

How often I and Benjamin,
That girl of former Sator,
Upon that rustic gate have hung,
A loving pair of gates.
It was Love's Portal; never gate
Was loved so by a lover;
The little pigs crawl under it,
But Cupid, he went over.
Twas hard to open and to close,
As many a gate one sees;
And stood a squeaking monument,
To numerous tight squeaks.
No matter how the weather was,
My happiness I sought there;
There was a something in the catch,
Perhaps, for I was taught there.
That gate to me now opens and shuts,
Without the least of bother,
Because I married Benjamin,
And live here with her father.

OUR SUNDAY LAWS.

A Movement to Enforce Them in the Municipality of this State.
There is a movement on foot in Portland to enforce the Sunday laws. A committee of citizens and clergymen, headed by Archbishop Goss, recently went before the city council there with a petition signed by 3000 legal voters of the city, demanding the enforcement of the Sunday laws of the state. The Archbishop was spokesman and delivered the following address:
"This petition contains the names of 3000 legal voters of Portland. They most respectfully request you to adopt such means in your power and as your wisdom may suggest looking to the enforcement of the state laws requiring the proper observance of Sunday. I am proud to be the spokesman of these men. You will find in this petition the names of our very best citizens, citizens of whom any city may well be proud, of every political party, Democrats and Republicans, gentlemen of every shade of religious belief. All believe in the existence of a God, and it is his child owes a duty to his parent to consider that we owe a higher duty to God, he who has given us our kind, tender mother and father. We believe that there is another life than this one; this life would not be worth living unless there was. Therefore, we ought to set apart one day in the week to do our duty to him.
"We are all American citizens. [Applause.] We love our country, America, and sincerely wish it a grand future. The true and real welfare of a state is in the virtue of its citizens. A nation needs armies and fleets, but more necessary is honor, and still more necessary is virtue. When crime permeates a state it is goodly to liberty, honor and virtue. All depends upon the piety and virtue of the inhabitants of the state. [Applause.] Every citizen who represents vice and promotes virtue does commendable work. Therefore it is not asking too much of you to respect this petition from bankers, merchants and men in every condition of life, who simply ask the proper observance of the Sunday laws of the state."
The Sunday laws of the state of Oregon, taken from Hill's code, are:
Sec. 1890—If any person shall keep open any store, shop, grocery, hall, alley, billiard room or tipping house, for the purpose of labor or traffic, or any place of amusement on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday or the Lord's day, such person, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5, or more than \$50; provided that the above provision shall not apply to the keepers of drug stores, doctor shops, undertakers, livery stable keepers, barbers, butchers and bakers, and all circumstances of necessity and mercy may be pleaded in defense which shall be treated as questions of fact for the jury to determine when the offense is tried by jury.
Sec. 1890—No person shall keep any open house or room in which intoxicating liquor is kept for retail on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, or give or sell, or otherwise dispose of intoxicating liquors on that day. Any person violating this section shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$25 nor less than \$10 for each offense, and such fines to be for the use of common schools in the county where the offense is committed; provided that this section so far as it prohibits keeping open a house or room, shall not apply to tavern keepers.

Parties—The Constitution.

When the constitution of the United States was framed more than one hundred years ago, there were still many lurking traces of old world aristocratic notions; and faith in the wisdom, sense, honesty and patriotism of the masses of the people was much less than it has since become. The choice of the president and vice-president was committed to electors to be selected by the several states, because it was thought that the few leading men who were made electors would exercise greater wisdom in selecting the president than the masses of the people could do. National party, convention and nominations of presidential candidates were unknown in the early history of the government. It was not until 1822 that they came into vogue, though nominations of president and vice-president had been made by party caucuses of congressmen. But in the first three presidential elections the electors were not hampered in any way. They exercised their full right of choosing the president as the constitution intended they should. Legally, they have the same right now. But so well it is now understood that an elector is not to perform the mere routine act of casting one vote for a candidate previously nominated, that no elector would dare for his life to vote otherwise than for his party's candidate. Even in that overthrow of the people's verdict in the Tilden-Hayes contest the Republican leaders, anxious as they were, did not attempt to change the vote of any recognized Tilden elector. A president installed by the treachery of an elector voting against his party's candidate would in all probability be thrown out by a revolution.

Wheel and Woe: "Do you warrant the bicycle to be gentle?" "I don't understand you sir." "I want to know about its habits. The last bicycle I had not only hurt me, but whirled about as I tried to jump and landed all over me."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

November 8, 1901.
The story of the destruction of the United States ship "Baltimore," by a Chilean torpedo-boat, is discredited here as such an outrage could not have been perpetrated without the assistance of the Chilean authorities. That they should participate in such an affair (the nations not being at war) would imply a recklessness incredible on the part of a civilized people. Possibly some Chilean navy captain might take it into his head to destroy the "Baltimore," with the direct purpose of forcing a war, for the sake of temporary popularity; he might thereby gain. Captain Schley, no doubt, is looking after the "Baltimore" with due vigilance. So far as can be judged by the latest advice from Valparaiso, conditions are changing for the better, and no disposition is manifested to provoke a rupture with the United States, though there is, no doubt, considerable irritation over the Chilean affair; and it is also said that the expulsion of Chileans from the California mines in the days of the Argonauts is still remembered by some who dream of obtaining revenge at San Francisco.

The young men of Santiago were considerably excited over the reported conspiracy to assassinate Col. Canto, and demanded that summary punishment be meted out to the Beluacellis alleged to be concerned in the plot and protected by the American legation; but the reply of the President-elect Montt to the Santiago demonstration was couched in the most conservative terms, and showed that he would countenance no violence. There was really no knowledge in possession of the junta pointing to the existence of a plot, and even if there were, the authorities would be governed by the laws of the country in its investigations. A late dispatch from Valparaiso says that in the notice issued by Intendente Carlos Lira to the crowd of hot-headed young Chileans at Santiago, who were unduly exciting themselves about the reported plot to assassinate Col. Canto, he only said that there was no truth in the stories published by some of the local papers, but added that no arrests had been made. He criticised severely the paper responsible for the charges. The U. S. Government is hastening the completion of the Mianotum and Atlanta to have them in readiness for any contingency, and workmen are busy upon them day and night, last Sunday having been the first devoted to work in the Brooklyn Navy Yard since the war. A show of activity and strength will no doubt aid negotiation. There is also further assurance of a peaceful settlement of the Chilean matter in the fact that some of her most influential citizens, including President-elect Montt and his brother and Mr. Foster, were once American citizens and know the wealth and power of this country. These gentlemen formerly known as George, Peter and Julius respectively, and now styled in Chili, Jorge, Pedro and Julio, and other influential and conservative Chileans will no doubt insure a peaceful course in spite of the prejudices of the Chilean rabble. In a few days the Speakership contest will be transferred to this city. The candidates will open their headquarters here two weeks or more before the meeting of Congress. A very large number of the members of the next House will come to Washington unpledged, though the majority of them have expressed their preferences in one way or another. But it is an open fight yet. There has been some talk of a projected contest in the caucus, but that does not seem probable. The caucus will be held the Saturday before Congress convenes and a few ballots will be apt to settle the Speakership question. The candidates generally express great confidence in their own strength and in the weakness of "the other fellow." At one time it looked as if there might be considerable bitterness developed, but the wisdom of such a course is apparent to those who were at one time disposed to make the campaign one of personal attack rather than argument, and now the struggle promises to be one of calculation and reason, with a strong element of enthusiasm.

Speculation as to President nominees

are as abundant in Washington as elsewhere, and as uncertain. Cleveland, Hill and Flower are each a possibility on the Democratic side; so, in fact, are others, including Mr. Gorman, who has many admirers; probably Cleveland, and Boies for second place, are now oftentimes named. On the Republican side Harrison and McKinley seem to lead, though Blaine would, no doubt, be nominated if he so desired. The more prevalent opinion probably is that he will not run. His health is good, so far as known here, and he is, apparently, fully recovered from the exhaustion, sickness, infirmity or whatever mysterious cause it was that kept him at the North during the summer. Between the enterprising correspondents who confidently asserted for many weeks that he was a broken down man, and the other wideawake fellows who as positively affirmed that he had never been sick, but was getting better every day, the public was somewhat puzzled. It is probable that he needed rest and very sensibly took it, and both his political friends and his opponents can but rejoice in his recuperation. CAPITAL.

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