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THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

To those deluded individuals who insist that there is no difference between the Republican and Democratic parties it is recommended to read the first sentence of the platform adopted by the Democracy of Multnomah County by their central committee.

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In thorough consistency with their principle that anarchy is the best kind of government, the county Democrats declare in favor of wildcat bank currency.

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under these excessive premiums for many years, paying them under protest on the assurance that the rate was a necessity in order to admit of the accumulation of reserves which at any time might be needed to meet such emergencies as that which finally did arise in San Francisco.

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and help them clothe, feed and educate their children. Juvenile Courts, Children's Homes, Baby Homes, Refuge Homes and Boys' and Girls' Aid Societies—active and populous representatives of each of which are found in this community—stand as refutations of the statement that every married couple should bring children into the world, this being their first duty.

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MR. WITCOMBE'S CITIZENSHIP. He Has Voted Republican Ticket Since His Case of Age. PORTLAND, Or., May 10.—To the Editor:—I observe that an effort is made on the behalf of the Democratic opposition to my election as Governor to show that I resided in Oregon for 17 years before I became a citizen.

I was born near Plymouth, England, May 11, 1838. My father, Thomas Witcombe, my mother, Mary Ann Witcombe, my three brothers, John, Thomas and Philip, my sister Mary and myself, constituting the entire Witcombe family, came to Oregon in 1871 to become permanent residents and American citizens.

REPORT ON STANDARD OIL.

President Roosevelt's message of yesterday was the usual approval of the Sun, so far as it publishes a determination on his part to grapple now directly with the most powerful corporation in the United States for enforcement of the law.

WOMEN STRIKE.

A woman riding horseback "cross saddle" is one of the most awkward and uninspiring figures that mars the landscape.

DIAGNOSING LOCAL TROUBLE.

The work of the knackers has become so strenuous that even the transportation companies pass up as opportunity anything like serious consideration in the present stage of the development game.

CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE PROVISIONS IN THE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED UNDER THE INITIATIVE TO THE VOTERS OF OREGON AT THE COMING JUNE ELECTION—HOW THE EXISTING STATUTE STANDS AND WHAT CHANGES ARE INTENDED TO BE MADE.

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HOW RAILROAD REBATES WORK

As denoting that, after all, there's no particular significance in a name, it is interesting to observe that Mr. Carpenter is president and Mr. Shoemaker is secretary of the Painters' Union of this city.

Local Option: Present and Proposed

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