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"STATEMENT NUMBER ONE"

It could not have been the intent in making the primary law, either of those who drew it or of the voters who enacted it, to make conditions that would require every member of the Legislature to vote for the same person for United States Senator.

But to such literal interpretation it is impossible to yield obedience. To do so would be to ignore party, in the election of Senators. At the same time there would be no conformity to the wishes of the people, or actual obedience to their mandate.

There are several parties. In the general election the Republican party will have a candidate, the Democratic party will have a candidate, the Prohibition party will have a candidate, the Socialist party will have a candidate.

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Under the form of government, says the preamble to the primary law, "political parties are useful and necessary at the present time."

ence to the letter of "statement No. 1" would ignore or set aside party, or require members of the Legislature to do so, in the most important matter of party interest, and actually the election of Senators of the United States.

In this particular, therefore, "statement No. 1" is not only at variance but in direct conflict with the general purpose and whole tenor of the primary law itself; to say nothing of its antagonism to the underlying motives of party action, through which alone a government by the people can have a meaning.

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There is difference of opinion, which will have to wait for solution. We shall see. The coast road has but to make good. The committee evidently believes it will make good, for it professes to have examined the credentials of the parties and is satisfied.

The enthusiasm manifested at the Silverton meeting of the Willamette Valley Development League should be productive of very gratifying results in the good road movement.

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hour; for the deepening of the Willamette and the public ownership of the locks at Oregon City; for the deepening of entrances to coast harbors and for the construction of steam and electric railways.

A LOGICAL DIVERSION. If the reader of the American Economist could take the articles, as they are doubtless intended, for literature of a satirical turn written to bring the stand-pat idea into contempt by displaying its inherent contradictions and logical absurdity, he might enjoy its pages thoroughly.

Upon the supposition that its articles are written to convince and persuade the whole-minded patriot is a divinely revealed religion, they become exasperating.

Every sentence in this quotation is either entirely false or involves a partial falsehood. Tariff revision may or may not be tariff reduction.

Justice T. G. Halley, of the Supreme Court, who owns a 160-acre alfalfa farm in Umatilla County, was one of the speakers at the recent Development League meeting at Silverton.

The frenzied utterances of such negro-phobes as Thomas Dixon, Jr., find their natural counterparts in the equally frenzied replies of Professor Kelly Miller and the pulp ravings of Bishop Turner, of the African Methodist Church.

In almost every residence section of Portland you will see colonial houses. Generally the architectural effect is pleasing. Not one of the designs is original.

The San Jose scale is prevalent in Portland and generally in the Willamette Valley. It is injuring rose bushes as well as other plants.

The Ponca Indians may have something to learn with reference to the etiquette of wedding gifts, but in the vernacular of pioneer days their tum-tum is by no means unbecoming.

The problem of keeping minors out of saloons is one that has long vexed both officers and saloon-keepers. The plan usually pursued shifts the responsibility entirely from the shoulders of the offenders and of their parents and places it upon the shoulders of the saloon-keeper.

The ordinance under which the saloon-keeper is made to be liable for allowing minors to visit and hang about his place of business is manifestly unjust.

Judge Smith, of Chicago, made his mistake in not starting a life insurance company. It wouldn't have been necessary to borrow a bank roll for that purpose.

Mr. Hill has one consolation. He boosted the price of Mr. Harriman's Seattle terminals higher than Mr. Harriman elevated that Willamette bridge.

boys, after having attained years of ordinary discretion, are held to be responsible beings, the better for themselves, for society and for posterity.

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When Nicholas ran for Congress he was elected by a clean majority over all the others of 14,000 or more, but today he will be in a decided minority. He will be only one of two. The other one will be the big one.

Nicholas will be merely a pain-giving circumstance—not exactly a pain-giving circumstance. He will stand like a blithering idiot—bridegrooms always look like blithering idiots—while every one is looking at Alice as she marches up to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March or the Wedding March from "Lohengrin."

And they will live happily ever afterward, but poor old Nicky will hereafter be known as the son-in-law of President Roosevelt, and after a while as the son-in-law of ex-President Roosevelt.

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The owners and occupants of wooden buildings in the warehouse district on the East Side are unanimous in their opinion that no more wooden buildings should be put up. Next week they will begin tearing down their wooden buildings, and putting up brick buildings in their place.

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Dublin society does not take kindly to the New Viceroys and Countesses of Aberdeen. The Earl is a very fussy and self-important person and the Countess has in a very pronounced fashion those qualities which make up "the man" on the other hand, the Earl and Countess of Dudley were beloved by the Irish people on account of their democratic simplicity and their unassuming ways.

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THE PESSIMIST.

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NEW LIFE IN THE OLD TOWN.

It certainly pleases the suburban towns to see the United Railway people go into Portland and open the eyes of the old conservatives who have made their millions and sat back, taking their cent-percentage, retarding progress, encouraging no development unless there was a big graft in it for no investment involved; and who have merely worked outside capital for a rake-off.

Holdenville Tribune. The following letter was received recently: Dear Sir: I hereby offer my resignation as a subscriber to your paper, it being a pamphlet of such small count, by sequence as not to benefit my family by taking it.

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The Winter twilight was wistful and sad. "Listen," she said in a tense voice. "Hear the howling of the lost wind among the bare and trembling trees. See how mournful lies the wan light on the snow-covered hills. This frozen desolation Oh! does it not make you feel that in life there is too much of cold; too much of bleakness?"

"Well, no," he answered candidly. "Father, you see, is in the coal business." A New Geysier. "Ma," said young Miss Nurlich, "when we was at the Yellowstone Park, did we see all the geysers that was there?"

Not to Be Sneezed At. Puck. New Yorker (showing friend Hotel De Millyun)—To tell the truth we are proud of this hat. It is downy gingerly on one edge of a dry goods box; "Tom, did you ever see a gold darn ball just where you wanted it?"

Needs Praying For. Puck. Mrs. Porikham (of Chicago)—I see that when their religious Turks pray they always turn their faces towards the East.

SOME THINGS IN THE OREGONIAN TOMORROW

First and best, the most comprehensive telegraphic news service by the Associated Press and special correspondents of any Pacific Coast newspaper; then the customary departments, and the best features that can be bought.

CAN MAN CREATE LIFE ARTIFICIALLY? A fortnight ago, Professor Wilhelm Ostwald, of the University of Leipzig, started this country with a lecture before the students on Harvard and Columbia Universities, in which he declared that man could create artificially a high form of animal life.

MORE CLIMBING ROSES NEEDED IN PORTLAND. A popular article by Frederick V. Holman on how to grow them. As every one knows, Mr. Holman for many years has been growing the finest roses for sale in the city.

PHOTOGRAPHS ACTUALLY SENT BY WIRE. This is the latest achievement of mechanical science by Professor Alfred Korn, of Munich. Recently he transmitted a distinct picture the distance of 100 miles and says he could with less difficulty send a picture by cable across the ocean.

HOUSES OCCUPIED BY WASHINGTON. During the war of the Revolution, Washington occupied as military headquarters several dwellings, now of priceless historical value. These are faithfully pictured and described in a special article of timely value.

"I'VE BEEN THINKING" BY CHARLES B. LOOMIS. A number of short sketches by the humorist who recently visited Portland, each complete in itself. There is a gentleness in his style that cannot help but captivate the reader who enjoys the pricking of social bubbles.

THE RELIGION OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. This is the text of Dr. Hill's sermon for tomorrow, wherein he points out the spiritual side of the man who served God with works.

THE PARADISE OF THE SEA. Dr. Morris R. Cox, of Portland, now in Honolulu, contributes very readable comment on what he saw there. Some of it is in praise and commendation of the most beautiful spot in the big ocean.

UNCIVILIZED TALES BY A TEXAS SHERIFF. First of a series of interviews by Irving C. Norwood with the Hon. Bill Sanger, of the Lone Star State. He tells of a tame lion, a tame bear and some other bucked the margins good and plenty.

STRANGE PROUD RACE OF INDIA. Frederic J. Haskin writes from Bombay concerning the Parsis who worship fire and abandon their dead to vultures.

THE "ROOSEVELT BEARS" IN BALLOON. In last Sunday's story these interesting animals were carried into the air by a balloon. Tomorrow's story recites how they spent nearly 24 hours far above the clouds and had some thrilling experiences.

LINCOLN STEFFENS ON "THE REIGN OF PUBLIC OPINION." Lincoln Steffens continues his series of studies in government at Washington, D. C. This brilliant investigator sees especially to disclose what the Government of the United States represented, the people or the special interests.

EMILIE FRANCES BAUER'S NEW YORK LETTER. Emilie Bauer contributes a chatty letter. Miss Bauer is a well-known New York critic, and some of the topics she discusses this week are Jan Kubiak, beloved of matinee girls; the Leon Orlando Bailey twins; the Wellington-Johnson lawsuit; the appearance of Rudolph G. Gans; the move to David Blumenthal; a matinee audience at "The Little Gray Lady"; and the auction sale of the late Irving M. Scott's pictures.

JIMMY BRITT WRITES FOR THE SPORTING GAME. For the sporting news the Oregonian has secured the weekly review of the prizefighting game by James E. Britt. Britt looks at the coming contests from the standpoint of an expert. He expresses himself fearlessly, and his comments on the pugilistic sport are certainly original in expression.

LEADERS IN THE OREGONIAN VOTING CONTEST. The Oregonian tomorrow will announce the standing of the young women who are entered in the contest for a free trip to Yellowstone Park. The contest is growing intense, and the result of the count is awaited with anxiety by the young women competing.

SOCIETY, MUSIC AND DRAMATIC REVIEWS. Five pages, with illustrations, are devoted to news, accounts of social happenings, weddings, announcements of coming events, review of the theatrical week and announcements and reviews of musical events.

TWO PAGES OF LIVE SPORTING NEWS. Timely articles are printed each week on the Oregonian's sporting pages. A branch of sport news, the sporting news of the world is gathered by the Associated Press, special correspondents cover the Pacific Coast, and local writers describe the events in Portland.