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faithful outside of three or four newspaper offices, while in the North the Democratic masses are more loyal to him than they ever were before.

In his last campaign Mr. Bryan carried five states which Judge Parker lost four years later. All of these Mr. Bryan may perhaps win back, but with them and all those which Judge Parker did not drive away from the Democratic party conceded to him he will still be many votes short of election.

To win he must bring some new states into the column of his party, and just how it can be done is a mystery. But there are two incalculable factors in politics this year which tend to vitiate all predictions which tend to vitiate all predictions.

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reasons or otherwise, needlessly antagonizing the enterprise, states and localities where such antagonism can be avoided will naturally be preferred to those where it is prevalent.

The Y. M. C. A. stands for enforcement of law, obedience to the authority of the officers of government—in short, for social order and organized society. Anarchists would each be a law unto himself. The Y. M. C. A. has done rightly with Emma Goldman. It is the misfortune of our system of government that it cannot wipe out these spots in public opinion.

DO THE PEOPLE FORGET THEIR WATER?
Many persons are clamoring about single tax, recall, proportional representation, Statement No. 1 and election of United States Senator, but few about a question more important than any other.

Down at Seaview, a Summer resort on North Beach, they are excited over the threatened advent of a saloon. Or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that the excitement is mainly in Portland, where Seaview property-owners are planning for nine or ten months in the year.

Water franchises are exclusive privileges which the public should give away with extreme caution, and then only for limited periods of time. But the public has been giving them away forever through its Legislatures and other agencies, with no look into the future whatsoever, and now their possessors hold perpetual and absolute control of the public's water.

PORTLAND LEADS IN WHEAT.
The latest April bulletin of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor shows that Portland exported more wheat in April than was shipped from any other port in the United States.

AGRICULTURAL OBSTRUCTIONISTS.
The elementary instructions regarding construction of the rabbit pie were "First catch your rabbit," and the principle involved in the pie transaction appears in about every undertaking with which mankind grapples.

GOING INTO THE COURTROOM YESTERDAY
On the arms of two attendants, Senator Platt didn't look much like a ray of sunshine.

EVERYBODY GOT A FINE VIEW OF THE American fleet at the entrance of the Columbia river yesterday.

IF THE ENEMY'S FEET SHALL EVER approach the Oregon coast it may get closer than to show only its smoke.

SUICIDE IN OUR AGRICULTURE
Remarkable Address on Fertile Soil by James J. Hill.
(The address delivered by James J. Hill at the White House conference last week was exceptionally strong.)

THE BUILDING UP OF OREGON
Among Other Important Things is the State University.
EUGENE, Or., May 19.—(To the Editor)—Will you kindly permit an expression through your valuable paper, from a late arrival, on an important question.

WHY NOT ONE LIKE IT IN SAN FRANCISCO?
The Portland Commercial Club will take its first luncheon in its new building in that city Monday.

THE WETTEST TOWN IN AMERICA.
Benbow City (Ill.) Dispatch to the New York World.
Benbow City (Ill.) Dispatch which has grown up around the Standard Oil Company's new refinery, eight miles south of Chicago.

PRIZE STORY FOR A PROHIBITIONIST.
New York Herald.
A porter in a New York warehouse in Greenwich street was recently discharged for getting drunk and losing a valuable parcel.

CURRENCY BILL WITH GRAVEYARD CLAUSE.
Washington, D. C. Herald.
While the House was answering a roll call on the passage of a bill providing for the creation of a national bank, a member introduced a resolution.

PHYSICIANS MARVEL AT THIS PATIENT.
Philadelphia Ledger.
Surgeons at the Episcopal Hospital are puzzled over the case of Michael Tighe, of Hazelton, who arrived there with a broken arm.

YANKEE HOONER CHEWS TOBACCO.
Winsted (Conn.) Dispatch to New York World.
Edward Woodford, of Ashley Falls, has a Plymouth Rock rooster which chews tobacco.

SOME ONE THAT WANTED THEM KILLED.
Princeton Review.
There are some places in the state which are really more unsafe to human life than Central Oregon.

HOME-MADE WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.
Chicago Dispatch.
John Junker, of Mount Vernon, Ill., has made a wireless telegraph instrument which is working well out of cartridge shells and spoons.

Initiative and Referendum Measures
For the information of voters there will be published on this page from day to day brief summaries of the initiative and referendum measures to be submitted to the electors at the June election.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.
The proportional representation amendment, proposed under the initiative by the People's Power League, has for its object amendment of section 16 of article 2 of the constitution.

THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT PROPOSE TO establish the system of proportional representation but merely to authorize the establishment of such a system by laws to be enacted in pursuance of this favor, if adopted.

ONE OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT IS that it does not declare the manner in which this proportional representation shall be secured.

IT IS NOT WISE FOR THE PEOPLE OF OREGON to undertake new election systems until it has perfected those already adopted.

WRITER RELATES MISHAP TO BATTLESHIP NEBRASKA, AS AN OBJECT LESSON.
EUGENE, May 19.—(To the Editor) The Nebraska's editorial regarding an article which appeared in the Oregonian is noticed with interest.

GREENWICH (CONN.) DISPATCH TO NEW YORK WORLD.
The village of Mianus is startled over the appearance of a wild man who lives in a cave in the woods on the D. H. Havenmore estate.

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