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THE "TWO-THIRDS" AND "UNIT" BULES normal voting unit. Hence the castbeen by the will or consent of the dele-Republican National Conventions the course has been different. Delegates elected by districts cannot be over-

ridden by the unit rule. The old slaveowner, to which the power of the free states; and to put a check upon it insisted upon the twothirds rule as the law of the party. Acceptance of this anti-democratic practice was part of the price exacted for the steady and powerful support of the party of the slave states. state, was managed as a further expedient; for any growing rebellion against slavery, among the members of the party in a free state, could thus be held down. Besides, the unit rule was a continual assertion and reminder of the majesty of the state, which was a very dear Democratic party doctrine, that presently found its expression in the accession of the whole group of Democratic states, most his own village. Now we are all Then the Civil War, in which the concerned with the fortunes of the throughout the struggle. The Civil the Methodist minister's latest baby War itself was simply an accentuation next door. The floods in the Hoang-War itself was simply an accentuation of the logical issue between the political parties of the country. The party of Jefferson never has been will-Constitution of the United States creates a Nation, but has continually ment of sympathy is an enlargement set up state and local authority against of life. People of today actually live the effective use of National powers. This yet remains the main line of demarcation between the political

parties of the country. However, now it begins to look as if the two-thirds rule and the unit rule, which the old pro-slavery and statesovereignty oligarchy set up for control of the Democratic party, might be subjected to a shock, and perhaps overturned. Bryan will have a majority of the convention. Whether ne will have two-thirds, is a question that gives concern to him and to his friends. Douglas was beaten by the twothirds rule at Charleston, in 1860 Bryan might be beaten by it now. His supporters, therefore, are beginning to that this un-democratic method ought to be abandoned. eloquence. Is a minority, it will be urged, always to have power to beat Is the practice of a

party always to belle its very name A similar contest over the unit rule may likewise result in overturn of the York shall wish to vote for Bryan, or

strong enough to repudiate the two- The rapid communication of knowl- transportation which would rethirds rule might turn its power in edge through the daily papers has from a moderate advance in rates. encouraging to see the Democratic sible even yet for this party to get quit of its old oligarchical habits, or state Democracy to a National Democ-

ment of the idea of mighty National purpose; of extension and expansion of authority, under National direction, eyond the lines marked out by small local communities and small local statesmen—in a word, of a party actuated by a mighty National spirit, as against the small views and narrow questions. They are interested purposes of such subdivisions as Mississippi and Oregon.

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; till now,

represented the spirit, the history and the purposes of their party. They don't now; they haven't been doing it, luring years past.

has been a misfortune heretofore to more important matter coming before The Oregonian, these many years, to the people in the June election than attempt an appeal to a party that has the proposed amendment to the Port forgotten its own history and the history of its country, is indifferent to the great ideas that gave it its crowning glories, and no longer knows that the doctrines and purposes of its advertises and purposes of its advertises. The Colombia Pives and its light and maintain a towage service when the Colombia Pives and its light and maintain a towage service. saries have not been, nor can be, safe for the country. Which is to say that the Republican party has ceased to exist, as a vital and effective force, in kept in touch with the work at the his idols. Let him alone.

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 the state of the conducted it as a god? What must a party be towage system has for a number of whose leaders and statesmen are U'Ren and Bourne?

#### THE WORLD MOVES.

Forty-five years ago it took The Morning Oregonian four days to reach by virtue of the recent change in the southern Pacific time table, it reaches of sumber carriers towing over the bar Protest in the Democratic party the busy little town the other side of is greater than the number of wheatagainst "the two-thirds rule" was due Eugene in time for breakfast on the against "the two-thirds rule" was due long ago, but the party has heid to its tradition, which had its start in the desire of the slaveowners to enforce minority control, for the safety of the "peculiar institution," and in Oregonian to reach its subscribers, the anti-National character of the The speed of delivery has been continparty which always has exaggerated ually revised, and always downward. the front as the units of party action.

every town in Oregon between Salem
The Democratic party never yet has and Ashland will receive its metropol-The Democratic party haver yet has and Ashand the Democratic party haver yet has an analysis of the Democratic party haver yet has an analysis of the Democratic party haver yet has an analysis of the Democratic party have yet has a strong of the Democratic party have yet has a strong of the Democratic party have yet has a strong of the Democratic party have yet has a strong of the Democratic party have yet has a strong of the Democratic party have yet has a strong of the Democratic party have yet ernment was merely the agent of the enjoyment with the morning coffee. states; and in accord with the doctrine Even for Salem this will be a new expremacy, the state in Democratic miles from Portland, the capital of the conventions has been regarded as the state has never before known the serene beatitude of devouring The Morning of the vote of the state as a unit, ing Oregonian and a fresh-laid egg at by the will of a majority of the dele-gation, has always been recognized as But the new state of affairs must be legitimate and regular; and when the exceptionally pleasing to a college vote of a state has been divided it has town like Eugene, where all things intellectual are relished. Nathrally the gation, not of the convention. In high-browed citizens of that city will enjoy their breakfasts a great deal better henceforth than they ever have before. We shall not be surprised a particle if the professors at the State University very soon discover a Democratic party always was sub-marked uplift in the intelligence of servient, feared the greater political their students on account of this new

advantage. Joking aside, nothing has ever hapthat will contribute make life interesting and valuable in the Willamette Valley and beyond than this not very exciting change in the time table of the Southern Pacific unit rule, in the delegation of the Railroad, Nowadays intelligence of what is going on in the world forms an important part of our existence. Deprived of information about our own country, about foreign lands, about the ships that sail the seas, we are uncomfortable. We feel like blind men wandering guideless in a world full of dangers seen and unseen. In past ages the sympathies of each person were limited to his own family, or at whole world. The vicissitudes of the vast body of Northern partisans, and perennial Russian revolution interest us almost as much as the news abo Ho, in China, make us tremble for the fate of the poor heathen beyond the Pacific not less violently than we ing to yield assent to the fact that the worry over the condition of a neighbor's sick wife. And all this enlargeore than did those of fifty years ago. Life is a little longer even measured by years. Measured by what is felt and known, it is a century longer.

Tennyson thought fifty years of Europe were better than a cycle of Cathay. By cycle he may have meant a thousand years perhaps; at any rate of the road. There are unemployed It was a very long time. Half a cen-tury ago the whole world was living in and strikes are prevalent in many Cathay, to all intents and purposes. Communication was so tedious that nobody cared much what anybody else was about. Nobody knew what was going on just beyond the mountains. Up to this change in the time table of the railroad one might almost say that the men, causing a further slackening Ashland, beautiful city though it be, was still in Cathay, since it got no daily paper within twenty-four hours this appeal there is room for boundless of publication. What a change for cally no difference in the argument set that delectable town with its crystal-line water from the mountains and its railroad companies. At the recent unapproachable peaches when peach time comes, what a change for it to for considering an advance in rates, under control. learn what is going on in the world on the day it happens. But except an unlucky town here and there, everypose a bunch of the delegates of New body nowadays is living figuratively in

States, are not interested in public believe that they can really accomplish something by taking part in politics, they are all on fire with zeal for information and discussion. Even the children in the public schools get excited over the constitution and the referendum. It is a mighty work of information and inspiration which is spirit to meet and compat, the now, formation and inspiration which having forgotten or put aside its principles and purposes, it has no spirit for anything.

formation and inspiration which is described by the description of the state and Nation. Every advantage of the state and Nation. for anything.

Time was when the Republicans of vance that brings them to the people vance that brings them to the people vance.

#### TO AID OUR SHIPPING.

Very well; it must be so. But it is so far as the commercial intermisfortune to any candidate, as it Portland are concerned, there So far as the commercial interests of on. But what is to be done about mouth of the river. It seems to be impossible to secure good service unless the people most vitally interested Co., which has conducted it as an adjunct to its railroad business.

So long as the work on the bar con-sisted almost exclusively of towing grain ships, this service was in a meas ure the duty of the rallroad company, Cottage Grove by the swiftest methods of conveyance then available. Now, has been a remarkable increase in the benefit from the lumber, none of which passes over its line; neither will For these reasons the company is desirous of discontinuing the service on hands. The Port of Portland, by deep ping facilities of the port, has succeedeliminating the levied against the port by foreign shipowners, and the success already at-

a crisis in its commercial history. The coming of the North Bank Railroad. the construction in this city of immense packing plants and other indusentrance, necessitate removal of every shipping in the way of poor tug service, excessive pilotage rates or unnecessary delays in loading and discharging. Competition with rival ports will be much keener in the future than it has been in the past, and we must be prepared to meet it. It is the duty of every taxpayer, and every dizen who is not a taxpayer, to vot in favor of granting the Port of Portland power to take over the towage business and render shipping the best possible service.

MUST POSTPONE ADVANCES. The industrial situation seems to be in a somewhat chaotic state, a condition which will contribute to the uncertainty that is always felt during a Presidential election year. The Na-tional Association of Manufacturers has organized for a campaign against Samuel Gompers and his foll Mr. Compers is, of course, fighting back at the manufacturers and incl dentally taking a whack at any other the rapacity of organized labor. The farmers' trust, in the tobacco regions of the South, is still burning barns and "night riding" in protest against the 'in protest against men who sell tobacco at any price they see fit. Meanwhile the railroads are considering an advance in rates in some localities, and protesting against a reduction in others, and their employes have banded together to fight any legislation affecting the revenues statos

Mr. Gompers protests against reduction in wages on the ground that it would retard recovery from the panic, his argument being that lower wages would reduce the purchasing power of in the demand for products used b them. While presented from widely divergent standpoints, there is practiconference held by the railroad men one of the trunk line managers is quoted as saying that it was "the belief of rallroad men that an increase in rates which would enable railroads

the delegation, and suppose they shall long by fullness of intelligence and ex- result in profits to the business intercarry their fight to an issue on the perience is what everybody strives for ests of the country many times in ex-floor of the convention. Any majority and nearly everybody attains. The rapid communication of knowl- transportation which would result

this direction also. The outlook presents some possibility of a warm contest in the convention. It would be our New England fathers used to meet together in the town hall and listen to from business depression is to increa party clear itself of the practices of the country and state-sover- eighty era, which, through progress of ideas and events, are now really but superstitions. But it may be imposapart, they became strangers to one is stagnation in the lumber business at another. None knew the interest of this time, and no one is so silly as to to acknowledge its conversion from a the rest. Distance and numbers believe that recovery would be hasestranged them. The town meeting tened by an increase in freight rates state Democracy to a National Democracy, or to a party of National methods, suited to National aims.

THE ANSWER IS—NOTHING.

The misfortune of Mr. Cake 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 mass meeting where public questions to a point where the vehicle can be are discussed, all sides are heard and again set in motion, and, once started each may choose the argument that again on a good road, the load can be suits him best and make up his mind steadily increased even to a point accordingly. It is infantile to say that greater than that carried before prog-the people of Oregon, of the United ress was arrested by the chuckhole. When business encounters a piece of

bad thoroughfare, like that which it nothing else half so much. When they met last Fall, the only remedy is to lighten the load to a point where the vehicle can again get in motion. It vehicle can again get in motion. will be ample time to talk about increased rates and higher wages, or even a maintenance of present rates and present wages, after we get safely over the stretch of bad road on which we are now-traveling.

Under the primary law as it exists in Oregon men are nominated by themselves. They are not the choice Oregon would listen to an appeal, on high principles, for candidates who a step forward in civilization and a for the nomination after they offer themselves, it is true, but it is not be-cause they are the choice of the people or party, but because they are out as candidates, and the voters have to take whom they can get. It is the same in the general election. Men who make themselves candidates pretend that they are selected by their party. But they are not the choice of their party; they are Hobson's choice, even than under the convention

A few days ago Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, offered a resolution pro-viding for recognition of a particular day as Mothers' Day, and recommend-ing it for general observance. Senator Fulton made these remarks:

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If we are going to take up this line of legislative action I think we should not stop by drawing the distinctions. I think we should have a "farthers' day." Then I have a great respect for my "grandfather," and I think we should have a "grandfather," and I think we should have a "grandfather," day." Then perhaps we ought to bring in our coustn's and our aunts or nucles. I can see no reason why we should make these invidious distinctions. At least, Mr. President, I think the matter should be taken under consideration and a committee should determine it. Everybedy would agree that we should have a "mother-in-law day."

Republicans of Oregon have acceptd the Democratic plea that there shall be no party. But suppose the conditions were reversed and the Democrats were very strong. All their orators and organs would be most strenuous for party, of course. After the primary law and "the new system" shall have completely broken up the Republican perty in Oregon—the time is not distant—then the Democratic brethren will be contending most it reap advantage from the grain flercely for maintenance of party, and which comes over the competing line. telling us that "regularity" is the only telling us that "regularity" is the only thing.

New York actors are said to be facing a very hard season during the hands. The Port of Portland, by deep-ening the channel, building a drydock them will be out of amployment. With of state sovereignty and of state su- perience. Though only some fifty and in other ways improving the ship- big crops promised in the Middle West this news should have the effect of keeping a few thousand of these actors out in the tall grass, where they would be more useful than behind the foot tained by that organization is a guar- lights. If some of the thousands who antee by that organization is a guar-antee that it could establish and main-tain a satisfactory towage service on the bar.

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Of course members of Congress are cowardly. Congressman Littlefield trial enterprises, together with a had no need to ask the question. They steadily deepening channel at the river are afraid to have any opinion or to ombat any error or folly, lest they possible handicap which has been laid might lose votes for re-election. Rep entatives of various moral and social reforms so-called station them. elves at Washington, and frighten th members into acceptance of every kind of "ism." One of the greatest of the dangers of the country is the coward-It is ice of members of Congress.

> Mr. Harriman and his family are coming back to Pelican lodge, on Klamath Lake, to spend the Summer. The railroad king can ride over his own railroads into almost every state in the Union, and the fact that he prefers a remote corner of Oregon to any thing else the United States has to of fer in the way of a pleasure resort is an excellent tribute to Oregon as well as to the good judgment of Mr. Harriman.

With an enormous apple crop or hand this Fall, Oregon producers will have reason to be thankful for the good reputation that has been built up for Oregon fruit by the faithful pack-ers. Putting up first-class goods pays, and the beneficial results are seen to best advantage in a year when the crop is large.

A bumper grain and hay crop in now practically assured. Oregon farm ers and Oregon bankers will have more money this Fall than they will know what to do with. But they won't send it to New York to be used by the Wall-street speculators.

Democratic politicians assert that "The Oregonian is more venomously partisan than ever." Republican polidelans declare that "The Oregonian is traitorously helping the Democrats." We can't please everybody; yet it is pretty clear that The Oregonian is saying something.

The "policy" of Mayor Tom John-son, of Cleveland, has raised a streetcar riot in his city, which he is no trying to suppress. The distinguished Mayor didn't know that it is easier to let rioters loose, than to bring them

Cake might become a mere side show to the main circus. The saloon and I shall wish to vote for Bryan, or Europe and nebody either lives or to purchase more freely and to go anti-saloon forces are getting up Johnson, against the majority of wishes to live in Cathay. A life made shead with development work would pretty big fight of their own.

Judge Burnett Says That It Only En-

courages Law's Delays. SALEM, May 18.—(To the Editor)—A coeris of theorists have placed before th people a proposed constitutional amend-ment, numbered on the ballot 334-335, designed to prevent District Attorneys from to compel a resort in all cases in Circuit ficient Grand Jury system.

The champions of the proposed amend-ment argue that the first the accused may blackened; that the information system is a return to the Star Chamber decrees of these gentlemen against prosecutions under informations filed by District Attorneys are equally applicable to indictments by Grand Juries. The Grand Jury is by law an outh-bound secret body. It may indict whom it pleases. Unless a defendant has been held to answer by some magistrate, the first he lawfully knows or his indictment is when the case of Daniel Webster seems to us the mest pathetic. Yet, except for his self-conent, it might have been this. Twice he scornfully put it aside. Twice he waved away with contempt the angels of good fortune hovering over him. He was urged to take the nomination for Vice-President with Hamiltonian to the control of the case of Daniel Webster seems to us the mest pathetic. Yet, except for his self-conent, it might have been this. Twice he scornfully put it aside. Twice he waved away with contempt the angels of good fortune hovering over him. He was urged to take the nomination for Vice-President with Hamiltonian to the control of their heart's desire, and never got there, the case of Daniel Webster seems to us the mest pathetic. Yet, except for his self-conent, it might have been the most pathetic and the control of their heart's desire, and never got there, the case of Daniel Webster seems to us the mest pathetic. Yet, except for his self-conent, it might have been the most pathetic and the control of their heart's desire, and never got their heart's desire, and nev magistrate, the first he lawfully knows of his indictment is when the Sheriff ar-rests him upon a secretly issued bench

On the other hand, we sometimes hear from the press that District Attorneys publicly announces their intention to file informations against certain alleged of-fenders, and there is no law against thus giving notice to the accused of his dau-

ger.

The Grand Jury system increases the "law's delays," which contribute so much to disjust people generally with court procedure. It is impossible to suppnet procedure. It is impossible to empanel a Grand Jury before the court couvenes. No indictment can be filed until that body, composed of men unused to considering legal questions, and wholly unskilled in the examination of witnesses, have taken some days to thresh out all the petty details of the evidence and decide whether to indict ar not. Meanwhile the business of the court is often delayed. Many times the other jurors are compelled to walt for days at much inconvenience to themselves and their private husiness, while the Grand Jury prepares husiness for them. In practice, the average Grand Jury defers almost entirely to the judgment of the District Attorney to the judgment of the District Attorney in all prosecutions. He examines the witnesses, before them. He prepares their indictments. Upon him depends the correctness of the accusing document and the success of the prosecution. He may never bring it to trial, or he may prosecute it differently. In short, the responsibility practically waste always as sponsibility practically rests almost en-tirely upon him, and there is no good rea-son why he should not be clothed with the power to transact the business of his office more efficiently than call possibly be done under an exclusive Grand Jury

Under the information system, Under the information system, the District Attorney can prepare criminal cases for arraignment before court convenes, and often may have them ready for trial at the opening of court. Under the grand jury system, there is an inevitable delay that often leads to postponement of trials to a future term of court—a practice always courted by those who would evade justice. The information has has worked well ever since its adoption in 1899. It has never been abused as these worthy gentlemen affect to fear it will, be, nor can it be so abused in the light of

can it be so abused, in the light of healthy public sentiment. The courts are open at his demand for a speedy trial of any man whom the District Attorney accuses of crime, and the inno-cent defendant may have an early vin-dication. On the other hand, the grand jury system increases the delays that so delight rogues and their special

pleading counsel.

What virtue there may be in grand uries is not impaired as our laws now stand, because the courts may empanel Grand Juries at any time. The infor-mation law only empowers the public prosecutor to discharge his duty with proscultor to discharge his duty with more speed and efficiency and saves all the rights that a defendant ever had as against an indictment returned by a grand Jury. If the amendment had provided for empaneling a grand jury before court convenes, so that its in-dictments might be ready at the open-ing of the term, it would have been ing of the term, it would have been more worthy of consideration; but in its present form it ought to be rejected.

GEORGE H. BURNETT.

#### STEWART IS "WHOLLY UNFIT." President Wants to Get Bid of Him and Won't Abdicate Authority.

Wen't Abdicate Authority.

The text of the President's letter, read in the Senate, relating to the case of Colonel Stewart, is as follows:

"To take the ground that there must be a court of inquiry because Colonel Stewart, in Fort Grant. Stewart has been sent to Fort Grant. would has been sent to Fort Grant, would logically imply that another court of inquiry should be held to know why he should not be sent to St. Augustine, or Baltimore, or Washington, or anywhere else. In other words, it is a simple absurdity. The question of punishment to Colonel Stewart to whole punishment to Colonel Stewart is wholly incidental. If it was desired to punish, a court-martial would be ordered.
"But I am not concerned with punishing him, but with benefiting the Army. My belief is that a court-martial would award Colonel Stewart some tial would award Colonel Stewart some severe punishment, and it may be necessary to hold one on him; but I de not believe he would be dismissed from the service as the result of a court-martial, and my whole aim is to get him out of a position of command, because he symbolly unfit to exercise command, because he tyrannizes over the enlisted men and because he quarrels with civilians needlessly. lians needlessly.

The appointment of a court of inquiry is a matter purely within my discretion and judgment as Command-er-in-Chief. I neither could nor would er-in-Chief. I neither could nor would surrender the right to exercise such judgment. t. Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

## New Era in News Service.

Medford Southern Oregonian.

The arrival of a Portland daily paper in Medford the same day it is printed, which will happen when the new time card goes into effect on the Southern Pacific next Sunday, will inaugurate a Pacific next Sunday, will inaugurate a new era in the news service for Med-ford and neighboring towns. In the fu-ture, the morning news will be read be-fore the evening news, and not after-ward, as is now the case. The new ar-rangement will be likely to effectually close the field to a local morning paper in Medford, should any ever be at-ternited.

## . Maine's Champion Forgetter.

Kennebec Journal. Rennebec Journal.

The most forgetful man has been found. He fives in a little town in the upper part of York County. He fell ill with symptoms indicating appendicitis and submitted to an operation. To their great surprise and emburrassment the surgeons found that the appendix had already been removed. The patient afforded the necessary explanation when so recovered from the other by stating that he remembered then, "come to think of it." that he had been through a similar operation two years ago.

## Out of Date.

Chicago Tribune.

The time had come when devotees no longer sought to cast themselves under the wheels of the car of Jugger-"Why this lack of zeal?" asked the

"Why this isen scoffers.
"What's the use?" said the devotees.
"No matter how hard we try, our lumbering old ice wagon can't compete with the deadly automobiles."

which we learn that even the ancients the scorching among the ancients the scorching

THE VICE-PRESIDENCY. Some Sober Words-Why Should It Be So Disesteemed?

Louisville Courier-Journal. The friends of Governor Charles E. Hughes, of New York, have put them selves to the pains of announcing that, under no circumstances," will be accept the nomination of his party for Vice-President, and the friends of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, have done the same thing. It makes one think the less of each of them. In

Twice he waved away with contempt the angels of good fortune hovering over him. He was urged to take the nomination for Vice-President on the ticket with Harrison in 1840. If his high-mindedness had not interposed a refusal he would have been President within thirty days after the following 4th of March on the death of Harrison, the 4th it would, have made in the political history of the country if Webster, instead of Tyler, had succeeded Harrison in 1841!

#### GEMS FROM JACK WILSON'S PAPER Noted Story-Writer Will Now Try to

Ger Down to Hard Facts. The Newport Mail is born, with John Fleming Wilson "attending." Newport is in Lincoln county, on Yaquina Bay, a delightful place to spend the summer, and now that this versattle young writer of sea stories has undertaken the chronicling of fact as well as fiction, that region will become famous for its charms during the other seasons of year. during the other seasons of the year. There are many things in this first issue worth reprinting, and these are a few: "Opinions should be based on facts. Facts are stock in trade. Some facts are seandalous. That brand we shall not expose for sale."

"We pretend to have brains, and so we have opinions. We shall state them when sufficiently excited."

"The publisher of The Mail is too busy to change the universe this week. So.

to change the universe this week. So, (merely for the lack of leisure to fix things as they should be) he accepts the custom and hereby announces that The Newport Mail is an Independent Republican paper. This is as close as he can get to the truth."

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"The Republican party in Oregon is like a mask ball at 9 P. M. when unmasking is at midnight. We aren't so sure who is who and we are chary of

"The onion, not the lark, is really the messenger of that delightful period when young men lightly turn to thoughts of love. You may investigate the rhodo-dendron buds, dig a little in the garden and speculate over the woodpile and still not be sure that Spring has come."

#### Her Hat Prophecy Is Fulfilled. Trenton (N. J.) Dispatch to New York

When Justice of the Peace Robert East-burn, of Yardly, Pa., died there was full-diled a prophecy made by his fourth wife on the day of the funeral of his third

helpmate, After the obsequies of Mrs. Eastburn helpmate.

After the obsequies of Mrs. Eastburn No. 2, the woman who later became wife No. 4 went to console the bereaved husband. He showed her three bonnets hanging in a closet and explained that each was the headgear of a former wife. "A hat will hang there next." remarked the woman, who a year later became Mrs. Eastburn No. 4.

The widow has just placed Mr. Eastburn's hats beside the bonnets of her predecessors, and says she intends to keep the closet sacred to the memory of her departed husband and his wives.

Gets a Tip of \$3 and Falls Dead.

New York Times.

William Jenkins, a waiter in Minden's 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. He had been in attendance for more than an hour when the man for more than an hour when the man finally called for his check. The dinner check was a big one, but the diner drew a bill of large denomination from a roll and handed it to Jenkins, who returned presently with just \$2 change.

"Keep it," said the diner, and Jenkins fell to the floor dead.

Dr. Meeker was summan.

Reception.

Reception Hospital at Coney Island and said that Jenkins had died of heart disease.

## Dangerous Welsh Rubbit.

Baltimore News.

A Brooklyn woman has had her husband arrested for remarking in his sleep that he loved Classy. The wife's name happened to be Florence; hence the legal proceedings. On his part, defendant testified that he had consumed a Weish rabbit the preceding evening and could not be held respon-sible for incoherent statements due sible for incoherent statements due directly to the rabbit. A perfectly sound position. We are surprised that the judge did not sustain it. A man under the influence of Welsh rabbit is apt to say anything. He is likely to call, not only upon the name of Clasy, but upon Belial and Michael, upon the archangels and the demons of the nether world. We must say that we are surprised at the judge.

## Sample of College Arithmetic.

Indianapolis News.

Had Keble, writer of famous hymns, depended on his arithmetic Oxford would not have long known him. When bursar he found, to his horror, that certain accounts came out nearly \$16,000 to the bad. In vain did the learned and plous men of the college go over the figures with him. Not go over the figures with him. Not until an expert was summoned was it discovered that Keble, in casting up a column, had added the date of the year to the college's debts.

## "Wool 4 Cents Net."

Lake County Examiner.
Should Mr. Chamberlain be elected nited States Senator, and the tariff is seing revised, as it is sure to be by the next Congress, what do the woolgrow ers of Lake County suppose will be the attitude of the great "nonpartisan" toward their industry? To vote for Chamberlain is to vote for a return to the conditions of 1894, with wool at 4 cents net.

The cursts thinks you have no soul; I know that he has none. But you, Dear friend, whose stlemn edir-control In our four-square, familiar pew

Was pattern to my youth—whose bark Called me in Summer dawns to rove— Have you gone down into the dark Where none is welcome, none may love?

will not think those good brown syes Have spent their light of truth so soon; But in some canine paradiss. Your wrath, I know, rebukes the moon, And quarters every plain and hill.
Seeking its master.
This prayer at least the gods fulfill:
That when I pass the flood and see

Old Charon by the Stygian coast Take toll of all the shades who land, Your little, faithful, barking ghost May leap to lick my phantom hand.

#### Initiative and Referendum Measures

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, together with a short statement of the arguments for and against each.

#### THE RECALL.

The proposed constitutional amendment known as the recall was preand submitted under the initiative in accordance with petitions circulated by that organization. The measure proposes to add a section, to be numbered 18, to Article 2 of the State Constitu tion. The amendment provides every public officer shall be subject to recall by the voters of the district electing him. By filing a petition ticket signed by 25 per cent of the voters of highthe county, state or district, persons desiring to recall an official may have a special election held for the purpose of determining whether such official March on the death of Harrison, the 4th of April, 1841. Again, in 1848, he was offered the second place on the ticket with Taylor. Angry and disappointed that a rough old soldier, having no experience in qivil life, had been preferred to him for first place, he indignantly declined it—and again threw away the Presidency, for Taylor died a little more that a year after he entered the White House. What a difference it might, nay, it would have made in the political his-been in session five days. A second recall petition cannot be filed against an officer unless the petitioners pay the expenses of the first election. is made the duty of the Legislature to provide laws to aid the operation of this section, and also to provide for the payment of the reasonable campaign expenses of an officer attacked under the recall, such expenses to be

paid from the public treasury. The argument in support of the amendment is that it will enable the people to get rid of an unfalthful offi-It is asserted that the recall is in force in a number of cities, among them Los Angeles, San Francisco, Scattle, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Lewis ton, Idaho.

Against the amendment it is asserted that Oregon already has a complete remedy against unfaithful officials under section 18 of Article IV of the Co stitution, which provides that public of ficers may be indicted for incompe tency, corruption, malfeasance or delinquency in office, and, upon convic tion, may be dismissed from office. It is argued that an officer whose survice le so unsatisfactory as to induce 25 per cent of the people to sign a recall petigrand jury would indict him under the section referred to. The calling of a special election would be an expensive proceeding. Moreover, the special election would very likely not accomplish the desired result, for there would be several new candidates for the office. thus dividing the vote against the un eatisfactory officer, and permitting him to be re-elected by a plurality far short of a majority. It is also shown that men of evil purpose could attack officers who are trying to do their duty faithfully, thus using the recall as a club by means of which to coerce an officer in his public acts. Nothing could be accomplished by the recall amendment which could not as well be attained under the section providing for indictment of officers who are incompetent or corrupt.

## Wanted to Meet "The" Lawson.

Ernest Lawson, the distinguished painter, was scated at a table in an up-town restaurant the other evening. when a man requested him to go to another table where some young women were seated. "They want to meet a distinguished painter." With a blush the painter went across. After a few remarks to the chaperon, Mr. Lawson was requested by a pretty

## A Spanish Cushion-Talk,

Paris Matin.

Queen Victoria of Spain recently held at Queen Victoria of Spain recently axis at Madrid a curious court ceremony. This is called "cushion talking." The ceremony used to be held by the Queen alone, but King Alfonso has taken lately to making his appearance at the gathering. As the women enter the presence chamber each is presented with a highly ernamented cushion. All then stand in a row, while, the tree severy lady advances to the in turn, every lady advances to the throne on which Her Majesty is sitting, and, placing the cushion at the Queen's feet, proceeds to sit upon it. The Queen enters into a brief conversation with each debutante in Spanish, after which the debutante in Spanish, after which the lady retires, carrying her cushion with her. This is a trying ceremony for the debutantos because, save the one who is in conversation with the Queen, all the others have to remain standing.

#### Scotch Again Turn to Kilin. Pathfinder.

Pathfinder.
Successful attempts are being made in Scotland to revive the wearing of the kilt, which until comparatively recent times, was only to be seen on special occasions in out-of-the-way special occasions in out-of-the-way parts of the country. An article in the London Times on the growing use of the kilt, says: "Twenty years ago the kilt was practically unknown in the city of Aberdeen. It was, indeed, held up to universal ridicule by the townsfolk. That has quite changed, and on my last visit to Aberdeen I discovered that even the schoolboys have returned to kilts. It has become a recognized article of evening dress, and, what is more strange still, many of the young nore strange still, many of the young nen of the better-to-do classes are learning to play the pipes."

## Polk County's First School.

DALLAS, Ore., May 15.—(To the Editor)—To correct all mistakes and stop all discussion, I 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. was in the Fall of less,

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Nathaniel Ford, near Dixie.

T. V. B. EMBREE.

## The Flabing Philosopher

The Fishing Philosopher.

Atlanta Constitution.

When fish air bitin'—far from town
You'll find me any day,
Where blossems bright air drippin' down,
Where blossems bright air drippin' down,
Where honeysuckies stay;
I'm the best band at loain' roun'
From here to fur away!
The patience that it takes to fish
is great as Job's, you know;
The joy to hear the line go "Swish!"
Beats most o' joys below.
An' then—a brown perch in a dish
Piesses the palate so!
I hold a fisherman is wise—
No matter what they say;
Gits more o' earth, an' air, an skies
Where wild winds shout "Hooray!"
He's fur from sorrows an' from sighs,
An' in nobody's way!