

## PARLIAMENTARY RULES.

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By parliamentary rules, properly speaking, is meant that collection of customs and rules by which the proceedings of deliberative assemblies are governed.

They are called parliamentary rules, because most of the general principles and rules were derived from the British Parliament.

The title "Parliamentary Rules," is often improperly applied to every collection of rules, general and special, used for the government of deliberative bodies, of whatever nature.

Parliamentary rules, proper, are

ern. They are no more parliamentary law, than are our State statutes common law.

The rules of the Senate of the United States would be poorly adapted, as a whole, to the government of the Senate of the State of Oregon. Each of these bodies requires a code of government adapted to the peculiarities of its constitution, situation, and purposes.

The same general principles and rules of government are common to each, but in many details they differ.

These rules, general and special, have one and the same object—to properly and orderly obtain the sense or will of the assembly, and to expedite the transaction of the business for which it is formed.

quires the use of so many deliberative assemblies, it is highly necessary that a knowledge of parliamentary law should become general.

Our political meetings and conventions, our legislative bodies, our numerous associations and societies, and even our 4th-of-July celebrations, are governed and conducted in accordance with parliamentary practice.

To any of you who would attain prominence and influence in a community, or who are ambitious of political preferment, I would say make yourselves familiar with parliamentary law.

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those customs and usages only, which are common to the code of government of all deliberative assemblies. They are, as it were, the common law of assembly government. But just as every State has certain statutory enactments and special laws, which, in particular cases, supersede the common law, which would in the absence of these, govern all; so each permanent deliberative body has certain self-enacted special rules of government, which are peculiar to itself, and which arise from special wants and needs. These are always in the nature of exceptions to the general rules upon the points which they gov-

A knowledge of parliamentary law is of great advantage to a member of any deliberative body.

A few members who are thoroughly conversant with the rules by which the assembly is governed, even if they belong to the minority, can in a great measure control the proceedings of the body.

A minority with a leader skilled in parliamentary usage, often defeats, or at least delays, the plans of a dangerous majority.

In a government like ours, where the people compose the legislative assemblies, and the political system re-

THE scenery along Burnt river, Eastern Oregon, is truly wonderful, and to persons unaccustomed to mountain life, it must present unusual attractions. Great walls of granite, shale, basalt, and sandstone, loom up hundreds of feet above the winding bed of the river, along the narrow bottom lands of which the stage road, or rather the Burnt river toll road, is constructed.

A WOMAN who heard Camilla Urso play on the violin, writes, that "it whispered, and wept, and sobbed, and shivered." The majority of fiddles cause the listener to "weep, and sob, and shiver." And they don't "whisper," either. They just screech, and shriek, and yell, and howl like a juvenile fog whistle with the delirium tremens.