

versity is becoming a disgrace to the state and the nation. An end should be put to such conduct as the students are credited with even if every one of them has to be sent home and the doors of the institution closed.

Senator Ingalls is a brilliant man, and says many things that sting like darts and have about the same effect as pouring acid upon healing wounds. Upon every possible occasion he waves the bloody shirt and tears open the gashes of the civil war. His latest exploit was to prostitute Memorial Day by a speech of rancorous bitterness because the day before a few confederate flags had been displayed at Richmand upon the occasion of the unveiling of a statue of General Lee. What would Senator Ingalls and his equally uncharitable applauders have? The people of the south fought four years, with desperate valor, under the confederate flag, and they were less than human if they did not ever hold it in tender regard. That they love to see it upon fit occasions—and the unveiling of a statue to their great military hero was certainly such—does not indicate that they are not loyal to the union or that did the need arise they would not fight as valiantly for the stars and stripes as they did for the stars and bars. If the soldiers of the south were so lost to lofty sentiment as to cease to have a tender regard for the flag they followed on so many bloody fields, we might well mistrust their loyalty. But as it is, they now are, beyond doubt, a portion of the nation that can be relied upon when the trial comes, and it would be well for the country if these chronic fault finders would turn their attention to other things.

The election is over in Oregon, and though the pot has not yet ceased to call the kettle black, the masses of our citizens are again settled down into the grooves from which they were temporarily shaken. A sigh of relief has gone up on every side that the great day devoted by free American citizens to fraud, chicanery, treachery, bribery and corruption has gone, to come not back again for at least two years. It is a sad thing to see otherwise honorable citizens engaged in the work of prostituting the manhood of others, more so, even, than to see the degraded mass of unworthy citizens selling their votes for the price of a meal of victuals. Thank heaven, it is over! And now if the legislature will give us a registry law and the Australian ballot system we may congratulate ourselves that Oregon politics will never again reach such depths of corruption.

The election last Monday confirmed the position of Oregon as a firm republican state, notwithstanding

the republican candidate for governor was defeated upon false local issues and the treachery of men who have enjoyed high honors at the hands of the party they so basely betrayed. The majority of Mr. Hermann is larger than it was when he was last elected to congress, showing both his own great strength and the weakness of his opponent, and the majorities of the republican state officers is also large and decisive. A difference of 10,000 votes for governor is the result of a campaign of pure demagogism, aided by the blackest party treachery even Oregon's rotten politics have ever known, by which those guilty of that conduct have earned the contempt alike of all honorable men of both parties.

The sixth of June was the anniversary of the great conflagration in Seattle. The transformation which has been wrought in the year that has passed since the entire business portion of the city was laid in ashes is simply marvelous. With finer business blocks, with new railroad and steamboat lines, with a great accessions to her industries and population, Seattle stands to-day even a greater city than she gave promise of being before the hot breath of fire swept over her. She is a living monument to the vitality of our western cities, and has justified all the confidence ever expressed in her future greatness.

A million dollars have been subscribed for the university of Chicago, whose chief object will be to make more Baptists. Of this sum John D. Rockefeller gave \$600,000, which goes to show that though riches may keep their possessor out of heaven, he can use them to assist others to get in; this proves that it is not the riches that close the gates, but the possession of them.

The Illinois state prohibition party platform endorses woman suffrage, free coinage of silver, retirement of national bank circulation, election of senators by the people, the Australian ballot system, service pension, Sabbath law, government control of railways and telegraph lines and a few other things; in fact, almost everything except prohibition.

In this number is given a detailed account of a winter sealing voyage to Behring sea, duly attested as to its authenticity. It will be somewhat of a surprise to both the government and the Alaska Commercial Company to learn that the sealing preserves are being thus raided during the winter season.

The people of Portland will have another opportunity to hear Mr. Locke Richardson in his Shakespearean readings at the high school, Saturday night. He has selected "King Lear" for his subject.