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THE EVOLUTION OF A METHOD.

The original statute of frauds and perjuries, celebrated in the history of English and American law, was a statute for prevention, not for promotion of frauds and perjuries.

In effect it has been found that the law becomes a device for enabling political parties to count the nominations of candidates...

It is a species of fraud and perjury especially attractive to the members of a minority party; and it is encouraged also by factions of the majority party...

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Why are these papers so unhappy? It is cause for great sorrow with the Oregonian that the Yakima Republic continues to be displeased about the impartial course of this paper toward the Washington Senatorial election.

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A GRAY LITHARIO. Let us approach the consideration of the conduct of Mr. T. M. Stevens in a philosophical spirit.

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Judge Parker denies that he is supporting Bryan in a perfunctory way. No, indeed. He is giving Bryan the same enthusiastic and unqualified support Bryan gave him when Parker was running, or thought he was.

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PENALTY FOR SLIGHT BAZING

Discretion Should Be Left to the Officers at West Point. Boston Transcript. Some years ago Congress ordained that hazing at the Military Academy "must go" and legislated accordingly.

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HERE'S INGENUOUS ARGUMENT.

If Mr. Ankeny's Innocent, He'll Be Elected; If Guilty, Reuben. Aberdeen World. The dilemma in which the Oregonian places the Republican party in this state as the result of the direct primary law is more imaginary than real.

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DILEMMA IN OHIO AND INDIANA

Can Democratic Candidates for Governor Afford to Ignore Bryan? Washington Star. Some of the gossip about the Ohio situation represents Judge Harmon, the Democratic candidate for Governor, as a stronger man than Mr. Bryan.

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BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

One Journal Opposes Roosevelt's Suggestion as to a National Anthem. Washington Herald. We do not incline to the belief that much success will follow President Roosevelt's attempt to have the Nation adopt his favorite song as its National Hymn.

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Authors' Names for Towns.

Chicago News. Kipping is a town which has just blossomed out in Canada, where there is a Shakespeare in Kosciusko County, Ind. However, the great English dramatist was never popular among the new town names in North America.