

THE NEW AGE

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EDITORIAL

INTERESTING SPOTS.

While the republican majority for political offices in this county will be very large, there are indications of a tremendous slump at one point, and a large diversion of votes in one or two other places.

It is objected by some, too, that Stott is unsociable, secretive, inclined to be peevish, cold-blooded, and never did anything for anybody to gain one's gratitude or friendship.

How much Sanderson Reed will be cut for district attorney is not so apparent. That on account of great personal unpopularity he will lose many votes is certain, and with a phenomenally strong man against him, such as Chamberlain was, he would be beaten.

For county commissioner Mr. John Steret, an educated, successful and scrupulously honest farmer, is a strong democratic nominee, and will poll a very heavy vote in the country.

ATTACKS ON HERMANN.

The persistent and fierce attacks on Mr. Hermann are not likely to hurt him much. In the first place, they are mostly confined to the Portland Journal, and therefore the shots are fired at too long range to be effective.

have been on the watch while in office to cast anchors to windward it cannot be disputed that he has been an active, watchful, useful representative of Oregon.

So, while a great many voters are not disposed to deny the accusations made against Hermann, he will receive nearly the full republican vote all the same—or at least enough to re-elect him by a very large majority.

VOTE FOR THE LOCAL OPTION LAWS.

The local option law ought to be adopted by the voters of Oregon. The New Age is in favor of progress, of enlightenment, of advancement, along all lines.

The liquor interest has become too strong in this country. It controls, on such a question the local daily press; it controls and dictates to the daily press in all the great cities of the Union.

The local option law is right, and ought to be supported, voted for, and carried, regardless of these paid effusions. They are all paid for. The Oregonian, for instance, is doubtless paid to oppose this law.

Let any precinct, or combination of precincts, debar whiskey-selling if they choose—if the majority of the voters so decide. Surely there is nothing wrong about this proposition.

Let us all vote for local option. It is a good move. It is in the direct line of progress.

HAVE BEEN MISQUOTED.

Editor Wilkins of the Chicago Conservator, is a very much over-worked man, judging from the amount of labor expended in filling up this alleged newspaper with unbecoming, rot and what-not.

The editor of The New Age has been very much surprised during the present campaign to meet men whom the party has honored with nominations who declare that they did not seek such nominations and did not care whether they were elected or not.

Jack Reed, a recent convert to the republican cause, has played pretty lucky to have been honored twice during his brief experience with this party.

County Clerk Fields will be returned with an increased majority. He is a very popular and efficient official and just the man for county clerk of Multnomah.

Whit Boise, who is trying to run the campaign for the city and county committee, bids to be as successful this year as he was in 1892.

J. P. Finley will be re-elected to the office of coroner and by a splendid and increased majority.

D. B. Sigler will be the next assessor of this county.

Wagner's Wagon. "Say, how long he it afore them air fellers gits tined up?" asked Uncle Josh, who had been persuaded to do the opera.

"They are not tuning up, uncle," replied the city nephew. "They are playing one of Wagner's masterpieces."

"Oh, now I ketch on!" exclaimed the old man. "They be tryin' t' imitate a empty wagon rattlin' over one uv them air cobblestone streets, b'gosh!"

Not in the Same Lane. "This is our latest novelty," said the manufacturer proudly. "Good work, isn't it?"

"Not bad," replied the visitor, "but you can't hold a candle to the goods we make."

"Oh, are you in this line, too?" "No; we make gunpowder."—Youth.

A man knows just what to do in the hour of danger as long as the danger doesn't show up.

A good memory often comes in handy to forget with.

EDITORIALS

Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

Official Corruption.

THE great Governments and the great municipalities of the world have a problem before them which as yet they have not fairly faced, but which they must face if they are to make sure in times of emergency of the efficiency of their agents.

It is a great blot on modern civilization, which in many respects depends upon efficiency for success. Efficiency and corruption are wholly incompatible. Some think that corruption produces only waste, and that they can bear waste; but that is a false view.

A perfect remedy for corruption is hard to find, because it requires a change in the motives of the corrupt which Governments cannot produce, and which society will not be at the pains to encourage effectively.

Social Gravitation.

THE census proves incontestably that the drift of population cityward reached its maximum some years ago, and has begun to recede. Some one has said: "Hereafter the city and the country will march side by side, with even steps."

According to a recent census bulletin, 159 towns show an increase of 22 per cent during the last ten years, which is about the average of the increase of the whole country.

GREAT AGRICULTURAL DISCOVERY

Four-fifths of every breath of air which the lungs inhale is pure nitrogen. It is one of the commonest of the elements. And yet, says a writer in Harper's Monthly, it is the one thing for the lack of which wheat fields, cotton fields and corn fields are abandoned as "worn out" because it is the most expensive plant food for man to supply to the soil, and one which most plants are unable to absorb in its pure state from the air.

There was much opposition to the new "fertilizer," and one old farmer who did not believe in it planted in a big field a lot of the inoculated seed in a big letter "N." Professor Nobbe having named the gelatine compound "Nitrogen."

It has long been known that clover and other leguminous crops flourish in "worn-out" soil, and when plowed into it partially restores the fertility of it. Studying this phenomenon, scientists have found that in such a soil the plants have nodules, little bunches or swellings, on their roots, which they do not have when grown elsewhere.

Professor Nobbe, a German investigator, found that lupines which had the nodules would grow in soil devoid of nitrogen. Without the nodules the lupines would not grow. He obtained some of the radicles from the nodules and propagated them in gelatine till he had many millions of the germs.

He then put into three jars equal quantities of sterilized sand containing no nitrogen whatever. In each jar he planted beans. The first he fertilized with all the usual plant foods except nitrogen. The second he supplied with the same food and salt-peter, a form of nitrogen easily absorbed by plants. The third he fed like the first, and in addition inoculated sand with his radicola.

The result was extremely interesting. The beans all came up, and for a few days grew alike. Then the first lot, having no nitrogen, turned yellow and died. The second continued to grow in normal fashion. But the third, although it got no nitrogen, but the third, flourished far beyond its neighbors, and developed a luxuriant and healthy growth, showing that the radicola

co-operatively. So far, the Eastern States were at the greater disadvantage, the deserted farms were common throughout New England.

It was wiser to go West with small capital, and leave the homestead to go back to wilderness, rather than to remain and be starved. This state of affairs, in aggravated symptoms, continued until near the close of the nineteenth century. A cause for the reaction which we chronicle, is the splendid increase in the value of farm products, brought about by our having secured the world's markets. Commercial expansion during the last ten years has immensely increased the exportation of nearly everything that the farm produces.

Forts and Naval Attacks.

ONE of the surprises of the Far Eastern war is the failure of the fort guns to do more damage in the attacking fleets. It was a matter of faith among the authorities that not even the strongest modern battleship could safely attack an effective modern fort, armed with long-range heavy guns. England is at present making a number of long-range fort guns for the defense of her south coast, and it is calculated that these guns will easily be able to throw a twelve or thirteen-inch shell across the Straits of Dover, so that it would not seem to be worth while for France even to take her Channel squadron out of port, much less to attempt to land in the face of such an overwhelming attack.

No Thought of Annexation.

THE United States regards Canada as under British Imperial suzerainty, an independent sovereign nation, whose title is as valid as that of any nation on the globe. It has no thought of annexing Canada against her will, nor does it, indeed, regard annexation as necessary or inevitable. It is not sitting up 'nights to coax or coerce the Dominion into union with the Republic.

Comrades.

Bobby was ten years old and an alarmingly light-hearted and careless young person. It was supposed, however, that he would be capable of escorting his grandmother to the family Christmas dinner, one block away from her home, without mishap.

"I hope he will remember that she is almost ninety, and not try to hurry her. I'm sure I've cautioned him enough," said Bobby's mother, as she began to dress her younger children. But when she arrived at the family party it appeared that grandmother had turned her ankle and was lying on the lounge.

"Bobby," said the mother, reproachfully, "where were you when grandma slipped?"

"Now I won't have that boy blamed," said grandmother, briskly, smiling up into Bobby's remorseful face. "We came to a fine ice slide, and he asked me if I thought I could do it, and I told him I did. And I want you children to remember one thing: when you get to be most ninety you'll count a turned ankle a small thing compared with having somebody forget that you've outlived everything but rheumatism and sitting still. Anybody that likes can rub this ankle a minute or two with some liniment, but I want Bobby next me at dinner, mind!"

Two Seasons. Towne—Got your spring suit yet? Brown—No; I was thinking of a nice, neat pepper and salt. What do you think of it?

Philadelphia Press. When a small boy gets his finger caught in the pantry door it isn't the jam he is looking for.

Of course, the real test of a pudding is your inability to sleep after eating it.

He Heard It.

Topnoody made up his mind to-day that he was not going to be bossed any longer by his wife, so when he went home at noon he staked in and called out imperiously: "Mrs. Topnoody, Mrs. Topnoody"

"Mrs. T. came out of the kitchen with blood in her eyes and a rolling pin in her hand. "Well, sir," she said, "what'll you have?"

Topnoody staggered, but he braced up. "Mrs. Topnoody, I want you to understand, madam"—and he tapped his breast dramatically—"I am the engineer of this establishment."

"Oh, you are, are you? Well, Topnoody, I want you to understand that I"—and she looked dangerous—"am the boiler that will blow up and sling the engineer clear over into the next county. Do you hear the steam escaping, Topnoody?"

Topnoody heard it, and he meekly inquired if there was any assistance he could render in the housework.

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It has been said that "Harmon's", on the corner of Third and Couch, is among the undesirable resorts of the North End, but the plain facts are that "Harmon's" is one of the cleanest places in Portland. There are no ladies' entrances nor any wine rooms; in fact it is only a place for men, and men only.

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LIONEL R. WEBSTER, Judge. Dated this 12th day of May, 1904.

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