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This is a great and progressive age, and the negro of the North and the nigger of the South, is a greater man than anybody ever thought him.

ABUSE OF THE PRIMARY LAW.

Complaint continues in Illinois about the interference of Democratic voters in the Republican primary.

How far primary legislation can go in protecting the voter from the malicious and injurious interference of another is a question which demands serious consideration.

The opinion of the Attorney-General that a vote for a candidate at the forthcoming primary is a vote for him as a candidate...

From the same paper we quote these further remarks, which show how in the State of Washington the abuse is partially checked:

Doctors and lawyers have fallen into the habit of parading their professional ethics with a certain pomp as if the possession of an exclusive rule of conduct gave them more pre-eminence over the rest of mankind...

Let us examine one or two articles of this lawyers' creed. The person who subscribes to it first swears that he will support the Constitution of the United States...

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But the speakers of the league of sounding name, whose convention was held at Washington City, were direct and forthright in their declarations on the situation.

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any one other than the New York shipping interests and the owners of trans-steamers suffered by the system, their grievance has not appeared in anything yet written or printed on the subject.

As "filling" to be used on empty cars hauled westward and half-filled steamers bound across the Pacific, this Oriental business, which at its highest stage reaches about 5 per cent of the total transcontinental traffic...

The Washington State Supreme Court at Olympia has dismissed the receivership of the Seattle Blue Book, and in the opinion handed down it says: "Unless some charitably inclined persons come to its relief, it will die in the hands of the receiver for want of means."

"Harriman Comes Home" announces the Klamath Republican in the headline which appears over the story of his arrival at Pelican Lodge.

The Willamette Valley was never famous for "freak" wheat, such as makes its periodical appearance in other parts of the country.

There was a graceful blending of harmony and sentiment in the compositions of the late Ira D. Sankey, and to all of his most favorably-known hymns there was a delightful lilt and melody.

Of course it would not be well for the two presidential candidates to engage in a joint debate, but it would be interesting to see the two most active supporters of the candidates, Parker and Roosevelt, engage in a joint canvass of the country.

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Why the Great Newspaper of Maryland Supports Taft. Baltimore Sun (Ind. Dem.) On July 10 Mr. W. J. Bryan was nominated for President by the Democratic National convention at Denver.

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The Sun is convinced that the "arm of the law" possessed by a President of balanced judgment, with a thorough knowledge of the law—a man of steady purpose, just and resolute—would prove a better defender of the rights of the people, would do more to promote their material welfare, than the "Big Stick" has done in the hands of Mr. Roosevelt.

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PRIMARIES AS PARTY DIVIDERS. The Consequences Are Becoming Understood Throughout the Country. New York Globe. "The Democrats are jubilant," says a Chicago dispatch concerning the result of Saturday's state-wide primary in Illinois.

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OPPORTUNITY SELDOM OFFERS. It Must Be Seized, and Many Make Their Mistake. Portland, Aug. 17.—(To the Editor.) I have been a close reader of the editorial page of the Oregonian for years, and I may say to some purpose, but until now have not tried to break into print.

I desire to say a few words in regard to an article in last Sunday's issue on the subject, "The First Thousand Dollars." Don't part in the success of a considerable number of men who have achieved it.

Undoubtedly opportunity plays an important part in the success of many, and opportunity comes to some through parents or influence of friends. Yet many, perhaps most, must find their own opportunity.

The Oregonian would not at all underestimate the talent of the writer of this letter as a cartoonist or a sketch artist. Specimens of his work promise well.

Editor Says This City Is Pride of All Oregon. The Daily Optimist. In looking around the city of Portland in August it is surprised to see so few "To Let" signs on the buildings, business houses and dwellings.

We are somewhat familiar with all the great cities in the country, and with all of the "good" cities, and we verily believe that we never saw a town where there were as few places for rent as there are now in Portland.

This state of affairs in Portland is in itself a sure sign of a business boom. It is a sure sign that the city is growing rapidly, for there are thousands of buildings going up. In every quarter of the town structures are appearing as if by magic, and they are in most cases occupied before the paint is dry.

In the second place it shows that business is going on in regular order. In the first place, it shows that there are so few places vacant the rents must be good; and at the same time people would not rent unless the rents were good. It is a sure sign that the city is growing rapidly, for there are thousands of buildings going up.

Look at the matter from any standpoint, and you must see that Portland is very prosperous. The financial flurry of the past few months has not been lost by the depositors. Indeed the word "marvelous" does not half express the feelings of the people of Portland, and proud of her growth.

And it means that every person in Oregon to have a big city in the state. It will help every farmer, every business man, every town and every city to build up a great city on the Willamette—here today and there tomorrow—carrying nothing for the country but as a place for getting a good job—should move on.

Jobs for Real American Citizens. Washington (D. C.) Star. The H. C. Frick Coke Company of Pittsburgh is the latest corporation to take the stand of America for Americans as regards labor.

General Booth Suffers From Cataracts. London (England) Dispatch. An officer of the Salvation Army confirms the report that he has been cured of some time of General Booth suffering from cataracts on both eyes.

Geese Arrested for Ruining Cabbages. Baltimore News. Eleven geese were arrested at Pottsville, Pa., on charges of eating cabbages that they had "ruined 300 head of cabbage in Chester Kepner's truck patch."

Age 35 Years; Weighed 20 Pounds. Cincinnati (Ohio) Dispatch. Miss Sidel Roland, who died recently near Xenia, O., aged 35 years, was only 35 inches in height and weighed but 20 pounds.

Sleeps and Dies in His Coffin. Houston (Texas) Dispatch. Incoluche, a full-blooded Choctaw Indian, who died the other day near Denison, Texas, aged 98 years, slept in his coffin on every birthday and died in the coffin.

Searchlight for Park Lovers. Cleveland (Ohio) Dispatch. A big searchlight in Eden Park, Cincinnati, will be turned upon all lovers of the park point who sit on the benches below.

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