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WHY THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM MUST PREVAIL.

A small plurality for one candidate among many-this small plurality not at all or possibly representative, since it consists of but a fragment of a great political party-cannot coerce, has no right to attempt to coerce, the great body of a political party, to vote for its candidate. Herein is where the direct primary, without representative selection, falls.

But representative selection be a cure for this imperfection. It is this reason, and on this basis, that the assembly is called for; so there may be some correspondence, co-operation, in recommendation of candidates.

Democracy cannot afford to reject the selective or representative principle. Democracy is entitled to the service of its ablest and brightest most active men. But the and plurality primary eliminates these. More, it offers method and meass and instruments of dishonesty, of juggle in politics, never hitherto known. The evil can be met or minimized, if at all, only through assertion of the representative system, in guidance of nominations. This is the argument or reason for convention or assembly. Without consulta-tion or assembly there is no employment of the representative system. There can be no plan, no basis, for union of men who have the same general views on political measures, and who must unite, if they are to make their purposes effective and useful. Party, without basis of unity for common purposes, can mean nothing. One principle or another, without such union, can mean nothing; for, unless men are to unite in support of measures and principles upon which they are agreed, there will be universal chaos. They who oppose conference, assembly or convention, therefore, advocate complete dissolution of political and general society-though they may not know it. They may not-indeed, they do not-understand the general tendency and consequences of their own principles and purposes. But the results will surely be the same. Men must unite. Gov-ernment is only a form or agency which men employ for their purposes Party is but a means to general ends; but if men can't unite in party, how are they to accomplish anything by political effort? A modern supposition seems to be that they who occupy the offices and collect the taxes and fees, constitute the government. They, however, are but the flies of successive summers.

The real thing to be concerned about is the effort to cast out the CONSERVATION.

Keep off, keep off, and let the tim-

citadel, of democracy. Without the per cent. representative system democracy can From these figures, it can be said have no standing at all. Into imperialism it will plunge, by the shortest that the Pacific Coast is today the most prosperous part of the United

Democracy, therefore, must adhere States, and it is equally plain that to the representative system. Else it cannot exist. It can have the repre-Portland is the most prosperous of the large cities on the Pacific Coast. In other words, the business of this sentative system only through assembly. There is no other way. Direct city for the first two months of 1910 popular government is possible only shows the greatest increase among the large cities in the United States. in a small way, in small communities; never on an extended scale. On any large scale there must be resort to the

representative system.

road.

ber alone! It is as God made it, and THE ILLUSTRATION AT SEATTLE. beautiful. Keep unhallowed it's hands from it! Our streams, rushing At Seattle thousands upon thoufrom the mountains-let them alone! sands participated in the Republican It is sacrilege to disturb the music primary, for nomination of Mayor, they have made through the ages. pretending they were Republicans, Great mistake has been made by alyet voting later in the election for the Democratic candidate for Mayor. lowing free use of forest and streams, The "Republican" vote in the priin the older states. Let us, lovers of nature, stop this now, in the new Pamary., for Mayor, was 31,647, while the Republican candidate for Mayor cific and Rocky Mountain states.

received in the election but 17,817 votes—only \$77 more than he re-Such is the argument. Does it im-press you? Does it convince you? Why haven't we kept the whole ceived at the primary. The vote at country-the continent-from the Atthe primary for the Democratic canlantic to the Pacific-in the condition didate for Mayor was only a few hundreds; yet his vote in the election was in which the aborigines "conserved" 14,380. The figures prove conclusive-ly that the great body of Democrats everything? There has been intelligent use from voted as Republicans at the primary the beginning, since Europeans came for nomination of Republican candito the country, and conservation with it. Hence all the older states have dates, yet in the election voted for the Democratic candidates. That sort of grown to what they are. Use is conservation, and conservation is use thing has been familiar in Oregon this long while. The Oregonian's re-These "rangers," planted in Pennsylport from Seattle yesterday contained vania, in Ohio, Indiana, in Missouri, this statement, viz: in Arkansas, in Louisiana, would have arrested development there, just as

The tell-tale figures have set pollticians to thinking. The demonstration is complete that large numbers of Democrats voted for the Republican nominee at the primaries; then turned on him, hoping by the advan-tages of a factional fight led by Boullon and other bolters to elect Moore, the Demo-crat. It is a striking illustration of the invok workings of the direct reinner. their presence and the policy they are instructed to enforce, are arresting it here, and will arrest it, more and more. The old policy of the United States

was a sound one. It has made the inner workings of the direct primary. country-that is, the older states-It is to meet this most dishonest great. It ought not to be changed, business, to check or countervail it, that the Republicans of Oregon infor use against us, now. tend now and hereafter to hold repre-DEVELOPING OUR RESOURCES. sentative assemblies for suggestion or recommendation of candidates. It is Very few promoters or industrial operators who have appeared in the the only way of honest and purpose Pacific Northwest have accomplished

ful politics. By practice of the method so plainly developed again at Seattle, so much with so little advance publicity as General Manager Welch, of Democrats have gained the highest the Northwest Corporation, whose and most important positions conproperties are reported to have been trolled or to be filled by the electorate taken over by Eastern capitalists. of Oregon. It is the most dishonest Beginning in a quiet manner a few of all the schemes, the deepest of all years ago, Mr. Welch and his associjuggles, ever played in our political ates have steadily added to their aifairs. Yet it assumes the peculiar holdings until the latter now include and spotless garb of honesty, which either power plants, street rallways, it exclaims is its exclusive own! gas and electric light plants or water

OREGON-STREET BRIDGE MATTERS.

gon, Washington and Idaho, all of For the upper deck of the projected these industries being owned in some Oregon-street bridge the O. R. & N. of the cities. These capitalists are needs small parts of Adams and Orealso the owners of a highly prosperous gon streets, to place thereon a supsuburban line connecting Walla Walla, porting abutment or pler. For the Wash., and Freewater, Or., and conlower deck the company asks for va-cation of other streets, whereon to lay trol valuable water rights and power locations at other points in Oregon its railroad tracks. The first vacaand Washington. tion would be made for the service and convenience of the river-crossing able industrial plants and transportapublic; the other for the use and tion enterprises scattered over a conbenefit of the railroad. The first vasiderable territory, it is logical and cation is authorized by an ordinance natural that an attempt should be which has passed the Council and made to unite them in a compact yet which the Mayor will probably apconnected system. The advantages of The second is under considprove. such an amalgamation are so appareration by city authorities, and they ent that there will undoubtedly be an will demand in exchange from the early welding of the various properties railroad concessions for the city's prointo one cohesive force in which the posed Broadway bridge, and perhaps electric line extension will play a most for other things. important part. While we have near at hand plenty of evidence of the ad-

The distinction between these two matters should be kept in mind by citvantages of electric lines as developers izens who have protested against vacation of several city streets at the is any more striking example of their east approach of the viaduct. The value than is offered by the Welch arguments that oppose the one grant by the city do not sensibly stand in Lands which were in no special dethe way of the other. The city can well afford to give up 100 feet of Adams street and 100° feet of Oregon street, where they intersect, for an abutment supporting the general-traffic deck of the bridge. This deck was forced upon the railroad company by the demands of the city. and will serve solely the interests of the public. The company was required to add the upper deck in return for the franchise allowing it to span the river. It would seem, there-fore, that citizens will suffer not at all from surrender of the street area needed for the supporting piers. The city should resist every attempt of corporations and persons to make away with its streets for their selfish benefit. It should certainly not give the streets which the railroad desires to possess for its tracks and yards without adequate concessions in return. The point of the matter at present is that the public will get a much-needed benefit, and, indeed, the whole use of the street area to be granted for the upper-deck abutment.

Human ingenuity stands baffled before it, unable to cope with it. Shipping in the ice zone can neither save

Itself by retreat, nor defense. Retreat is cut off, and defense is hopeless. It without the slightest exaggeration is thus that the banks of the Mississippi River, within the ice zone, at the close of a severe Winter, are lined with the skeletons of the finest inland water craft, mutely attesting in their forlorn plight the all-conquering power of ice.

> Ex-Judge Gordon, of Spokane, Wash., is at last before a jury on the charge of embezzling a large sum of money from the Great Northern Railroad. Details of the case were pretty well disclosed when Gordon was arrested several months ago. They showed that the alleged embezzlement was of funds which had been given Gordon by the Great Northern Railroad to be used in set-tling a particular claim. Gordon is charged with using the funds in the purchase of a court decision favorable to the railroads. In such circumstances it is somewhat surprising to

read in yesterday's news reports from Spokane that "attorneys indicate by their questions that an attempt will be made to keep the Great Northern as clear of the case as possible." If the railroads can be kept clear of a case in which they supplied money that was spent in securing a decision favorable to them, ex-Judge Gordon ought to be reasonably sure of acquittal.

The day of the drunkard is about ver in a great many walks of life. It has been several years since the rail-road corporations became powerful factors in the cause of temperance by refusing to intrust their property and the lives of passengers in their charge to drunken men; and the example thus given was followed in a large number of other industries. Now comes the Oregon Agricultural College and four students are discharged and others are suspended for using liquor. When it becomes generally impossible for a man who drinks liquor to secure admission to college or employment on railroads or other large industrial undertakings, the temperance cause will be still further advanced. It is gradually developing that there are sufficient sober, industrious men in this country to take care of all the desirable positions, and the conomic feature of the problem is hastening the adjustment of its moral phase.

Thousands and tens of thousands of great timber trees, at and near and round about the City of Portland, have been destroyed to make room for a city, and to open the country around it. Ought this forest to have been conserved? If conserved, what would it be worth? Under conservation, what would the whole country from the Atlantic to the Pacific be worth? Ask the Algonquins, the Iro-quois, the Dacohtas, the grasshoppereaters of the mid-continent and the clam-eaters of the Pacific Coast. whose kitchen middens remain heaped up at Clatsop, Chinook and the bays of Puget Sound. Those people all were conservationists. In one thing they agreed with those of the modern type-they were too lazy to work.

The grapevine telegraph, or some similar reliable source of information, wafted into Wall street yesterday the rumor that J. Pierpont Morgan had dropped dead in Italy, and for a mo-ment there were signs that Wall street was about to throw one of the fits that have made it famous. Fortunately of new territory, it is doubtful if there for Mr. Morgan, and also for Wall street, the rumor was promptly denied, and then the regular business of line out of Walla Walla, Wash. shearing the "lambs" proceeded without unusual disturbance. Portland, some say-they who want more official inspectors-"is flooded with diseased beef." It is more flooded with diseased imaginations. Portland, now, in the thought of one sort of people, must have a larger body of officials to inspect beefsteaks; another sort of officials to inspect and plug and clean the teeth of people who eat the beefsteaks. This last is now to be a department of our public schools

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tlated for our november election, and proposes an entirely new system of government. They propose to abolish our present representative system of government, which has stood the test of hundreds of years, and foist upon the people an entirely new and untried scheme.

THREE BOSSES FOR THE STATE.

Research Small colleges To fight hookworm disease Barnard College, New York City Southern education fund Union Theological Seminary Harvard University Baptist Educational Society... Juvenile reformatories Cieveland city parks Ten Young Men's Christian Asso-ciations Teachers College Johns Hopkins University State of New York for public park The new system is proposed under the guise of giving more power to the people, but its effect will be, if it should be adopted, to take away the liberty they have, and establish in its place an absolute monarchical form of government.

We will take up first the act to create a "A Board of People's Inspec-tors of Government, and to provide for the publication and circulation of the Oregon Official Gazette," found on pages 19 and 20 of that publication. The bill provides for the election of three inspectors, at a salary of \$3000 each, with all necessary traveling ex-penses. These three inspectors shall be editors of the Official Gazette, a paper to be printed and circulated by the State of Oregon, which will print re-ports of the inspectors, and letters and communications from officials and circulated and circulated by the state of Oregon, which will print re-ports of the inspectors, and letters and these reports, letters, and communica-tions will be printed free, provided mith College tions will be printed free, provided they meet with the approbation of the olumbia University Inspectors. But, Mr. Farmer, if your Dennison ideas do not meet with favor with the Lincoln Memorial Fund University of Virginia Cleveland X W. C. A. Iniversity of Nebraska Undersity of Nebraska Undersity Indersity Unti-Saloon League onnectical Wesleyan sity alem (N urman University inspectors you will have to pay advertising rates to have your article inserted. See section 3. . . .

These three inspectors are to be perfect men. They are to attend the sessions of the Legislature, see that no St. Thomas College Indiana University Mount Holyoka College Shurtleff College School of Applied Desi Women mistakes are made, "investigate the management of every public office supported wholly or in part by public funds, as often as may be necessary." They shall conduct all these inspections Women Bucknell University William Jewell Institute Howard College Tarrytown Hospital Foreign Christian Board of and investigations and report through the gazette, "solely for the information of the citizens, without motive or desire for personal, or partisan advantage." Italian carthquake relief fund. In other words, we will have disdiscellaneous gifts

honest Legislatures and dishonest of ficials in every branch of government. but we will have three perfect inspectors, at an enormous expense, to keep the people informed of their crooked-

ness." These papers are to be sent to every registered voter in the state of Oregon Extra copies may be had at cost. The state will do all the printing, and people who are not Oregon registered voters or taxpayers may subscribe at \$1 per annum. The bill does not provide for the disposition of that \$1 per annum from subscribers, and, of course, it will go to the inspectors as "emoluments of office." And even if the bill did provide, what a beautiful opportunity for graft there would be! . . .

Section 5, page 20, provides that the election shall be by the proportionate method. Election by majorities is abolshed. Any candidate receiving one-third of the registered vote of the state is to be declared elected. Each elector has ery, that shuts out light, that depreci-ates the value of adjoining property. None of us likes the intrusion as we three votes, of course, one for each candidate, but he can cast them all for one candidate. In that way three men representing radically different ideas and principles can be elected, thus destroying unity in the "Board of Inspectors," and giving greater chance for graft by

against the billboard has made subcharging every man for having his ideas of government published in the Gazette.

LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

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One of the New Jersey Representatives in Congress, very much addicted to ap-parel of the variety known as "loud," was on his way to the Capitol one day Estimated Wealth. Gifts to Date. when he encountered Senator Depew. you're going to the Capitol," said the Senator, "we might as well walk to-gether." "I'm not going there just yet." said the Representative. "I must first stop to see my tailor about a new over-coat." "The tailor!" exclaimed Mr. Danew in mock astachement without 33,309,662 8,000,000 5,200,000

"Why. Depew, in mock astonishment. "Why, Jim, it has always been my understand-ing that you were clothed by a cos-tumer!"-Cleveland Leader. 4,300,000

E. T. Williams, editor of the famous Cataract Journal, of Niagara Falls, said at a recent dinner:

have added, gentlemen, another to my long list of Niagara Fails stories. "A Buffalo man brought a relative from

Scotland here to see our grand spectacle. The two gazed at the fall in silence a long time. Then the Buffalo man heaved 1,245,000 long time. Then a sigh and said:

"'Ah, Cousin Donald, did you ever see anything so beautiful and strange?" 500,000

"The Soutchman, after a moment's thought, answered calmly: "Weel, for bonnie yon's a' richt: but for strange, no-fur I once saw in the town o' Peebles a peacock wi' a wooden leg."-Kansas City Star. 325,000 275,000 250,000 230,000

200,000 "Flattery," said William Faversham, at rehearsal in New York, "has great 200,000 weight with women.

weight with women."
"This fact was brought home to me in my boyhood. Before entering Chig-well Grammar School, I attended a kind of kindergarten. My teacher there was a very pretty young lady. "Willie," my teacher said to me one morning, 'why was Solomon the wisest man in the world?" "Because, ma'am,' said I, 'he had so many wives to advise him."

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many wives to advise him."

"Well,' said my teacher, with a pleas-ant smile, 'that is not the precise answer given in the book, but you may go up head."-New York Press.

. . . Booth Tarkington, praising in New York the work of a brother playwright. said:

"His work is so very neat. He it was, ou know, who wrote that admirably

"Taken from life." -Exchar -Exchange. . . .

Richard Le Gallienne, the poet, said it a dinner at the Hotel Westminster in New York:

"Literary disputes are interesting if properly conducted. Too many of them however, are suggestive of the Shakes-pearean dispute in Tin Can. "Professor Bill Billus, of the Tin Can

Dancing Academy, dolivered a lecture in the Lone Hand Saloon, and in the course of his argument recited, 'The Boy 10,000,000 Total\$132,154,662 Stood on the Burning Deck,' a gem, he declared, from Shakespeare's 'Othello.' "But an interrupter rose and strode BILLBOARD NUISANCE AN EVESORE

forward. "'I am a Boston gent,' said the inter-rupter, 'and I certify that no Shakes-

pears never wrote that piece." "My friend,' said Professor Billus, gently, 'I can convince you that he done

"'Convince away,' said the Bostonian keptically.

Francisco almost as rapidly as the erection of its new build-"So Professor Billus led off with his right foot, and followed up the argu-ment with a brass cuspidor, failing, in in the last few weeks the "uglifying process" has become particular'y pro-nounced here. Advertising signs and billboards have sprung up everywhere in parts of the downtown sections and have given to the landscape a garish

the subsequent clinch, on top. "'Who writ the piece?" he shouted, as he punmelled his opponent steadily. 'Shakespeare,' the Bostonian an-

snakespeare, the Bostonian an-swered in smothered tones from beneath. "'Are you sure? asked the professor. "'Dead sure,' was the reply. 'I seen him do it.'"-Exchange.

John Cudahy, of Chicago, controls the Louisville Packing Company, and paid a visit to the local plant not long ago. He walked through the building unaccom-panled, and in one of the corridors found a wrinkled-faced, weather-beaten old Irishman standing on a truck, his arms folded and his short pipe lit, puffing away like a good fellow.

come, say, from the opera, of a fiam-boyant sign of somebody's wine or of a brand of prepared food or a new Mr. Cudahy said nothing, but kept on a his little tour of inspection. After ompleting it, he returned the way he In many other cities the movement had come in, and found the old man still standing in the pose described, his pipe stantial headway. Both East and West going like the exhaust of a motorb appa editating things in general, for he seemed to take no interest in the progress of the truck. "What are you doing?" inquired Mr. Cudahy gently, not wishing to rouse the ireamer too suddenly. "Nothing," replied the latter stolidly. "Do you know who I am?" retorted the hleagoan quickly. "I'm Mr. Cudahy, "Do you know who I am?. Tecored the Chicagoan quickly. "I'm Mr. Cudahy, the president of this company." "Is that so?" inquired the truckman with interest. "Well. ye've got a fine job, and Oi advise ye to hold on to it!"--Philadelphia Becord.

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representative system from politics and government. The assembly or convention is an endeavor to continue and to maintain this system. Opposition to it is denial of the system; coupled with promotion of the idea that, if a candidate, who nominates himself, can obtain a mere plurality over many others, an entire party is bound to support him, whether its majority thinks him the fit man or not. The only relief from the consequences of this assertion is that proposed by representative assembly, to guide nominations for the primary. Selection of representative men may be had by this method. It was employed with great success in Portland, last year. So now, we have a representative, responsible and effective municipal government.

"Bosses," they say, will control as semblies or conventions. Superior talents, undoubtedly, will take and hold the leadership, in politics, as in all business; but are superior talents to be eliminated from politics? A boss, an eminent politician, must have talents for organization and leadership; but is there to be no organiza tion, no leadership? Is democracy to refuse or to reject its own active tal-Of course it will set aside or turn down in the long run those who displease it. But is it to have no leaders? It must have leaders. Its leaders must be men of highest and most active talents. But the plurality primary, without guidance from representative association, would eliminate all these.

Men must unite in parties, if they are to get results. If any large or general policy is to be carried on, or carried through, it can become effective only by men in association with each -that is, by and through party. other-Again, men who believe in a general policy have a right to units and must unite, to carry it through. They have a right, and it is their duty, to select representative agents for this purpose and work. They have a right, therefore, and it is their duty, to meet in assembly, conference and represente tive convention. They can organize for a great common purpose in no other way.

And they will do it. Nothing could be more fatuous than the assertion that men who have common objects in politics have no proper right to meet to declare their objects, to devise means for carrying them, and indicate the names of men to. who (as candidates) are preferred by them for the duty. Are men gone mad, that they should deny it? Yet they who exclaim against confere assembly or convention, intended for suggestion of candidates, deny this very thing.

The denial, moreover, is made in the interest of oligarchy, which insists that a whole political party bound to the support of candidates nominated by a meager plurality. representing but a fraction of the party's strength and casting but a molety of its votes. The method 'is based on elimination of the repre-

PORTLAND LEADS.

The Pacific Coast, in general, and Portland in particular, makes a remarkably fine showing in an elaborate compilation of bank clearings appearing in the current number of the Commercial and Financial Chronicle of New York. In the groupings of the different cities, those under the heading, "'Pacific" show average gains for February of 29.8 per cent and for January and February, 28.7 per cent. For the month of February and for the two months Portland leads all other large cities on the Pacific Coast in percentage of gains. For February the Portland clearings were 49.9 per cent greater than for the same month last year, Seattle showing a gain of 26.6 per cent, San Francisco 27.6 per cent and Los Angeles 24.1 per cent, Portland's gain thus being more than 20 per cent greater than the average for all of In the cities included in the Pacific group. For the two months, the Chronicle

credits this city with a gain over the first two months of 1909 of 49 per while Seattle shows an increase of 33.9 per cent, San Francisco 29.5 per cent and Los Angeles 25.3 per cent. In its grouping of the Eastern cities, including New York, Philadelohia, Pittsburg, Baltimore and twenty other cities, the gain for February was 18.3 per cent, and for January February 22.6 per cent. Th New England group showed a February gain of 8.2 per cent and for the months the gain was 11.3 per Chicago and about thirty other

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cent.

Middle Western cities grouped showed a February gain of 7.3 per cent and for the two months the volume of clearings was 6.3 per cent greater than last year. The Southern group, which included everything from St. Louis to New Orleans, showed a February increase of 13.3 per cent and

mand at from \$50 to \$1 per acr when this line was started now sell readily at from \$500 to \$1000 per acre, and pay good dividends on the prices.

The possibilities for further extensions and development of this natur are almost unlimited in the Pacific Northwest, and the Northwest Corporation has its numerous plants admirably located for the purpose of "connecting up" with each other and supplying light and power and transportation to communities and districts not yet reached with these modern conveniences and necessities,

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With these holdings of highly profit-

ICE POWER.

The tremendous power of moving ice has been demonstrated during the past Winter, in the wreck and ruin that it has wrought to shipping along the Mississippi River. This demonstration is not new, but the havoc that it has wrought is universal. The Mississippi River does not often freeze over from bank to bank, but the past eason has proved an exception in this respect, and as the ice, frozen and piled up in January, was loosened

by the warm currents of air and rising water of February, the mass creaking and groaning and crushing age? river craft like egg shells, went careening down the mighty stream and out into the Gulf. In the pathway of this gorge the wreck and ruin of everything that was within reach. Railway ferries

were lifted bodily out of the river and stranded on the bank. Elegant and commodious passenger boats shared the same fate. The City of Providence, the largest excursion boat on the Mississippi, was first thrown upon the bank, from whence she afterward slid back into the river and sank, a total loss, while powerful tugboats and heavy sand barges, torn from their moorings and hopelessly stranded, testified to the resistless

force of the ice. all the long story of Arctic exploration, there is a no more dra-matic incident than that of the crush-

ing, by the tremendous power of the ice floes which had for weeks held her captive, of the steamer Jeannette, of the ill-fated expedition sent out James Gordon Bennett, under the command of Lleutenant De Long. The hope went out of the hearts of the brave commander and his courageous crew when their only home in an inhospitable waste yielded to the grim

power of the ice and, crushed and splintered, was lost to sight. A power which, if they could have impressed it into their service, would have borne them triumphantly to the North Pole and back again over wintry wastes to

tell the story of their wanderings and the success that crowned them. crushed their ship instead and hurled them helpless upon a frozen sea. Equally helpless, as far as saving vessels that are caught in the ice on the Great Lakes and the Mississippi.

are the owners and engineers of these vessels. The power of the ice is for the two months 14.5 per cent gain. simply resistless and unconquerable.

Isador St. Martin, who lost his Vie in a controversy over the merits of the springs which bear his name, certainly had the courage of his convictions. The man who is so firmly convinced of the unequaled quality of something which he possesses that he is willing to fight to the death in support of his contention is a victim of misdirected zeal.

A woman comes forward with a report of having at the age of 15 years seen a comet in the Fall of 1852. Who will now dare to repeat the old slander about a woman's extreme sensitiveness, bordering even upon mendacity, when it comes to telling her

"The people," at large, have nothing in the world to say about the results of the plurality primary. Some small faction gets the plurality, by a fraction, for its candidate, and the mass of the people is left out entirely.

Young Knox will brush himself up, put on collar and cuffs and sell joy wagons. All the world loves a lover. but most of it would rather see him roll up his sleeves and make a living out of industry rather than wits,

Democrats fear the people will resent the Republican assembly in Oregon. But let them cheer up. The people last State election accepted the Democratic Assembly candidate for Governor.

As a matter of fact, Phil Knox, Sr. said very little; only told the youngster to go to work. Many a father has done worse.

High cost of living is not a political problem, but just the same a lot of fellows try to solve it by making politics out of it.

Seattle votes for open town and wickedness, Evangelist Matthews should not have wasted his sermons in Portland.

Sunshine nowhere is brighter than right at home in Oregon these days Then why spend money elsewhere?

Mae Wood is glad Tom Platt is dead. Yes, Mae is now sure of her matrimonial status.

things, is here

Now, as to the cost of this newfangled cheme. The bill provides (see section 7) that \$1 for each registered voter shall be appropriated annually, to pay "bills for expenses and salaries of said board and the bills for the publication of the Gazette." A further appropriation of \$15,000 is made for the board to employ "expert accountants and other assist ance," and if that is not enough they can apply to the people for more. Supposing

that we have 150,000 registered voters and taxpayers entitled to a free copy of the Gazette, it will cost the people of Oregon at least \$165,000 per annum to carry out the scheme, or \$330,000 for a biennial

Talk about boss rule! Talk about corruption! Talk about graft! It is the most gigantic scheme for graft that has ever been called to our notice, and in this. that under the sanction of law. Who

shall we have to inspect the inspectors? This proposed law is promulgated by the same wise lawmakers who foisted upon

us the recall and other un-American Reader, pause and reflect. Whither are

ment, the representative system that was handed down to us by our fathers, incor-porating the wisdom of ages. Shall we continue to blindly follow?

PORTLAND, March 8 .- (To the Editor.) -The Oregonian's editorial of last Saturday on Portland's garbage puzzle hit the nail square on the head, and those cannot see the wisdom of taking the garage out of the city are only those who do not want to see this done. I presume that is why the authorities do not see it. The taxpayer will have to dance to

their music and call it good. I notice a communication from Walter Evans, the agent and legal adviser of the Dixan Crematory Company. I would like to suggest to Mr. Evans that he is very much mistaken if he thinks we want a

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Everybody admires Mr. Pinchot very much indeed. Everybody is ready to say, "What a fine man." But it is a pity that he should stir up such a tremendous lot of trouble for his admiring friend, the President, without stronger evidence to sustain his charges not only of Mr. Balinger's rascally character, but of the President's own incompetency.

Hewlett's Creations Live Again.

London Echo. The first volume of the Flona Mac lead edition, appearing in England contains "Pharais" and "The Mountair overs." Maurice Hewlett's novel "Rest Harrow," continues the histories The Spring garden time, when so many of us boasted we would do big House," and draws into its magic circle the elusive Senhouse.

to eliminate, or at least to regulate, street signs has been tak-ing definite and effective form. On the Pacific Coast Portland, Seattle and Los Angeles have grappled with the problem in an intelligent manner, and isewhere carefully prepared ordinance have either been passed or are drawn for passage. Public sentiment here, as elsewhere,

ong ago registered its against the marring of the city by billboards. The sentiment should crystallized in action which prevent the continuance, and much more the increase of, the nul-sance. In Europe many cities have not only abolished the billboards in certain districts and places, but they have limited the posters in size and prescribed ornamental boards which limit the number of placards. Street signs and lamp posts have been bined in a decorative pillar, tasteful as it is useful. There is a lesson for us

Was the Banana the Forbidden Fruit? London Chronicle.

The banana, which the late Sir Alfred Jones did so much to popularize in England, is believed by some people to be the original forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden. In any case, it is one of the curlosities of the vegetable king-dom, being not a tree s waim a test dom, being not a tree, a paim, a bush, a shrub, a vegetable or an herb, but a herbaceous plant with the status of an herb, but a tree. Although it sometimes attains a height of 30 feet, there is no woody fiber in any part of its structure, and the bunches growing on the dwarf ba nana plants are often heavier the stalk which supports them.

plant gives such a quantity of food to the acre as the banana; it yields 44 times more weight than the potato an 133 times more than wheat. Moreover no insect will attack it, and it is al-Moreover ways immune from disease of any kin Altogether, a highly favored plant.

Goldsmith's Childhood Home.

Edinburgh Scotsman. The home of Ollyer Goldsmith's one in hood at Lissoy, of which he wrote in "The Deserted Village," is a mere shell in ruins. An effort is being made to reconstruct the old chimney, around which sat the group depicted in "The Vicar of Wakefield."

See Morgan.

Do you want to buy a flat? Do you want to sell your cat? See Morgan. Do you want to buy a drink? Do you want another think? See Morgan. Do you want to borrow two? Do you want to bet a few? See Morgan. Do you want to take a ride Over to the Jersey side? See Morgan. Would you ride to Boston town. Where the beans are all done brown See Morgan. Do you want to get a boost To put some feathers in your roost? See Morgan. Do you want to buy some art Of the kind dear to your heart?

See Morgan. you want to raise some Nee Tell what's happened all to Ted. He'd see Morgan. When the doctors all draw nigh.

With your toes turned to the sky, You'll see Morgan, -St. Louis Times.

A Hermitage, Over Seven Centuries

London Telegraph. There is a curious rock hermitage at Dale Abbey, about seven miles from Derby, England. From the chronicle of one Thomas de Musca, a canon of Dale In the 15th century, we gather that a baker of the name of Cornelius, of the parish of St. Mary-of-the-Brigg, in Derby, was visited in his sleep by the Vir-gin, who bade him abandon all his world-ly possessions and go and live a life of solitary devotion at Deepdale. He did not know the place, but, as generally hap-pens in such cases, his steps were mirac-ulously directed thither. 'He excavated the cave out of the sandstone rock, erected an altar, adorned by an image of the Virgin, and there for the rest of his days "served God day and night," until in the course of time "he departed hap-pily to God out of the prison house of the body." His cell, locally known as the "Hermitage," is embowered in trees, and, although some seven and a half centuries have passed since it was con-structed it has undergone but little hange.

Ohio Woman With Sense of Humor. Washington (D. C.) Herald.

Washington (D. C.) Herald. "An Ohio woman who died a few days ago left \$50 to her 'only cousin." The name of the only cousin was not mentioned, and the only cousins who have called for the money have become so numerous that some of the Ohio railroads may decide to run cheap excursions for the benefit of other only cousing who desire to present their laims," says the Chicago Record-Her-lid. And yet there are foolish people ald. who insist that no woman ever had a real, genuine sense of humor!

Acrobatic Money Bags.

London Spare Momenta. Family Friend-I congratulate you, my dear sir, on the marriage of your daughter. I see you are gradually getting all the girls off your handa. Goldbranch-Off my hands! Yes; but the worat of it is, I have to keep all the husbands on their feet.

Stolen Thoughts.

Puck. I never turn the printed page But what, ains! I see In clever form some clever thought That should have come to me.

Of course, I should not want to think Of all the clever things; And yet the thought that I do not Much worry to me brings.

If it were only now and then I missed some nice conceit, I would not be so prome to think My mind is obsolete.

But I miss scores of them, and some So simple quite that I Will have to plead stupidity For latting them pass by.

That there are lots of people who Are very bright indeed Becomes apparent more and more To me each time I read.

crematory on the East side. Just build one and see what will happen. If the people of North Portland are willing to be damaged in this way, all well and good, but the people of the East side will not allow any kind of crematory. Mr. Brans or otherwise. In our vielation Mr. Evans, or otherwise. In our vicinity we have property which we value more for other purposes. AN EAST SIDE TAXPAYER. Mr. Pinchot's "Proofs."

they leading us? They are seeking to overturn our entire system of govern-No East Side Crematory.