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THE TANGLE AND THE SOLUTION.

After five years of actual trial, Oregon is ready to return to the convention system. The first step in the solution of the tangle is to return to the convention system.

Men have a right to associate in parties. Having this right, they have also the right to use all honorable means to carry their purposes into effect.

Organization is indispensable to party action. Nothing can be effected without it. Here the representative system must come in.

The primary, without the direction or guidance thus proposed, will split the dominant party of a state into its separate units.

Perhaps the Democratic party ought to be in full control in Oregon. This is another question. But let it come into control in a straightforward manner.

DEVELOPING THE INTERIOR. The value of the electric line, as a feeder for assembling and distributing freight, in connection with the steam railroads, has been pretty thoroughly demonstrated.

Grain, livestock, lumber and minerals are the principal commodities produced in the territory.

penalty by reason of lack of transportation facilities. The results have been so satisfactory that it may be regarded as a certainty that there will be a considerable increase in the mileage of these feeders.

THE OKLAHOMA BANK FAILURES. The "bank guarantee" chickens are coming home to roost in Oklahoma. The first big failure after the passage of the bank guarantee act.

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH. Encouraged by the bright sunshine and balmy air of the past few days, the Christmas shopper has been abroad in this city.

GOOD WORDS FOR OREGON. The news columns in yesterday's Oregonian reported a big poultry show in progress at Asotin, Wash.

INTERVENTION IN NICARAGUA. Now that the United States has taken the initial steps toward the pacification of Nicaragua, it is difficult to see how it can withdraw before the task is completed.

RECENT GREAT INDIAN CHIEFS. Red Cloud, the famous chief of the Sioux Indians, died Friday night at his home near Pine Ridge Agency.

STILL SELLING OIL. Notice any symptoms of approaching dissolution of the part of the Standard Oil Company?

WANTERS CITY TO PAY FOR PIPES. Writer Says Water Mains Should Not Be Taxed to Land-owners. Under the old law, water mains were paid for out of the water fund.

often, a raid against peaceful but, in the Indian view, encroaching settlers, and more than one of them counted in his trophies of war the scalp of the paleface who had been drawn into ambuscade.

Civilization is still moving in Japan. The latest evidence of the fact being a proposed factory law to be offered at the old law in the present law.

With Good Words Also for Oregon Life Insurance Company. There is one state in the Union more than another whose future is pregnant with promised prosperity.

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When they speak of republican government in Great Britain they mean representative government, not government by initiative and referendum.

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Many of these additions have all been sold, and are quite thickly settled. In other districts, where no system of small pipes was laid, and which were remote from public roads, the residents were compelled to pipe their water long distances and at great expense.

Most of them lived to a great age. Red Cloud, the last of the Indian chiefs of military fame, died at the age of 88 years.

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JOHN WESLEY'S REAL LOVE STORY. New Edition of "Great Divina's Life" Fields Was of "Sophy" Hopkey. London Cor. Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

Methodists all over the world will soon be reading the first volume of the new edition of Wesley's Journals, the great Methodist classic, which, after passing through innumerable editions, is produced again with a remarkable series of notes.

Wesley met the young girl at the hut town of Frederica, a distant part of his parish. She was a young girl of about 15 years old, and was named "Sophy."

At Savannah, Wesley became tutor as well as friend to "Miss Sophy," instructing her, as he did others, in French. By the time she was 18, she had learned to "live single," and thought it best to remain unmarried.

Two months Wesley tormented himself, his conscience and his friends with the question whether he should marry "Miss Sophy."

On March 10, 1737, Wesley wrote "Mary," on the second "Think not of this year." After he had prayed to God to "give a perfect law," Mr. Delamotte drew the third, in which, were these words, "Think of it no more."

Instead of feeling "the agony I had reason to expect," Wesley accepted the decision by lot cheerfully. But the "agony" was not over when he was married to "Miss Sophy."

Lottery of the Marriage Market. January Smart Set. In marriage he who hesitates is lost. It is not the lot, Hymen has ten thousand peeped eyes.

Senator Gore as Political Prophet. Philadelphia Record (Dem.). The blind Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, predicts the re-nomination of Roosevelt for President in 1912.

MILTON AND LONGFELLOW LEAD. Interesting Results Noted at Sale of Haber Book Collection, New York. New York Cor. North American.

More than \$200 was netted at the sale of books, letters, manuscripts and prints collected by Louis Haber, of New York City, held at Anderson's auction room.

Thomas Kilgrew's "Comedies and Tragedies," a rare first edition, with portrait of author, London, 1654, \$10.

Once Penniless Southern Girl Teaches Miss Frick for \$400 a Month. Pittsburg Cor. New York Press.

A poor but shapely girl has found favor in the eyes of a rich man's daughter of the steel mill, and she has been placed beyond want for years to come.

Rich Peers Live on Fat of the Land. London Cor. Baltimore News. Here is the annual tribute levied by the rich on the land values of London.

Now, what have these peers done to create this enormous wealth? The question answers itself. They have done less than nothing. Their only task has been to receive the torrent of gold which the world pours into their laps.

Two Sonnets. For three long hours and nights the frost-king reigned. As it drew near the joyous Christmas tide, and over all the sombre landscape white, which the wind had swept as Autumn gale.

Winter. I wandered to a far and lonely hill, Down whose grassy slope a streamlet flows. But all was quiet, leaping waterfalls. Were silent and a-crysal with the chill. Which that old tyrant, Winter, drew forth. And as I stood, the wind came through the trees.