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Here it would have learned more than in all the other states put together, and obtained a remedy for the trouble.

From one who signs himself "Financial Secretary of the Polish Pioneers of Oregon" the Oregonian receives a letter which pretends against the reports published in this newspaper, to the effect that there are three Polish Alliances in Portland.

The disagreement now noted among them, in this distant land, shows why there is no longer a nation. Her factions would not subordinate one subject their personal and private feelings, their desire for pre-eminence in their own country, to the good of invited foreign interference.

Rejection of the principle of majority rule was the destruction of Poland. Each faction of the Poles wished the state to be ruled by itself.

When Oregon adopted the direct primary, five years ago, a lot of idealists declaimed this state in the lead of the "progressive" movement. They little imagined that Oregon, in a brief time, would lead the way to restoration of the convention or assembly.

Both the convention and the direct primary have proved their inefficacy alone. Taken together, however, they will make a working system, which, while not satisfactory in all respects, will be practical.

Other states are waiting with the direct primary, or the prospect of it, have not reached the advanced stage where they can consider this combination of convention and direct primary.

The direct primary, beautiful in theory, disrupts party organization; creates rivalries, and creates a multitude of undesirable aspirants for office and detests ablest men from seeking public position.

In Boston, after ten years of trial, direct nominations are abandoned. The adoption of the new charter in Philadelphia has nominated the candidate of the independent republicans.

An hour on the Forth and Clyde canal. A little later John Stevens, of Hoboken, constructed a screw propeller. All this took place long before the Clermont was even planned.

Who, then, invented the steamboat? Candidly, nobody knows. Neither does anybody know who invented the telephone.

Darwin is known as the author of the theory of evolution by natural selection, but all scientists know that Alfred Russel Wallace had developed the same idea in a paper which was written before Darwin's "Origin of Species" appeared.

Many "careless" persons have been drowned in the Willamette River this season. The tragedies were distressing to kinfolk and shocking to the community, as such disasters always are.

Perhaps government ought to appoint a lot of inspectors and commissioners to move up and down the river bank, warning and forcing swimmers out of cramp dangers and others out of deep water.

It may be well enough to maintain free swimming baths for reckless boys, but the question enters how far it is the business of government to go in semi-educating their own incaution.

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It has not been many years since there was an uprising of Portland housewives on the question of ill-kempt markets. A whole lot of women—some of them genuine philanthropists, some merely "look-up" arms against butchers and grocers with the avowed purpose of compelling them to protect fruits and vegetables from the dirt and filth.

Happy results followed. Most of the obedient and accommodating shopkeepers raised the exposed stuff a few inches above the level of the dirt, and proceeded to do the rest.

Portland might look for relief in the Health Board. If you don't care a rap about health and cleanliness, you can ask the municipal government to exercise such care.

Who Oregon Delights to Honor. Inquiry has come to the Oregonian about the grade of the great inventor, the Hudson's Bay Company fame, in this region.

It is quite the fashion to hold Revere—Devlin accountable for the wretched condition of Oregon Trust affairs, but if memory serves, Devlin did not wreck the bank.

Car shortage again threatens. Sounds ominous; yet not so ominous. When there is a car shortage, it is generally known what to do.

Weighting carefully all the facts made public up to the hour of going to press, we are inclined to the opinion that Dr. Cook trumped Commander Peary's case.

The fact that both of them discovered the Pole in April is no indication that either is trying to fool any one.

son, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Northern California. He was such a man as Americans can be proud to honor.

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TROUBLES OF DIRECT PRIMARY.

New York Comment on Proposal to Introduce Them in That State. New York Times.

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GOOD MEAL FOR SEVEN CENTS.

New York People's Kitchen Hopes to Make Money at That. New York World.

Having cleaned up a bowl of soup, a plate of meat, a big chunk of bread, a cup of tea, sweetened with three lumps of sugar, and a saucer of hot pudding and settled his bill of 7 cents for all of it.

Several hundred persons on the East Side are as glad as Linsky that the People's Kitchen has reopened its doors and started the self-respecting classes to be well fed at a week and still have something left for tobacco, wherewith to promote the dreams of affluence in which a full stomach is the first step.

The Working Circle sends in 200 children every noon to be fed at the kitchen, but nearly all the other customers are regulars who come to the kitchen within easy reach.

From 11 to 5 and from 5 to 8 are the serving hours at the kitchen. Both meals are alike, and 7 cents is the price.

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Mr. Dooley on Flying Machines

By F. P. Dunne. "Well, sir," said Mr. Hennessy, "I'd like to come back a hundred years from now and see what has happened since."

"I don't want to think about the flyin' machines," said Mr. Dooley. "I try to think 'bout the flyin' machines I think 'bout the Wright brothers an' when I think 'bout the Wright brothers, it makes me mad."

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