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IN MEMORY OF DR. M'LOUGHLIN.

Agitation at Oregon City of the question of erecting a monument to Dr McLoughlin is timely, and Oregon City furnishes at once an ideal and historical site for such a monument. Citizens of Oregon and Washington, or of such portions of these states as were known to and exploited by Dr. McLoughlin, whether as chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company or in his last years as a public-spirited American citizen, may well be called upon to forward this object, both by their interest and their means. For many years, comprising the formative period in which civilization established its outposts in the Pacific Northwest, Dr. Mc-Loughlin was the ruling spirit of events.

Kind, somewhat austere, as became the ruling power in a section far removed from the seat of government; just and generous, he filled a place in the energies and exigencies of the time the importance of which cannot be overestimated. Americans who obtained a foothold in the land which he had occupied in unquestioned next. Officials of the company are stumping Virauthority for many years conceived more or less prejudice against him in the earlier times because he was first of all a British subject, with all that that implied to a man in his station of authority; but this gradually melted away when he became an American citizen and was as loyal to his adopted as he had been to his native country. He made his home at Oregon City-at that time the goal for which transcontinental immigration struggled. Engaging in the peaceful pursuits of business in the old pioneer town; interested in its growth and identified with its prosperity, he been his requiem.

churchyard, time and change have shown that it has been a mistake. The most pathetic and neglected spots in rural New England are the family burial plots. Once "sacred to memory," they are now (where they have not been obliterated by the plow of the careless stranger) overgrown by wildwood tangle, marked only as burial places by reeling or prostrate weatherstained, mossgrown marble.

Times change and people change. The personality that is prominent and powerful in the affairs of today is forgotten in the tomorrows of half a century. Hence it is that few of the citizens of Oregon, relatively speaking, know that the dust of Dr. McLoughlin, deposited less than half a century ago by his request in the small inclosure of the church in which he reverently worshiped, lies there in an obscure grave.

The proposition to erect a monument to his memory includes a site on the hill, picturesque and commanding beyond description, and eminently suitable for the purpose. It would be well, were it possible to do so from a sentimental point of view, if it also included the removal of his remains to the site selected, when the monument was completed and at the time of its dedication. But whether this is done or not, the effort to secure funds for building a monument to the memory of Dr. McLoughlin should be continued until the object is accomplished.—Oregonian.

FACING THE FIGURES.

present month, the following states were carried by ceiving is in proportion as their purpose is deserving. reply. the Republicans: California, 10; Colorado, 5; Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Idaho, 3; Illinois, 27; Indi-16; Michigan, 14; Minnesota, 11; Montana, 3; Nebraska, 8; New Hampshire, 4; New Jersey, 12; New York, 39; North Dakota, 4; Ohio, 23; Oregon, 4; Pennsylvania, 34; South Dakota, 4; Utah, 3; Vermont, 4; Carolina, 12; Rhode Island, 4; South Carolina, 9; serve as a lesson to the young men of the community. don't get the news.

Tennessee, 12; Texas, 18; Virginia, 12. Total electoral votes in Democratic states, 166. Republican majority of electoral votes, gauged by the latest elections, 144.

To carry the presidential contest next year the Democrats must reverse the figures of the latest state elections to the extent of 73 electoral votes. Of course, this gain is admitted to be hopeless without New Six months...... Even with New York, 34 more electoral votes would be necessary to win by a majority of 1 in the electoral college. New York and New Jersey transferred to the Democratic column would still leave that party 22 short of an electoral majority. A combination calculated to win those two states would make a break elsewhere in the Democratic line It is quite improbable, for example, that Mr. Cleveland could carry Missouri. He would certainly fail in Nevada and Rhode Island, and be unpalatable to the strong Bryan element in Kentucky. Nothing short of a powerful upheaval, no element of which is now in sight, can prevent the election of a Republican President and of another Republican Congress next year, taking the figures of the latest state elections as the basis of the estimate, which is the best available

THE JAMESTOWN TERCENTENNIAL.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, has introduced a bill which provides for an appropriation of \$2,125,000 by the government in aid of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, which is to be held at Portland from May 1 to Nov. 1, 1905. It will be seen that only a few months will elapse between the closing of the St. Louis Exposition and the opening of this exposition at Portland, and still another exposition is being planned to celebrate an event that ante-dates the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark exposition by nearly two centuries. This is the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition, which is set for 1907, and which is intended to be an impressive memorial of the first permanent English settlement in America.

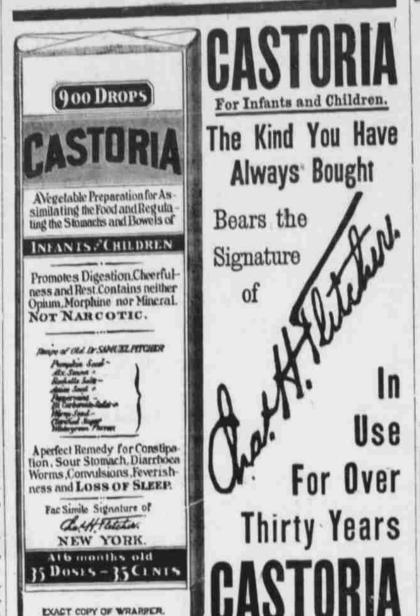
As yet, however, the completion of the undertaking is doubtful because of the condition that stock subscriptions must amount to a million dollars by Jan. 1 ginia to raise the necessary sum in time, and are making special appeals to the tidewater districts of the state, which would derive the greatest benefit from the enterprise. Though Virginia has undoubtedly a peculiar interest in the proposed celebration, tional historic importance that it is of the highest interest to the whole country. It ranks with the discovrey and the declaration; its date and the romantic incidents of the settlement are made familiar to every child; the observance of the tercentennial would natupassed the last years of his eventful life there-died rally be in the broadest sense national. And although and was buried there, and there through all the years Jamestown consists now of nothing much besides a the ceaseless monotone of the Willamette falls has ruined tower, and the site of the exposition overlooks Hampton Roads, the whole district along the James Almost as often as burial has been made in private and York rivers is properly included within the grounds, whether of the home pasture lot or the thought of the exposition company. It is all historic ground. Williamsbburg, the old colonial capital of Virginia, lies within it. and is rich in memories of Washington and all the great revolutionary leaders of Virginia. Its old buildings make it, historically considered, one of the most interesting places in the United States. Then, again, Yorktown is not far away, and there are many other places which recall slabs of crumbling sandstone, or more cenduring but stirring periods in our colonial and revolutionary history and in the history of our civil war.

SPECIAL SESSION CALLED.

Influenced by the practically unanimous sentiment of the state. Governor Chamberlain has issued a call convening the state legislature in special session at Salem on Monday, December 21. The specific purpose for which the legislators are to be called together at this time is the remedying of the tax law, in which a serious defect was recently revealed. While the sentiment in this county is very general for the extra session, it is the opinion of the average taxpayer that the session should be very brief and that only remedial legislation of direct interest to the entire state should be considered at this time. The legislators should conclude all needful work and adjourn within a week. If general legisla ion is taken up and the entire twenty days consumed in miscellaneous law making, it is doubtful if the people of the state would be any the better off for the calling of a special

COMMENDABLE interest in preserving the memory of How did the forty-five states vote at their latest those who have been more or less prominently identielections? To answer this question is to deal with ac- fied with the history of the Northwest is shown by the complished facts. These figures are permanently on women of Oregon City who have originated the moverecord, whatever the future developments may be. By ment to erect monuments in honor of Dr. McLoughlin the apportionment of representatives made by Con- and Sacajawea. The members of the local Lewis & gress under the census of 1900, the total electoral vote Clark club are truly monument builders and in their in 1904 will be 476. The number necessary to a efforts they are receiving substantial encouragement choice is 239, or fifteen more than in the previous from throughout the entire United States. The exdecade. In the latest elections, including those of the tent of the aid and encouragement the ladies are reMention Oregon City Enterprise in your

THE sentence of twenty years in state's prison, imana, 15; Iowa, 13; Kansas, 10; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, posed on Robert Gardner in the circuit court last week, was none the more severe and deserving than was the lecture the prisoner received from Judge McBride before sentence was pronounced. When not under the influence of intoxicants, Gardner was fairly industri-Washington, 5; West Virginia, 7; Wisconsin, 13; ous and not a bad citizen, but the periods when the Wyoming, 3. Total electoral votes in Republican man was not separated from liquor were so infrequent states, 310. At the latest elections the following states and his criminal record so nearly continuous, that Judge McBride was justified in the conclusion that the house. Instant relief in cases of went Democratic: Alabama, 11; Arkansas, 9; Florida, the interests of society did not require that Gardner 5; Georgia, 13; Kentucky, 13; Louisiana, 9; Maryland, be longer permitted to be at large. The consequences 8; Mississippi, 10; Missouri, 18; Nevada, 3; North of Gardner's dissipation with evil companions, should



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