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Representative Lafferty has introduced a national direct primary law for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President on the second Monday of July, 1916, and every four years thereafter. The candidate receiving a plurality of votes in any state is to be credited with a number of votes equal to the number of Senators and Representatives to which that state is entitled, thus preserving to each state the same relative strength it now has in national conventions. The returns from all of the states are to be canvassed by a national primary board, and the result officially declared. It is further provided that no candidate for nomination as President shall spend in excess of \$25,000, and no candidate for Vice President to spend in excess of \$10,000, but the Government shall print a primary publicity pamphlet in which each presidential candidate may take eight pages at \$1,000 per page, and each candidate for Vice President may take four pages at \$1,000 per page. The pamphlets are to be mailed to each registered voter in the United States at least ten days prior to the Presidential primaries. Another publicity pamphlet for the final election is to be mailed to each voter by the Government in like manner, but space therein is to be furnished to the nominees of the different parties without charge. Mr. Lafferty says it will not cost over \$100,000 to print and deliver these publicity pamphlets to the twelve million voters of the United States, which is only one hundredth part of the cost of one battleship.

While each Congressman is allowed only 22,000 packages of garden and flower seeds, Representative Lafferty this year secured for the people of Multnomah county 52,000 packages by having the extra 30,000 names addressed and placed on file with the Agricultural Department. When the Congressional distribution ends the first of April of each year, the Department nearly always has a few seeds left over, which are sent out to names furnished by Congressmen upon ready addressed frank. Representative Lafferty had the entire registration list of Multnomah county addressed the past winter, and at the end of the regular distribution the first of this month the Department honored the additional 30,000 franks by sending out the seeds that were left over.

It is an announced ambition on the part of the people of Linnnton to promote a boulevard enterprise that quite takes the breath of steady-going people. The boulevard is to run along the West.ern heights northward to the town in question, and it is quite superfluous to say that the scenic magnificence of it would be beyond anything that could be found anywhere in the country.

It may be thought that there is no occasion to take seriously the bare suggestion of such a boulevard.

And yet it is the great and novel scheme like this which has the fundamentals for making this city and its environs world famous that we need to consider seriously. The startling suggestion, that staggers us because of the prospective expense involved if it has merit behind it, is bound as a rule to stick by, to be considered in the tentative sense, and finally to assume the status of a definite plan and then become the fact. It is not impossible, nor should we say that it is even improbable that this Linnnton heights boulevard suggestion to develop just that sort of history.—Telegram.

A certain young man had been seeing more of the pleasures of the city than was good for him, and his father resolved to send him to his uncle's farm to engage in some honest toil. The Newark Star tells what happened when he got there:

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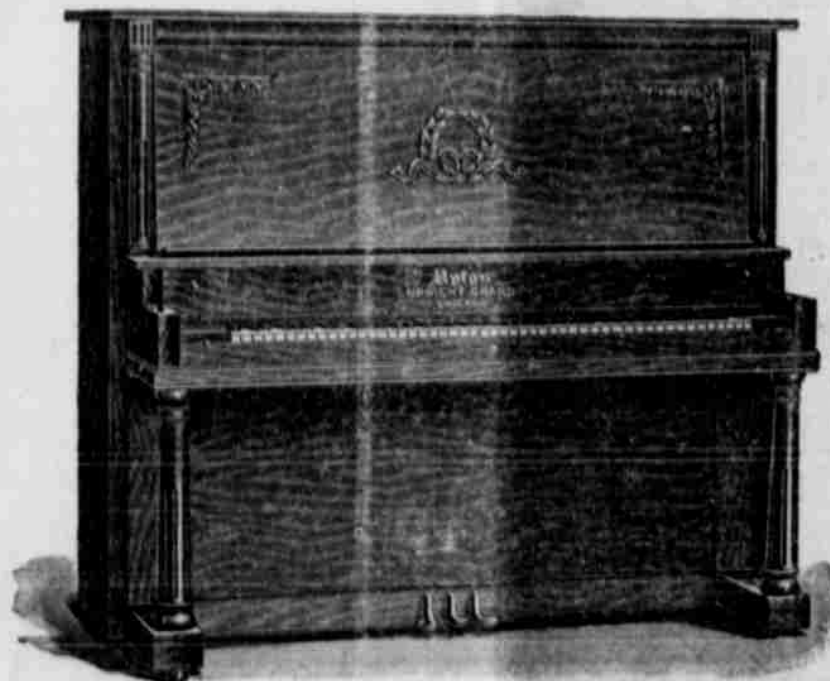
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