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ROWERNAN AND THE NORMALS.

Some one, describing himself as a "good Republican," writes to the Orem. from Ashland, saying that he is going to oppose "Mr. Bowerman for governor, because Mr. Bowerman fought the normal schools." tire state. The third is in assuming that the opposition of Mr. Bowerman was to the normal schools as such. It was to the normal school combine which had interfered most perniciously with the orderly and proper progress of legislation at very recent legislature and which had gre-

a great political machine, threatening every other legitimate legislative in-

It was high time for the welfare of the state that something should be done to stop the costly logrolling of next year. the normal school promoters, Bowerman as senator helped to break up clear duty. Yet it seems that there use. is a little factitious opposition to him in the normal schools towns because of his straightforward course and outright methods as senator. Evidently these short-sighted friends of ley and deal with them on the old ba- been my experience. ste of give and take.

They are not wise. The state at large will not permit a return to old methods in the resumption of business by the normal school steam roller. Bowerman has acquiesced in the present proposed arrangement by which the people are to decide what to do with the schools. If the bills pass, under the initiative, months each school. • priations are to be given each school. • under the initiative, moderate approthe normal school towns to be reminded that, if Bowerman shall not be governor , he will continue to be state sepator, and is likely to be re-elected. But it would be both a gracious and commendable thing if they would give him a full vote in each of the three normal towns.

Meanwhile, all know that Bowerman is a man of deeds, with an open public record. His record on normal schools ought to make him many votes among people who know their

history and who recognize and desire to reward manliness, independence and real devotion to duty.

LAPPERTY AND HOMESTEL'S.

gress in the Second district, Mr. Laffer" has made no mistake in advoenting in Lis speeches a lac. " home-Cascades in Oregon, and he has also struck a se letar chord when he pleders his self to an honest en teavor :: of the special agents in the employ of the government. These special agents seem to have for their chief purpose are brave enough to face the forest or the sage brush in an endeavor to procure a home for themselves and at the same time improve and put under cultivation a tract of government land. If there is any place in the world where the laws should protect and nurse rather than persecute it is in the case of the honest homesteader who has hard enough time at best in his undertaking,

Lafferty sincerely pledges his work if elected to congress to the end that the west shall come into its own: that the homesteader will have better treatment; that the special agents in many cases will be removed from self as a "good Republican." He is the northwest and that the great area not, continues the Oregonian. The of land comprising 8,600,600 million second is assuming that the normal of acres in Oregon will be opened to settlement on a larger homestead unft. He also will endeavor to secure Oregon's portion of the money derived from public land sales for years past which amounts to the snug sum of \$5,000,000 which money will beused, if Lafferty succeeds with his plan, in reclaiming arid lands of this state under the government plan.

> But Union county during the excitement of election, is not forgetting that the stream of immigration from the east will be headed for the Grande Ronde valley and Wallowa county

With Manning and Chamberlain the muchine. He ought to have done both bombarding the Second district ft, and he need not, and doubtless it would seem that the Democratic will not apologize for performing his cannon of Oregon are pretty well in

A Preliminary.

Mrs. Ferguson-George, what do you have to do when you want to draw guson-You have to put some money chance with a governor who will par- in the bank beforehand. That's always

> It is better to write one word upon the rock than a thousand on the water and the sand -Gladstone.

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LA GRANDE EVENING OB-

was at Ceylon on the way home from his journey along the northern count of Siberia he received a telegram from the Russian government asking him ered, as he was a member of Bjorsterne Bjornson's Anti-decoration Cub. whose members were solemnly pledged never to accept any decoration from not resist the temptation, so he repiled to the telegram in the affirmative. It is not hard to imagine his disappoint friend of his, a high official, told him the harassing of homesteaders who the following: The Russian government was well aware of your antagonistic views in regard to decorations and had, therefore, placed in readiness 200,000 rubles to be paid you in the event of your refusing to accept the insignia, but before paying that sum they wanted to try your firmness. Rus sin is certainly grateful to you for your failure to live up to your pledge."

Death Was a Live One.

While on the way to the race track in New Orleans one day several winters ago an undertaker named Mr. Dooley passed a funeral procession on its way to the cemetery. Dooley had a friend with him, another Irishman, who exclaimed, "Sure, death always wins." There happened to be a horse entered that day named Death, and he won with ridiculous case, Dooley winn good bet on him. Dooley told all his rriends of the incident, and they all went out to the course the next time Death was entered. He won every time be started for thirteen races. It was near getaway day, when every one was packing up ready to take the last train for New York. The horse was sold that afternoon at an auction sale, and the buyer was Mr. Dooley. He hitched him a mouth later to a hearse, and the horse became frightened and ran away and was not stopped until the graveyard was reached. After the burial Dooley had the horse shot and buried near the cemetery. "You're a dead one now, Death," said Dooley, "but a live one in those thirteen races."-Baltimore American.

The Fashion of the House.

A servant girl happened to be engared at a farmhouse where the mistress was known to have a hasty temper. On the first Saturday night the girl was at the farmhouse she was told by the mistress to clean the boots ready for Sunday. The mistress on coming into the kitchen later on saw that the girl had cleaned her own boots first. So she took them up and threw them into a tub of water that was standing by and bounced out of the kitchen. The girl said nothing, but when she had cleaned the other boots she threw them also into the water.

"Whatever possessed you to do that." girl?" asked the mistress on coming again in the kitchen.

The girl simply replied: "Well, ma'am, please ma'am, I thought it was the fashion of the house, ma'am!"-London Tit-Bits.

Saved by Her Voice.

When traveling to Paris with som other ladies on one occasion Mme. Grisi had a thrilling adventure. At a small wayside station a man entered the carriage, and it soon became evident from his threatening gestures and eccentric behavior that he was a dangerous lunatic. Though her companions were panic stricken, Mme. Grisi retained complete presence of mind and with the utmost composure began to sing. At once the maniac was quiet. His whole attention was riveted on that magnificent voice, and he remained the most appreciative of listeners until the train reached the next station, where he was secured. It transpired subsequently that he was a maniac with homicidal tendencies who had escaped from an asylum.

"Peddler's Acre."

Lambeth "old" church has numer ous historic monuments, and in one of the windows is the full length figure of a peddler with his pack, staff and dog. This is supposed to represent the unknown person who presented "Peddler's acre" to the parish upon condition that his portrait and that of his beloved canine companion should be preserved in the church and that his dog should be buried in consecrated ground.-London Saturday Re-

A Jolt. A middle aged matron addressed a middle aged woman who sat next to her in the street car, whom she ought she recognized as an acre of her girlhood. "Pardon me, she said. "but wasn't your

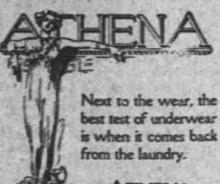
maiden name Blank?" "It is," was the key reply.-New York Sun.

Surely Not.

Mariner (relating some of his active service adventures)-An' me an' my mates was jost in the virgin forestvirgin, so to speak, because the hand of man had never before set foot there.

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"I've no idea," said the listener. "He tells him," concluded the angry one, "t' tell me dat he sin't in!"-Success Magazine.

Women In a Sailboat. There is just one place on a sailboat for women. That is the cockpit. Remember that and keep them there. even if it takes a somewhat pointed request. The average woman on a boat is not happy unless she is taking risks by sitting out on deck or on top of the cabin or going forward of the mast. Warn her and she laughs at you. She does not know that she is endangering herself. Less than a year ago I saw two women knocked overboard in a heavy sea because they in sisted on sitting on top of the cabin despite the protests of the man who was sailing the boat. He himself was a greenborn and let his boat jibe, the boom clearing the top of the cabin before any one could say Jack Robinson. -Outing.

Had a Better Story. "Did you see the account of that flash of lightning that burned the bair from a boy's head without otherwise burting him?"

"I did." answered the cheerful liar. "and I was pained to note the incompleteness of the story. Now, I happen to know of a case that is really remarkable. The lightning entered a barber's shop and not only undertook the task of singeing a man's hair, but it rung up the proper amount on the

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