

THE NEW AGE

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EDITORIAL

POLITICS AND PROHIBITION.

Politics are not of much interest in Oregon this fall, because nearly everybody recognizes the fact that about three men out of every four, or at least seven out of ten, will vote for Roosevelt.

This being the political situation, the matter of principal interest will be the vote in various counties and portions of counties on prohibition.

This paper supported the local option law last spring because it believed that every community, especially country and suburban communities, should have the right to determine this question according to the will of the majority.

All this would not be so utterly discouraging if the few democrats hereabouts could pull together, could act in concert, could sing or hurrah in harmony.

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While The New Age favored local option, and giving communities the right under its more stringent provisions than those of the old law to prohibit saloons, it does not favor prohibition except in such communities as desire it.

Any sort of a reform, to accomplish anything permanently beneficial, must be carried along practical lines.

SENATOR HOAR.

The late Senator Hoar was for many years one of the greatest statesmen of the United States, and all people of all parties recognize it, now that he is dead.

Senator Hoar was a true friend of the colored people. He was too great a man to look down upon them with contempt, as some men do who in comparison with him intellectually or morally, were as pigmies to a giant.

A truly great man never hates or despises a fellow human being because of his color or previous condition of servitude.

DISCORDANT DEMOCRATS.

Our friends, the democrats of Oregon, are having very hard sledding, or to vary the metaphor, a very hard row to hoe.

We are sincerely sorry for this, for these democrats are not only very nice, good men personally, whom the New Age likes and respects, but it would be better for the country, for the state, for the city, for the republican party itself, if there were more democrats.

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CLERGY MAY WEAR BEARDS.

Pope Thinking of Changing the Rule in This Respect. The Rome correspondent of the Paris Temps writes that the Pope is thinking of allowing the clergy to wear beards.

EDITORIALS Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

Choose Your Life's Vocation Wisely.

HERE comes a time when every growing boy must face the question: What shall I do for a life work? It is an important question, one that must be faced squarely and answered wisely.

In considering the problem it will be well to remember several things. In the first place, all real success must be founded in the economic principle of becoming a producing member of the great industrial scheme.

A railroad manager who has tamped the ties and built a trestle; a book publisher who has set type; a contractor who has "measured in" and "checked out" in a word, the man most in demand and hardest to find is the one who has learned some line of business from the basement to the "front office."

Higher Education.

ANY parents must debate every year whether it is wise to give the years and the money required for the higher education; writers and business men start discussions from time to time whether the higher education is worth while—whether, in the language of the mart, "it pays"; and the supporters of the higher education are at pains, as in the case of the disquisitions by President Hadley, of Yale, on the subject, to justify the higher education and to try and convince the people that it actually does pay.

By higher education is meant not the training of a technical professional or industrial school or college. The man who is studying to be a physician must take the course in school to qualify himself for a diploma; the student at a law school is looking forward to admission to the bar and a license to practice; the electrician or mechanic is aiming to equip himself just as the young artisan is getting ready to ply his trade when he goes to an industrial school to learn the art of bricklaying, printing, carpentry or de-

THE ART OF DAGUERRE.

Although the improvements in photography are made so rapidly nowadays that even the professional photographer can hardly keep track of them, there are many picture-makers, says the Century Magazine, who believe the world will turn back to the daguerotype for its beautiful and most artistic portraits.

It is more than sixty years since the scientific world was aroused by the announcement that Daguerre, a Frenchman, had discovered a method of fixing the image made by the camera obscura. It was a crude method then. The first picture, of a tree standing in the sun, required half an hour or more of exposure.

This process was soon improved, until on bright days the sitting for a daguerrotype was reduced to ten, sometimes to five, seconds. Even with this short exposure, however, the likenesses were remarkable. It is possible to assume an artificial expression and hold it for the brief second before a daguerrotype, it was necessary that the features should be in repose in their natural position.

signing of cotton cloth. There is, of course, in a physician's training some incidental broadening of the mental outlook to be derived from his studies, and so it is with the electrician and the lawyer, who must learn something of jurisprudence, constitutions, governmental institutions and history; but the higher education is essentially something which is not positively needed as a means of earning a living; it is a course in general culture, a study of the humanities, a broad, liberal pursuit of ideals, of great ideas, great movements, and, in a word, such instruction as is given in a university and college in addition to the training for a vocation.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mobility of the Japanese.

IN the matter of mobility and in the faculty of doing the right thing at the right time, the Japs clearly outclass the Russians. Whenever the two armies come face to face there is an attempt at a flanking movement.

The Russian is a gross feeder and a hard drinker. He has tremendous strength and great endurance, but he lacks the mobility of the plucky Japanese, who is trained to the hour for his desperate work; who is able to take his rations on the march, without losing time, and keep up his jog trot movement for hours at a stretch, without a murmur of complaint.

Wasted Opportunities.

FROM Missoula, Mont., comes a story of train robbers tearing up the money they had stolen and scattering in the sand of the desert the diamonds they had taken from their victims. One is inclined to look at the procedure of these robbers from a humorous point of view, and think of the effort and energy they wasted. And yet it is an everyday occurrence. Day by day men are throwing away diamond-like opportunities.

SELF-RELIANT SHEEP.

Owen Wister says that in pursuing the Rocky Mountain sheep, with a gun and a camera, he once witnessed an accident full of discipline, encouragement and instruction. He describes it in "Musk-Ox, Bison, Sheep and Goat." A sheep and lamb were grazing along one of three well-marked terraces which were rimmed with walls of rock.

While I was wondering what on earth they would do when they found themselves stepping upon the terrace into my lap, the ewe found a way she liked better, but it was severe work for the lamb. The mother got to the wall where she could make one leap of it. It was done in a flash.

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