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Portland, Monday, April 23, 1906. PARTY AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR. It may be hoped, and there is good ground to believe, that factional differences in the Republican party of Oregon are at an end.

outcome of the primary contest is not so clear. But one or the other will be the candidate, and either is worthy. But it is not merely for individuals, as such, that the people of Oregon will vote. There has been a fair and open contest between candidates.

It is through this long and large view of things that a great majority of the people of Oregon act in the main with the Republican party. Such dissensions as have appeared among them during past years have been the result of differences on main principles as out of the contests of persons, which have led to contests of factions.

Now, as the Oregonian believes, the Republican party of Oregon is at the end of its dissensions. The time has come when it can be chosen as a united party. No clique, no faction, no boss, directs or controls its proceedings.

It has been promised the taxpayers that where the assessed valuation has been increased there will be a corresponding decrease in the rate of levy, so that the amount of tax paid will be the same.

It is up to the taxpayers themselves to see that the promise is fulfilled. County Courts may be able to make an attractive argument in support of the increased valuation and reduced levy, but if the taxpayer finds an ever-increasing sum required to meet the demands of the tax collector, the argument will not be very convincing.

Both the Republican and Democratic candidates should be required to tell what they will do if elected, and then, when placed in power, they should be held to a strict fulfillment of pre-election pledges.

Archer M. Huntington, in voicing an opinion on the future of San Francisco, said: "All talk of abandoning the city in favor of some such place as Seattle is foolishness."

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ILLITERACY OF THE WORLD. Washington (D. C.) Star. In answer to an inquiry I would say that the lowest rate of illiteracy in the world is found in Sweden, Norway and Germany; and in this country in Oregon.

The following table shows the ratio of illiterates per 1000 inhabitants in the countries named as given by the latest returns.

Table with columns: Country, Ratio per 1000. Includes Sweden (1.1), Norway (1.1), Germany (1.1), etc.

The total ratio of illiteracy for the total population of the United States is given above, is 30.2, which includes all recent immigrants.

Table with columns: State, Ratio per 1000. Includes Oregon (30.2), District of Columbia (4.9), Nebraska (4.4), etc.

It will be seen from some of our states, the ratio of illiteracy among our citizens is quite as low as any of the European countries, excepting Norway, Sweden and Germany.

Impersonal Corporation. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Why may not a corporation be imprisoned to all intents and purposes as well as an individual?

Marry Me? Ya-as. A ducky wanted very much to propose to his lady-love, but, strange to say, he hadn't the nerve.

Under Dog Having His Day. Spokane Chronicle. The under dog does not get kicked by the entire country so well paid as the average college professor.

Belonged to the Big Horn Man. Tacoma News. One of the curious things recently received at the dead letter office was a set of false teeth that weighed four pounds and were twelve inches in diameter.

Related Explanation. Yakima Republic. Men with whackers like Dewie's are born to trouble.

THE THREE DISGRACES. Graham Record. If gossip, scandal and backbiting were made a source of distinction from the church her ranks would soon be badly depleted.

That's Easy. Milton Eagle. While it is interesting to hear that money is easier, what we should like to know is whether the people who have it are "easier."

Yamhill Has John III Skinned. Sheridan Sun. The young baby Rockefeller is estimated to be worth several hundred millions of dollars, but every baby is worth that to its mother and father.

Worse Than Second Bull Run. La Grande Chronicle. G. W. Allen lost a \$75 cow this week. The animal was poisoned in a pasture, and Mr. Allen caught this very hard luck for an old Grand Army veteran.

Tillamook Problem. Herald. Why is it a careless 7-year-old kid can drop a half-burned match in an alley and burn up all the barns in a block, while an able-bodied man has to dig up a box of matches to get a wood fire started in a heater that has draft enough to draw all the furniture up the stovepipe?

Great Day Coming. Brownsville Times. Some communities in Oregon declare that the "split-log" is the greatest invention invented for making good roads.

Give 'em Longitude and Latitude. Pendleton Promoter. Woman should be allowed every opportunity to make the most of herself. Her genius and character should be given full scope for development.

Shameful Companion. East Oregonian. In proportion to black population, the Northern states have outstripped the South in cruelties to the negroes.

A Real Riley Rendezvous. Indianapolis Cor. New York Sun. James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, and John Dickey, a close personal friend, have purchased Bear Wallow Hill, in Brown County, and are going to improve the site with a magnificent house, which will be a kind of intellectual summer resort.

Become Ridiculous. Boston Record. The magazine reviewers have come to the inevitable end, and President Roosevelt himself will write the epitaph of failure on their recent output.

Food for Squirrels. Brooklyn Leaf. Most people who feed the gray squirrels in the big parks fail to realize that it is no kindness to give them pretty little animal-like soft shell nuts as almonds, peanuts and chestnuts.

What's in a Name? Walla Walla Steamman. The new men in the South have just turned down a "gallant old Confederate" for Senator. But, unfortunately, they took up a pestiferous gnat whose chief asset is his possession of the name of Jeff Davis.

Groundswell, Not a Wave. Myrtle Point Enterprise. There is no mistaking the fact that public opinion in Oregon on the Pacific Coast is much more intent upon enforcement of the law than ever before.

Child of the Newly Rich. Smart Set. "Was he born with a silver spoon in his mouth?" "No; with a silver knife in his mouth."