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Legislatures and Congress has finally begun to gnaw at the courts—the heart of the civic body. It is of ill omen that his defenders are numerous and powerful.

But Judge Hooker is what biologists call a monster. Nothing like him came before; nothing like him will follow. He is not the first of a new species of judge; he is unique of his kind.

METHOD OF NOMINATIONS

Whether the Republicans of Oregon should hold conventions to nominate or "suggest" candidates, in advance of the primaries, that is a matter of discussion in many quarters.

Since the direct primary is provided by statute, as the one legal way by which candidates may be nominated, such primary must be held, in any event.

There are various and varied opinions on this subject. But it has not yet been tried on any extended scale, in our state. The law was enacted in the hope that for the purpose of applying a remedy to the abuses of "boss rule" and "machine politics."

It is most probable that if conventions were held and tickets nominated according to programmes so dictated, the electors would vote down everything carrying the convention trademarks.

Better, for the present, to give the primary law a fair trial. Better follow the example of the Republics, which dealt at a future time, if experience and use prove it unsatisfactory.

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called on to handle about 200 shipments of the cereal. Thus far no one ship has been chartered, and the list of available grain tonnage en route is the smallest in many years.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Opinions upon the outlook for foreign missions vary with men's prejudices. A man free from prejudice and perfectly informed would hold an opinion absolutely correct.

That New York society leaders have a great deal of money has long been known. That they had a great deal of private property to conceal, or proper concealment, has also been well known.

IT MAY BE REMEMBERED THAT THE PRESIDENT

It may be remembered that the President recently, in an address before a body of physicians, suggested General Leonard Wood as doctor, and regretted that the country could not properly reward him for the services he had rendered.

LONDON AND NEW YORK

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. But whether the actual figure be a little above or a little below the 4,000,000 line, New York is still the second city in the world in population.

ODD BITS OF OREGON LIFE

Enjoying Themselves. Long Creek Ranger. C. H. Le... and some... are taking their annual outing on the mountain south of town.

No Wonder He's a Bachelor. Castle Rock Leader. J. Newton, of Hazel Dell, went to Kelso lately.

Calamitous Encounter With a Cow. Sara Corr, Vancouver Columbian. A young gentleman and a young lady from Vancouver, were enjoying a drive on our streets Sunday afternoon.

A Friendly Rattlesnake. Madras Pioneer. One day last week Aaron Hoffman had an experience with a rattler which he will not soon forget.

Origin of "O. K." Settled. Boston Herald. In the Choctaw Indian language there is a word "okh," which means "It is correct" or "I agree or approve."

Thoroughly Equipped. Judge. The late Thomas H. Reed sometimes evolved complicated jokes, but the one of Governor LaFollette's is as roundabout as any of his.

Telephone Comparison. Seattle Commonwealth. There is no large city in the world, save Stockholm, where the telephone is in such general use as it is in San Francisco.

Unmade History. From Life. The ending of the protective tariff was dramatic.

OREGON OZONE

When Governor Folk met Governor Hoch, He said: "Our surmises rhyme: But if I were Folk And you were a Hoax, Now wouldn't it be a crime?"

Rev. H. C. Mosser, of Champaign, Ill., has discovered, after years of investigation, that the three most popular novels are "David Copperfield," "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Ben Hur."

It is reported that a party of Portland young men have organized what they call the Mirth Club. This is said to be their rallying cry as they go down the Trail.

Rah! Rah! Rah! out of breath! Rajah! Rajah! tickled to death! Mirror Maze! Gay Parade! Wa-hoo! ah-hoo! who are we?

Judge Cotton called upon the President at Oyster Bay yesterday, and probably stayed to dinner. But the South can't object, as his name has the right color, even if he does come from a state that has a Mississippi Democrat for Governor.

NEWS FROM NJEMS

It's a terrible tale that comes from Njems. In the German Camerouns: The Cannibal hordes have held a feast And eaten of white men eight at least And quite 3000 coons!

Now, why should the German Camerouns (The horror my soul condemns) Permit their people to fill their plate With blacks 3000 and whites but eight? Is the ratio such in Njems?

SOLILOQUY OF AN AIRSHIP

(Applicable to any airship anywhere.) I am an airship— Behold me! I know I'm not much to look at, But take a squint anyhow At me.

Most useless of all things earthy, Most hopeless, and surely most helpless: Are you not sorry for me? Do you not weep for me? If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.

So that you may climb on top of the shed And come in out of the wet. For I am going to tell you The sad story of my life: Alas!

Pity the poor airship! Help the helpless! I am the weakest proposition that flies— Except that I don't fly. I just float— A little, sometimes; But any old tub can float. Listen!

Once I was a mere bunch of gas, Floating around in space, But an adventurous geeser got hold of me, Imprisoned me in this confounded gunny sack.

Cigar-shaped, But truly scented not with the Havana aroma. (Nay! nay!) Potage-shaped is more like it, Though I am not worth the price Of one respectable potato.

For all practical purposes, This geeser got hold of me and said: "You're an airship!" And truly was I glad to know it, For I had imagined myself merely a bag of gas.

With a flimsy framework underneath And a choo-choo engine worth about four bits Canadian. But this geeserina, whom the world proclaims Inventor (With his press agent's aid) Calls me an airship, and I reckon I am, For having no resistance myself I cannot pretest, Or kick; And if I'm not an airship, What in the name of Sam Hill, Or of Jim Hill of the G. N., Am I?

I don't know; Do you? What do I look like—thirty cents? Well, I'll feel like a pewter nickel That has been stepped on by a Missouri mule.

After I come down from my first flight, Unless the wind is favorable, Al! there's the rub! And the wind is never favorable Enough.

To make me sky-hook successfully, The trouble with me is That my gabag is too big and bunglesome To cope With the arctic currents of ozone That rule the cerulean realms Where I must do business. Wherefore?

I invariably flunk And refuse to perform my appointed stunt, Just at the critical moment. If I could sail And tack and turn around And evolute artistically, I should be driggle— Whatever that means— But I can't! And that's why I Don't fly!

ROBERTUS LOVE.

Gifts for Libraries

Boston Herald. According to a report made at the present meeting of the American Library Association in Portland, Or., \$1,128,000 was given for libraries in the United States during the last seven months of 1904.

One man of the jury cannot see as the other eleven do. That is what he is there for. It is the beauty and the glory of our incomparable jury system. The jury may protect his friend, or the friends of his friend.

General Fred Funston's strenuous father has been fined \$5 for wrecking three Kansas saloon joints. A hero and a martyr in one family is overcrowding things, even in Kansas.

It may be remarked that about 99 per cent of Eastern people who have visited Portland this season, will serve as walking advertisements for Oregon and the Fair.

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"MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP" AT SAN FRANCISCO

The Supervisors Have Decided to Rebuild and Operate the Geary Street Railway as an Up-to-Date Electric Line.

A writer in the Sacramento Union says the most important and interesting politico-economic experiment ever undertaken by any city in California will be inaugurated in San Francisco before the end of the present year.

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