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REPUBLICAN REFORMS.

The republican platform of the state of Washington contains a demand for a strong local option law, by which the people of the various communities may regulate the liquor traffic to suit themselves. This is an advance step which will make the republican party stronger than ever in the northwest.

Oregon, a republican state, has a local option law, a direct primary law, the initiative and referendum and other progressive measures by which the people may express their sentiments on public questions.

Therefore it is not necessary to have socialistic, populistic or other sort of reformation to secure good results. The staunch, sturdy membership of the dominant party is capable and willing to make progress as the results of Oregon and Washington show.

La Follette made the argument in his lecture in this city that democrats in strongly republican states should join the republicans and help secure reforms in that way. In this way all the reform forces of a state may be joined together and accomplish that for which they are striving. What matters it who brings the reform. Just so it comes?—Pendleton East Oregonian.

THE GRANGE AND EDUCATION.

By some misconception some people in the state have got hold of a notion that the grange is opposed to education along the lines of specialization and stands for nothing higher than the ordinary common school can give to citizens generally. In fact, we are told that at some of their state meetings they were looked upon as people of such ordinary intelligence that the simplest form of the Anglo-Saxon had to be used in order to make them understand what was said to them. Could some of these mistaken people have been admitted to the conferences of the organization they would have learned that topics of public interest were discussed with as keen intelligence and critical knowledge as would have been found in any organization of learned men.

One notable feature of the meeting

was the fact that the subject of education in its various phases was uppermost in every meeting. It was not in a spirit of animadversion or criticism, but with a hearty spirit of encouragement and uplift, looking toward a higher intelligence of citizenship and a keener sense of true manhood and womanhood along all moral and intellectual lines. This, in fact, is one of the chief objects of its organization and it is a pleasure to note that at the Eugene meeting it was dwelt upon and fostered by every effort possible.—Eugene Register.

It will be understood, of course, that all talk of "no party" and of non-partisanship, in the election of senator, is nonsense, relates the Portland Oregonian, editorially. Mr. Cake if elected, will be a republican senator; Mr. Chamberlain, if elected, will be a democratic senator. It cannot be otherwise, on either side, in the nature of things. Question then is whether you want a republican senator or a democratic senator. Or don't you care? You will, however, have one or the other; and there is no need of equivocation about it.

SCORES OF BALL GAMES

Union, May 18.—(Special.)—Union yesterday handily won the play-off of the tie which occurred between it and the Elgin baseball team here Saturday afternoon, when rain interfered, driving the players to shelter after the first of the ninth inning.

The score stood four all. Yesterday afternoon, before a large crowd, the tie was played off, with the result that Elgin was defeated, 5 to 1. These two games and a series of races officially dedicated the new race track in this city. The Elgin players left last evening for La Grande, returning to their home this morning.

Summerville, 9; Allcel, 2. Summerville, May 18.—(Special.)—With Hug and Albert Oliver pitching for Summerville, and Oliver for Allcel, the former team won easily yesterday afternoon by a score of 9 to 2.

Cove Wins From Perry. Perry, May 18.—(Special.)—One of the fastest games of the county yesterday was seen at Perry when Cove nosed out a victory by a score of 4 to 3. Hudson, who worked out with the professionals at La Grande this spring twirled for Cove until the sixth inning, when a serious accident sent him to the hospital. Fred Meyers occupied the box for Cove the rest of the game.

Portland Wins Again. Portland, May 18.—The Sunday game in this city between Portland and Los Angeles, proved a 3 to 0 affair with the favorable side of the score sheet to Portland's credit.

At San Francisco the double header with Oakland resulted: San Francisco, 3-8; Oakland, 2-5.

Soldiers Defeated. Pendleton, May 18.—(Special.)—The Fort Walla Walla team met defeat at the hands of the Pendleton Pets here yesterday in a spectacular

game. The final score was 3 to 0 in favor of Pendleton.

MISSION NOW IN PROCESS

The mission at St. Mary's Catholic church was opened yesterday morning. Services will be held every morning at 8 o'clock and will include lectures interesting to both Catholics and non-Catholics. Every evening at 7:30 a similar service will take place. The mission will close next Sunday night. The attendance at both services yesterday and at 8 a. m. today was very

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satisfactory, and Father McDonald of Portland is well pleased with the progress of the mission.

Refuse Saloon Licenses at Nampa.

A Nampa news dispatch says: Nampa saloon licenses expire May 1 and last night being the last meeting of the city council before that date, applications for renewals were filed. As the council had passed an ordinance some time ago limiting the number of saloons to six, three of the applications were turned down. The Court saloon, of which O. E. Stewart is proprietor, the Salt Lake saloon, owned by the Salt Lake Brewing company, and the Commercial bar in the Commercial hotel were the applicants falling to secure licenses.

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