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DEMOCRATS STILL "PLAYING THE GAME."

Democrats are making ready again to take a hand in nomination of Republican candidates in primarles. Their participation in the nominating primaries of the majority party has turned out to be highly successful for them in elections hitherto, and it is natural for them to desire to repeat the feat.

So far in Multnomah County this year only 658 men have registered as Democrats. But a total of 3898 have registered as Republicans, among whom, of course, are large numbers of Democratic liars, who have registered as Republicans, in order to be in position on primary day to "play the

This is obviously false division of parties. The true division was indicated a year and a half ago, when Taft received 17,819 votes for President and Bryan 9870 votes. At that time the Republican registration was 29,106; the Democratic, 7053. That registration was also false, as to division of parties, but this year the perjury of Democrats in registration is far worse.

The new registration shows six Republicans to one Democrat. But the true statement of the Presidential election shows less than two Republicans to one Democrat-a fairly accurate index of relative party membership. The last preceding registration scored four Republicans to one Democrat. That was considered a shocking exposure of Democratic mendacity. According to fair estimate of true party membership, as based on party vote for President and members of Congress, some 5000 electors registered as Republicans who belonged to the Democratic party

But it is not necessary to resort to specific figures; the evidence is plain of fraud and perjury again committed by Democrats, in order that they may invade Republican primaries and take a hand in nomination of Republican candidates The fraud and perjury are more glaring this year than ever

All over the state Democrats are thus lying as to their true party affiliation. They call themselves Republicans on primary day, but on election day they turn out full-fledged Democrats. This is one of the basic evils of direct primarles. Wherever direct primaries are used the same fraud is committed, but most extensively in Oregon, owing to the great numerical ascendancy here of the Republican party. Participation of Democrats in Republican primaries, coupled with plurality system of nomination, makes concert of Republicans impossi-

The only possible rectifier at presen available is the party assembly, which will largely eliminate plurality factionalism. But presence in Republican primaries of this state of large numbers of Democrats "playing the game" is sure to continue troublesome. Democrats in 1908, throwing thousands of their perjured votes into a bitter factional fight in the Republican primaries, nominated Cake for United States Senator-and then the Republican majority, refusing to accept Cake nominee, allowed Chamberlain to be designated the so-called "people's But Chamberlain was not the people's choice, nor was Cake the choice of the Republican party. Thus the people of this state are represented in the United States Senate by a man whose political allegiance is at variance with that of the majority of its citizens. This is why Statemen One, the demagogic instrument of this fakery, purporting to afford the means of direct election of United States Senators, is a fraud and a delusion, and cannot be a method of effective party

INCONSISTENT OPPOSITION.

The Eastern muck-rakers are said to be preparing a broadside to be fired at Western reclamation projects for the purpose of causing an abandonment of this branch of Government work. Like the conservation question, the merits of the case do not seem to have been considered, but in stead, the fact that the West desires and actually needs this Government reclamation work seems to be sufficient reason to bring about Eastern antagonism. There have been mistakes in the reclamation work as well as in other branches of the Government service. But it is hardly fair that the whole broad general scheme of reclamation and irrigation should be retarded or hampered, simply because of an error of judgment in some part of it.

Opposition to the bond issue of \$30,000,000 also discloses a singular inconsistency on the part of those who are standing in the way. The stereotyped pretext of those who are urging withdrawal of Government land and its addition to forest reserves that already lock up such a large portion of the public domain, is that the land must be held for the use of the small settler. Accepting at face value this claim of paternalism on the part of the Government, it becomes all the more necessary that the various irrigation schemes for which the \$30,000,-000 bond issue is needed should be carried to completion. The Governnent has promised these small settlers that it would place the lands in the various reclamation districts in condition for growing crops, and abandonment at this time, when thousands of ettlers have located on the lands, and have, in good faith, made their homes there, would cause a heavy loss to thousands of honest settlers. is no conceivable method by which the Government could abandon the work or endeavor to get along with a limited

bond issue, without displaying evidence of bad faith.

The reclamation work makes lands that are now valueless worth millions and admits of great development which would be absolutely impossible without irrigation. It would appear to be nearly time for the East to understand that the West is no longer in that infantile stage where we do not know what we want or what we should have.

THE RECORD.

Congress will adjourn in a few days and it will then be seen that the Taft Administration has for the most part fulfilled its promises to put through legislative definite programme Payne-Aldrich tariff bill passed at the special session last year. The record of the regular session ows that much attention was given to the Administration plans. The schedule of principal measures to which President Taft stands commit ted before the country and now enacted or to be enacted into law in cludes:

Tariff. Conservation. Statehood.

Amendment to interstate commerce

Postal savings banks, It would seem that President Taft has made good. All of these measures are of far-reaching importance, and most of them have now been framed into law after years of agitation and discussion. It would appear that the President ought to have a right to be proud of his achievements; and doubt less he is. But he knows that the country is not in a mood to give him credit for the great things he has done Next it may be hoped that the Pres ident will set about to bring about the most-needed reform of the time-an effective method for the reform of our courts for a speedy and economical administration of justice

IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

Now Clackamas County is going to hold a Republican assembly. It is a remarkable testimonial to the power and popularity of the assembly that it has invaded successfully the stronghold of Statement No. 1 and other isms and notions that have carried many Republicans far away from sound party doctrine.

There is a clique of politicians at Oregon City who have long been Republicans for what there is in it, and for nothing else. They would be Dem-ocrats, or Populists, or Mohammedans, or Holy Rollers, for exactly the same They have no political principle but thrift, no policy but to find out what will win, no conscience but to accommodate themselves to any prevailing popular whim or fancy. Republican machine has long been in the hands of this self-seeking clique, which accounts for the low estate the party in Clackamas,

But now the Republican sky is brighter. It has occurred to the Republicans in Clackamas who are Republicans on principle-and there are many indeed-that the time has come to place the organization in accord with the general sentiment and purposes of the party. Therefore they have decided through the central commiftee to hold a county assembly July 16. This plan does not suit the noisy Populist faction that has long controlled the party machine, and it vociferates its disapproval. If the county assembly should name a ticket, this crowd and its followers would oppose it. But what of it? The Re-publicans of Clackamas must take a stand some time if they are to redeem the party. The result may be Democratic success. But is Democratic success in electing a county ticket worse than continued Populist control and

MR. PINCHOT'S NEW PARTY.

Pinchot and his followers are said to be planning a conservation party. But they need no new party; one suitable for them already exists. It is the Socialist party.

Extreme conservationists of the Pinchot type want the Government to retain ownership of all unappropriated resources in the public domain. This means that they would have the Government enter the business of coal mining, timber-cutting, rallroad-buildother numerous activities now engaged in by private capital for de-velopment of new regions. Their theis that any profit private capital would make out of undeveloped re-sources would be "robbery of the peo-But what is this if not Socialist lingo?

Socialists want private exploitation of lands, resources and goods of all kinds supplanted with Government ownership of these things and with Government ownership of the means of production and distribution. Pinchot should move over, therefore, to the camp of the Socialists, where he will hear preachments about robbery of the people just like his own. will hear something there also about the injustice of inheritance that has been wrung from the people by selfish capitalism. Mr. Pinchot is a rich man inheritance. His wealth came from private appropriation of the "people's

resources" in New England. In the Socialist party the newcomer may find little or no indignation at the spectacle of the Pacific Coast Importing hundreds of thousands of tor costly coal from foreign lands, while American coal in Alaska lies conserved just as it has ever lain since the morning stars first sang together.

PROSPERITY UNABATED.

Neither the fear of hostile railroad legislation the home-coming of Roosereit, nor incatened crop scares, has had the effect of checking the general prosperity of the country. Strikes here and there and much unwarranted murmuring over the outlook for the future have had a tendency to cause distrust in some quarters; but the situation on the whole is remarkably favorable for the Summer season. Bradstreet's report on business failures for the week ending last Friday presents some very satisfactory comparisons. There were 178 failure during the week, compared with 213 in the same week last year, 245 in 1908, 265 in 1907 and 216 in 1906. It will be noted by these figures that the business situation makes a more satisfactory showing than it made in the same period preceding the panic of 1907, which up to that time was the most prosperous year the country had ever known.

Naturally, a considerable portion of the optimi tic tone of the situation is due to a subsidence of the bad crop news and the excellent prospect for at least a good average crop of all of our great farm staples. This means more money for the railroads, which

will haul the stuff to market, and it in the rural districts, on whose prosperity the cities are dependent. from the influence on the general situation of the coming crops there are many signs to show that the situation is already highly satisfactory. The New York bank statement for the week ending last Saturday disclosed a liberal increase in cash reserves, and an easier money market prevailed throughout the week. The railroad net earnings, despite an enormous increase in the operating exenses over the corresponding month last year, continue to show gains, and n nearly all branches of business con-

siderable activity is reported.
As to the Pacific Northwest, there s no checking in the steady forward movement that has been under way for the past two years, and there is so much new capital coming into the country that anything like a serious lull, even in the midsummer season seems a very remote possibility.

A LOGICAL SELECTION.

The selection of Nevada as the scene of the great prizefight is eminently proper. Just why that admirable location for an affair of this nature should have been overlooked in the first place is not at all clear. There are certain necessary evils for which people at all times have been obliged o make provision, and the promised contest between Jeffries and Johnson seems to be one of them. World-old experience has taught mankind that we cannot eliminate the doggeries that make drunkards or the institutions that traffic in physical charms. We have succeeded fairly well, however, in placing restrictions on these pre sumably necessary evils, and gener ally manage to keep them "below the dead line." Now there seems to be consuming desire to learn whether Jeffries can lick Johnson or the con-

There are disgusting features in an affair of this kind which cause people to object to its taking place in a re spectable part of our domain, so what could be more natural than the selection of Nevada, the National sewer for such an affair? It may be true, and undoubtedly is true, that even in Nevada there are certain people who object to making that state the sewer catch-basin for refuse that canno find a dumping ground elsewhere Even the building up of a Nationa reputation as a resort where divorc is made easy has not served to quie objections of these people that, Nevada remains the one state in the Union wherein civilization has not yet rubbed off the rough corners and to this free-and-easy sentiment and general disregard of the formal itles of decent society is due the east with which everything from a prize fight to a nasty divorce case can be brought about under the protection of the authorities.

If we must have such affairs as the big fistic contest, by all means let them be handled in Nevada. Do not build a second pigpen on the front lawn while we already have one behind the bushes in the back lot. There are not many, if any, other states that would make such a sacrifice of decency as Nevada seems willing to make. So if we must have the prize fight, let us keep it in the backyard or down in the sewer instead of parading it before the people in a re spectable portion of our country.

NORMAL SCHOOL SCHEMES AGAIN? Acting Governor Bowerman is brought into public gaze among "pos sibilities" for Governor by unusual circumstances that have caused duties of the executive to devolve upon temporarily as President of the State Senate. This, in turn, has caused cry about Mr. Bowerman's hostility to the old normal school system of logrolling in the Legislature, and they ar doing what they can to eliminate him from the "possibilities." electorate sees normal schools resuming politics and endeavoring to perpet-

uate their hold on the state treasury. If taxpayers of this state are to tinue paying for normal education, their money ought to be spent in ac cord with their best interest. means, their money should go into an efficient normal school system. It has long been a scandal in Oregon that normal appropriations have not been so spent and that supplies have been voted for the four schools, for benefit of political localities and legislative log-rolling, instead of for that of tax payers and public. Mr. Bowerman was ader of the normal school reform in the last legislative session, which sought creation of one, or at most two, standard normal schools near centers of population, in place of the four institutions which have been dissipating appropriations. The result of that contest was deadlock between Senate and House and failure of all appropri ations for support of normal schools. The Oregonian will not undertake to defend Mr. Bowerman's action; it desires only to cite that taxpayers want abuses abolished and a new regime be-

It goes without saying that normal education in Oregon should be lifted out of politics and put on an enduring, useful basis. The next Legis lature should make proper disposition of this long-fought matter. This is undoubtedly what taxpayers desire. The old normal lobby, which has besieged the Legislature for years, will find the people in no mood for renewal of the old system. Constructive poli-tics is needed to build up normal school education. Efforts along old lines are sure to lead to destructive or obstructive results.

The local newspaper apologist for Senator Chamberlain finds fault because the Washington correspondent of The Oregonian has failed to discover wherein that eminent statesman has contributed in any marked degree to the success of the irrigation bond This is distressing; yet it seems hardly fair to single out The Oregonian correspondent while there are hundreds of other correspondents and writers-even those who compile copy for the Congressional Recordhave failed to detect the powerful influence that we are told Senator Chamberlain has brought to bear in support of the issue. To read the newspaper accounts, east, west, north and south, Senator Borah and Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, and Senator Jones, Western members in the Upper House tho are paying much attention to irrigation or to anything else of a public nature.

The House committee on foreign affairs has put a rather heavy burden on | phant. San Francisco and New Orleans in demanding that both of the cities raise

\$7,500,000 before the Government will invite foreign nations to participate. If San Francisco could keep up the gait she struck in the initial move toward the exposition, the raising of a sum of this size would not be serious. Since the first outburst of enthusiasm however, it is probable that progress would be slower. Aside from the necessity of having such a big fund as a guarantee of good falth, it will require that amount and much more to get up an exposition in keeping with the event. The Californians are rustlers, and, if they can keep Mag r McCarthy muzzled, they can probably raise the money. With New Orleans, the case is different and \$7,500,000 is a lot of money-even for a Panama Canal

A slight bruise on the left leg of one of the occupants of a big touring car was the only injury caused when the automobile falled to make a quick dash between two streetcars g ing in opposite directions, Saturday. As accidents of this nature are so narrowly averted nearly every hour in the day, it is pleasing to note that, when the inevitable appeared, the machine was smashed to pieces without loss of life. Automobiles cost money. While there may be \$3000 worth of fun in trying to see how close one can be run between passing streetcars or over passing pedestrians, the number of automobilists who can afford this class of sport is somewhat limited, and there will probably be nothing worse than a "close call" on Washington street for at least two days.

Changes in Portland's growth are well illustrated by the announcement that a new location for St. Helen's Hall has been bought six miles north west of the city on the hills back of Linnton. This institution is and has been for more than half a century the leading boarding school for girls under the auspices of the Episcopal church. It was first established at Milwaukie, then a rival of Portland. The building still stands. When Milwaukle went down the hall was established on the block now occupied by the city hall. This site was abandoned about twenty years ago for the present site, which the late Bishop Morris considered the center of town. How iong will it be before Linnton is not regarded as "away out of town"?

A wireless message from the editor of the Boston Post notes the presence on shipboard of Mrs. Alice Longworth and states that 'In her hand was a cigarette. From her lips she a faint smoke wreath around' her father's head." She is the Colonel's daughter, and probably she took this method of attracting attention. Had It failed to cause some comment, the young matron might have been obliged to climb up in the "crow's nest." take a high dive over the side of the ship.

Clackamas is for assembly, but against it. Has the time come when the Republicans of Clackamas are going to take their affairs in their own hands? It would appear so. It is long overdue. Does any person whatsoever believe in Brownell's good faith, when he wars on the assembly as the device of the "machine"? political machine without Brownell in it? It is not possible, if there is a way for Brownell to get in.

What's all this noise of "Non Partisans" insisting that the Democrats shall be re-elected Suprem-Judges of Oregon and that various emocrats shall be elected Circuit Judges? Non-Partisans clamor for election of judges irrespective of party. and always, at the same time, boost Democrats. Great is humbug, and in

There is no occasion for fear that either of the two southern territories will put stumbling-blocks in the way of statehood. They are certain to frame and adopt a constitution not repugnant to the fundamental law of the land, and that, too, without delay. Arizona and New Mexico will be hand in 1912.

You may have observed that, while President Taft did not go down to the wharf to welcome Colonel Roosevelt home. Archie Butt and a few others from the inside circle at Washington were on hand and took a prominent part in the services. There will be no "repudiating" just yet.

A certain newspaper in Portland never omits opportunity to bolster up the clay sewer-pipe trust's high-pric monopoly. But the ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib The head owner of the trust is also head creditor and owner of the aforesaid newspaper.

Any man who knows anything about irrigation, from measuring a miner's inch of water to compounding a mint julep, can secure credentials to represent this great state at Pueblo in September by applying to Governor Bowerman, provided he will travel at his

It may have been observed by those who have followed the ex-champion's ebdomadal contributions to the com ing prizefight prognestications that Mr. Corbett does not consider himself a negligible quantity.

Doubtless Mrs. Longworth merely took that wedding ring off to smoke the cigarette. But she appears to have made a lot of lovely smoke rings about her father's devoted head.

If a tube under the Willamette is

necessary now for streetcar traffic, Portland to a man will consent, provided the concern which uses it exclusively will pay for it. Two hours after Roosevelt got back from Elba (revised from Africa) New

York was visited by a great deluge of wind and water. Let his enemies make the most of it. The dispatcher who keeps thirty. four trains moving daily between Portland and Puget Sound may be said

to have a grasp on the situation. This is the best week of all, for it is to be devoted to the people who began the making of Oregon

Promotion of prize fights is a haz ardous business in every state outside

Jeff Myers is out in the open, loaded for bear, but satisfied to bag an ele-

Well, he's home. What next?

NO BUGABOO IN ASSEMBLY. tational Method of Deliberating Upon

Harrisburg Bulletin. embly plan as proposed by the The assembly plan as proposed by the Republican party in Oregon to select men to be suggested to the primaries for nomination certainly strikes an opportune condition at this time. The necessity for better organization is keenly felt and this plan should appeal to the rank and file of the party in no uncertain way. The initiative work will be done in the precinct assemblies. There the people will come This circumstance will enable them to try-out and appoint their most loyal, capable and trustworthy members as delegates to the county assembly, thus giving them full control in the formulative stages of the assembly plan.

The county assembly being made up from this plan of selection, and coming from every precinct in the county will insure it to be evenly halanced, conservative. When a would-be-candidate shall have passed the inspection of this body and received its sanction as eligible to be superseted to the primaries we will assembly being made up be suggested to the primaries, we will have a man who has been chosen on account of his honesty and adaptability, and who is backed by a representative majority of his party in the county where

he lives.

If under these circumstances a man shall gain a place on the ballot his support would be certain, because he was the choice of the assembly of his peers who were selected and delegated to suggest him to the primary. The same plan extends to the state assembly. It is made up from all the county assemblies and is composed of 1200 delegates. With this composed of 1200 delegates. With this number of members, and selected as they shall have been, the bugsboo of the Democratic papers, to wit, a return to the savage methods of the old-time convention, will not be realized. It would be more reasonable to expect reinforcement of the principles of the party which go to protect and support the producer men who do things to build a greater Oregon. But of course it is expected that attacks But of course it is expected that attacks will be made upon the assembly plan, and to be forewarned is to be forearmed. One of their most vicious assertions is that the assembly is aimed to invalidate the primary law. The utter untruthful-ness of this assertion is readily found in the fact that the primaries make final decision on all suggestions coming from the assemblies. To sum the matter up, it is contended that the right of assemthe members of the Republican party is as clear as it is to the church, grange or any other representative body, and that to discuss in assembly who of their party is best suited to be trusted to the duties of office and suggested to the primaries for nomination is right, legiti-mate and necessary to the best interests

MAKING IT EASY FOR LIBRARIAN How the Young Lady Got the Book She Was Looking For.

Philadelphia Ledger. She tripped into the Public Library and vigorously poked over the index cards. She floated up to the information clerk, and, peeling off her suedes, "Won't you please get a book called

'Here and There' for me? I can't find it anywhere."
The clerk ran a practiced finger through the card files. "There doesn't seem to be such a book here," she said. "Who is the au-

"I don't know," responded the girl.
"But I'm going to the country for the
Summer, and Electra told me to read it -said it was all about nature. Elec-tra's awfully smart, you know. No such book, you say? Well, now, maybe it was 'Up and Down' Electra said. Look for that, please." The clerk searched the files without

"It's awfully funny," exclaimed the girl. "Perhaps it's named 'In and Out.' Won't you please look for that?" Again the patient clerk ran through the index cards. "There's no such book here," she said at length.
"I declare! It's awfully funny," ejac-

ulated the girl. "Oh, I know now what it must have been! Look for 'Back and Forth, please."

The weary woman was making a vain search for "Back and Forth" when another clerk, who had overheard part of the conversation, returned from the "This is what you want, I think," she said, handing the girl a volume.

It was John Burroughs' "Far and Near"!

EGYPT'S FURY AT ROOSEVELT Nationalist Paper Calls Him Ignorant, Savage and Faker.

London Dispatch, New York Times. A telegram to the Daily Mail fro Cairo says that the newspaper El Alam, which has replaced Al Lewa as the offi-cial organ of the Nationalist party, is mable to contain its fury and to await he full text of Mr. Roosevelt's Guildhall speech as it promised to do before ommenting on it. The journal published an editorial yes-

terday saying:
"He has buried himself alive, has proved his ignorance of history by saying that Egypt has not seen the like of the present government since 2000 years. His statements show his love of despotism and his savage nature, which led him to visit his brethren, the beasts

The newspaper subsequently exclaims contemptuously:
"Poor Rooseveit! He was deceived by some individuals since he was on the White Nile. They lied and misrepresented things and he following them blindly, they hurled him into the abyss which has ruined his life. Again, poor Roosevelt! He has proclaimed to the world his ignorance, feeble judgment and

world his ignorance, feedie Judgment and lack of manliness."

Al Lewa on Friday published an article comparing Mr. Roosevelt with Dr. Cook, the polar impostor, saying that Cook based his pretensions on other explorers' statements, and Roosevelt read the writings of the Imperialists about Egypt, Lord Cromer's reports, and English newspapers, and pretended to understand the Egyptian question.

Still a Constructive Nation. New York Evening Post. As long as England remains capable of such feats in nation building as the Australian Commonwealth and the South African Union it is impossible to believe that at home the English capacity for constructive political and social progress has died out.

CURRENT NEWSPAPER JESTS.

Truth is the shortest distance between two arguments.—Life.

"I suppose you're one of those idiots that touch wet paint to see if it's dry?"
"No, I'm not I touch it to see if it's wet."
—Funch.

Teacher (of night school)—What do you understand by the term, "life sentence?"
Give an example of one. Shaggy-Haired Pupil.—I pronounce you husband and wire."—Chicago Tribune.
"My son," said Brother Williams, "ef you makes up yo' mind ter preach on de highway of life, take yo' text, but don't take nuthin' else you ain't entitled to. Wild dat sort er schedule you'll pull through all right."—Atlanta Constitution.

"Yo' isn't stopped at de Palace Hotel befo', is yo', bess?" inquired the colored man who was piloting a fust-arrived traveler from the railway station to the hostelry. "No. But what makes you sure of it?" "Uh-kase yo' gwine dar now, sah."—Puck.

"Now, Jim, I want you to go to Mrs.

Puck.

"Now, Jim, I want you to go to Mrs. Gadsby's bridge party this evening and play with her as long as she wants you to?" "But I detest Mrs. Gadsby and her chatter. Besides, she cheats." "No matter. You stay." "That's hard. Isn't it to be a case of can't-l-leave-jer bridge?"—Baltimore American.
"In this country," said the man who was promoting the big irrigation project, "water is the most valuable asset we have." "That settles it, suh," replied the gentleman from Kentucky. "I will noveh invest a dollah, suh, in any place when such intolichable conditions prevail."—Chicago Record.

Therefore Senator Ruth Will Not Sup-

port Him for Senator. ufus R. Wilson, manager of the Poindexter campaign for Senator in Washington, and

SPOKANE, June 9, 1910.—Hon. A. S. Ruth, Olympia, Wash.—Dear Sir: Your attention is called to the inclosed cirular letter, with the respectful suggestion that without delay you again declare your purpose to vote in the Legislature for the Republican candidate for United Staes Senator who shall date for United Stacs Senator who shall receive the largest number of votes at the primary election. The pledge taken by you two years ago showed your concern for the faithful observance of our direct returns to the faithful observance of our direct returns the same of direct primary law, and no doubt a like motive will govern your course of action in the next Legislature. An an-nouncement at this time that such is your intention would contribute power-fully to the right shaping of public dpinion on what many regard as the most important phase of the Senatorial campaign now in progress in this state. Soliciting the favor of an early reply, I am, yours very truly RUFUS R. WILSON.

OLYMPIA, June 13, 1910 .- Mr. Rufus R. Wilson, Spokane, Wash.—My Dear Rufus: If you are in search of comfort you're barking up the wrong tree. I have carefully perused "the inclosed circular letter" and find that it contains just exactly the "lame duck" platitudes and homestic appeals to platitudes and bombastic appeals to prejudice always to be found in the utterances of those who howl for the "peepul," and wink the other eye.

I stand ready to vote for the party choice for United States Senator, but that party choice in order to set my

that party choice, in order to get my vote, must himself be a Republican. His Republicanism must be shown by his acts, and since I have watched the acts of Miles Poindexter in Congress it won't do you or anyone else any good o protest to me that he is a Republi an. You may tell me that a skunk is new brand of dog and I may be fooled

enough to smell the d— thing.
You cannot fool me even to that extent about Poindexter.
You and every other Poindexter worker in the State of Washington know that, so far as the Republicans of this state are concerned. Poindexter of this state are concerned. Poindexter stands about the same show of getting an indorsement that a bucket of water would of becoming a chunk of ice in

You expect to get an indorsement for your man by inducing Democrats to call for Republican ballots at the primary and vote for Poindexter because mary and vote for Poindexter because he is a Democrat in everything but the party designation.

If I vote for a Democrat for United States Senator, I assure you it will be for a Democrat who is man enough to acknowledge his party affiliation and not for a man who covers a Democratic hide with the mantle of Republicanism.

Limited to a choice between Poin-

Limited to a choice between Poin-dexter and a Democrat who acknowl-edges that he is a Democrat, I will vote without a moment's hesitation for the man with principle enough to stay in the minority party instead of the man who joined the majority party for the sake of office without having changed his political beliefs. I will not vote for Miles Poindexter even if he gets or Miles Poindexter even if he gets he Republican indorsement of every Democrat, Socialist and Populist in the state.

I never have been able to see "horns" on a regular nor a "halo" on an insur-gent, and I'll never stand for awardng the first prize in a bench show to any canine that has bitten the hand that fed it. Hoping this is understandable, I am very truly yours,
A. S. RUTH.

WANTS MUNICIPAL DANCE HALLS Mrs. Charles Israels Advocates Harmless Recreation for Working Girls.

New York Evening Mail.
don't want fewer dancehalls.
he contrary, we want more,
people need enjoyment and Young people need enjoyment and should have the opportunity.

"But we don't want such dancehalls as are now in existence, where liquor is sold and where girls are led

and brilliant, chairman of the committee on amusements and vacation re-sources of working girls, spoke her mind at her home in Park Hill. For years Mrs. Israels has been in-terested in the problem of the young girls. It is her ambition to establish municipal dancehalis. She will ask Calvin Tompkins, commissioner of docks and ferries, to permit dancing on one of the recreation piers, to be supervised by an excellent dancing-master. A social committee, consisting of women from the immediate neighborhood, to introduce the young people at the pier and help make

things pleasant. "Work does not mold a girl's character," said Mrs. Israels, "it only tires her and weakens her nerves. "What she does in her idle time, when she is not working, when she does as she pleases, is what counts. Of course, they ought to have some pleasure. For this purpose we want to have municipal dancehalis which will be real factors in the recreation of young people, not dangerous places."

Learn to Swim Now.

New York World. Yachting has begun. The motorboat season is on. Soon the Summer excur-sions will start. In a few weeks the bathing season will be at its height. Already an occasional drowning is recorded. Before the Summer Is death by drowning wil have claimed many a pleasure seeker.

Yet most deaths by drowning are unnecessary. Here, where boating and bathing are such popular pastimes, everybody ought to learn to swim. It is true that many swimmers are drowned, but ability to swim is a great precaution. It lessens the likell-hood of panic in peril and takes away the senseless dread of the water. Swimming is easily learned. It ought to be learned now.

Prairie City Miner. Ben Hinton has been found guilty of murder in the second degree. The jury did its duty as it saw it. The people of the county approve the verdict. It came very nearly being first degree. We believe the only thing that saved Hinton's life was whisky.

"Conservation" in Bad Company. Cathlamet Sun.

Weyerhaeuser's indorsement of the con-servation programme of the Government nay convince some of the Eastern fanat ics that large reserves are not desired by the masses of the Western people. Prei udice argument is about all these East erners understand.

Washington Post

Mr. Rooseveit's determination to maintain slience on American topics brings up the question of whether a man can be a sphinx and an oracle at the same time.

Fine Chance to Advertise It. Denver Republican. Jeffries and Johnson must find a place to fight. Why not rent the new international peace palace, which isn't being used very much these days?

Modern Day Egotist. Detroit Free Press. Our idea of an egotist is a man who thinks he is as good as Colonel Roose-

velt says a man ought to be

POINDEXTER NOT A REPUBLICAN COL WATTERSON ON PROHIBITION Scores Fanatics and Politicians and "Sideboard Inquisition."

Louisville Courier-Journal. The essential difference between the hameleon and the politician who is a prohibitionist for revenue only is that he chameleon changes color as tection from his enemies and that he may quietly and unostentatiously get his living by honestly tolling in search of those things which Providence has provided as his food, or to express elemental and honest emotions political prohibitionist changes color as the gambler switches from black to red or green seeking a change of luck, and coping to get a living without the diseffort of honest labor in egitimate industry. The chameleon is noffensive and respectable. The political adventurer who has no convictions, but attempts to ride a prohibition wave into office, is offensive and disreputable.

This comparison between reptiles is provoked by consideration of the situation in Alabama, where the Republicans are said to be considering the advisability of linking their fortunes. advisability of linking their fortunes with prohibition in an effort to take with prohibition in an effort to take advantage of the dissatisfaction of certain former Democrats who, riven from the party by the thunderbolt that struck state-wide and "constitutions!" prohibition, are dissatisfied with the andidates nominated and the platform adopted by the Democratic party in

Alabama. Very probably persons fanatical to advocate the abolition of nough constitutions for the exercise of an inquisitorial supervision of sideboards are sufficiently unbalanced to desert the faith of their fathers and become Alabama Republicans. By adopting prohibition the Republicans may win to their standards the minority that espoused insanity and tyranny as a promoter of total abstinence. There are hardly enough lunatics and Republicans in Alabama for a coalition of the iniquitous and the incompetent to constitute a majority. The coastion of stitute a majority. The question of what course the Alabama Republicans adopt is, therefore, negligible from a partisan point of view. But as showing the transparency of the fraud perpe-trated where politicians attempt to use prohibition as a political issue, the in-cident might be illuminating to unso-phisticated prohibitionists whose mental opaqueness does not prevent them from learning anything from observa-

Persons who approve prohibition are often sincere advocates of temperance, although, as experience and experi-ments show, mistaken as to the value of the remedy they would apply. But political parties do not espouse prohibition in the hope of eliminating intem-perance. The personally intemperate and wholly cynical prohibition candidate is certainly as common a figure in politics as a candidate who is a total abstainer and an honest advocate

of the abolition of drink. Prohibitionists have been repudiated by Alabama Democrats. Of course, they would be glad to ally themselves with Alabama Republicans. Their hope cannot be less forlorn when they are adopted by a minority than it is when they have been kicked out by a ma-jority. They have nothing to lose where they have lost everything. The nore Alabama Democrats than alarms.

BRUTAL OUTRAGE IS THREATENED Clerks at Washington May Have to Work Eight Hours a Day.

New York Sun. The Washington Star gives wings to a rumor that President Taft and his Cabinet have under consideration a scheme for requiring the department clerks in that city to work eight hours a day. The clerks protest, the Star protests, and it says that the business men of Washington propose to bring the matter before the local Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce. An 8-hour day for these overworked and underpaid employes is utterly in-defensible. The scheme ignores entirely the nervous and physical strain of trying to keep awake for eight weary hours on a stretch, broken only by an interval for lunch. It is true that a stray."

Mrs. Charles H. Israels, big-hearted the United States, whether their labor the united States, whether their labor that the United States. clerical or manual have to work eight hours or more, but that is no reason why a Government clerk should be obliged by hard-hearted taskmasters to

do likewise. It is perhaps fortunate for them that the alleged woes and the vigorous wallings of the 30,000 Government employs in Washington are not broadly paraded outside that city. Wider advertising of their alleged grievances and their demands for shorter hours, more pay and a civil pension list might lead to spublic demand that their hours and their remuneration be brought to the level of conditions prevailing in commercial and professional circles. There a faithful clerks in Washington There are many are those whose pay is not fairly adjusted to their abilities and their segvices, but the body of employes as a whole makes itself ridiculous by its

It may be that the diligent and faithful tollers in the National vineyard are needlessly alarmed. Should their fears of a compulsory 8-hour day be realized they will get little sympathy from the millions of workers whose days are even longer and to whom there come to days of vacation plus 30 days sick leave every year.

Ay Bane a Sucker.

Hillsboro Argus.

A couple of Swedes from the "front" afforded a great deal of amusement the other day while in town, en route to Portland. Each was rather above the average in intellect, and their conversation was more or less controversial. The word "sucker" was finally called you a do-ler you can't tal wat a sucker bane!" His companier into question, and one sald: bane?" His companion took up the wager and his answer was a revelation to the bystanders. "Ay sucker bane a fule who bane more simpler minded as oder faller." And he won his bet without any quibble

Inaccessible Rights. Life.

The American people undoubtedly are entitled to a great many rights, and, if the truth were known, it would show these rights to be worth having. But the trouble with these rights is that they are never around when they are needed. They are either in cold storage or in safe deposit boxes or in litigation or in some ward heeler's yest pocket. Inaccessible rights are worse than no rights at all.

Exit Reciprocity. Toronto Mail and Empire.

Canada is going to develop her own country in a homogeneous way, and with particular reference to her place in the empire. Our friends next door are beginning to understand the situa-tion better than they once did. We are not applicants for trade favors at their without any commercial bargain with

Keeping the Doctor Busy. Silvertonian-Appeal.

Dr. Wrightman took Gustav Anderday, where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis. This makes eight patients the doctor has in the hospital this week.

How to Salute a Finneee.

Kansas City Post.

It is not good form to congratulate a girl upon her engagement. Simply remark, "So you've landed him at last."