by the electorate is naturally gratifying to the Republican leaders and managers. But the Democrats, too, may find sweet uses in the outcome. They are defeated and condemned to another term of political imputence and opposition: They are once more excluded from control and direct influence on National affairs. Still, there is compensation for them in this apparent adversity. They have escaped the dangers of responsibility without adequate power, and also the extreme-ly difficult task of meeting the popular demand for legislation along certain lines.

Our Great War Secretary. New York Age.

Adjutant-General Corbin was present at the annual maneuvers of the German army, and he was hard hit. In an address in England he gave it as his opinion that Secretary Eilhu Root, the present head of the War Department, is the greatest war secretary this country ever had. That is expert testimony and should pass; but there are cranks among us who think that Edwin M. Stanton was the greatest war secretary that this country ever had: and we are among those cranks. The iron Stanton will long remain the chief War The icon God of our history.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

A scrap-book-the police blotter,

City Engineer Elliott is making plans for the reconstruction of the Municipal

Because an actor makes up every night he does not necessarily never let the sun

go down on his wrath. While the question of music in the publie schools is being discussed it might be interesting to get a trustworthy defini-

tion of what "music" is, When a man pays his nickel to the conductor of a street-car he buys a ride. A woman for the same price gets a ride, a seat, a place to put her bundles, a good chat with a friend, a close view of some

dresses and hats, a bit of gossip and a strong hint for her husband. To one who travels much on the downtown streets it seems miraculous that so many decently-dressed young fellows make their headquarters in the cigar stores. Snatches of their conversation gives the clue. They are working their fathers and mothers for a living. This is a course of conduct to be earnestly commended to these benighted youths who feel the necessity of being independent.

What are parents for, anyhow? "I shall have to quit taking lunch at -'s cafe," said a well-known sportsnan yesterday, to a friend.

"Why, what's the matter?" inquired the friend. "You meet a nice set of young fellows there."

"Yes, that's so. But the worst of it is you can't believe a word they say to

"Well, they don't believe one another. so you have no fault to find. But what is your fault with the lunch?"

"Oh, -- does not keep his table equipments in good order. Why, I came near to cutting my mouth from car to ear with one of his knives, the other day," "That settles it. You ought to quit cating there," said the triend cuttingly.

A young man in this town by the name of Frost thinks he has something coming to him on account of a very disappointing love affair. It seems from the evidence that his heart was melted by the charms of a maiden named Snow. They were, in fact, schoolmates, and from the first early season of their attichment Frest looked forward to the time when he could call her his own. But a new person arrived on the scene by the name of Friese. Miss Snow began to yield to the warmth of the latter's wooing, and before long Mr. Frest was informed that her heart had grown cold to him; she loved Friese only. And now Frost thinks it is a cold deal and is praying that grace may be given him to play Friese out. But in the meantime, Mies Snow has fallen into another's arms. matter drift along. Frost says he's deep enough in misery now,

When strenuous life is the watchword, and every activity must bear calculable fruit, the humorous fellow with a talent for gentle leisure finds his accustomed sents occupied. The world loses by it surely, for the channels of strong en deavor tend to short cuts and straight reaches, too often without shade or comfort. What has become of the idler whose serenity was agelong and perfect? The very lover times his wooling by a scientifically regulated watch; his endearments are busy, lacking in repose with the flavor of haste. The love tale of Congressman Williamson seems to be a man of action and of judgment and discretion as well. His announcement that trigation is now the most important need of Oregon betrays the practical cast of happy without instant result? Let us happy without instant result? Let us dream a little more; speak resoundingly less, and find rest for a moment gon's right to immediate recognition in the delights of cosmic insignificance. the irrigation measures of the department. It cannot be proven that an hour's success is more to be desired than a brief day in the dear world that owns no purpose spart from human and manly idleness.

The Sunday editor of The Oregonian received a letter from a promising writer the other day, in which are voiced the sentiments of many a puzzled author. The editor had suggested that punctuation was almost a necessity in these days, and named over a few of the ordinary marks. The response was as follows:

"Are semicolons and commas expensive at this season of the year?" no. There is almost no demand for them back in the hills. We sometimes have a little run on commas, but yours is the first and only call we have ever had for semicolous. It brought consternation with it, and almost caused a panic in punctuation market. Seriously, Mr. iter. I never in all my born days made a semicolon until after the reading of your letter;; then, with your fine, bold ones for model, I made some fairly good ones:....-but the worst of it is; that, I don't know where to put them. I make this humiliating confession at the / risk of cutting off my literary career, but, I may as well be honest, especially as you would find it out anyway, desiring oblige you I put some in this last effe but the most of them looked so timid and cared like that I hurriedly ended their misery and mine, by making commas of A few were left, all in wrong them. plices, I am sure. () but; do; please be charitable; and think; "Well, poor soul, she hath done what she could:

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS

Visitor-And what brought this poor man to such a pass? Attendant-Ah, sir, he is the man who got up names for all the new health foods, poor chap!-Chicago Daily News.

Bobby-I know why they call the trusts fant industries," pop! Father-Why, my sen? Bobby-Cause they want to grab everything in sight, just like our baby.-Puck. Manager-What is the matter with the glass-eater? Assistant-He is getting the tony. Man-ager-How so? Assistant-He refuses to eat anything but out class -Philadelphia Record

"Well," said the hollow-eyed man, "I am glad the soldiers will soon be able to leave the roal mining regions." "Why?" asked the other. "Because they will be needed to save other. "Because they will be needed to enter human life at the football games."-Chicago Tribune.

"You con't have much to say on public questions?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum, "I am very much inclined to think that in modern affairs public questions are of less on-sequence than private understandings."—Washington Star.

"Now, then, children," said the teacher, who had been commenting upon polar expeditions. Twho can tell me what flerce animals misabit the resions of the North Pole?" "Polecus" shouted the boy at the foot of the class.—Phila-

delphia Press. Mrs. Greene-I called on the Venners this evening. Mrs. Venner sang for us. Her husband secred surprised; he said she never cang for aim when he was courting her. Mr. Greens-Evidently Mrs. Venner is a woman of

tect -- Boston Transcript.

Constable-What, sir. Doe ye suggest that I wad tak a bribe? Due ye dare to insult me, sir? The Erring One-Oh, excuse me, I real-ly— Constable-Bit now, supposin' I wis that kind o' a mon, how much wid ye be in-clined to gi'e?—Glasgow Evening Times.

Doctor (to Gilbert, aged 4)—Put your hongmout, dear." Sick little Gilbert feebly prograded the tip of his mague. Doctor—No. not put it right out." The little fellow shock his head weakly, and the tears gathered in his cres: "I can't doctor, it's fastened on to me."-London Tit-Bits