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SIGNIFICANT.

The passage by the House of the Hepburn Bill with only seven negative votes is significant. The time when corporations and railroads can override the people has reached a limit.

This practically unanimous action of the House is decidedly significant. It should serve as the handwriting on the wall to men and attorneys right here in our own midst who are in the line and service of corporate interests.

REGISTRATION IS GOOD.

Registration of Clackamas county voters is progressing satisfactorily. To date 1834 voters have registered. This represents nearly one-half of the voting strength of the county which ranges from 4200 to 4500.

No one thing is doing more to encourage this registration than the meetings that are being conducted throughout the county for the purpose of explaining the details of the Direct Primary Law. If voters continue to register as lively in the ensuing eight weeks as they have to date, all of the voters of the county will have registered.

SHOULD BE ADOPTED.

If no one other of the several pending constitutional amendments to be voted at the general election is adopted by the voters, that which proposes leaving to the interested electors the adjustment of all municipal charter alterations should receive a unanimous vote.

These are questions entirely foreign in interest to the members of the state's legislative assembly, other than the representatives from the districts directly interested. The disposing of these questions should most certainly be left to a vote of the voters who are directly interested.

There is a painter by the name of Reddaway who had the sub-contract for doing the painting when Porter built his house. The contract and specifications called for white lead and oil.

The machine does not want Porter to go out to the political meetings. It and some more that are trying to stand on both sides of the fence evidently think that unless they sanction it, only their side has any right to be heard.

Either Brownell or some of his strikers are circulating the report that the Federal indictment against the Clackamas county Senator has been dismissed all of which is not true as one may learn.

PROSPERITY REFLECTED IN OUR IMPORTS.

The growth of our export trade receives a great deal of attention. It has been stated again and again that we are making rapid progress as a manufacturer and exporter of commodities that enter into competition with the manufacturers of England.

Mrs. Yerkes explain that she at first denied the report of her marriage to avoid publicity. She is now wondering if she could have done anything to bring her more of it.

modities, as against a total of but \$635,000,000 for the year 1898.

The great increase in importations is generally regarded as among the best evidences of prosperity. The consumption of the American people is undoubtedly the largest in the history of the country.

An official statement shows that the increase in imports since 1898 is distributed as follows: Food stuffs (sugar, tea, coffee, etc.) a gain of 45 per cent; manufactures, an increase of 77 per cent; manufacturers' materials, a gain of 117 per cent; luxuries, a gain of 90 per cent.

To take some concrete examples: Wines, spirits and malt liquors showed a total importation of \$10,000,000 in 1898; last year the total was \$18,000,000. The increase in our "consumption" of diamonds was from \$8,300,000 to \$30,500,000 during the seven years.

There are those who warn us of the danger of overconsumption, but without going into the general question of extravagance one thing is certain: If we buy less of the foreigner, he cannot buy as much of us as he does now.

OUR RELATIONS WITH THE NEW JAPAN.

A distinct change has occurred in the East as a result of Russia's defeat in that quarter. For many years the chief oriental question centered in the aggressive movements of the czar.

Several Americans familiar with affairs in the East, state that the recent Chinese boycott against American goods was the result of the intriguing spirit of Japanese residents in China, some of whom are at the head of Chinese newspapers.

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It looks now very much as though the efforts of the President and the Secretary of State to arrange a modus vivendi with Germany on the tariff question would be abortive.

The hauling trials at Annapolis have adjourned for a fortnight to allow the cadets to take the examinations. Perhaps if they had run the trials two weeks longer they would not have had to bother about any cadets or examinations either.

A press dispatch from London says that the English government is about to institute a searching investigation into life insurance matters.

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Representative Sulzer's feat of demolishing the Russian government seems to have been simply a warming up heat before tackling the larger job of the City National Bank of New York.

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Senator Money has moved to strike out all but the enacting clause of the Pure Food Bill.

It seems a trifle inconsistent to find neither Dr. Oslar nor any of his adherents have yet applied for membership in the Suicide Club.

H. H. Rogers seems to have had the courts beaten about three weeks on their decision that he need not answer Mr. Hadley's questions.

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Senator Burton ought to follow the example of the packers, tell somebody the worst at once and then claim immunity.

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