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EDUCATION AND PRIMARY LAWS.

The Oregonian can well understand the perturbation and excitement of the Washington editors over their primary election law...

It is obvious that no candidate for office will be willing to take any chances of violation of the law by entering into any contract, however innocent, with a newspaper...

But there are other aspects in which the Washington primary law would appear to be open to criticism...

WHERE DREDGING IS NEEDED. Belated recognition of the value of dredging in the Columbia bar has been made by the Government...

Delays are always dangerous, and while the completion of the jetty will result in a deep channel...

Let them send a committee to the Legislature whose duty it shall be to procure enactment of a harmonious and efficient primary election code.

A PACIFIC TRAGEDY.

Details of the last chapter of a pitiful tale of human suffering, death and misery was ever told, appear in a San Francisco dispatch in yesterday's Oregonian...

Sold into bondage to Central American planters, families were separated and all of the agonies of the old slave days in the southern part of the United States were again in evidence...

The British Government has taken upon the matter of sending these few remaining survivors to the land of their birth, but in the return of the pitifully small remnant of that band of happy islanders who were lured away to death and misery...

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MR. ROOSEVELT.

If Mr. Roosevelt wished he could take to Africa with him when he goes an army of hunters, cooks, scouts and mechanics of various sorts, the same classes indeed as were to be found in Sherman's Army upon its march through Georgia...

Next would come the German colony which William, in his secret heart, would love to get rid of, because it invites violent speeches against him in the Reichstag...

mean appanage to turn over to Kermit when the time comes, and if it should seem advisable to annex our precious Philippines for one of the other boys we do not apprehend that any serious objections would arise...

Practically everything used on the Panama canal in the way of food supplies and lumber can be purchased at Pacific Coast points at lower prices than on the Atlantic seaboard...

CLAIRVOYANCE IN YAKIMA.

The Oregonian has made the pleasing discovery that there is over in Yakima a newspaper endowed with so infallible a gift of prescience that it never errs in what is going to happen long before it has happened...

Some interesting figures on business mortalities for the first half of 1908 appear in Dun's Review. They show an increase in the number of failures from 5607 in the first half of 1907, to 8709 for the first half of 1908...

In settling the estate of the late Duke of Devonshire, it has developed that, instead of being the possessor of enormous wealth, he has left, in addition to his settled estate, only a beggarly \$5,800,000.

John W. Kern, Vice-Presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket, professes to see in the anti-injunction plank of his platform "a conservative suggestion in line with the procedure of the state courts in many states."

An Astoria brewer is manufacturing a popular drink called "near-beer" for consumption in dry counties. It is said to be a potent beer, small like beer and taste like beer...

The Drain Normal School will open up this Fall, says a newspaper of that town, notwithstanding the adverse recommendation of the little gang of crooked professional politicians comprising the Board of Normal Regents.

NEW LIFE FOR MOUNT HOOD. A Warning-Up Process is Noted by Government Geological Survey.

It has been asked more than once of late whether Mount Hood is really extinct. In the National Geographical Magazine for July, A. H. Sylvester, of the United States Geological Survey, goes further and raises the question...

But now for the suspicious facts. In Professor Russell, in a book on American volcanoes, gives a picture of a fumarole on the south slope, and apparently just east of Crater Rock. Apparently since then it has disappeared...

How Mr. Bryan's Effort to Propitiate Mr. Hearst Failed. New York Tribune. A week ago Mr. William Jennings Bryan hopefully offered to Mr. William Hearst...

Could anything have been more confounding? Why any and whom than that. With just pathetic trace of witfulness, too, as if modestly and unfeelingly to acknowledge that to woo is not always to win...

Vienna's Declining Liquor Bill. Vienna Correspondence of Pall Mall Gazette. Brewers and winegrowers are complaining of falling off in the consumption of their goods in Vienna...

Where are the fellows who once or twice said they wouldn't shave until Bryan was elected, and are there now any new ones?

As between Bryan and Parker, Bryan only got some more votes which didn't do him any good. Possibly Mr. Bryan has overlooked the fact that Walla Walla will vote again next November.

ELECTIONS OF VICE-PRESIDENTS. Study Showing How Latter Have Affected Party Success Since 1856.

More tickets have fallen down on Vice-presidential nominations than have been strengthened by them. Some have been strengthened by them, even when they have not succeeded.

In 1857 the Democrats were the victims of the misadventure of the vice-presidential nomination, with whom B. Gratz Edwards of Missouri was absurdly joined.

Who Controls the Labor Vote? NBO for It Cannot Be Handled by Any Political Boss. One of the probable results of the Presidential campaign will be the disclosure of the fact that the labor vote cannot be handled by any man or organization in the interest of any party or candidate.

Is Oregon a Republican State? Oregon has been called a Republican state and in times past politicians have tried to get a claim that distinction when it gives a plurality vote to a Democratic United States Senator.

Taft's Superior Qualifications. Springfield (Mass.) Republican, Ind. Dem. Mr. Taft offers by far the superior qualifications, but by certain means must yet elapse before one can say whether the question of personal qualifications will be the decisive factor in the minds of many progressive independent voters.

Water-Tank Fishing. Albany Democrat. Dr. H. A. Leininger and son left this morning for the water tank up the Corvallis & Eastern, after some fish.

WORK OF NEWSPAPER WRITERS. Estimate That Provincial Reporters Turn in 2,500 Words Daily.

The New York Times, in discussing the assertion of the promoters of amplified spelling that it is a labor saver to writers, makes the point that if this is the case it is strange that newspaper writers do not unanimously demand it, whereas not one such writer is in the list of advocates of the reform.

Of course, the great mass of this matter is ephemeral and it would be of no value if put into books, but the labor, physical and intellectual, is just as great, often greater, when the men who are classed as authors and "literary" persons because what they write is put into bound volumes; frequently, too, the general reputation average because conditions vary. In Chicago or New York, for example, the territory to be covered calls for a large staff, with perhaps but one or two stories from each man; whereas in a smaller city like Indianapolis, where each reporter is likely to have several assignments, he turns in more "copy," and the general average is better.

As a chemist who has devoted many years to the study of chemistry, I wish to protest against such work being classed as chemical analysis possible. Every safeguard possible should be placed around human life, every criminal made to feel that he must suffer the penalty for his crime, and that, for no life should be taken or character ruined through incompetent work.

Dr. Hampton Criticizes Methods in the Laboratory. PORTLAND, July 17. (To the Editor.)—Having read the editorial account in The Morning Oregonian of the death of Godfrey Kunart, of Castle Rock, Wash., which states that a chemical analysis of the stomach has been made with the result that no trace of poison was found, I ask that you kindly allow me space for the following: The stomach was sent to Portland Monday, the analysis was made and results reported some time Wednesday. If poison in a solid form is found in a stomach case, the analysis of the stomach contents, the tests can be applied directly to the poison in its original form, and the analysis completed in a short time; but when the stomach contents are in liquid form, the analysis is obliged to have weeks of complete rest to restore his shattered system—then it is that the newspaper writer knows.

Suppose that evil thoughts were made to rankly grow upon the soil of a garden where an evergreen tree of such deeds should blossom in disgrace. While every impulse is to be kind, to ease some of the burden of sorrow and blossom in your mind a fair and fragrant rose. Suppose that every idle whim, and every thought of scorn, should blossom in a snow-white drift of tender thoughts.

Suppose your mind a garden were, And every thought of scorn, should blossom in a snow-white drift of tender thoughts.

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