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VOTING BY MACHINERY.

The coming Oregon legislature will probably have brought before it some changes in our present system of voting the Australian ballot, and among other things proposed will be to introduce an automatic machine.

The method of voting is described as follows: The voter enters a room, and standing before a set of keys votes for his choice of candidates each in turn.

By an automatic device, when one key is pressed down, it is locked and cannot be pressed down again until the voter has left the booth.

As will be seen, the process of voting is as simple as under present methods, while the opportunities for fraud are reduced to a minimum.

The time occupied in voting would be somewhat less than with the Australian ballot. In one town in New York, there were three tickets and a total of ninety candidates.

The time occupied by the individual voters ranged from five seconds to one and three-quarter minutes—the longest interval being considerably less than that allowed under the reformed ballot law for the voter to mark his ballot.

The advantages gained by the machine are absolute secrecy, the impossibility of tampering with the voter's ballot, the rapidity with which the result is known, the accuracy of this result, and the economy of the system.

The cost of each precinct is estimated at from \$75 to \$100. We are not reliably informed, but it is safe to estimate that there are 1000 precincts in Oregon, hence the adoption of this system at a cost of \$100,000 will probably not meet with approval by the tax payers.

THOUSANDS ARE STARVING.

Everyday the newspapers have accounts of the destitution, privations, and even in some cases of starvation in the drouth-smitten states of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, etc., many of which are extremely heart-rending.

There are relief corps forming in many states to help these miserable people, but still there is not near enough food, clothing, etc., being sent to them.

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Tired, Weak, Nervous, Could Not Sleep.

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Dr. MILES' NERVINE

It cures. Dr. MILES' NERVINE is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit.

What you can find at the RACKET STORE.

- TABLE CLOTHS. TOWELS. CRASH. LACE CURTAINS. COUNTERPANES. Heavy Cotton HOSE. WRITING TABLETS. PENS. INK. PENCILS. COMBS. BRUSHES.

Best of all is the line of SHOES.

This space is RESERVED for the NEW LIVERY STABLE.

C. O. GROVES, Proprietor. Second street, bet. C and Monmouth.

While You Are Touching Things Up,

Remember that PATTERSON BROS. The Druggists

Have a fine stock of Prepared PAINTS.

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LOOK HERE!

We are right after you. Read this and smile while we weep. We have about sixty Ladies and Children's Jackets, which we are going to sell REGARDLESS OF COST.

See these prices and Come Running for they will not last long.

MEN'S Long Rubber Boots - \$3.75. MEN'S Short " " - 2.50. CHILDREN'S A 1 School Shoes 1.00.

Clothing and Dress Goods, (Any way to assist you for CASH.)

A Short Time Only. STOCKTON & HENKLE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MONMOUTH. Did we but strive to make the best of troubles that befall us, instead of meeting them half way, they would not so appal us.

Quite a number enjoyed a social dance at the hall last Tuesday night.

Clifton McArthur, of Portland, is visiting with relatives at this place.

Mrs. Washburn, of Springfield, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Clifford Kaykendall started to school at Monmouth Wednesday.

School opened again Monday.

ELKINS.

TURNUED LOOSE. We turned our Dutchman loose for three days and he took the team and sled and gathered rubbish, scraps of boards with nails in, a dangerous thing for a horse to step on, rails that were not in use and rotting on the ground were all piled up ready for use, when wanted.

All scraps were taken to the wood pile. The result was that we have our summers wood and when I went out on the place I got lost and it took two Dutchmen to convince me that I lived there, the place looked so much better I did not know it.

A great many farms would be better by having a Dutchman turned loose on them. Look out we are going to turn our Dutchman loose on something else next week.

In looking over our pot of political knowledge this week we find our national debt is \$62 per capita. Our money is about \$23 or \$24 per capita, our custom and revenues has declined one-fourth, and our expenses are increasing at a suicidal rate, so our treasury below the reserve and so soon after the sale of \$108,000,000 bonds. The most of all the values in our country reduced until it will amount to the billion mark.

Nothing but actual experience could have convinced me of this. The United States once the most glorious government and country on the globe to be brought to this. Verily we are governed by Pres. Cleveland and a democratic administration.

In Ohio the miller pays 45 cents per bushel for wheat and sells flour at \$2.65 per barrel, wholesale; 104 pounds off at 90 cents, and clears 25 cents per bushel, a 50 per cent profit. What is the farmers profit on 31 cent wheat that cost 40 cents a bushel to raise?

Now is the time for farmers to dig ditches and put in tilling. The surface water shows where the ditches are needed and gives the fall necessary and the ground is easy to dig now, but were is the mighty dollar to buy the tilling.

The entertainment given at the Elkin's school-house was a grand success. A large and intelligent audience was delightfully entertained by a jolly and dramatic class.

We hear of considerable sickness. Several cases of typhoid and scarlet fever. Word come to us that typhoid is prevailing in Darke county, Ohio.

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The plow run against so much wet weather that it had to stop. Two weeks more school at Elkin's school-house.

Gramma Smith is getting very feeble.

BUENA VISTA.

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