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CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE. We think it can be said with certainty that the voting in no state has ever been so eccentric as that in Oregon last Monday. It shows that many thousands of Republicans voted at utterly cross purposes with each other; and moreover, that each voter of many thousands thought he was voting at utterly cross purposes with himself.

THE LESSON OF THE RAILS. The value of steel for structural purposes upon an experimental basis has been demonstrated plainly and beyond question by the forces of earthquake and fire that it is no longer problematical. San Francisco, but now one of the most beautiful cities of the earth, and seemingly as enduring as any, writes in the record of a ruin wrought in a few hours.

Representatives of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, largest of the Japanese steamship lines, have been inspecting Portland harbor with a view to placing a line of steamships on the run between this city and the Far East. Of some nations whose flags can be found on the high seas, no other has the operation of merchant marine vessels down to so low a cost as the Japanese.

the entire population of the Pacific Coast is engaged in the business of producing cargo for other countries, no hardship will be felt if this cargo is carried in Japanese vessels at rates far below those at which our own people could carry it.

THE COPYRIGHT BILL. A copyright bill is now before Congress which, if it passes, will at last put literary property on something like the same footing as other property.

MR. BRYAN. The indications are that Mr. Bryan will be the next candidate of the Democratic party for President of the United States, and that his nomination will be almost unanimous.

Consul Liefeld sends from Baden, in the beautiful Black Forest, some details about German mountaineering clubs which should move suggestions to American lovers of outdoor life.

Revolutions in Central America are about as frequent occurrence as ultimatums in Turkey, and advice from Washington state that the latest of these periodical forces has just been concluded with the repulse of a party of patriots who were invading Guatemala.

There are some reasons to regret the failure of Hon. Josephine Smith, Democrat, to be re-elected to the House. There ought to be one more woman in the Congress.

It is quite natural that the beef packers should rally to their aid and defense the cattle-growers of the West. The influence of these cattlemen is of value for more reasons than one.

ures made by Mr. Russell and Mr. Sinclair, about a year ago, and recently discovered by the President, that they are sadly in need of reinforcements which can land and air of respectability to their cause.

The Central Oregon farmers are complaining of the invasion of a new pest. The sage rat is the latest addition to the pestiferous list.

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A STUDY FOR OREGON. Some of the Consequences of Selfish and Factional Effort in Politics. In Our State. Minneapolis Tribune. Corruption in government is the surest breeder of socialism among the people.

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