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Evidence seems pretty conclusive that Mrs. Belle Guinness the inhuman monster, guilty of so many murders is still alive, as she was seen fleeing from the house after firing it.

Monday, Attorney General Bonaparte filed in the United States supreme court a petition for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the United States court of appeals in the \$29,000,000 Standard Oil case.

How about those roses have you planted a lot for the coming season? Right now is one of the best times in the year to plant them. Be sure and make the bed good and rich with decayed wood, vegetable mould, or well rotted barn yard fertilizers.

A confidence man in New York buncoed John D. Rockefeller and secured the goods, but Coal Oil Johnnie had him promptly arrested. He should be given a gold medal and a pension. The man that can out-Cesar Caesar in the con game should be rewarded.

Were you truly thankful, thankful that you are alive and in the best country on the face of the earth, Thursday? It is something to be thankful for, because with all the objectionable features of the American life and government it is the best on earth.

White Salmon, Washington, the apple center of the "North Bank" road, holds the record for liberality in raising an advertising fund. The entire population of the village and valley of White Salmon does not exceed 600 people, and at a recent meeting they raised \$2200, or almost \$4 apiece.

A pound of English walnuts at 20 cents it is said is a better bargain than a pound of porchouse steak at 25 cents a pound as it will produce about 20 percent more in weight of food material and energy. Pecans make even a better showing. The man who owns a few English walnut trees has as good a thing as a butcher shop according to the wise guys of the experiment stations.

The Standard Oil trust started in 1862 with \$1000 and is now worth about \$4,000,000,000. Coal Oil Johnnie D. declares it was all accumulated honestly, that no unfair advantage was taken. Yes, a horse thief would say the same if he got away with the goods after a hard chase. He would have a hard time making the people believe him just the same as the horse thief would have trouble to convince the owner of the equine that it was fair for the thief to take the horse.

It is surprising to note how the Portland dailies in speaking of the St. Johns dry docks when telling of the splendid work that institution is doing, the vessels they handle, the pay roll, etc., as the Portland dry dock; but in this case where a watchman was murdered it is "the St. Johns dry dock." Perhaps it is just as well, Portland has all the dispute she can well carry and if she can saddle the work of her thugs and yegs onto some of her neighbors it will relieve the contrast to some extent.

Portland's position as a wheat shipping port is prominently set forth in the latest bulletin of exports of the Department of Commerce and Labor. In the period from January 1 to November 1, 1908, the total exports of wheat from this port amounted to 11,387,696 bushels. New York is the only port in the United States that shipped more wheat than Portland and the excess in favor of the Eastern city was 1,137,989 bushels in that time. The combined Puget Sound ports came third in the list with total shipments of 9,948,925 bushels, or 1,438,681 bushels less than Portland.

Some of our friends have objected to that part of the new primary law regulating the registration of voters which compels them to state their political party. It is wrong, worse than wrong, it is evil in every sense of the word. It virtually does away with the secrecy of the Australian ballot system, and has the appearance of having been made for that purpose. It conduces to perjury and is the most vicious regulation we are aware of in connection with the casting of the ballot. It is nobody's business what the politics of the voter is. And if the voter is compelled to state what ticket he will vote it gives those who may have some authority of power over him to coerce him into voting against his own wishes, or suffer injury for exercising his right under the law. If our coming legislature would cut out that part of the registration law it would be doing the country a great good.

Mr. A. Democrat gives the other side of the senatorial situation in another column. To the greater part of which we fully agree. But there are some things which need a little fixing. He says that to register as a republican and then vote for a democrat is not perjury. True for you, but to swear you are a republican as these democrats are reported to have done, who had always been democrats in order to get a look in at the republican primary; then by their joining the faction of the republican party that was trying to foist an inflexible upon the ticket, thus enabling them to accomplish their purpose; then to work for the democrats, with the democrats after the primary, enabling them to elect the democratic candidate for senator proving conclusively that they never were or had any thought of being republicans,—if it is not perjury, we would like for Mr. Democrat to give it a name. We registered as a republican voted as a republican in most cases, voted for Taft's electors and yet we voted for Tom Word, because we believed he was the better man for this particular office, but we did not commit perjury because we did not swear to a lie when we swore that the republican party was our party. Neither were we attempting to commit a fraud by registering as a republican and then voting for Tom Word; but these democrats if they are guilty as charged were guilty of perjury because they swore they were republicans and then voted only for Calkins in the primary and everywhere else voted strictly democratic vote.

We do not know anything derogatory of Governor Chamberlain except that when he gets into the senate if he does, he will be opposed to the present administration, will do all he can to hamper its operations. He would not be a democrat if he did not. They all do. No one knows that so well as one who has been through the mill, and they all have the same story to tell. Therefore, as we said last week, if Mr. Chamberlain receives his favorable position by the fraud charged, we consider every statement No. 1 man absolved from his pledge for the reason that a promise or pledge obtained by fraud is not binding nor can it be.

The ridicule bestowed upon the "tub" in party by Mr. Democrat is well deserved. It is a record the republicans can well be ashamed of. It is a case of "I told you so" with us. Our files will show that we made the statement more than once before election that if the republicans persisted in their fighting among themselves, the democrats although only a small minority in the state, would work their will with the republican party. They have done so before, or Mr. Democrat boasts, and will do it again if the party does not quit following the old rotten ring that has dominated it the past ten years and organize under new leaders who will eliminate the petty jealousies and bring harmony into the ranks. We hope to see a good, strong republican sent to the senate if the charges against the democrats can be proven. We are patiently waiting for the proof. We do not believe everything we hear against either friend or foe. There are too many who delight to lie and make trouble. When we see the evidence, it is then time enough to determine whether guilty or not.

Coal Oil Johnnie says "taint me", says Flagler and Todd did it.

All the countries of Europe and Asia are talking war and making strenuous efforts in preparation for war, but Uncle Sam is sawing wood and saying nothing.

And now Canada is clamoring for a navy. She had better come over the line and borrow Uncle Sam's. She can have it and welcome if she will take the oath of allegiance to the stars and stripes and take the fourth of July for her birthday. It will come to that someday.

Mr. Democrat thinks George Chamberlain "can lick any republican in the state to a standstill on a popular vote". We will bet a first round game on a last year's coon track against a box of doughnuts with the reins eaten off, that Mr. Chamberlain will be one of the worst fooled men that ever went into a campaign the next time he comes up for a popular vote. We have faith enough in the republicans of the state to believe that they have been playing the "derrid rule", as Josh Billings used to put it, long enough and that hereafter there will be something different in Oregon politics.

We wish to secure a good correspondent and solicitor in every section of the Peninsula. Will not the different push clubs take this matter up and see that their own particular locality is covered each week with one or more correspondents. If two correspondents from the same locality sends the same item we will cut out the duplicated notes. This means much to the Peninsula and we hope our friends will take hold of the matter and give us all the news on the entire Peninsula. Any one wishing to do this work please call at our office or address us here and we will give all the information necessary for the work.

Mr. C. Latham has opened up the shop formerly operated by C. Peterson and will do general blacksmithing. He has a fine location and should be able to secure a good business.

OPPOSED TO INITIATIVE.

Judge Charles H. Casev in an address before the Oregon bar Wednesday of last week makes among other objections to the initiative and referendum that it requires the exercise of an extraordinary degree of intelligence, impartiality, and devotion on the part of those having the right of suffrage, as if all the intelligence, impartiality and devotion of the nation was confined to the legislative halls. It would make one laugh.

There is one suggestion the judge makes which it would be well to adopt and that is, to limit the number of initiative measures that could be submitted at any one election. But another restriction he would place upon the initiative is vicious and would eliminate much of the power of the law, that is, to confine the initiative to bills that have been introduced and failed to pass in the legislature and those that have been vetoed by the governor. There are many instances where most beneficial measures have been offered time and again without even getting a hearing before the legislature. This the initiative as it now stands would remedy. That the initiative and referendum needs some improvement and will receive it goes without saying, but such radical changes as suggested by the learned judge would destroy the usefulness of the law and we do not believe the people will stand for it.

NOTICE.

Look out for the Methodist bazaar—Wednesday Dec. 2.—many useful articles on sale, such as aprons of all kinds, quilts, stockings, laundry and clothebins bags and many useful and fancy articles suitable for presents. A chicken pie dinner served both noon and evening. Price, 25 cents.

A LUCKY ACCIDENT.

The drayteam Henry Gosney drives must belong to the drayhorses' union. Monday evening Henry was unloading some goods at one of our stores and while he was carrying them into the store, the team struck because it was after time and against their rules to work overtime without extra pay. They struck right down the track for home and never stopped until they met a strike buster in the shape of one of the new trolley cars near the post office. The motorman expected the horses to turn out and did not try to stop the car until he was almost onto the team. He happened to notice there was no driver in sight and put on the emergency brake, but it was too late to prevent a collision. The tongue of the wagon was broken off which was all the damage that occurred to the vehicle, but the tongue tore the whole end out of the front of the car and knocked the headlight off to the middle of the street. When Henry, who had discovered the absence of the team and chased after them arrived, one of the horses was standing quietly, while the other one was sitting on the ground like a dog, waiting for the car to get out of the way. Neither of the horses was in the least excited, but took the whole affair as a matter of course. There was a little scratch on the nose of one of the horses and another on his side. It was a very fortunate accident, fortunate that the horses were not killed and that the tongue of the wagon did not injure the motorman on the car.

A PRACTICAL INVENTION.

It is believed by those who witnessed the test at White Bluffs, Wash., last week that the invention of a Montana man effectually solves the problem of harnessing the ordinary river currents for power purposes in irrigation. A dozen of the prominent men of White Bluffs were invited by the inventor to witness the tests of his machine on the river. The demonstration proves beyond all question of doubt that he has succeeded in securing enormous power from a slow running current.

The motor is an augur-shaped wheel, seven feet in diameter and 39 feet long. It rests on a trough with a flaring mouth. As the water of the river current passes through the trough it forces the wheel to revolve, and the suction of the water after it has passed the augur adds to the velocity of the wheel.

At the demonstration, the inventor turned in an 8-inch head of water, in a 20-foot standpipe erected over his boat. The standpipe were attached to crude pumps. When the small head of water struck the wheel it forced a gushing stream out of the top of the standpipe. When 28 inches was allowed to flow through the trough for a second or two, the water rose to a height of twenty feet above the top of the pipe. More water was turned in, and the pumps broke in their efforts to respond to the force of the wheel.

Brakes attached to the augur-shaped wheel had no apparent effect on it. What power the machine will develop when the full head of 84 inches is turned on, neither the inventor nor the engineers present at the test could estimate.

Mr. Morrison, the inventor of the water-current motor, is the owner of extensive sheep interests in Montana, and after his experiments here with his new machine, he immediately left for his former home to dispose of his ranches and stock in order to invest his capital in water motors. The machine can be constructed for a couple of hundred dollars, and its

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REBEKAH CONVENTION.

The Rebekahs held their annual district convention in the Artisan's hall Tuesday the 24th, Mrs. May A. Smith of Grants Pass, president of the Rebekah assembly was present during the session. Eleven lodges were represented and there were about 200 members in attendance. After a short session they adjourned to the banquet room, where a bounteous spread was thoroughly enjoyed by all. At 2 o'clock the con-

BUILDING PERMITS.

No. 96 to C. E. Woodley, to erect residence on lot 3, block 8 in South Johns fronting on Stafford between Buchanan and Wall streets, for S. J. Norton.

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