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REFORM IN LEGISLATION.

One of the next reforms—and one badly needed—will effect states legislatures. The start has been made by Maryland, which has adopted rules that already have claimed national attention.

There have been two great evils in connection with the work of state legislatures. The first has been partizanahp and machine manipulation of measures designed for the benefit of the public. The other has been the smothering of good measures in committee.

The new rules adopted by both houses in Maryland are so framed as to put everything on a basis of publicity and to show up machinery wherever attempted and make the guilty persons responsible.

Although the Maryland legislature is republican, the rules put every measure, whether presented by anti-organization democrat, republican or an organization man, on the same plane. The Maryland senate rules provide that all bills introduced in the first month of the session must be reported within 20 days and all bills introduced after the first month within 15 days. The only way a committee may hold a bill longer is to ask for more time and have its request granted by the majority vote of the senate.

The house rules are even more drastic. They provide for the reporting of measures within the same time limit without any means of extension by a majority vote. The demand of 15 members that bills be reported becomes the demand of the whole house unless the rules are suspended by a two-thirds vote.

Rules such as these undoubtedly will be adopted by other state legislatures. They will tend to expedite legislation and to eliminate many of the evils that are now so patent to all in the present system of complicated law making.

A St. Louis young woman, struck by an automobile, has recovered \$3500 for injury to her eyelid. This is a poor reward for a driver so skillful that he can dodge an entire girl except one eyelid.

New York dispatches say they are painting palates with "a solution that produces a repulsive taste for cigarettes." Oh well, any taste for cigarettes is repulsive.

The telegraph trust has made a complete surrender to the government, and is tickled to do so. Who put the tick in tickled?

Pretty soon there will be nobody out of jail in Mexico except the bill collectors.

It is hoped that the "safety first" plan will extend to those cold storage eggs that explode

Kaiser William has sent for the estranged crown prince. Seems to have feared that he would jump to the Federal league.

On the whole it seems just as necessary to provide submarines that will float as those that will sink.

BRAZIL AND ITS COLORS.

Flag Day There Has Now Become the Great National Festival.

In the republic of Brazil, where the ruling language is Portuguese and a welcoming hand is extended alike to the European and the Asiatic immigrant, great attention has been paid for some years to the cultivation of a spirit of patriotism.

The cult of the flag has become more and more ardent in the hearts of that people, and the "feast of the flag" each recurring November is celebrated with more and more pomp and enthusiasm all over the immense empire and on every Brazilian ship, wherever it may be. In a country noted for its numerous saints' days the celebration of Flag day has become the true festival day.

Commenting on this, Le Bresil Economique of Rio Janeiro says: "Our people are imaginative and simple. A flag undulating in the breeze as it passes by to the strains of martial music, that the officers salute with the sword and before which everybody uncovers, speaks more strongly to the heart of the people than any dry historic date which presents nothing in the concrete and which to the ignorant recalls nothing of significance."

The lesson of the flag is taught to all the children of the schools in Brazil, and on Flag day they gather in the public squares of the city and town and, as in the United States, sing patriotic hymns.—Indianapolis News.

COLLEGE HAZING.

It Was Called "Wrecking" in Carthage in St. Augustine's Time.

At most American colleges it is called "hazing" at West Point it is called "crawling" and at English schools "ragging" is often applied. When St. Augustine was a boy they called it "wrecking."

In a translation of his "Confessions," for which I am indebted to a learned clerical friend, St. Augustine relates what the boys did at the University of Carthage:

"I would take no part in the wild doings of the 'wreckers,' a cruel and devilish name, which was looked upon as the stamp of the best set. I went about with them, and of some of them I made friends, yet I always disliked their ways of going on their wreckings their wanton attacks upon the shyness of freshmen and the unprovoked affronts with which they carried on their malignant amusement. Nothing could be more like the conduct of devils, and what name could be fitter for them than 'wreckers'."

That sounds as if the Carthage sophomore was fully as much endowed with self importance as the American sophomore. I may add that St. Augustine's criticism of "wrecking" is one more ancient proof that "boys will be boys."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Labby's Long Walk.

In "Bohemian Days in Fleet Street" is this Labouchere incident, which happened when he was in the diplomatic service and was sent on a mission to St. Petersburg:

Before starting he had a dispute with the foreign office about his expenses. The foreign office had his idea of the scale; Labouchere had his. But the office refused to reconsider its decision. Labouchere took his leave, crossed the channel and was to all appearance lost. A week after the appointed time he had not arrived at St. Petersburg. A representative of the foreign office was sent out on his trail. He was traced to Paris and from thence to Vienna, where he was run to earth. In reply to his discoverer he coolly said: "The foreign office refused to pay my expenses, and I'm walking to St. Petersburg."

Precocity.

Little Willie is really too precocious. I met him the other day with his school bag under his arm.

"Well, well," said I, "and so you go to school now, eh?"

"Sure, Mke!" said little Willie.

"Ain't I over six?"

"And do you love your teacher?" I asked.

"Aber ut!" said little Willie. "The old hen's too old for me."—Washington Star.

Adam's Apple.

The projection in the front of the throat in men, denoting the position of the thyroid cartilage, is styled "Adam's apple." It develops rapidly usually when the voice "breaks," being comparatively small in both children and women. The name arose from the tradition that when Adam attempted to swallow the apple in paradise it stuck in his throat, giving rise to the swelling since seen in all his adult male descendants.

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COMMITTEES DRAFT OUTLINE

PREPARATION TO ENTERTAIN 300 UNDER WAY.

Chairmen of Committees On Arrangements Appointed at Conference.

Affairs pertinent to the convention of Sunday school workers to be held in La Grande, April 30-May 3, inclusive, were gone over yesterday afternoon in this city when Rev. Chas. Phipps, state Sunday school worker, met with representatives from the various Sunday schools of La Grande. The immediate result of the meeting was the appointment of chairmen of committees to handle the convention which will bring fully 300 people

SHARP CUT IN RATES.

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package within the state will be 22 cents, on 10 pounds 23 cents; on 20 pounds 27 cents, on 30 pounds 30 cents, on 40 pounds 34 cents, on 50 pounds 37 cents, on 100 pounds 55 cents.

Below are shown some of the changes to be made in rates between Portland and La Grande and to Enterprise, comparing old and new rates:

To La Grande—	Old	New
5-lb package	\$.65	\$.27
10-lb package	.80	.34
20-lb package	1.10	.48
30-lb package	1.30	.62
40-lb package	1.50	.76
50-lb package	1.50	.90
100-lb package	2.85	1.60
To Enterprise—	Old	New
5-lb package	\$.70	\$.29
10-lb package	.90	.38
20-lb package	1.20	.56
30-lb package	1.50	.74
40-lb package	1.75	.92
50-lb package	1.75	1.10
100-lb package	3.40	2.00

from the eastern half of Oregon. It is the Eastern division of the Twin-State Sunday School conference. In addition to the Sunday school convention, there will be two conferences here, one for boys and one for girls, from the same district.

The chairmen who were named yesterday afternoon, are appended, and will select their committees shortly so that the details may be taken care of properly:

Executive—Robert Bakin; reception, Rev. R. E. Gose; registration, Mrs. J. K. Wright; entertainment, Dr. H. S. Brown; buildings, Rev. E. B. Fyke; music, Mrs. J. P. Graham; publicity, Thomas Morgan; banquet, J. K. Wright; boys' conference, John H. Rudd; girls' conference, Mrs. C. H. Upton.

John Dordan Improves.

John Dordan, who has been on the sick list since September, is now beginning to show improvement. The illness began with a swollen gland

on the left side of the neck. This was cut a number of times with good results. He was enabled to be at work for some time, but on the 16th day of December he was attacked by a severe case of rheumatism. He went to Hot Lake and remained there for several weeks. He has been confined to his home, and most of the time to his bed. While he is able to be up part of the day, he still is compelled to remain in bed most of the time. It is hoped that the return of warm weather will add to the rapidity of his recovery.

Infant Child Dies.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Trent of North Powder, died

in this city this afternoon. The body will lie in the Henry & Carr undertaking chapel until the arrival of No. 18 tonight when it will be shipped to North Powder for burial, which will take place tomorrow.

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