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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, DEC. 20, 1904. HE WILL "REFORM" THE PARTY.

Mr. Bryan, in his latest Commoner, discusses the cause and cure of the decline of the Democratic vote in the recent election. The vote fell off, it will be remembered, more than 1,300,000, as compared with that of the year 1900.

The political conditions which prevailed here prior to the recent convention were abnormal and unusual. A great many honest Democrats, anxious to make all the progress possible, believed it wise to attempt the nomination of an industrialist business interests, but more properly described as the interests of the large corporations.

Nothing can be more certain than that the so-called business interests will be ruled out of every place of influence in the party, and that those who controlled it in the year 1896 and again in the year 1900 will again take control, dictate its policy and write its platform.

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These are facts that have been well attested by results. The statement of them is not new, but it cannot be reiterated too often. The people of Oregon have been criticised in times past for remaining ignorant of their resources that await development in the state.

thing and everything that people who contemplate a change of location would like to know about Oregon—are of timely and increasing interest. They belong to the class of facts that do not grow in the morning, and that find constantly increasing number of listeners.

ANOTHER JOLT FOR THEORY.

Mr. W. L. Marvin, who accompanied the Merchant Marine Commission on its search for information regarding the status of the American marine, contributes an article on that subject to the current number of the Review of Reviews.

How pertinently feasible this "sea habit" has become as sharply borne home to the Merchant Marine Commission at such important junctures of American history. Testimony the inquiry failed to disclose so much as one American shipowner, and of course, the following and serious had vanished with the American ships.

THE LUXURY OF BEING A SENATOR. David S. Barry has an article in the current number of Pearson's Magazine in which he details the life of the United States Senator upon the basis of a "Millionaires' Club" whose members enjoy all of the luxuries of a privileged class at the expense of the people.

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CONGRESS (referring to appropriations) has been offered in the words: "This is a billion-dollar country." The day of small things in high places has passed away.

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Dies Twice; Imprisoned for Life

(St. Petersburg Letter to London Express.)

That the man consisted of the brutal assassination of Von Plehve, who at the time of his death was Russian Minister of the Interior, should have escaped with a sentence of life imprisonment, subsequently reduced to 20 years by the Czar's amnesty proclamation, is an extraordinary case.

On July 21 two amazing things happened. Porozoff, who had succumbed to internal hemorrhage 24 hours earlier, came to life again and made another confession.

On August 21 he permitted it to be known that they had made another discovery. The identity of M. de Plehve's murderer has been definitely ascertained. His name is Matveyeff, and he is a graduate of the Technological Institute. He will be indicted among other things for a capital amnesty on the crime of the Czarvitch, and the death sentence will be commuted to penal servitude for life.

NECESSARY TO RECALL IT. The President Himself Should Not Forget His Vote of Confidence. It is going to be necessary from time to time to recall that the enormous majority for Theodore Roosevelt in the personal vote of confidence in him.

CRIMSON JOURNALIST MAKES A CALL. Ernest O. Kennedy, the bright and shining youth, who wields that great moral lever, the Winlock Pilot, honored Castle Rock with a brief but glorious visit Sunday.

Making Cause of True Love Hard. The Dalles Chronicle. Bargain counter inducements in the marriage license business will soon be a thing of the past in Oregon if the Legislature continues to raise in its work.

Motion to Amend. Washington Post. "God save the young men from stylish women," says Young-General Fox, of Trenton. His substitute "old bankers" for "young men."