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TODAT'S PRIMARIES

Republican and Democratic primar ies are to be hold throughout Oregon oday. There are to be nominated one Senator and two Representatives in Congress, a Supreme Court Judge and a Food and Dairy Commissioner, nembers of the State Legislature and various judicial, district and county officers. The election closes a cam-paign conducted for the most part with decorum, decency and dignity by the various candidates, although the intest for Semator has been produc live of some excitement and no little bitterness, Mr. Fulton himself and his re-election has been an issue. So

ndeed has been Statement No. 1, Mr. Fulton's ultimate success does not depend upon the question whether we shall have a Statement No. 1 Legisature, though undoubtedly it does pend on whether he shall win today and again in June. We should say will be elected by the next Legislature,

that merchanis are sending out their supplies where they are cheapest and catalogues earlier this year than usual incidentally cease paying 50 per cent incidentally cease paying 50 p at its height and Easter is just at a good plan, while shipping property

Other thousands will doubtless be and transports of our own. added to the number today and to morrow. The fad offers expression for pretty sentiment, and furnishes an easy and graceful method whereby

slight obligation of duty may be discharged or a pleasant expression of remembrance indulged. Inexpensive, graceful and pleasing, it adds to the sum of human happiness and to the postal receipts of the Government without appreciably increasing the burdens of the mail carriers. Hence, it may be hoped that the sending of souvenir postal cards at Christmas as

well as Easter time will grow from a fad into a custom and abide with us.

WRIGTS.

It is generally admitted by

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both European and American author-

will be of the greatest importance

for the United States to have a large

peace with friendly nations all along

which would confront this Government

if a war should suddenly spring up at

ion. It has cost a large sum of

money to bring that fleet out to the

Pacific, and there is no other part of

the American possessions that is more in need of its presence than the un-

guarded Pacific, with our Far Eastern

riminated against by the Califo

Portland has been shamefully dis-

Secretary of the Navy, and the Califor-

ila Senator Perkins, but, regardless of

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LAWS FOR THE PEOPLE.

ities who have studied the political situation in all of its phases that the scene of the world's next great battle Oregon needs a number of laws to orrect long-standing abuses in the will be the Pacific Ocean. way of special privilege. But it is to flict may be between the United States get no such laws under the initiative and referendum, at least not now. Instead, the "people's" law-making method is burdened with trifling mata war between some of the greedy Eu-ropean nations which will put forward some of the Far Eastern countries as ers or crank notions. Must the sle look, then, to the Legislature for principals in the trouble. But, regardless of the personnel of a contestants in this coming strife, heir rights?

While the water wealth of the state a gobbled up by perpetual franchise speculators; while timber land owners vade their just share of taxes; while feet in the Pacific when the trouble begins. Sending a fleet of vessels from rusts and combinations squeeze the public and smother competitive trade, while short-weight food packages are old for full measure, and while other real evils, that could be mentioned, thrive, the initiative and referendum tirely different undertaking from that used to withhold funds from the ate University and the militin, to a time when the most of our fleet was 14,000 miles away on the Atlantic staother the state with recall, proportional representation, single tab salmon squabble and a dispute tax, a

Sheriff and the County ween the lourt of Multnomah over feeding of orisoners in the county bastile and ock quarry In such wise, is the initiative and and Northern possessions.

referendum employed to propagate petty ideas and avenge rivalries, while the real needs of the state are ignored It may not be the fault so much of the system as of the persons who re-sort to it. But ways should be devised or suppressing the ebuillent cranks who have found this new vent. Either

sublic sentiment should hold them wn or the initiative and referendum hould be put beyond their reach It is yet to be proved that the state an obtain by initiative and referen-ium legislation any of the needed laws

which the Legislature has refused or ailed to enact. The only important enactments thus far secured by it are the local option and direct primary laws. Yet it may be seriously doubted that Oregon would be without such laws, if it had no initiative and ref-erendum. Local option and direct pri-

the flag" was never much else than rendum. Local option and direct pri-maries have spread all over the United States. They have been enacted by the "flag" of any particular maritime States. They have been enacted by many Legislatures. And they would andoubtedly be enacted by the Oregon nationality of the trade it is called Legislature.

gislature. on to handle. It is this into point of these remarks is that inte independence of any not one law, for which there is gen-feature of his country's business, that has made the British shipowner the or enlargement of the powers of the Port of Portland-has been proposed, and that the state is bothered with matters that should not be forced upon it. The foes of infiative and upon it. The foes of initialitye and referendum are its professed friends, who make too promissions of its who make too promiscuous use of it. Must the people obtain good laws from their hitherto recreant Legisla-

ure?

AS A GUABANTEE OF PEACE The United States may never need selves could handle it, but also at he four new battleships which the lower rates than were exacted from Tresident so earnessly recommands in his special message to Congress. It is highly probable that a naval prothat either Mr. Fulton or Mr. Cake gramme, calling for one or two ships is very interesting. H. A. Sanderson, gramme, calling for one or two ships is very interesting. H. A. Sanderson, were once applied throughout Christ-a year, or possibly only one every two general manager of the White Star endom. Who knows how soon these forced to admit that American goods appearances on a peaceful footing. But, if this country should get into were carried to Australia by way of Chamberlain. Whether Statement No. trouble within the next three or four Liverpool at rates 30 per cent than the rates on English goods sent years, it would feel the need of those from Liverpool for Australia on battleships more than anything else. It is freely admitted by army and navy authorities in all of the great countries same boat. He also testified that it was necessary to make these rates for of the earth that the great battles of the Americans, in order to meet ompetition of direct steamers salling the future are to be fought on the sea. and the cost of the battleships asked for, heavy as it seems, would be a mere bagatelle compared with the sum of the Commission if it was not "pracwhich this country would be obliged

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previous year. Mr. Minto sees only fective working standard. We might the Willamette Valley is a menace to two reasons for this increase, namely, begin to economize for this extra out an increased population and the fact lay for battleships by buying Panama he health of youth reared in Eastern talks arrant nonsense Oregon. Every personal experience stamps this opinion as absolutely false. His illustration based on the fearful mortal Ity among Indian children is hand. It is no exaggeration to say is unusually cheap, to permit our peo-that iens of thousands of Easter ple to buy up a merchant marine, and postals have been given to the mails place it under the American flag, so realize the necessity of taking better in this city since the first day of April. Through whose fault did these

humanity, why didn't the Superintendnt of the school teach them common ules of health? Mr. Walker indicts he management for manslaughter. J PERMANENT PACIFIC FLEET NEEDED. Not in ten years have even the most hysterical of the American "jingoes" predicted or expected war with any ormal white young man, ready for ollege, no matter where he was brought up, will thrive physically in Western Oregon if he live rationally untries of consequence on the Atlantic, and the possibilities for trouble No one knows this better than Mr Walker, the oldest native-born Orein that part of the world are daily becoming more remote. For that reason it is the duty of all patriotic Americonlan, and he should be ashamed so o distort an unfortunate circumstance of residence, to insist on the retention as to make it a reason for avoiding on the Pacific Coast of a large propor our balmy Winter climate. It is an wil bird that fouls its own nest. of the big fleet now in Pacific

Colonel James Hamilton Lewis as

andidate for Governor of Illinois will andoubtedly establish a code of ethics hich will remain as a standard ome year- after he is defeated for the office he seeks. There will be none of the "rough house" or even "Bath-house John" style of polities for the Chesterfieldian Jim Ham. The turbulent ward meeting with which the vot ers of Chicago, which is most of the State of filinois, are familiar, will be replaced during the Lewis campaign by nice pink tens, which in hus and brilliancy will match the Colonel's whiskers. The effulgent glow of the Lewis whiskers may never diffuse warmth in the Governor's office Springfield, but the Lewis oratory ighten the temperature of the State of Hilnols so long as it is on tap.

When two men attempt to ride the horse one must ride behind This is the homely fact with which Abraham Lincoln consoled himself when, after a vigorous and laborious campaign for Congress, he was defeated by Stephen A. Douglas. Its logic is commended to the multitude of candidates for office who in at-tempting to ride the political hobby horse-two, three, four or five to-gether-will find to their chagrin when the shades of evening fall that there was room for but one rider of so frisky and slippery a mount.

The Tacoma man who handcuffed viduals in refusing to send any por-tion of the battleship fleet to Porthis wife to keep her loyal has never read the Arabian Nights, we guess. If te knew the story of the Jew whe ganization in the city would join with the Californians in a request that the greater portion of the fleet be retained cked his wife in a casket and locked he casket in a cell and sunk the cell in the ocean and was beirayed after ill, he would realize how vain needed, instead of sending them back precautions are. The one way to keep wife is to keep her love, and that s useful only for social purposes and requires more manhood than some ten possess.

The spirit of the Rose Festival Is ontagious. In fact, it bids fair to beme epidemic. Scarcely a day passer which some town or village does not fall into line with promise of a float, a parade or something that will add to pageant in this city during Festival week. The refrain of this spirit -like that accredited to the primitive church bell-is "Room for all, room for all.

The leaders in Congress have definmost successful of his calling. If the itely decided to kill the President's Important recommendations, which the public good most urmost clination to do business in any country on earth, he will find that transportagently demands. Poetic justice now requires the people to kill the political uture of these recalcitrant leaders. very low charter rates, a "flag" if he There is but one way to force Congress to act for the public interest, and that is to make it afraid of the political

Illustrative of this practice of forsteamship owners handling consequences of inaction. freight for Americans, not 3.2 ver rates than the Americans them-

The Manitoba "Dreamers," who are said to believe in killing everybody who does not agree with them are not anarchists. They are a religious sect which has revived for modern use tain practices, now out of fashion, that

ALBANY TO BOOST IN EARNEST WARRANTS

Commercial Club to Hire Experienced Man for Campaign.

ALBANY, Or., April 16 .- (Special)-

The Albany Commercial Club will soon secure the services of an experienced man to have charge of the boosting campaign in this city. At a meeting of the board of directors of the club ist evening a committee consisting of D. O. Woodworth, F. J. Miller, F. M. rench, W. B. Stevens and A. J. Hodges was named to secure a secretary. The committee will probably go to Port-land and consult with Tom Richardson. An active publicity campaign will be conducted by the new club, and while will progress on a more sand while will progress on a more sane and onservative line than has character-red some other boosting campaigns, will be none the less active. The ub has entered into a big advertising ontract with Sunset, the Southern

Pacific magazine. CONVICTED IN HARNEY COUNTY

Circuit Court Grinds Out Grist of

Sentences for Wrong-Doers,

BURNS, Or., April 16.-(Special.)-Charles Ball, a saloonkeeper of Harney City, was fined \$59 for allowing minors in his place and his license was revoked by the County Court.

O. A. Hall, charged with unlawfully slaughtering a calf belonging to the Pa-elfic Lavestock Company, was acquitted a jury

William Pollard, who pleaded guilty to the larceny of some houses, was sentenced to serve six years in the Penitentiary. It was the second time he had appeared before Judge Davis in the position of a

Miller, convicted of horse steal ing and pleading guilty to cattle stealing was sentenned to serve six years, two sears on the former and four years on th Judge that should be behave himself in prison and evince a disposition for re-form, intercession in his behalf would be made with the executive.

made with the executive. The several cases against George S. Miller, father of Peter, have been contin-ued to the October term of court, and this completes the criminal proceedings of the April term of Circuit Court, just closed. Sheriff Richardson started Tuesday morning to deliver Follard and young Miller at the Penitentiary. Miller at the Panitentiary.

BROWNELL FOR STATEMENT I

Says He Has Always Been in Favor

of It in First Speech.

OREXION CITY, Or., April 16.-(Special) -The first public appearance on the poli-tical platform of George C. Brownell in nearly two years was made tonight in Shively's Opera-House, where a large suddence greeted him and also many of the candidates for Republican nomination for county offices, who followed Mr. Brownell, Several hundred people went to the meeting out of curiosity, believing that Brownell would let fly some soma-tional political history, but they were doomed to disoppointment, as he devoted nearly all of his time to a resume of the former method of eleming United States Senators, telling of incidents in the Legis-iature at Salem. He made a plea for Statement No. 1, saying that he had always been in favor of H. Oun-shoe campaigning has been in pro-gress here for the last few days among the candidates for the Legislature. Seven OREGON CITY, Or., April 16.-(Special M. L. JONES ROASTS T. B. JONES Final Rally of Primary Campaign SALEM, Or. April 16 -- (Special) -- A final political rally of the primary cam-paign was held in the Opera-House this paign was held in the Opera-House this evening. It was known as a "non-partle san" meeting, and was presided over by Conrad Krebs, who was the chief mover in calling it. The principal feature was an address by M. L. Jones, candidate for County Judge, who administered a severe roasting to T. E. Jones, who has been leading a campaign against the election of M. L. Jones. Other speakers were Walter Winslow, candidate for the Lagislature; August Huckestein, a Dem-corat, and not a candidate, but a sup-

candidates for the Legislature. Sever the obtainances for the Legislature. Seven men are aspiring to the Republican nomi-nation, and four of them will be unsuc-cessful. All have subscribed to State-ment No. 1, which is exceptionally strong in Clackamas County. Other interesting fights are for Commissioner and Assessor. Logislature: August Huckestein, a Dem-ocrat, and not a candidate, but a sup-porter of Statement No. 1, and State I Senator T. B. Kay, who is not a candi-date, but who made a vigorous speech in favor of election of Scattors in accord-ance with the Constitution of the United States. The meeting was the occasion for much fun and some actions discusbeing four candidates for each of these offices.

for much fun and some serious discus WINS SUIT AFTER FIVE YEARS CATCH OF SALMON VERY LIGHT

Contest of Land Claim Is Lost in General Land Office.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 16 .--(Spe call) - Attorney Agnew has received word from the Commissioner of the General Land Office that the contested land case of Gus Kendail has been de-cided in Kendail's favor after a hard fight of more than five years. Mr. Kendail purchased the improve-ments and relicontichment of a former

\$25,000.

tract.

years. While the rates paid are nominal-ly 5 and 7 cents per pound, not enough fish were caught to establish a price. Mr. Kendall purchased the improve-ments and relinquishment of a former settler in February, 1900, and in 1903 began to make the place his home. He had built a cabin and cleared much land when the claim was contested by Thomas J. Long. Later, when Long found he could not make his contest build as a homestead he relicontate FOSSIL, Or., April 15.-(Special.)-Oscar Curry and Charles Jackson were

EUGENE PEOPLE RAISE \$36,000

County Fair Addition.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

Mrs. Edla Greenman, Ploneer.

Mrs. Frances E. Hendricks.

are in addition several other grown chill-dren, all of whom live in Lewis County

County High School Campaign.

cess this year.

FOR Goode Family Church Troubles to Get Further Airings. SALEM, Or., April 16-(Special)-Lail

ids and her associates, who horse whipped the presiding elder of the Free Methodist Church here about ten days ago, were today acquitted of the charge of disturbing a religious meating. The evidence showed that the meeting had adjourned before the disturbance took took Tonight a warrant was sworn out for

arrest of Jasper Goode upon 1.740 charge of assault and battery alleged to have been committed upon Rev. D. W. Cook, Rev. W. N. Coffee and Rev. J. F. Lewis, on April 4, the date of the horse whipping. Another warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Ladu Goode on the harge of assault and battery committed charge of assault and battery committed upon Mrs. Roper, wife of the paster of the church. A third warrant was issued for the arrest of Jakper Goode upon the charge of perjury alleged to have been committed when he testified in court to-day that he did not strike Rev. J. F. Lewis while the latter was occupying the pulpit of the Free Methodist Church last October.

As the Free Methodist Church has yen the police much trouble for several onths there will be a strenuous effort to An convict the persons who may be respon-

TRYING TO KEEP UP PRICE

Washington Loggers Strive to Save

Market From Going to Pieces. SEATTLE, Wash., April 16 .- (Spe-

cital) -- Lorgeres are putting up a hard fight to keep up prices, and despite the fact that some outside the Lorgers Association are selling for practically what they can get, have a good pros-pect of success. The price is now \$5.50 for merchantable, \$8 for No. 1 and \$11 for flooring. A year segment heatship "Marsa Henry" Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, has been waiting for a long time to get back at the magnatus editors who in their pride are any to boast of their superiority, as correct chroniclers, to the newspapers. Now his chance has come, "When is ca-tastrophe occurs in the Straits of Magoi-lau and a pleture of the Bering Straits is sorved with the collee and eigs in an American city or in London there is the excuse that the label was missing from the cut, and that the night editor did not have time to look over the ground at the scene of the dismater, but when a maganice editor in New York rends the 'coury' in December upon an article for merchantable, 35 for No. 1 and \$11 for flooring. A year ago merchantable loss brought \$4.50 more than at pres-sent and No. 1 \$7 more than they do now, while \$15 was paid for flooring. It is claimed that big orders can now be filled only through the association and with this prestige it is probable that the combine case maintain the fight to keen the market from caloring be filled only through the association and with this prestige it is probable that the combine cas maintain the fight to keep the market from going to pleces. Mills that handle cedar logs do not anticipate a serious effect from the logs which will be brought acress the line from Britlish Columbia. It is stated that only 29,000,000 feet will be imported and of this 5,000,000 is con-imated for by one firm. The logs are "corpy in December upon an article that is to be published in March there is no excuse for his not applying the philosophy of Davy Crockett." complains Mr. Watterson. "And as long as he does not do so, the periodicals cannot tracted for by one firm. The logs are not of high quality and towing charges bring the price up to nearly the level of Washington cedar of the same char-

Makes Fun for Salem.

Not Enough Taken to Establish a

Price at Canenries.

ASTORIA, Or., April 16.-(Special)-The catch of fish during the first 24 hours of the season has been very slack. In fact it is lighter than on any opening day for

Catch Men Who Stole Horse,

command attention as superiors of the press in point of accuracy of detail and sincerity of purposa."

Mrs. Humphry Ward, the famous author of "Robert Elmere," has been setting so much social attention since she landed at these shores, that the report-ors seem to have forzotten to mention that her husband was with her. It be-came necessary for Lenden to gantly hint that MR. Ward was also in the party, Mr. Ward is art critic for the London Times, and he recently bought wint now turns out to be a genuine Remisrandt

turns out to be a genuine Rembrandt, worth 25 times what he originally paid for it.

Mr. Ward can indulge in the same complaint as once did L. Clarke Davis, who was really a clever newspaper man and managing editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger when George W, Childa owned it. "I used to be known as the husband

of Rebecca Harding Davis, and of Rebecca Harding Invis, and hardly ever by my own name." complained the victim, "and then my son Richard hap-pened to discover that he, too, has a talent for novel writing. So in time I came to be known as the father of Richard Harding Davis, the author of 'Gallagher and Other Stories.'"

The question. When is a novel not a The question. When is a novel not a novel? is being fought out in a London court. When S. R. Crockett's hook. "Me and Myn. Limited," was about to be published last June by T. Flaher Un-win, a rival, publishing house, that of James Clarke & Co., was about to issue another Crockett book, "Vida," under a contract with the author which described it as the only novel of his to appear that season. The Clarkes sent out to the trade a circular stating that "Me and Myn. Limited," was not a novel, but only a slight collection of stories on stamp collecting. The result of this was only a slight collection of stories on stamp collecting. The result of this was that many orders for the book were cut stamp down, hence the suit. It was brought out in the hearing that "Me and Myn" was a complete story, with a hero, a heroins,

love, and a marriage. A hundred years after his death, John Newton is to be honored with a memorial Newton is to be homored with a memorial tablet in the old London Church of St. Mary Woolnoth. The writings of John Newton are, of course, largely forgotten now. Who remembers even the tille of "Omleron" and "Cardiphonia?" On the other hand, to few authors has it been given to live in words so widely known as does Newton in the noble hyron. "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken."

NE BY ONE, our early and O NE BY ONE, our early and most trusted allusions are being shattered. Vandals and anoncers bave already proved to their complete satisfaction that the real author of Shakespeare's plays was Bacoo, and that Washington's cherry tree and the apple that William Tell shot from his son's head, only exist in the imagination

Now comes along Owen Wister in his delightfully gossipy American novel, "Lady Baltimore," When that novel re-Lady Baltimore." When that novel re-cently appeared, the critics handled it as a flainty morsel, and said: "Ahl here is something entirely new. Who would have thought of it? Lady Baltimore is a kind of eake of the olden time, made and sold in Charlesten, S. C. To read this novel is nearly as good to the taste 3s to eat a bit of the oake it typifies." An indignant Englishmen, how ince

An indignant Englishman has just written to the New York Sun exploding the Lady Baltimore myth. According to him, the cake referred to never belonged to the period of our grandmothers. "Charleston's plain, sound, digestible to the period of our grandn "Charleston's plain, sound, di cake was called Lady Washington RICER this new critic. One day, while Mr, Wis-ter was in the shop where it was sold, a prospective bridegroom entered to order a wedding cake, and he announced that he was going to marry a Haitimore girl. He wished something original in the way of cakes. So, to oblige him, the

women placed some more sugar, etc. than usual in the Lady Washington cake and renamed it the Lady Baltimore. Mr Wister was listening, and took it all in.

"Marse Henry" Watterson, of the

nee and shall again carry the day at the polls on June 1 against Governor rises or falls, lives or dies, will then make no difference.

Yet we are told that the predomi nating issue in this campaign is Statement No. 1. There is nothing else, say the advocates of the Statement, that is worth considering. They are endeavoring to establish non-partisanship in the election of a United States Senator as a fixed practice of Oregon politics; they are trying to to expend to secure peace without the aid of a sufficient naval strength. Republican Legislature, if elected, shall be required to elect a Demoratic candidate for Senator if the means and on the products of our own moorat shall have the nominal indorsement of the people at the polls. The main impulse of this effort is, of sourse, from the Democracy, alded for the most part by those Republicans, Europe. They, at least, could not or so-called Republicans, who in the starve as into submission, and we the most part by those Republicans, past have contributed to the contin ued political success of Governo Governot hamberlain and other Democrats. Statement No. 1 is essentially a device of Democrats to put a Democrat in high office, despite overwhelming Republican odds and despite the Constiution of the United States, which diects how and where and by whom a directions. United States Senator shall be elected. The Oregonian is indifferent to the result today, for it sees in the campaign for Statement No. 1 a persistent pursuit of those purposes and ors which have wrecked the Republiparty in the past and against which its protest has been unavailing. Republicans, so-called, are determined that there shall be no Republican party in Oregon. Therefore they join the Democrats in making a vehement outcry for Statement No. 1. Very well. Let us have Statement No. 1. Let us have a Statement No. I Legis-lature next year. let us have a Republican candidate nominated today, and let us lead him to be slaughtered in June by a Democratic candidate, Governor Chambertain. Then let us put Statement No. 1 to the test, and got along nicely in the past without let us see what those Republicans in the Legislature who may have signed Statement No. 1 will do, and how they will justify themselves before their constituents either in voting for a Democrat for United States Senator or repudiating the explicit terms and additions of their pledge if they shall refuse to vote for him.

The returns from the stamp sales of the Portland postoffice for the first eleven days of April were \$4476.52 in running up a deficit; but, were this excess of the corresponding period of deficit fen times greater than it is, it last year, and, of course, much greater than that of a similar period for any fail to keep our Navy up to an ef- but when he adds that the climate of

tically a breach of agreement with your British customers, to carry American goods by way of Liverpool The immense wealth of this country cheaper than you carry British goods from Liverpool to Australia?" The and our ability to live within out own steamship man asserted that the Brit-ish shippers realized that, if the Amercountry would, of course, enable the United States to make a better showing with a small navy than could be made by the less-favored countries of ican business was not handled by the White Star Line, it would be taken by its competitors, and, while complaints were made that the low rates given could exercise no small power in de-priving other countries of the necessithe Americans were hurting business for the British, there was no way for ties of life for which they have so long depended on the United States. But avoiding the situation. As this all official testimony delivered under the United States is now a world power, and as such it will no longer oath, it has a distinct value as a fect refutation of the argument that our foreign trade is suffering in the drag along with a navy that is not in keeping with our importance in other slightest degree through lack of ar

American merchant marine, although no one questions the value of more It is well known that Germany will annually lay keels for four battleships of the Dreadnaught type until 1911, American ships. What is proven by this testimony is the fact that the ocean freight carriers of the world are bidding against each other for the and, despite the objections raised and the reports sent out that England was privilege of carrying American trade o foreign countries.

the reports sent out that England was about to abandon in despair her famous 'two power' standard of naval defense. Mr. Asquith has publicly an-nounced that England will meet the defi of other countries, and build a sufficient number of new battleships to bring the total number in commis-The British Royal Commission has on numerous occasions proved that American shippers had a similar advantage over the British shipper, in goods going to South America, South Africa and China. Even here on the sion up to that of any other two pow-ers on earth. The cost of all of this Pacific Const, the decided advantage new naval equipment abroad will, of course, be enormous, and none of the of having the world in competition for the work of carrying our products to market is made clear by the present Old World countries is in any better ondition financially for standing the rates on flour and wheat to the Orient. Rates as low as \$1.75 per ton for the strain than is this country. The argu-ment frequently heard that we have 4000-mile voyage to China are quoted. As this is 75 cents per ton less than any such expensive navy as we are the lowest rate charged by the Amernow obliged to support means nothing can steamers between here and San Francisco, a distance of 650 miles American trade is not suffering ben the light of changed conditions. We oday have a pension roll of \$150,000,-000, and if this country were to because the flag with which it is traveling is not the Stars and Stripes. come involved in a war of conse-

quence it is not at all improbable that we should find ourselves burdened It was sufficient for Mr. Cyrus H. Waiker to explain why he advised a with another immense pension roll. Unsettled industrial conditions have Baker County young man to choose Whitman College in the State of decreased the revenues of the Govern-ment at this time, and we are rapidly Washington over any institution Oregon that he had a particular liking for Whitman. In such matters sentiment figures largely and merits respect. would be expensive economy for us to

examination, and was pri les may again become versally accepted ?

> The gillnet fishermen are reporting or catches for the first day's of the season. The water bailiff of the Fish Warden's office was more successful, and succeeded in bagging several gillnetters who had mistaken the date and began fishing before the closed season expired.

The Republican people will designate their choice in today's primaries for United States Senator and will refer it to the June election, to see whether the Democrat-Socialist-Prohibition people want the Republican choice elected by the Legislature.

In view of the effective work of Patrolman Henson against a trio of bandits, traditional sneers against the Portland police force should be suspended for at least a week

It wouldn't do us much good to deny that we are in the China class. If a strong naval power should assert that against us and had enough ships to prove it.

Mr. Heney probably understands the leep meaning attached to that old adage regarding the pitcher which nakes too frequent trips to the well.

Mr. Heney says he will not make any further fight on Mr. Fulton. A lot of folks who have been expecting "exposures" will be disappointed.

Banker Ross may have practical use for his secret code, sending dispatches to his Portland friends about the progress of his trial in Salem

Wouldn't it scare anybody to be held up for money in a dead lan-guage? No wonder Sig. Sichel phoned for the police

The conflicting affidavits injected nto Oregon politics indicate that Mr Heney and Mr. Fulton are not the only

The weather kickers should remem ber that Oregon's seed planting would be helped by a little rain just now.

After the primaries, some of the andidates will not be so satisfied with heir pictures. 14.14

More than half the candidates will ot regard it as Good Friday.

Don't worry. What if your candi-date shouldn't be nominated?

found he could not make his contest hold as a homestead, he relinquished his claim and his wife filed a timber claim on the land the same day, de-spite the protests of Kendall. It fact if was charged that the land office officials would not parmit Kendall and his attorney to appear in the matter but accepted the filing of Mrs. Long. From this action Attorney Agnew suc-cessfully appealed. The claim is worth ought to town today, under the esc of two deputy constables, to face the charge of having stolen a sorrel mure from G. W. Knox, of this place, and lead-ing her about 12 miles south of town, and ere shooting her three times in the there shooting her three times in the head. The shous, however, did not prove fatal. Upon examination before Justice J. D. McFarland each entered a plea of not guilty, and were each placed under \$700 bonds to appear 'in court Monday morning for the preliminary hearing. ressfully appealed. The claim is worth

Asks Telephone Franchise.

Asks Telephone Franchise. MONTESANO, Wash., April 16.—(Spe-cial.)—At the City Council meeting, held last night. C. H. Wolf, representing a Tacoma syndicate, petitioned for a tele-phone franchise, with the privilege of running wires on all streets of the city. He offered to conduct the telephone husi. ness in a separate office, the company now doing business here being conducted in a drugstore; and he also offered to give daily service from 7 A. M. to 10 P. M. and to give two phones free to the city, and the use of all poles for use in Installing a fire alarm system. Commercial Club Sells 120 Lots in EUGENE, Or., April 16.--(Special.)--At the Commercial Club this evening \$35,000 was raised from the sale of lots in the County Fair addition. The lots were drawn by 120 oltizens for \$300 each, the total of which raises the \$35,000, and each one holds a one hun-dred and twentieth interest in the rest of the 57 acres belonging to the fair tract. installing a fire alarm system

Withdraws Because of Sickness.

ALBANY, Or., April 16.-(Special.)-J. E. Caiavan, of Scio, has signed a notice of withdrawal as a candidate for County Clerk in the Democratic pri-maries tomorrow. Sickness which will prevent him from making an active campaign is the announced cause. It was too late for his name to be stricken from the ballots, but as Caiavan was the only candidate for the Democratic nomination, members of that party will write in the name of some other candi-MARSHFIELD, Or., April 16.-(Spe-cial.)-Mrs. Edla Greenman, aged 74 years, and a pioneer of Coos County, was found dead in bed this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. U. Douglas, wife of a leading attorney. Old age is the cause of her demise. write in the name of some other candi-date.

Monthly \$40,000 Paid La Grande.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 16.-(Spe-cial.)-Frances E. Hendricks, a pioneer resident of Mossyrock, died after a lin-gering illness, in this city, Tuesday night. Today the remains were taken to Mossy-rock for interment. Mrs. Hendricks' name was Davis before marriage, and her pea-ple were sympap nigneer sattlers in the LA GRANDE, Or., April 15.—(Special.) -The O. R. & N. officials, including J. O'Brien, general manager; M. J. P. O brief, general superintendent, and W. D. Campbell, superintendent, passed through La Grande today with the O. R. & N. payear. With the officials was Paymaster Brown, who personally at-tended to distribution of the \$40,000, was bays before infringe, and her pup-ple were among ploneer settlers in the Cowfitz Valley, coming here in 1849, tak-ing up a donation land claim near Knab, and later locating on Kilckitat Prairie. Mrs. H. H. Swofford, wife of County Clerk Swofford, is a daughter, and there

which monthly pours into La Grande. Rain May Keep Down Vote.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 16.-(Special) -On the ave of the primary election, there is a heavy rain, and things look dark for a very large vote tomorrow. In La Grande, the vote will reach close to the registration mark, but candidates fear that should the weather clear up torrow noon, farmers will be too busy to reach the polls as they should.

Grants Pass to Send Float.

County High School Campaign. OREGON CITY, Or., April 16.—(Special.) -The campaign for the proposed County High School will be opened in this county Saturday, when School Superintendent Gray, Professor L. A. Read, of Park Place, and Attorney C. Schuebel, of this city, will speak in favor of the movement at a local institute of county teachers at Mackshurg in the afternom. Going to Canby, they will be joined by Clarence Eaton and will hold a meeting there in the avening. The County High School proposition was defeated by a small vote two years ago, but no campaigning was done for the movement, and the friends of better educational facilities in Clacka-mas County have great hopes for suc-GRANTS PASS, Or., April 16.-(Special.) -At a meeting of the Grants Pass Com-mercial Club it was unanimously decided to get up a float representing this city in the Bose Pestival in Portland. This will be something symbolical of the prog-reas and development of the thriving Southern Oregon city. mas County have great hopes for suc

M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador to the United States, has contributed a critical essay, entitled "Ben Jonson's Views on Shakespeare's Art," to the Stratford Town edition of Shakespeare's works, which will be issued shortly. To this set of ten volumes is attached the unique interest of having been printed in Stratford-on-Avon, and in an old Tudor house next door but one to New Place, Shakespeare's home. Place, Shakespeare's ho

Few of the really great figures of inneteenth-century American literature survice, and of those few none is better known or more popular than Thomas Wentwerth Higginson. At the age of 84 he is actively interested in the world's work; his spirit is buoyant and optimistic and he has just finished a little book full of helpful wisdom for young and old. He calls it "Things Worth While," and it will soon be pub-lished in New York, in "The Art of Life Series," of which Edward Howard Griggs is the editor. Griggs is the editor.

Interest in Queen Victoria's recently published letters is still fresh as the announcement comes that King Edward has authorized the publication of Sir Theodore Martin's "Queen Vic-toria as I Knew Her." This volume will be issued next month.

Five bundred letters are printed in the recently issued "Letters of Martin Luther," selected and translated by Margaret A. Currie. A fuller and more careful index to the volume is called for.

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"The Life and Letters of George Bancroft." by M. A. De Wolfs Howe, are two new volumes of exceptional interest. The long life of George Ban-croft (1800-1851) almost covered the nineteenth century. He was a student in Germany in 1890, meeting Goethe, Byron, Lafnyette, Humboldt and other famous men. Minister to Eingland in 1848. Secretary of the Navy. Minister to Germany in 1867-1874, during the Franco-Prussian war, and the intimate friend and correspondent of Von Moltke, Bismarck, Emperor William and many other of the most famous people of the century.

Thomas L Masson's new book, en-titled "The New Plato: Socrates Redivivus," will be out in a few days, it describes the arrival of Socrates, a garrulous old man, from Athens in New York, and his subsequent stay at the Mills Hotel. There he naturally discusses various modern problems in-stead of the old subjects that used to stead of the old subjects that traed to occupy him in the Athens of Piato.

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