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delegation, and having they shall carry their fight to the issue on the floor of the convention. His majority strong enough to repudiate the two-thirds rule might turn its power in this direction also.

THE ANSWER IS—NOTHING. The misfortune of Mr. Calkins is that he stands as the candidate of the party that represents, or once was supposed to represent, the great idea of National unity, of concentration and enforcement of the idea of mighty National purpose.

It is a misfortune now to stand as the candidate of this party, since in Oregon this party has been for years growing forgetful of its purpose and mission, has surrendered to the adversaries that it formerly had the spirit to meet and combat.

Time was when the Republicans of Oregon would listen to an appeal, on high principles, for candidates who represented the spirit, the history and the purposes of their party.

Very well, it must be so. But it is a misfortune to any candidate, as it has been a misfortune heretofore, to attempt an appeal to a party that has forgotten its own history and the history of the country.

But, asks a classical writer, what must the priest be where the monkey is a god? What must a party be whose leaders and statesmen are U'Ren and Bourne?

THE WORLD MOVES. Forty-five years ago it took The Oregonian four days to reach Portland by the slow methods of conveyance then available.

By virtue of the recent change in the Southern Pacific time table, it reaches the busy little town the other side of Eugene in time for breakfast on the morning of publication.

Joking aside, nothing has ever happened that will contribute more to make life interesting and valuable in this state than the price exacted for the steady and powerful support of the party of the slave states.

However, the Oregonian begins to look as if the two-thirds rule and the unit rule, which the old pro-slavery and state-sovereignty oligarchy set up for control of the Democratic party,

A similar contest over the unit rule may likewise result in overturn of the ancient rule of state sovereignty. Suppose a bunch of the delegates of New York shall wish to vote for Bryan, and Johnson, against the majority of

long by fullness of intelligence and experience is what everybody strives for in a nearly everybody strives for. The rapid communication of knowledge through the daily papers has transformed the whole Nation into one vast town meeting.

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ATTEMPTS GRAND JURY SYSTEM Judge Burnett Says That It Only Encourages Law's Delays.

SALEM, May 18.—(To the Editor)—A collection of theorists have placed before people a proposed constitutional amendment, numbered on the ballot 23-25, designed to prevent District Attorneys from prosecuting criminals by information and to compel a resort in all cases in Circuit Courts to the cumbersome and often inefficient Grand Jury system.

The champions of the proposed amendment argue that the first accused may know of his prosecution by the District Attorney may be his arrest; that he may never be tried, and yet his record is blackened; that the information system is a return to the Star Chamber decrees of Charles I, etc.

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SOME SOBER WORDS—Why Should It Be So Discarded? Louisville Courier-Journal.

The friends of Governor Charles E. Hughes, of New York, have put themselves to the pains of announcing that, "under no circumstances," will he accept the nomination of his party for Vice-President, and the friends of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, have done the same thing.

Of all the great historic Americans who made the White House the object of their heart's desire, and never got there, the case of Daniel Webster seems to us the most pathetic.

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Initiative and Referendum Measures. For the information of voters there will be published on this page from day to day brief summaries of the initiative and referendum measures to be submitted to the people at the June election.

THE RECALL. The proposed constitutional amendment known as the recall was prepared by the People's Power League and submitted under the initiative and referendum process to the voters of this organization.

The argument in support of the amendment is that it will enable the people to get rid of an unfaithful officer. It is asserted that the recall is in force in a number of cities, among them Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Lewiston, Idaho.

Against the amendment it is asserted that Oregon already has a complete remedy against unfaithful officers under section 18 of Article IV of the Constitution, which provides that public officers may be indicted for incompetency, corruption, malfeasance or delinquency in office, and, upon conviction, may be removed from office.

Her Hat Prophecy is Fulfilled. Trenton (N. J.) Dispatch to New York World.

When Justice of the Peace Robert Eastburn, of Yardly, Pa., died there was fulfilled a prophecy made by his fourth wife on the day of the funeral of his third husband.

Gets a Tip of \$3 and Falls Dead. New York Times.

William Jenkins, a working man in Mindens roadhouse, at Avenue M and Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, hurried from the kitchen to the dining-room to serve an elaborate dinner to a man and a woman.

Dangerous Welsh Rabbit. Baltimore News.

A Brooklyn woman has had her husband's wife of friends to keep the kitchen that she loved Cissy. The wife's name happened to be Florence; hence the legal proceedings.

Sample of College Arithmetic. Indianapolis News.

Wool 4 Cents Net. Lake County Examiner.

Polk County's First School. DALLAS, Ore., May 15.—(To the Editor)—To conduct a school in Polk County, Oregon, can state positively that the first school taught in Polk County was in the Fall of 1845, by John E. Kyle, in a little log cabin built by Col. Nathaniel Ford, near Dixie.