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Who are they that would have all mankind look backward instead of forward, and regulate their conduct by things that have been done? Those who are the most ignorant as to all things that are doing? Bacon said, "Time is the greatest of innovators"; he might have added, "the greatest of improvers."—Colton.

Kansas has 105 counties and in 64 of these she has not a single pauper. In 25 she has not even a poorhouse. In 35 there was not a prisoner in the county jail and in 37 (over 1.2 of the counties of the state) she did not have a man, woman or child charged on the criminal docket with any crime. Such a record cannot be duplicated by any license state in the union.—Exchange.

For several years, St. Johns, practically a suburb of Portland, has been the center of one of the most bitter and constant fights against an open town and Sunday closing. Tuesday's election resulted in a victory for the good government ticket, at which time also, city dock bonds to the amount of \$60,000 were voted.

Ezra Meeker, the enthusiastic pioneer, who retraced the old Oregon trail with his ox team last summer, has secured the support of congressmen Jones and Humphrey, in an attempt to secure an appropriation of \$50,000 for monuments to be erected along the route.

It is to be hoped that the government may be successful in keeping that notorious anarchist, Emma Goldman, out of this country, now that she is beyond our boundaries. This is certainly hard luck, however, on Canada, where she is now agitating.

Senator Ankeny certainly did his candidacy no injury this week when he secured the passage through the senate of a bill appropriating \$200,000 for a federal building to be erected in Walla Walla.

Oregon is rapidly regaining her former prosperity. The Standley-Smith Lumber company and the Oregon Lumber company at Hood River, have resumed operation, thus giving employment to several hundred men.

Oregon was the first on the grounds at Seattle to erect a state building, and it is the intention of the commission to make Oregon first in everything throughout the fair.

WHICH WILL IT BE?

Corvallis Gazette Deals With Candidates Cake and Fulton.

It will be well for republicans to study carefully and well, the peculiar situation confronting them in the selection of a candidate for United States senator at the April primary. The candidacy of Governor Chamberlain on the Cake platform, adds new complications to the situation. If the three were to race for the June election, it would certainly add material strength to Mr. Fulton, as both Mr. Cake and Mr. Chamberlain are committed to statement No. 1, or the election of a senator by direct vote of the people, while Mr. Fulton is on record

as opposing it. But at the April primary, either Mr. Fulton or Mr. Cake must step aside. We have studied the situation carefully and draw the following conclusions:

1. Should Mr. Cake receive the republican nomination, it will place Mr. Chamberlain "between the devil and the deep sea" without a platform to stand on, he having voluntarily assumed a non-partisan, happy-go-lucky gait, going the whole hog on statement No. 1, and telling his democratic brethren he recently loved so well, that he has become infatuated "with most of the Roosevelt policies"—until after the June election—after which time the probationary state will cease and be again permitted to exercise his conscience by voting for democratic measures in the senate, if elected.

2. That as Mr. Cake has firmly stood for, and manfully defended statement No. 1 for the past two years there would be no just cause for republicans to prefer a new convert from the democratic ranks on this question to the exclusion of all other questions of vital importance to the state and nation which will come up during the senatorial term.

3. That in the light of past history, with legislative holdings, corrupt use of money to "influence" senators and representatives, men seeking election to the legislature on senatorial years to see the fun; special train running with all other corrupting influences in connection therewith, thus bringing shame and disgrace on the fair name of our state, our people will never again return to the old system of election by the legislature.

4. That a very large majority of the newspapers in the state are first, last and all the time in favor of the people electing a senator.

5. That nearly every grange in the state has declared by resolution that they will not support candidates for the legislature who are opposed to election by the people.

6. That it is a republican measure passed by a republican legislature.

7. Nearly every candidate that has announced for the legislature has subscribed to statement No. 1 at least in modified form, and those who failed had to come back and take their medicine.

8. With 30,000 republican majority behind Mr. Cake, would it be possible for Mr. Chamberlain to jump sideways into the United States senate by using a little soft soap on weak-kneed republicans? We think not.

9. Should Mr. Fulton be nominated, the conditions would be entirely reversed, thus placing Fulton on the defensive instead of Chamberlain, which would at least greatly reduce the republican majority.

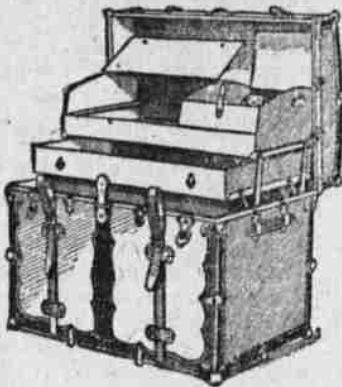
In view of these facts as we see them, we must say that to our minds, the safest, surest and best thing for republicans to do is to vote for Mr. Cake for United States senator.—Corvallis Gazette.

Communication.

To the Voters of Union County:

When I announced myself as a candidate before the primaries for the nomination for county clerk on the republican ticket, it did not occur to me that a question would be raised, for the purpose of defeating me, as to whether or not I am a member of the Mormon church. I find, however, that someone who has nothing better to do, is circulating the report that I am a member of the Mormon church and endorsed by them. When this was first brought to my notice, I did not consider it worthy of any consideration, but as it is being so energetically discussed, and whether or not it might have any effect in the primaries, I want to state my position and settle the matter once for all.

About nine years ago I came from Utah to Oregon and I wish to say that I am not ashamed of the fact, and I feel a great deal of pride in owning that I was a member of the Utah batteries in the Philippines just prior to my moving to the west. In Utah I was known as "Orrin," one of the best friends I have the Mormons, and the fact that they differ from me in this respect does not make me think less of them or they less of me. I am not and never have been a member of the Mormon church. If I were I cannot see where it could affect my qualifications for the position I am seeking, or for any other, and I am sure that if I were, the Latter Day Saints would not, as an organization, endorse me; but my Mormon friends would support me from a political standpoint only. It is not only unfair and unjust to me, but also to the Mormon church and its members in Union county, a majority of whom are as good citizens as you find in any community, to appeal to an old preju-



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dice, for political purposes, when there is no foundation for it. I regret very much that this action on my part has become necessary, but I do not want to be misrepresented.

Respectfully,
H. E. COOLIDGE.

PRACTICE FREE LOVE.

Russian Fanatics Live as Cannibals, Near Toronto.

Toronto, Ont., April 8.—An exhaustive investigation of the mode of life of the Doukhobors, the Russian religious fanatics who have settled in Canada, has been undertaken and some sensational developments are expected. It is alleged that the members of the various Doukhobor colonies practice free love, dozens of men and women living together in the same room, and that young girls are forced at tender age to adopt the communistic ideal of marriage. It is stated that very few parents attempt to care for their own children, but turn them over to the community to be provided for from the common fund. Some of the Doukhobors refuse to bury their dead, believing that the soul of the deceased would be unable to escape from the grave. Corpses are taken to secluded spots and left to serve as food for the wolves. Physicians are not allowed to treat their sick, the leaders declaring that Jesus is with them all the time and that no human power could serve to avert the fate of one who is "called."

At Fort William, Ont., the members of an investigating committee visited a Doukhobor dwelling, which, in their opinion, was large enough for possibly 18 people at the most, but there they found 75 men, women and children, ranging in age from 15 to 60 years, lying about the small rooms, nude and uncovered, without the slightest regard for decency or common morality.

The committee found that these people practiced free love, marriage being unknown to them. The children born from these promiscuous unions are cared for out of the common fund. In this way girls grow up and become lost to their own parents at an early age, becoming the free wives of the rest of the community. Such conditions were found to exist that steps were at once taken to disband the commune, and investigations are being made to determine whether similar conditions exist throughout the Doukhobor villages in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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April 6, 1908.
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