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THE WIDE, WIDE SEA.

at states, whose judgments on the politics and... It is found by experience that the primary law is the negation of representative government. Therefore, throughout the country the idea of the primary law, during the last year or two, has lost ground. To the great extent its conception of the system is known. They will not have it. Governor Hughes, of New York, a man of admirable ideals, is endeavoring to push it in his state. But the very element or body of the people who have supported him hitherto, and who rejected him by strenuous efforts, at the end of the campaign, refused to re-elect him. Next year they will be even longer.

Portland has made over Puget Sound ports are due to elimination of the differential which was formerly levied against this port. As that differential will never be re-established, the port will continue to show a material gain for the remainder of this season, but throughout next season, when we shall have the assistance of the new North Bank road in drawing wheat to this port.

Under the primary and direct legislation are so excellent, why retain any pretense of a representative system? Why have an elective legislative body? The very fact that we have a legislative body and continue it is a confession that representatives of the people, chosen by them from among the voters of the state, are better qualified for judgment as to public measures than the whole body, who cannot give time to examination and study of the various problems, and have no means of doing so.

Our Seattle friends who are in Portland today in the interest of the Alaska-Yukon fair should and will receive a cordial reception. The interest in Portland in the success of the Seattle fair is in degree fully as great as that of the city which will be held in Seattle. It is the fact that the fair is a success, that the city which will be held in Seattle will attract large crowds that will take advantage of the low rates to the exposition and come West to see the country. Both cities have a mutual interest in making the incentive for these visits as strong as possible.

Political drift in Oregon. Eugene Register. Until Chamberlain is sworn in as United States Senator, a woman, Mrs. Shelton, will be Oregon's Governor, with the addition of a wet nurse, Oregon's juvenile political condition ought to be in a fair way for receptive knowledge of what constitutes commonsense government.

WOMEN FLOCK TO BAD PLAYS. New York Manager Says Their Patronage Makes Indecency Pay. That powerful theatrical interests are behind the move to free the stage from immoral plays was made plain last night when Marc Klaw, one of the chiefs of the theatrical syndicate, and Charles Burnham, president of the Theater Managers' Association, handled the subject without gloves at the reception of the Entertainment Club, held in the Astor Gallery by the Waldorf Astoria.

Life's Sunny Side. "I reckon you have to watch your pocketbook, an' overcoat, an' watch an' so on, pretty close, don't you?" a Western visitor to New York asked a friend, a native of that metropolis, as they were starting out to view the city, and, despite the citizen's assurance that no more than ordinary vigilance was required, the Westerner proceeded "to keep his eye skinned," much to his friend's amusement.

It would not be serious, or so serious, if the Legislature were brought forth from the leading offices in the state or National Government, men of high ability and capacity. But it never will.

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