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are little disposed to unite on any principle or policy for promotion of the common welfare.

The primary law undoubtedly will stand—though probably will be modified, to an extent, after a while. But Oregon will not return to the old system of primary abuses.

There must be representative politics. Without the idea and practice of representation, politics are unthinkable; and if unthinkable, more than impossible, in practice or action.

A CONDITION, NOT A THEORY. A letter printed on this page today, from Mr. Alonzo Gesner, of Salem, seems to require examination.

It is now the general belief that the country is about to enter on a career of renewed prosperity. There has been a lull, continuously, for two years, beginning in something like a collapse.

From these accelerated forces it is reasonable to expect great progress during the next few years.

PORTLAND'S POSITION MISUNDERSTOOD. "What can the Portland Oregonian hope to gain by denying that Portland is fighting the efforts of the Interior to win lower freight rates?"

It is not "nullification of the primary" to adopt the assembly method. It is the right and clear way to make the primary effective.

Yet if the Republicans of Oregon want no party, so be it. The Oregonian for itself has as little use for party as any of them.

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or in the making of Spokane rates. The Oregonian, however, is forced to believe that the difference in Spokane rates is an appeal to expediency.

As a greater portion of these earnings, excessive or otherwise, were made from Coast traffic than from Spokane business, it is merely a matter of common justice that the same proportional reduction should be made in the rate to the Pacific Coast as is made to Spokane.

CAR SHORTAGE, PERHAPS. It is not yet two years since the rich man's panic swept over the country, leaving financial devastation in its wake.

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"THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE"

Deep Apprehension That Their Rights Are in Danger. SALEM, Or., July 31.—(To the Editor.)—Undoubtedly there is to be a warm time in Oregon politics next year.

Now, if this shall be attempted through the submission direct to the people of laws for bringing back the old methods in politics, and the people shall vote to return to the rule of "bosses" and "interests," they have the privilege of doing that very thing.

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COUNTRY EPISODE AND OPINION

Serious Business, Induced.

Portland Advocate, Colored. Mr. Joffe's pug, Mr. Johnson, the two heavy-weight pug, are going to fight, and it all depends upon Johnson winning the scrap as to whether or not the colored pug will have shoes, overalls and lambwool to wear to keep them warm the coming winter.

Politics in the Strawberry Belt.

White Salmon Enterprise. We have seen a young man of our town attempted to take a snap shot of his girl a few days ago. The result was that he got chased out of town.

Bad Sting of a Yellow Jacket.

Albert Piper, a grandson of A. King, had a peculiar and serious experience yesterday on account of being stung on the head by a yellow jacket.

Look Here, Young Bachelors.

Jefferson Review. Coming down to the office an early hour the other morning, the Review man noticed one of our most popular and highly-educated young ladies busily engaged in carrying in and stacking the boxes of a new pair of shoes.

Marrs His Own Widow.

Lebanon Criticism. H. C. Beard, aged 25, and Lulu Beard, aged 22, were married in Lebanon, Mo., on Saturday last.

Runaway Caused by Auto.

Jefferson Review. Commissioner Beckwith started to drive to Salem Saturday, but he didn't get there.

"Man Under the Bed."

Cathlamet Sun. Miss Jessie Olin, the popular young teacher of North creek school in the Upper Elcom, besides being a vivacious schoolmarm is a jolly joker.

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Boston Dispatch. In pursuance of a decision to replace the organ of the Trinity chapel, which was installed in 1764, with a new one, workmen are engaged in the ancient church in assembling the parts of the modern instrument.

Auto-Bearer Driver Speeds to Jail.

Baltimore News. Eugene K. Boden, driver of an automobile here, was arrested in Chicago, charged with racing with a body to the cemetery.

Life's Sunny Side

Crawford—So your wife doesn't make mince pie any more? Crabshaw—No, she uses all the odds and ends around the house as trimmings for her hat.—Puck.

The Editor—This phrase, "He led her to the altar," makes me tired. Society Reporter—Why? The Editor—It's hackneyed, for one thing, and in the second place, it's nonsense. Led, indeed? Most girls have to do the leading, because the man has blind staggers.—Cleveland Leader.

Magistrate—Are you a friend of the prisoner? Buxom Witness—No, I'm his mother-in-law.—New York World.

Mother—And when he proposed, did you tell him to see me? Daughter—Yes, mamma, and he said he'd see me several times, but he wanted to marry me just the same.—The Sphinx.

"Pa, what does the umpire have to do?" "The umpire, my boy, is the man who has to take the blame for the ball striking when the home team loses."—Detroit Free Press.

A prince espoused a beggar maid in a city where artless wags were scarce. For which his fame will never fade. His love is every poet's theme.

Yet we should cease the deed to praise. For things have strangely altered since. This is the union nowadays.—"A maiden wears a beggar girl."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Beauty (turning from long gaze in the mirror)—I do envy you! The Friend (pleased but incredulous)—You envy me, my dear? I wonder why? The Beauty—Because you can see the real me. I can never see anything but the mere reflection.—London Punch.

Frank Daniels was once principal in a small company that was touring "the provinces." Business had been poor and eating had become a luxury. It was only when the company was in Ticonderoga, N. Y., had been almost sold out for their performance that kept them together.

"What the blazes was that?" the manager would say to anyone who faintly suggested the price of a breakfast. "Finally they did reach Ticonderoga. It was even better and a rosy glow illumined the scene."

"Ah, me!" sighed Daniels to the stage driver. "The sun may set in other places, but never as it does here. Good-bye, good-bye!" "Shades the blazes!" cried the driver. "That's the open-house burnin' down!"—Everybody's.

"Have you any alarm clocks?" inquired a customer at a hardware store. "Yes, ma'am," said the man behind the counter. "About what price do you wish to pay for one?"

"The price," he objected if I can get the kind I want. What I want is one that will rouse the hired girl without waking the whole family."

"I don't know of any such alarm clock," said the man behind the counter. "We keep just the ordinary kind—the kind that will wake the whole family without disturbing the hired girl."—Philadelphia Record.

"Were you ever in a railroad disaster?" "Yes, I once kissed the wrong girl while going through the tunnel."—Exchange.

Waitress—We don't serve spirits, sir, only minerals. Thirsty Visitor (desperately)—Oh, all right, bring me a piece of coal.—The By-stander.

"Where's your mistress' maid?" "Upstairs, sir, arranging madame's hair." "And Madam? Is she with her?"—Lippincott's.

Rivers (dipping his pen in the ink)—Tell me a diplomatic way to call a man a liar. Brooks—Always select a smaller man than you are.—Chicago Tribune.

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