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THE DIFFERENCE. Every reader of the two opposing political platforms in this state campaign must have been impressed with the striking correspondence existing in many points, such as flat salaries for state officials, election of Senators by popular vote, initiative and referendum, Chinese exclusion, river improvement, organized labor, land laws, trusts, Federal aid to irrigation, isthmian canal, On these and perhaps on other heads the two parties make professions that are substantially identical.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT. The Government crop report, issued last Thursday, did not contain the expected figures on the yield in bushels of the 1901 wheat crop. With all of the facilities for obtaining accurate information and the abundance of statistics in hand, the Government seems unable to give out these figures until they are too late to be of any service either to the farmers or to the trader.

IT'S "UP TO" ALL OF US. Portland organized itself into a committee of the whole last November for the purpose of financing the Lewis and Clark Centennial, and in two days subscriptions were procured to \$305,000 of the stock, which were increased, when all the returns were in, to nearly \$340,000.

foreign houses they are sometimes called, whose home offices are in other states, or perhaps other countries. Many of them are making money rapidly, while all are prospering, else they would not be here. Some of these "foreign" houses have done all that could be expected of them, but what about the others? One of these houses, which employs not to exceed a dozen men, as the principal handling of its product is done in the East, proposes to give \$200, and this after nearly five months' consideration of the matter.

Chicago paused last week after a sheer drop of 1 1/2 cents per bushel, the foreign market was still taking Walla Walla cargoes at 28 shillings, a drop of but 4 1/2 cents per bushel. Bearish reports have thus been very convenient for Chicago to use in hammering down values, but their question is, really, why is shown in the refusal of a country which is running on short rations to follow the declines to any great extent.

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IN THE AMEN CORNERS.

Chicago Tribune. The graduates of Senator Platt's "Sunday school," who go to the "amen corners" the other night, include most of the big politicians who have figured in New York State and National politics for more than 20 years. The "amen corners" these "Sunday school classes" meet, are small recesses on either side of the rotunda of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, in each of which stands a large plush sofa. It is in these sofas that "Parsons" and his friends sit to discuss matters of politics.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

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