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The Corbettonian said last spring, when it was advocating the election of Quinn, that it was "not a republican paper."

AND Hon. G. W. Patterson, of Hillsboro, has been talked for the senatorship, says an exchange. Lord forbid! Why, Patterson is too illiterate to make a good clerk in a livery stable.

If a special election should be called to fill the seats declared vacant by the house at Salem last Friday it is a safe proposition that the same man will not be re-elected to fill them.

The Polk County Observer offers an apology to its readers for having supported the candidacy of Mulkey for the senate last spring. The Observer also has an apology to make for supporting Patterson, but it has the satisfaction of knowing it did support a man in the person of Mr. Merrill of whom it is not ashamed.

Even granting, for the sake of argument, that the senatorial question figured, or even prevented the organization of the house of representatives, what right has any man or combination of men to say who shall or shall not be aspirants for a political position? No one is compelled to vote for any particular aspirant.

The Oregonian has reiterated from day to day that Senator Mitchell had not a majority of the legislature, and in the same paragraph just as often declared that as soon as it was known that Mitchell could not be elected the legislature would proceed with business.

THE TRUE SITUATION.

On Thursday of last week Senator Mitchell went before the republican caucus which gave him its unanimous vote for senator and released each and every member of that body from any promise they had made him or to the caucus.

faith and are not calculated to improve the "Simon-pure" air of the politically corrupt metropolis of the state. No person, unless with a selfish motive in view, has ever believed or contended that there was any semblance of truth in the statement that the senatorial question prevented organization of the house of representatives.

NOT ALL PURITY.

FERRIS, Or., Feb. 21, 1897. Editor Oregon Mist.—In my search for truth and knowledge I accidentally stumbled onto an article in the Columbia County News of February 12, 1897, written over the signature of "I Dential," which, according to the judgment of a casual observer, would certainly provoke derision, disgust and condemnation in the minds of honest citizens regardless of present or previous party affiliations.

Right here we see a very potent argument to the effect that supply and demand must regulate the price of all commodities in the end and that a legalised fiat cannot make a rag doll worth as much as a gold nugget. In this instance it seems that the supply was great, while the demand was small, hence the very low price for voters.

Allow me to quote a paragraph found in another article in the same paper, under the title "Where Are We At," which reads as follows: "Out of the recent political struggle came seeming chaos and disorganization to the army of reform."

In conclusion I should like to know what Observer bases his hopes upon for victory in 1898 when members of his own party are telling us that McKinley gold has scattered their ranks so irreparably? Are we not forced to the conclusion that even silver or fiat money might be successfully used for the same purpose for time infinitum?

ST. HELENS SCHOOL NOTES.

There was no school Monday, owing to the fact that it was Washington's birthday and a legal holiday. Miss Daisy Watkins left Saturday for Portland where she will attend the high school the spring term.

taken soon to secure our. Let all assist in the good work when opportunity offers. Some of the rules written by George Washington, for his own guidance, when 14 years of age, are as follows, and are worthy of especial attention by the youth of today, as they embody lofty sentiments:

1. Find the ages of A, B and C by knowing C's at A's birth was 5/4 times B's and now is equal to the sum of A's and B's ages; and also that if A were now 3 years younger or B 4 years older, A's age would be equal to 3/4 of B's age.

2. A lady has three watches and chain worth \$220. When she puts the chain on the first watch it is worth the other two.

3. If a cow be tied to the corner of a barn 24 feet square with a rope 100 feet long, how much ground can she graze over?

4. What is the number of feet lumber measurement of a telegraph pole 8 inches square at one end and 4 inches at the other and 40 feet long?

5. For the children: If a hen and a half, in a day and a half lay an egg and a half; how many eggs will 6 hens lay in a week?

6. What battles have resulted in the destruction or surrender of an entire army?

7. What cities have undergone a siege?

8. Name the retreats famous in our history. Answer—Retreat of Washington, 1776; General Greene's retreat, 1781.

9. When did a fog save our army? A rain? Answer—During the campaign at the South, 1781, a rain prevented Cornwallis crossing the Yadkin and overtaking Greene.

10. What battles have been decided by an attack in the rear? Answer—At battle of Long Island, 1776, Clinton gained the rear and defeated General Putnam.

11. What is the difference between 20 four quart bottles and four and 20 quart bottles?

12. Prove that the half of 13 is eight.

13. A woman going to market with six

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