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The demand of citizens of St. Paul for

the abandonment of separate municipa

elections for consolidated, elections is not the only exhibit in the perplexity

and variation with which all municipal

reforms proceed. It is only a little

recognized one-man power in a Mayor as the very first principle of reform.

And yet the other day a professional municipal reformer, in Portland on an

official tour of the cities of the West,

assured us that the true path of reform

ies through government by the Council.

Goodness and purity, which were wont

to dwell in a Whole Thing Mayor, now

abide in a Whole Thing Council. How

it will be next year we forbear to

The City of New York has been pur

suing its painful and strenuous way un

der a city charter devised by one of

those sacred and divinely inspired in-

stitutions-a charter commission. Con-cerning these Legislative commissions

we have the word of Mr. Thomas C.

The City of New York, as we have

said, has been working under a char-

though if memory serves the New York

commission was elected by the people

and had that point in its favor; but in

ers and responsibilities would either

type of men into the board, and it ac-

cordingly created a double-chambered

Legislature, with important functions

to discharg, in connection with city

government, with the result, as we

learn from the New York Globe, that

both branches of this new legislative

body were stuffed with the same old

brand of local statesmen. The results

were so disastrous in every way that

when the charter came to be revised.

after three years of trial, one chamber

was abolished, and the activities of

local legislative talent were confined,

under some restrictions, to a single body, the old Board of Aldermen.

There is one more illustration worth

notice. In the issue of Good Govern-

ment (organ of the National Civil Ser-

vice Reform League) that came yester-day we find an article by the noted re-

former, Colonel Silas W. Burt, who is

examining, in the hope of its ameliora-

tion, a defect he sees in the civil service

reform principle as applied to adminis-

trative rather than subordinate posi-

tions. Civil service systems, as we have come loosely to describe them, do

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THE ARGUMENT FOR THE "STRAIGHT TICKET."

Party can be maintained only through fidelity of its members to each other, and through their joint or combined fidelity to the principles of party ac-

It is only through party action that anything can be accomplished in political affairs. The members of a party owe fidelity to each other and to the common cause they are engaged in. Only so can they accomplish anything in their common cause.

What is party? Take this definition "Party is a body of men united for pro moting by their joint endeavors the National interest upon some particular principle in which they are all agreed. Therefore every honorable connection will avow it is their first purpose to pursue every just method to put the men who hold their opinions into such not give us administrators. The rank and file of subordinates are not ama condition as may enable them to carry their common plans into execution, with all the power and authority of the state. As this power is attached to certain situations, it is their duty to contend for these situations. Without proscription of others, they are bound to give their own party preference in all things; and by no means, for private considerations, to accept any offers of power in which the whole body is not included; nor to suffer themselves to be led, or to be controlled, or to be overbalanced, in office or in council, by those who contradict the very fun-damental principles on which their party is formed, and even those upon which every just connection must Here, then, is a definition of party, and of party obligations. It is not put forward as The Oregonian's own. To the universal reader it is familiar. He knows where to find it. No other ap peal so powerful ever was made, to stand by your party and to vote its 'straight ticket," as this by Edmund Burke. It is instinct with the genius of reason, of argument, of eloquence and of common sense. You can sustain your party and its principles only by supporting those who, for the time, may be named to uphold the one and the other. For if you believe in your own politics, or think them of any weight, you cannot in reason, refuse to adopt the means of having them reduced into practice. You cannot act a desultory and disconnected part. In short, if you wish your party to succeed, you should and you will support its candidates. On this great text, quoted from the works of the greatest of political philosophers and thinkers, and the greatof the authors of maxims of est political action, The Oregonian makes appeal to the Republicans of Oregon to stand for the candidates of their party, throughout. For the principles for which you stand nothing is to be gained by voting for opponents, even for minor offices. On the contrary, much may be lost; for you discourage thereby some of the best of your own party associates and give the opponents of your party an advantage putting a certain degree of power in their hands.

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tive Williamson, by the same parties ent too far in one direction; in Engwere it thought possible to best him. However, it will be found that the one id too far in another. But in all wa the idea that the priest should rule the will be elected by about as big a ma copie, through church as well as state. and that the ecclesiastical creed, as de-livered by the priest in the name of the church, was infallible, as a rule alike UNDULATIONS OF MUNICIPAL REFORM.

of individual, social, political and religious life. A relic of this system in Portland is Dr. Edgar P. Hill. Since those terrors have passed, people laugh at him.

MISPLACED FRIENDSHIP.

A number of the Washington papers have been expressing undue satisfaction over the occasional reverses which Harriman has suffered in his big fight for control of the Northern Pacific. It has always seemed to The Oregonian that after the Northern Securities was declared an illegal organization the men who supplied the stock from which the merger was formed were entitled to a return of that stock. contrary belief is expressed by Mr. Hill and his friends, but even this difference of opinion should not account for all of the hostility which the Evergreen State seems to show for Mr. Harriman. This

feeling is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that it was Mr. Hill, and not Mr. Harriman, who made the 40-cent rate on flour from Minneapolis Deviin, now Auditor of Portiand-That every city where legislative appointed commissions have had charge of municipal work, or managed municipal enterprises, has had the same story of astravagance and in-efficiency. As stated by the Hon. Beth Low, "A state commission for any purpose other than inquiry is one of the most dangerous of hodies, for the reason that it exercises au-thority unchecked by any effective respon-ibility."-(Municipal Betorm in the United States, G. P. Putnam's Sons, Chap. IV, pp. 15-76) to the Orient, thus attempting to out the Puget Sound millers out of a trade which was theirs not only by right of exploitation, but by the advantage of geographical location. In giving the Minnesota and Dakota

millers and incidentally the farmers of those states this cheap access to the Oriental markets, Mr. Hill was in effect paying them a bonus to run opposition Washington farmers and millers

who were forced to pay as much for a short haul across the state to tidewater ter made by a charter commission, alas the Eastern men paid for a haul 1500 miles longer. By no possible construction of the 40-cent rate can the millers either case the charter is so good that it and farmers of Washington find any thing in it that warrants them in exis revised at every recurring opportu-nity. As to the City Council, for expressing friendliness for Mr. Hill, and Mr. Harriman's action in fighting ample, the commission proceeded on the theory that the bestowal of large powagainst the establishment of such a ru inous rate certainly entitled him to more kindly consideration than he has elevate the character of the prevailing received from our neighbors on the type of Aldermen or entice a higher north.

This unfriendliness toward Mr. Har riman might be more easily accounted for if the Puget Sound papers had ever admitted for a moment that the ports served by the Harriman lines were in any sense rivals of the Washington This they have never acknow! edged, but, on the contrary, have al-ways insisted that Mr. Harriman would never be in a proper position to do business to advantage until he had a terminal point on Puget Sound. As a matter of fact, the control of the Northern Paolfic by Mr. Harriman would probably result in a large portion of the Eastern Washington wheat which is now lifted over the Cascade Mountains following the water-level route to the sea. Mr. Harriman's rise in the railroad world has been meteoric, and his wonderful success has been directly due to his marvelous ability in reducing grades, straightening curves and otherwise lessening the cost of moving freight. With that end in view he has spent large sums of money in Oregon and Washington, and the traffic originating

in these states will some day pay increased dividends to its producers by reason of these facilities for economical transportation. Harriman ownership of the Northern

Pacific would not necessarily mean hos-tility to the Puget Sound cities, but it ditions of the service, as they ascend would mean that all traffic produced in more or less slowly, lose or impair their faculty of initiative, if they ever had it, the Northern Pacific territory in the State of Washington and bound for foreign markets would follow the easiest and most natural route to the high seas. The closing of the Wallula gateway a few years ago deprived a portion of the fore, we must go outside into business traffic of Eastern Washington of such a life for "those who, conscious of their ability, disdain the commonplace duties route to market, but with Harriman in control of the lines on both sides of of those grades and the slow progress that gateway it would soon swing open of promotion," and whose experience in and in the end the rate made over this the world has endowed them with "tact, that Mr

in the Republican party, and the De mocracy has always been a kind of a "sallor's snug harber" for cranks and doctrinaires and demagogues of all sorts

The Democracy of today has been happily described as "a whiripool of radicalism with a solid rock of conservatism in the middle." The Eastern De-mocracy represents a conservative "money power"; the South, too, has a large element of conservatism based on the aristocracy of race caste. With the South's rapid growth in wealth this conservative element is likely to grow stronger. Will Democracy soon return to power? That will depend upon the character of the element that is domi-nant in the Democratic ranks. In 1876, in 1884 and in 1892 the people were clearly not afraid of the Democracy atism in the middle." The Eastern De in 1884 and in 1892 the people were clearly not afraid of the Democracy under the conservative leadership of Tilden and Cleveland, but the people promptly repudlated the Democracy in 1896 and 1990. The Democratic party is tenacious of life, even under severe defeat, and this is because two great parties are a necessity of our political system. Defeat will never destroy a great party, although it may discipline and

cause of bitterness, rancor and hatred among settlers on the border. It has often led to murder, being in fact one of the most frequent causes of homicide and the sad and distressing consequences that follow this crime. The enunter in Lane County a few days ago, in which an aged man lost his life and because of which the life of his slayer is now in jeopardy, shows that this fruitful cause of feud between neighbors is not confined to the newer settlements, in which a careful survey of lands has not been made. The scene of this latest boundary-line murder is in one of the oldest agricultural sections of the state. An accurate survey of the and should long ago have settled the question in dispute. It is idle to expect two interested ranchers to come to an amicable agreement about a strip of land which they both claim. The aggravating things that each does to the other in the attempt to "get even" are almost certain steps that lead to the gravest of all crimes. The County Surveyor should be called upon to settle differences of opinion in regard to boundary lines of a blind or inaccurate survey, making such decision in the matter as the equities in the case demand. If this is not strictly in the line of his duty, it would be well in the interest of justice, neighborly harmony and the peace and dignity of the comforced to say, And the issue that he represents is dead; Underneath the golden daisles Let us bury him, and raise his Cross of Gold-in retribution-at his head. monwealth to make it so. Such an oc-currence as that near Cresswell a few days ago is a disgrace to a civilized community, and is as unnecessary as disgraceful. Trouble of this kind is not brewed in a night. It is usually a sub-ject of comment in the neighborhood for months before the acute stage is reached and murder is done. It is clearly the duty of the proper authority on boundary lines to take cognizance of

the fascinating subjects discussed in a report from Consul Masterson at Aden. It seems strange that such things should be regarded as mere articles of commerce, but so it is. Mr. Masterson says that Aden is the export market of these four substances, and that no other port can ever oust it. Of aloes Aden last year exported \$1,696 pounds, nearly all of it going to London. Civet, which is one of the essential ingredients of nearly every high-grade perfume made, is taken from the pouch of the civet cat, an animal found in Abyssinia. The annual production of civet ranges from 250 to 300 nounds, and about half of this amount is shipped to New York. The shout "extravagance" in this con price at Aden is from \$1.60 to \$3.24 an ounce, according to purity. Myrrh is principally used as an ingredient in in-The display of more sincerity and less humbug in the arguments of the anticense, and the amount annually exported from Aden is about 1,344,000 pounds. A strange use of myrrh is made by the Abyssinian hunters, who smear their bodies with it before hunting elephants, in the belief that their quarry will not attack them on account of the smell. Incense, Mr. Masterson explains, is a prepared article, and the word frankincense applies to a particular gum that is the principal component of incense. Commercially, however, incense is used to designate a "tearshaped gum that exudes from a tree that is found in considerable quantities in British Somaliland." The crop of incense varies from 2,240,000 to 3,360,000 pounds, and the price is from 4 to 12 cents a pound. About half the incense exported from Aden goes to Bombay. remainder being taken principally to Marseilles and Trieste. Opponents of the Republican party are making every possible effort to pull down the Republican vote and Republican majorities, not only on the general ticket, but for the local candidates. If they could meet with some degree of success they would quickly point to the result as a blow delivered to President Roosevelt. They now say to Republicans, "It don't make any difference how you vote now, so vote for our ment you can vote for Roosevelt in November." But if this game should have any success, they would exclaim, next day, "See how weak Roosevelt is! We

ALTRUISM AND THE BIRTH RATE. A "STAMPEDE" BY BRYAN.

Baltimore Sun

The race-suicide scare has extend England, and the Rishop of London is a bachelor, has taken up the cry. There are interesting rumors about Mr. Bryan. Bome of his friends say that he as already made his plans for St. Louis. England, and the Hishop of London, who is a bachelor, has taken up the cry. The English birth rate has declined 17 per cent in the last 90 years. "The weekly birth rate of London," mays a doctor of that city, "has declined by nearly 400 births as compaced with the average of the past ten years. This means that Lon-don is losing a natural increase of 20,-000 children a year, which will mean prob-ably 25,000 during the next ten years. I expect that the decline will be even more marked, for 1 find that the idea that children are a luxury to be avoided is rapidly spreading among the working people. Twenty years ago the danger arose among the aristocracy; ien years ago it began to spread among the middle classes; now the workingman is saying the same thing: "We are not going to be bothered with children. We've got enough of the second place. If Mr. Bryan is really planning an ora-torical stampede it is unfortunate for him that his friends have been so indiscreet as to make this premature disclosure, for bothered with children. We've got enoug

to do to keep ourselves." The British patriot is much distressed at this species of strike, but some con-solation is found in the diminished death as to make this premature disclosure, for now he sets his snare in the sight of his bird. Foreknowledge of the hypnotist's design is usually or often a protection against him. Moreover, while Mr. Bryan may have the reputation of a stampeder, those who know the history of their coun-try are aware that no achievement in that line has ever been put to his credit. The careless and the unobservant have been accustomed to say or to believe that he stampeded the Chicago Convention of 136, and brought about his own nomination by his cross of gold and crown of thorns speech. There never was the alightest foundation for that, yarn. The bedevil-ment of the Democratic Convention of 1866 and the nomination of Mr. Bryan were prearranged by the Republican silver men who had been paying Mr. Bryan for his lectures. His speech in the convenrate. Sanitation has become a sort (state religion, with the result that most varieties of disease show decreases. New scientific remedies, improved skill in surgery and better hospitals save hundreds of Hves daily, so that when all is told population continues to increase though at diminished rate. If fewer children are born, those which are born are better cared for and a larger percentage of them reach the adult stage

Modern science prolongs the lives of the unfit as well as the fit, but upon the whole there is increased comfort and dignity of life. The subject has its political aspect. "In a really well-ordered state," says a jingo London doctor, "premiums would be offered to the patriotic parhis lectures. His speech in the conven-tion was an old one, and while it pleased his sudience and evoked their tumultu-ous applause, it was not a factor in bringent who brought up his children to be good citizens. Why should the par-ent bringing up a child to adult pering about his normination: There is no appreciable danger that the St. Louis Convention this year will be stampeded by Mr. W. J. Bryan. The par-ty has turned away from him. It is sick fection be treated in the same way as the selfish bachelor who contributes

ance of the empire?" France led the way in taking what may be called the way in taking what may be called the selish view of size of family, but it is now general in the highly divilized countries and prevails even in far-off Australia. A practical Australian, af-ter noting that the birth rate in New to death of him. A very great majority of the delegates to St. Louis will go there with an immovable prejudice against him as an enemy. They look upon him as one as an energy. Tay now upon num as one to whose counsels the Democratic party can no longer listen. He will have about us good a chance of stampeding the con-vention to Pepulism as Governor Cum-mins would have of stampeding the Re-South Wales has fallen off 30 per cent in 20 years, adds: "Give us employ-ment, constant employment, and I for one will marry, become a patriot and attempt to remedy the failing birth publican Convention to tariff reform. Still,

publican Convention to tariff reform. Still, since Mr. Bryan will desirely himself if he bolts, the stampede plan may be his only hope. If so, it is a delusive one. The judgment of history upon Mr. Bryan has been recorded and the appropriate dis-position to be made of him pointed out in tuneful verse by Mr. Norris Bull, from whose poetical observations upon the pres-ent situation of the Demogracy as they But this expedient would be But this in which, as in the in countries in which, as in the United States, the birth rate declines in the presence of great industrial activity. Mr. Goldwin Smith, in a recent maga-zine article on the topic of the rapidly extending agnosticism of the present day, ventured the opinion that the cas-sation of belief in the immortality of the soul would paralyze many activities, causing men to be unwilling to dle for any cause and thus bringing war to an end. If they will not die for a cause, neither will they live for it. The future of the race becomes a matter of indifference to those who expect no future for themselves, but must try to get all they can out of the only life in which they believe. Duty to the race is undoubtedly a less effective sentiment now than formerly.

Power of the Cattle Barons

If the State of Oregon wanted the Lewis and Clark Fair at all, it was up to the state to make a decent appropriation. The \$500,000 state appropriation is but a small part of the total smount to be distributed, almost entirely in Oregon. With the appropriations of the Federal Government and the other states, the amount to be distributed directly by the For to concern to make the the Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat. The organization of the Western sattle barons to fight the beef combine is an anomaly, as both are after the same game of plundering the pub-lic. The barons have banded them-Fair in Oregon is so much that the tax selves together into what might be termed the grass trust, and are trying to get the farmers of the Western states to help them fight the beef trust. will be returned many times over in im mediate benefit and profit to Oregonians. This without taking into account the large sums that must be paid out by visitors, and watch will at once go into circulation in Oregon. The undeveloped resources of the state, calling as they The cattle barons are even worse rob-bers than the beef barons, in that they monopolize all the valuable Govern-ment land and through their retainers do for more settlers and more capital, prevent. by force of arms, if necessary, any owner of a small herd or a settler from intruding at the peril of his life. To show the power of these cattle barons, they have succeeded in forcing will receive prompt and permanent atten-tion because of the Lewis and Clark Fair. tion because of the Lewis and Clark Fair. The whole state wanted it. The Gov. ernor and Legislature favored the half-million appropriation. The really con-servative element in the State of Oregon is behind the Fair. It promises to be a President Roosevelt to give up his in tention of removing the barbed-wire fences with which the barons have un-lawfully inclosed about all the Govsuccess. If it is, none will be louder in claiming title for the ensuing praise than some who for political effect at present ernment land on the Western plains. Politically both these combines are Republican and liberal contributors to the campaign fund of that party, Investment is not always extravagance. What produces a fair return for invest-ment is in no way allied to extravagance. which probably accounts for their

munity from punishment by the Ad-ministration.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Better Dead-

The man who would abolish vice with his mouth

People that talk about the weather The man that rocks the boat, and The giri that would go out with him.

At last the season permits us to switch rom rhubarb to strawberries.

A whale entered Tacoma harbor and had anif the population blubbering.

A Turner girl eloped in a baseball suit. She is evidently fast enough for a bigger league than the matrim

While the tunnel is being constructed Seattle is settling down. When it's completed the Great Northern will be settling

Photographs of candidates for queenly onors at the carnival indicate that the pomp of the pompadour has not yet

Referring to Queen Victoria, one of the speakers at the Armory on Tuesday evening said it was right "that we should memory her honor."

According to "G. B. S." Shakespeare wrote in verse because he was in too much of a hurry to use the more difficult medlum of prose. And there is a bunch of moderns of whom the quip might be truthfully used.

The British Admiralty gasetted a dead man as chapiain of the Mersey Naval Volunteers. Familiar with naval chaplains, the Admirality possibly concluded that & dead man would do as much good as a live one and be less in the way

The Creation is reproduced on the Pike at St. Louis, Light appears at command, the dry land is seen when the waters roll away as ordered; and finally Adam and Eve appear on the scene. This shows the public estimation of the higher criticism.

President Baer is throwing more trouble on the Lord, who, according to the Reading magnate, is responsible for car shortages. If the accusation is true, we expect that when Mr. Baer is about to leave for heaven the Lord will bring about a complete blockade of celestial trame.

In the past few days we have been reading dispatches from Billings, Mont., regarding a thief who was said to have swallowed a diamond, and was being subjected to examination by X-rays in the hope of the stone's exact position being

discovered. By the latest reports the photographs had all failed to show the diamond. A curious point in this connection is made by a writer in the New York Times. A similar story came from Texas ten days ago. In that case the stone was discovered, and an operation was to be serformed on the thief to uncover-and recover-the stolen property. The Times' authority pointed out a discrepancy in the Texus version. A genuine diamond is transparent to X-rays, so that the object discovered in the thief's "insides" must be of paste, and not worth the expense of an operation. The failure of the Billings photographs to reveal the stone has been taken as an indication that the man did not swallow it, whereas, it may merely be an indication that the diamond is genuine.

Provokingly short is the dispatch from Weston telling of a "spat" in the social circles of that small but cultured community. So far as one may gather the facts from the correspondent's brief message, it appears that President French of the Normal School, in the course of some discussion, stated that none but hobos worked in a brickyard. It is evident on the face of it that Mr. French spoke in the heat of argument for a moment's thought would have prevented him from making so egregious a blunder as to talk of hobos working, and especially in a brickyard, where the labor is labor and

mistake. The laborers in ing brickyard, it appears, accepted the remark as Mr. French's mature opinion of their social status and, to show their own dissent therefrom, pelted him with eggs, that are courteously described as being of "venerable age." And there the matter rests, or at least simmers, for the people of Weston are said to be split into two soclas factions, the one pro-brickyard and the other pro-professor. Rash would be the person daring to comment upon a neighborhood quarrel, but there is point upon which we cannot refrain from dwelling. Whence, in a well-ordered community, come the aggs of "venerable age" that seem to be always available for the reproof of the obnoxious? Venerable ergs are not things to be found on the pantry shelves of the people. The housewife does not treasure them. They cannot be bought in the stores-not under that description. anyway. Where do they come from, then1 Is it possible that some dread mystery of cooking would be exposed by pressing the question to a solution? WEX. J.

has already made his plans for St. Louis. He will try to stampede the convention. There will be apparently no delegates in-structed for Bryan, and those instructed for Mr. Hearst will not be sufficiently.

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eform it

The boundary line is the frequent

and settle the dispute which could only have arisen through a blunder in sur veying.

"Aloes, civet, myrrh and incense" are

Affected derision of the argument that support of your party's candidates for Shoriff and District Attorney is necessary for support of President Roosevelt does not in the least alter the fact that the argument is sound and true. In order to enforce your princi-

ples you are bound to give your own party preference in all things. Of course it is assumed that your candidates are worthy men. Then personal objection or private pique can, justly, have no weight at all.

Then do not allow the filppant argument, or assertion, that it is not good sense to vote the straight ticket. There is greatest good sense in it; no good se in any other line of action if you believe in your own politics. If you wish your principles carried into pratice there is but one way-stand by your party.

The reason why there is so much lying accusation against Binger Her- and the "high places" should be elimimann is that certain persons have conceived the notion that it is possible to beat him by lying accusation. They base this notion on the fact that his majority last year on the small vote cast in the special election was not up to Republican high-water mark in the district. But the conclusion is false. There will be a very full vote this year, and Hermann's majority will go high. There would be an equal amount of and religious wars, in all the countries because there is more ignorance, more interests centered elsewhere, and liable lying accusation against Representa- of Europe. In France and Spain it crude thought, in the Democracy than at any time to leave or be called away.

discretion, courtesy, a knowledge of men in the mass, the value of all being enhanced by what is termed personal address."

The object we have in reciting these omewhat tedious and dispiriting exhib its in reform work is to show that civic improvement does not lie in written laws nor in patent devices of reform. Civil service reform, for example, restrains the corrupt head of a depart. ment from putting out efficients; but equally restrains the honest and vicorous head of a department from putting out mefficients. If you have a good Mayor and a bad Council, you are for all power in the Mayor; vice versa, you are sure that the Council should be the main thing. The reformer is apt to degenerate into a vacillating and queru. lous creature who stamps with approval all who favor his amendment to the charter, but regards all who distrust his and favor their own as public enemies. It is well for him to reflect at times on the checkered career which reform has to follow and treas the infamy of today with caution, reflecting that in the whirligig of municipal philosophy is may be the reform of tomorrow.

THINGS ANACHRONISTIC. A man like Dr. Edgar P. Hill is survival and an anachronism H ought to have lived centuries ago. And cet he ought not to have lived centurles ago; for had he lived then he would have been a conspicuous figureor perhaps only a humble instrumentin making earth the hell from which it was rescued only through the blood of

martyrs and through the heroes of rev-Inth Dr. Hill wants the state to control the

nduct of the Individual, in accord with his own peculiar theological and theocratical ideas. Only such as our prophetic brother are fit to tell the people what the rules of their conduct should be; what beliefs they should entertain, or what practice they should follow, as to amusements, meat and

drink and "Sabbath observance"; and he would have the state, under direction of holy men like himself, of whom however, he would be chief, join with the church and use the power of the church to enforce these precepts and the prescribed practices. And, in the last resort, following the idea of ancient Israel, which, under direction of the prophets, insisted that the worship to be kept pure, should be concentrated at Jerusalem, and that the "groves nated, all worship should be centered at the corner of Twelfth and Alder, under direction of Dr. Hill as high priest and prophet. Then, indeed, you will get the pure religion! Then, indeed, you will get the precepts of right condu Effort was made in Europe, both in the British Islands and on the Continent, to enforce ideas like these, or kindred to them. Followed the civil

would be obliged to meet in order to protect his Big Bend wheat business from going over to the enemy.

THE PARTY OF NEGATION.

There is something extraordinary in the fact that the political party that Jefferson created should have an organic life today. The so-called Democratic party has been on the brink of destruction more than once since the retirement of Andrew Jackson from the Presidency in 1837, It was beaten, horse, foot and dragoons, in the campaign of 1840 and beaten by the Whig party under the leadership of a vain, silly old man, General Harrison. The death of Harrison, the apostasy of Tyler, the political treachery of Polk in 1844, seemed to have saved the Democracy from a succession of defeats. In 1848 the Democracy ought to have won, for Polk's administration had forced the Mexican War to a brilliantly successful conclusion, and as a rule in politics the party that is in power in war time is perpetuated in peace if it is not beaten in war. The War of 1812-14 perpetuated Democratic rule and wrecked the Federalists.

The war of 1861-64 forced the renomi nation and re-election of Lincoln and kept the Republican party in power for twenty years. The defeat of the Denocracy in 1848 was due to the factional uarrel between Cass and Van Buren, which dated back to Van Buren's defeat for the Democratic nomination in 1844. The defeat of the Democracy in 1848 turned not upon a question of principle, but of men, and for this reason the Democracy were easily able in 1853 to sweep the country, because the great pro-slavery struggle of 1850 had made it a question of principles, not of men. Democracy of the North and South were a pro-slavery unit and the Whig party was suspected of anti-slavery affiliations; it was believed to sympathise more with Seward than it did with Webster.

Under ordinary circumstances the Democratic party would scarcely have survived its record during the Civil War, but questions of reconstruction and questions of finance divided the Republicans among themselves, so that by 1876 the Republican party had fully exhausted its welcome. It was saved for the time by the bayonet governmen of the South, but it obtained the defeat in 1884 that was logically its due in 1876. The Democratic party lives today simply because two great political parties are a necessity of our National life. It meets a want of our political system. It could not be destroyed, even if its leaders sought to destroy it. The South is solid because of the race question, but even if there were no race ques-tion the South would be Democratic because of old-time political sympathies and experience. The Bryans and the Hearsts stay with the Democratic party

There is a combination in Portland, on the one hand composed of selfish and vicious politicians, on the other of hysterical religionists, which is and long time has been, defaming Portland. One of these days these slanderers, who draw their support from the business and industry of the city which they defame, and warn people away from, may get the hint, and a broad one, that their occupation, so pleasing to themselves, is not pleasing to the responsible citizenship of Portland.

told you so!"

It may just as well be understood the defamers of Portland, those who long time have been denouncing Portland as a place of infamy, a place to be shunned and avoided, a veritable Sodom, have got to "shut up." Port-land is a great deal better than they are, and they would better learn it soon. Only to a certain point will the people of Portland tolerate her defamers; and

It would seem indeed that the man who offers himself for Sheriff of Multnomah County ought to be identified in ome permanent way with the business and affairs of the county; that he ought to be a property-owner and taxpayer, if only on a small scale; that he should be something other or more than a temporary squatter, working here for interests ceptered elsewhere, and liable

s just as we rather late in the day to stop the enterprise.

ent situation of the Democracy, as they appear in the last issue of Harper's Week-ly, we quote the following stanza:

Bryan's usefulness is over, his friends are

The State and the Fair.

Albany Herald.

Lincoln Honored in the South. Leslie's Weekly.

A little sidelight on the decline of sec-tionalism in the South and the growth of a more tolerant and fraternal spirit in all matters affecting our National life was afforded the other day in the action of the Mississippi Legislature in voting down by a decisive majority a proposition to change the name of a county from Lin-coln to Jeff Davis. Among those who votchange ed against the change were a number of to against the characteristic and the set of the confederate veterans. That these Legis-lators were not average at the same time to do honor in some other way to the leader of the Confederacy was shown by their action at the same session in makbirthday of Jefferson Davis a public holiday in that state.

The Cad and His Camera.

Boston Transcript May a cad photograph a President's daughter without her permission? Miss Alice Roosevelt has been so annoyed late-

ly by the attentions of the snapshot ar-tists that she refused to alight in Phla-delphia the other day until assured that no camera flends were lurking in readiness to capture her likeness for the Sunday newspapers. The worst of this photo which cannot be touched by legislation; the only remedy in sight is for prominent people who are subjected to it to provide 10.01 selves with stout walking sticks and mash the cameras of offensive photographers.

Opportunities Still Plentiful.

Savannah (Ga.) News. Young men nowadays are inclined to the inion that the opportunities for making rtunes are not as great as they were a half or even a quarter of a century ago. As a matter of fact there is plenty of evidence that the avenues to fortunes are as unobstructed now as they ever were. Indeed, the demand for men who are ca-pable and reliable is now greater than ever before, and where there is such a and there are opportunities for mak-

Uncle Sam in Action.

Philadelphia Inquirer. A New York man who stole a letter on Saturday was arrested, tried and sent to

prison within 2% hours after he committed the offense. If he had stolen a railroad the process would have taken at least as many years, and most probably he would never have been tried at all,

Cupid and Campaspe

John Lyly.

Cupid and my Campaspe play'd At cards for kisses; Cupid paid: He stakes his quiver, how and arrows, His mother's doves, and team of sparrows; Loses them too; then down he throws The cotal of his lip, the rose The coral of his up, the rose Growing on's check (but home knows how). With these, the cristal of his brow, And then the dimple on his chin; All these did my Campaspe win; And has he set her both his eyes-She won, and Cupid blind did rise. O Love: has she done thig to thes? What shall, also: become of me?

See the Lord Mayor and the "Times.

Victor Smith in New York Press. Everybody in England, so to Everyinfected with the betting manla. body goes to the races or bets in town. Everybody loses, Everybody complains, Everybody tries it again to recoup, Everybody in Australia bets. Everybody in South America bets. Everybody in France bets. Everybody in the Philippines bets. Everybody in Japan bets. Everybody in China bets. Everybody in the world beta. Now, by this "every-body" I mean every person who can find a chance to make a wager makes it. Farmers do not bet as a rule, because there is no inducement, no opportunity What? Do not bet? Why, they will be their last dollar on a cow race at the county fair. All races, all nationalities, all creeds, all conditions bet. Just so long as men have varying opinions there will be betting. And there is absolutely no harm in betting if you win. But be sure you win. What the reformers are trying to do is to save the losers.

Voice of Lane County.

Eugène Register. At the big Republican meeting in Port

land the campaign cry was, elect the en-tire Republican county ticket, and carry the state by 20,000 for Roosevelt as an indorsement of his policy toward the West. and as notice to the country that Ore-gon is solidly for his nomination and election

Roosevelt believes in and advocates maintenance of party organization and election of party nominees from top to bottom. Lane County Republicans will place the seal of indorsement upon that sound principle of Republicanism this year by electing every man on the ticket. first because the principle is right and second because the Republican ticket from top to bottom is the best ticket in the field and the best named by the Republicans in years,

Another Jap Victory.

Washington Star.

The Czar is said to be so much grieved by the Russian reverses that he is think-ing of abandoning his despotic authority and giving his country a constitution. The Japanese would be justified in regarding such a step as a fine tribute to their prowess as promoters of civilization.

That Time of Year.

William Shakespears That time of year thou may'st in me behold When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do

hang Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,

Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang: In me thou see'st the twilight of such day

As after sunset fadeth in the West, Which by and by black night doth take

away. Death's second self, that seals up all in rest:

In me thou see'ss the glowing of such fire. That on the aches of his youth doth lie As the death-bed whereon it must expire. Consumed with that which it was nourish'd by

-This thou perceivist, which makes thy love more strong. To love that well which thou must leave ere

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR.

Nell-Mr. Tawker is such a flatterer. Belle-

Nei-ohr inwate is such a interest. Descent Has be been flattering you? Neil-oh, yes; he told me today that I'm not at all like you other girin.-Philadelphia Ledger. "That man has studied political economy." "Maybe so," said Senator Sorghum, "but the injudicious way he spends his money at ar election looks to me like political extrava-gance."-Washington Star.

Teacher-Can any little boy tell me was that David prevailed against the glans

was that David prevailed against the giant Gollah? Pupli-My pa mays bruts strength naver is in it with the foller with a pockasiful of rocks.-Boston Transcript. Kwoter-After all, "Truth is stranger thay fiction," you know. Newtitt-II may be stranger but it isn't as supcomful. You never hear of truth going into "its twenticht edition in siz-ments". Ublingtoints Press "-Philadelphia Press.

Kitty-Oh, Auntie, I am so happy! Horace mys there's nobody in all the world like me Aunt Jane-Nonsense? You're not so cocentris as all that-although there's no denying you are a bit odd.-Boston Transcript.

Husband-Tou say this is venison? What in duced you to buy it? Wife-Well, the butche maid it was cheap and- Husband-lf he had told you it wasn't deer he would have been pearer the truth.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Citiman-You look particularly happy today. Subbubs-I am. I've just succeeded in getting leading lady to sign for another Citiman-I didn't know you ware in the atrical business. Subbubs-I'm not. I to our cook.

"Things are terribly catching down at the bosthouse." "What do you mean?" "Why nest you catch ento the stroke, then you catch cold, then you catch a crab, and then you catch the deuce from the coach."-Harvard Lampson,

"I suppose you had a perfectly invest time at Wexford's house party?" "No; it was a finite. Mrs. Wexford has so little tact. Sh was always arranging it so that, the men would have to pair off with their own wives."-Chicago Record-Herald.

"It's a lucky thing for me I ain't in the box," said the great baseball twirler, as h-paraded up and down the bedroom floor with his tooth-cutting son and heir. "Why," asked his with, sizepily. "Bocatas," he answered, "I don't seem to have any sontrol of the bawL"-Chicago Dally News

that point is nearly reached.

and better now than later, that

ing fortunes.