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PROGRESSIVES AND STANDPAT-TERS.

The Republican party in Oregon has suffered in the past from bad generalship, insincerity on the part of leaders toward the measures passed by the people, and a constant desire of a few to dictate to the many.

This does not mean that there is any occasion whatever for the Standpatters to feel that the Progressives are their enemies, for they are not. The Progressives are merely trying to save the ship. When a Progressive Republican calls attention to what in his judgment should be done to turn the party into the correct channels—to give an administration that the people will endorse—to overcome the lack of confidence which has existed in party leadership, that does not mean that personal enmity exists, but only a different view of matters.

Progressives and Standpatters who are big enough to stand before the public should not let these differences turn into personal matters, for every citizen of Oregon is valuable to the state and to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number must be the slogan upon which politics in this state is done or failure is sure to follow.

Honesty of purpose and the proverbial "Square Deal" are essential. Inside circles and close corporations cannot claim and hold the people's confidence and respect. This has been demonstrated in the past.

"THE BRAVEST MAN IN EUROPE"

The most powerful force in individual life is the social impulse. Not to do what everyone else is doing requires rigidity of character seldom found. They are calling Dr. Carl Liebknecht the bravest man in Europe, because while his entire nation is fighting with singular unanimity of purpose, he continues to hold out against militarism. He stands alone. There may be others of his people who think as he does; but no one else is expressing himself.

Liebknecht is a rebel of rebels. As

a leader of the Socialists he won a place in the Reichstag in the face of imperial opposition. He fought against war appropriations and has been tried for treason and has served time in prison for his views. Only his prominence saves him at this time. His party has repudiated and expelled him. Like Tolstoi, he is too representative, too conspicuous to be openly punished. Extreme punishment visited upon him would produce a costly reaction among the many who admire him whether or not they agree with him in all things.

His stamina as a lone fighter he inherited from his father, who challenged authority continually during his eventful career. He is a pacifist and a living reply to those who heap vilification upon all who dare to question the righteousness and necessity of war. He is brave enough to endure the epithet coward. Of entirely different temperament, his character nevertheless is like unto that of some of America's early abolitionists.

ASTORIA'S VICTORY.

Rejoicing in Astoria over the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission that makes a seaport of that city and endows upon it terminal rates along with Puget Sound points, reaches upstate into the Grande Ronde valley. The fight Astoria has made for this recognition has been enduring and many of us have thought from the start that Astoria had right on her side.

Portland's opposition to Astoria's claim seemed to be based on unsound principle, and now that the lower Columbia city has won it is up to Portland to fight for a reduction in rates proportionate to the haul, although it is very doubtful if she ever gets it.

How the tables do turn if people give them a little time. When the Inland Empire was championing its bit and frothing at the mouth about the long and short haul charge on merchandise from the east, Portland sat complacently by and said, "its terminal rates that count, my boy, you should move to a terminal if you expect such rates as you ask for."

But the Inland Empire never could see the justice of charging through rates to Portland and local rates back to interior points. Now Portland is touched with something like the same trouble that this country has experienced. She sees Astoria the recognized seaport of Oregon because Astoria is at deep water; she sees a terminal rate going to Astoria with Portland one hundred miles inland facing a fight for a cheaper rate than Astoria gets in order to maintain her ocean traffic.

Time works changes and the position one occupies today may be occupied by his neighbor tomorrow.

The British are said to be happy over the prospect that the German navy is coming out for a fight in the

open. The Germans also are reported pleased. What a satisfying little party it ought to be for all concerned.

Ferrets are being sent to the trenches by the hundreds to exterminate rats. Eventually the animal kingdom will be searched for some natural foe of the ferret.

Male attire, says an Oxford professor, is too stiff, formal, uncomfortable. Evidently he does not catalog the sport shirt under that heading.

A New York social survey shows one child three years old holding a daily job of flower making. It is supposed, of course, that his father does has banking.

Some men who are quick to remove their hats in an elevator have not yet learned, however, that it isn't the best of form to stick their knees in the back of a theatre seat occupied by a woman.

It may be that Villa's strenuous efforts to resist capture are due to his fears that if caught he will be placed on the vaudeville stage in the United States.

The wife of a New York lawyer says that she found, by the acid test, that her wedding ring was brass. Putting acid on a wedding ring is the last word in skepticism.

News from the St. Louis men's styles exhibit indicate that padding is in bad taste this year. If they conform with the styles, some of the broad shouldered giants we so much admired, will probably reveal a decided gothic style of architecture.

STORY OF A RIFLE

The Derringer Used In the Graves and Cilley Duel.

AND ALSO BY DAVY CROCKETT

It Was Made About a Century Ago and Is Still in Good Condition—The Meeting That Resulted in the Death of the Maine Congressman.

Among the thousands of relics in the United States National museum at Washington there are few objects more replete with historical interest than a certain derringer rifle, catalogue No. 9509. This rifle was used by Colonel David Crockett of Alamo fame and was also the weapon fired by Hon. William J. Graves in the duel with Hon. Jonathan Cilley, resulting in the death of the latter. It was made about a hundred years ago and is still in excellent condition.

Colonel Wright Rives, U. S. A., who deposited the rifle in the museum, states that it was made for his father, John Cook Rives, by Henry Derringer, John C. Rives was one of the publishers of the Congressional Globe, now the Congressional Record, and knew many congressmen, several of whom he was accustomed to take out to a field for rifle practice. Among them was David Crockett, pioneer hunter, soldier and congressman from 1827-31 and 1833-5, who later lost his life at the Alamo in the Texas struggle for freedom. Crockett seemed to particularly like this rifle and often joined the shooting parties to use it.

The circumstances which led to the fatal duel between Messrs. Graves and Cilley of the house of representatives, in which this rifle figured so conspicuously, were quite unusual and more or less complicated. The report of the investigating committee appointed by the house covers the story of this duel well. An abstract of it taken from "Notes on Duels and Duelling," by Lorenzo Sabine, follows:

On Feb. 12, 1838, Henry A. Wise of Virginia presented to the house a copy of the New York Courier and Enquirer, charging a member of congress with corruption, and asked for an investigation of the charge. Mr. Wise stated that the author of the article was vouched for by the editor of the paper and that the house was called upon to defend its honor. Jonathan Cilley, member from Maine, opposed the resolution and in debate said that if it was the same editor who once made charges against a certain institution and later received facilities amounting to \$52,000 from the same institution, which he then gave his hearty support, he did not think the recent charges were entitled to much credit in an American congress. Mr. Cilley was quoting a published house committee report on the subject, but a few days later the editor of the paper, Colonel James Watson Webb, addressed a note to him asking if he were the editor referred to and, if so, demanding an explanation.

This note was directly responsible for the duel between Cilley and William J. Graves of Kentucky, who undertook its delivery on the floor of the house for his friend Colonel Webb. Mr. Cilley refused to receive the note, because he chose to be drawn into no controversy with Colonel Webb, stating that by so doing he meant no disrespect to the bearer. But he refused to affirm or deny anything in regard to Colonel Webb's character. Mr. Graves

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was not satisfied, however, and several notes between them were exchanged, with the result that Mr. Graves finally challenged Mr. Cilley because he would not say whether he refused the note on the grounds of any personal exception to Colonel Webb as a man of honor.

Naturally Mr. Cilley denied Mr. Graves the right to demand an absolute "yes" or "no" answer and accepted the challenge.

Their seconds, Hon. George W. Jones, delegate from Wisconsin territory, for Mr. Cilley and Hon. Henry A. Wise of Virginia, for Mr. Graves, arranged the details of the duel, which was fought with rifles at a distance of about ninety yards near the road to Marlborough, in Maryland. Mr. Wise experienced some difficulty in securing a rifle for Mr. Graves' use, but finally succeeded in borrowing Mr. Rives' derringer rifle.

The duel was scheduled for 3 p. m. on Feb. 24, 1838, and the two parties met near the boundary line of the District, on the Marlborough road. Mr. Cilley was accompanied by his second, Mr. Jones; his friends, Mr. Bynum of North Carolina and Colonel James W. Schaumburg, and by Dr. Duncan of Ohio as his surgeon. Mr. Graves was attended by Mr. Wise, his second; by his friends, Senator Crittenden and Mr. Menefee of Kentucky, and Dr. Foltz of the city of Washington. The ground was marked off and the contestants took their places, with rifles cocked and triggers set. Mr. Jones gave the word. Mr. Cilley fired first and Mr. Graves a second or two after him, but both missed. Despite the efforts of their friends to adjust the matter after each had been exposed to the fire of the other, no satisfactory arrangement could be made, and they exchanged shots again, also without effect. Still being unable to agree after much further argument, their rifles being loaded, they went to their positions the third time. This time Cilley was shot through the body and killed.

The congressional committee found Mr. Graves guilty of a breach of privileges in the house, but held that Mr. Cilley had remained within his rights. They recommended the expulsion of Mr. Graves from the house and that the seconds and friends be censured.

Albany, N. Y. Feb. 24.—On the theory that nurses and attendants assigned to state institutions sometimes become so immoral that they have to be discharged chairman Ordway of the state civil service commission today sought legislation providing for the moral character of all such applicants for state institution positions.

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Fanny Ward, the famous American star, who is to be seen at the Arcade on Friday and Saturday, in the Jesse L. Lasky production of "The Cheat," as the extravagant young society leader, has ample opportunity to introduce a number of the latest Parisian gowns. Miss Ward was fortunate enough to receive a number of the latest fashions from Paris just before her costume was called to the French colors. These gowns show very short skirts with pantalettes underneath. That they will be interesting to the feminine observer goes without saying. In addition to the striking gowns, Miss Ward is given an opportunity to display her wonderful collection of jewels, among which is the famous pear-shaped pearl, presented to her by the late Arch-Duchess Isabelle of Austria, and the famous leugia blue diamond, valued at twentyfive thousand dollars.

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