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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11, 1905. BEHOLD, HOW GREAT A MATTER!

If the "operators" in public lands, now under prosecution, hadn't fallen out among themselves, they probably never would have got into trouble with the Government.

Mr. Benson is now under indictment at Washington City, and will be compelled soon to stand trial there.

THE ETHICS OF THE HALL OF FAME. The University of the City of New York has devised a method of settling conflicting claims among the dead for the immortality of fame.

A NEW "WHISKY INSURECTION." We confess to some surprise at the resolutions adopted by the National Temperance (Prohibition) Congress, which has just now finished its sessions at Portland.

Another somewhat surprising thing in the proceedings of our prohibition friends is their assumption that this policy of taxing the manufacture and sale of liquors, and the alleged "alliance" of the Government with the liquor business in 1862, were things unknown to the people of this state.

cannot be entirely ignored. For one thing, it is viciously wrong for any institution, and especially for a university, to adopt the notion that literary or any other kind of merit can be decided by majority votes.

BATTILING RAILROAD GIANTS. In these times of centralization of power and consolidation of vast industrial interests under one harmonious management, we hear much to the effect that the day is approaching when all competition will be eliminated.

CHICAGO'S STREET RAILWAY PROBLEM. Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, has been compelled to abandon his plan of bringing the street railways of the city under municipal ownership.

It is a fair illustration of the predominant spirit in the nature of the men who in most cases make and manage monopolies. It served to show that, so long as it is possible for men to get together more of this world's goods than are possible for their neighbors.

The Harriman system has a staunch and unbranded friend in Baker City, a newspaper by the name of Maverick. Browsing around on the range of current events for a suitable topic, the Maverick hit upon a theme that is of greatest interest to Portland at this time.

The rich have their troubles, never so many as now. The law somehow seems to be seeking them out, just to make them uncomfortable. W. W. Brown, of Crook County, who jumped into prominence during the recent Williamson trial, said something more than the truth when he declared: "The Government is going after the rich and getting them."

A SENATORIAL FALLACY. There is a feeling throughout the country that any argument made by a United States Senator against the regulation of railroad rates is likely to be sophistical. This feeling is wholesome and well grounded.

While we are discussing the subject of taxation, it is quite interesting to recall that perjury, or something very like it, is the thing that has started a number of land-fraud defendants on the way to jail.

Contemporaneous with an editorial article in the Chicago Tribune entitled "Why is Chicago slow?" is the announcement that John W. Gates has decided to become a citizen of New York.

in moderation, just as some articles of food, wholesome in small quantities, become poisonous in excess. Salt, for example, which we eat in everything to our great benefit, is a violent poison if we take too much of it.

Some commentators maintain that it was not a serpent but a bottle and a bird that tempted Eve.

I never knew of a platonic friendship, nor a so-called "friendly contest" in politics, that didn't end in a scandal.

Another man has declined the Republican nomination for Mayor of Greater New York. It may be necessary to resort to a draft.

The Republican state love-feast commences on Thursday. Household are cautioned against leaving their doors unlocked on that date.

Portland's younger smart set gave a sock-shower yesterday for Laurence Dub, who leaves this week to take pole-vaulting at Harvard.

Yesterday was the kind of day which old-fashioned pessimists call a weather-breaker.

The plumbers are complaining that business is dull. The Lord seems to be taking care of his people.

There really isn't much enjoyment in holding gloves hands.

There is to be a big society wedding in town soon, and the jewellers are working off their "marked down" silvers.

REVISED DEFINITIONS—Klas (noun, neut.) the act of transmitting microbes without the use of wires. At one time much evidence at lodge dances and club socials. Now becoming obsolete.

When one does a good deed he usually dubs the edge of beneficence by talking about it.

Here worship is the worst form of pagan idolatry.

Life is a brace game and the cards are usually dealt from the bottom of the deck.

Isn't it about time to sing the "dolorado" and turn out the lights on the Shaw Presidential boom?

I have noticed that most people wear their rosemary as well as their rue with a difference.

Those who believe that the world is getting better should read the patent medicine advertisements.

To a Daisy Found Between the Leaves of an Old Book. You're but a faded marguerite, The ghost of a buried past.

She was supreme! She was the queen! In the kingdom of laugh and song. But time has grown weary, And days—ah, so long.

Married Men and Strikes. Brooklyn, N. Y., Citizen. Professor Goldwin Smith, who has been giving much study to strikes, thinks that for the present at least they cannot be eliminated.

SILHOUETTES.

By some oversight, the names of Albert Ross and Archibald Clavering Gunter were omitted from the list of authors voted tablets in the Hall of Fame at New York.

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LOCAL OPTION FIGHT IN OHIO

How the Democrats Seek to Take Advantage of Minor Issue. Columbus, O., Special to New York Sun.

Since the political campaign in Ohio opened the incongruous situation of the Democratic candidate for Governor has become more and more apparent.

The leading measure adopted in recent years for the regulation and control of the liquor traffic in Ohio are what are known as the "Dow" laws.

There was a long struggle over the Dow law. The constitution of Ohio provides that no license to traffic in intoxicating liquors shall hereafter be granted in this state, but the General Assembly may by law provide against evils resulting therefrom.

It was asserted by the Democrats that a tax was a license and in violation of this constitutional provision, and their opposition to such proposed legislation were practically united.

There was a long, hard struggle for the principle of taxation of the liquor traffic and it was won by the Republicans.

In the struggle over the Beatty township local option law the Republicans were its advocates and the Democrats were practically a unit in opposition to it.

These facts are being brought to the attention of the Republican temperance and anti-liquor question is presented to them what they expect to gain for the cause of temperance reform by turning the state over to the control of the Democrats.

Mr. Patterson, the Democratic candidate for Governor, has said publicly that the Brannock bill, before it was amended at the suggestion of Governor Herriek, was a fair measure.

Unless the Democratic party changes from entirely on the temperance question the friends of temperance will gain nothing by Democratic success. It is not likely that the Democratic party will depart from its record and the traditions of its past.

DEMOCRATS AND ROOSEVELT.

Full Text of the Resolution Adopted by Tammany. New York Sun, October 6.

There was one happening at the Democratic City Convention which was not on the programme outlined by the leaders. The platform, of course, had been prepared in advance and when the committee on resolutions retired according to custom, it was supposed that they were going out for a perfunctory duty.

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