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VICES OF "DIRECT" LEGISLATION. People of Oregon adopted initiative and referendum as an emergency method of legislation. They never supposed fadisms, selfish designs and innovating fakisms, would find in it ready escape from the checks of representative legislation. Nor did they foresee that it would be urged as substitute for Legislature, and that its champions would now be preaching decline of the history-vindicated method of representative constitutional government.

The "system" in this state has been carried to an effort to substitute democracy without constitutional Atmitations or representative institutions. Its champions are ignorant of the fact that constitutional and representative government is the safeguard of democracy; without it, de mocracy everywhere has failed. The founders of the Government in the constitutional convention of 1787 understood this matter. They established a republican form of government, which they defined as one of constitutional and representative limitations. History of democracy and despotism made such scheme as "direct" popular lawmaking abhorrent. They allowed restricted referendum-and subsequent events have vindicated their wisdombut they repudiated the initiative.

The initiative and referendum in Oregon should be taken out of the reach of common use. More than thirty measures will be submitted to voters next November for "enactment. These bills, in each case, are beyond the comprehension of the average voter, because, if not deficient in intelligence, he lacks information of None of the bills is needed as law. The people will be better off without all of them. They serve local schemes, fad designs and selfish ob-They should be considered, if at all, by a legislative body that can study every detail and amend and modify them to copform with the general interest.

The initiative and referendum was intended by the people of this state as a means of correcting omissions of the Legislature. Instead of that, the appeal is now to the Legislature to cure vices of initiative and referendum.

Mr. U'Ren and his element, however is so satisfied that he declares the people are dispensing with legislative as-This, then, is the fruitage of the "Oregon system." But the system will not be permitted to spread to further impairment of representa tive, constitutional government. The people are beginning to call a halt nd that in erendum be reserved as a supplement to assembly legislation and be made a Bubstitute.

PORTLAND JOBBERS SECURE.

The American-Hawaiian Steamship Company has been carrying freight from the Atlantic coast to Pacifiports at a maximum rate which is 60 per cent of the rail rate for the same service. Being unhampered by the regulations which the Interstate Commerce Commission insists that the railroads must obey, the steamship company frequently cuts this rate as much as 30 per cent of the rail haul. With an admirable transfer service across the isthmus of Tehuantepec, the steamship line is enabled to deliver freight at Pacific Coast terminals in less than 30 days after it leaves the East, thus making practically the same time that is made by the average run of freight reaching here by rail. The · American-Hawalian Steamship Company is a close corporation and does not take the public into its confidence regarding its profits. It is known however, that from a meager beginning, with two small steamers, the line has within a few years developed into a great concern operating about twenty mammoth freighters, with several more under construction.

If there has ever been any misgiving lest the low rates charged were insufficient to warrant the service, it will be dissipated by the news that the company will not only increase its Tehuantepec service, but will also operate steamers by way of the straits of Magellan in opposition to the newly-established Bates - Cheeseborough line. The Bates line has been making a \$7 rate between San Francisco and New York, compared with the \$9 rate of the American-Hawaiian line, and the latter, following the longer route of the Bates line steamers, has cut the rate to \$5.50 and \$6 The Bates & Cheeseborough per ton. people assert that the reappearance of the American-Hawaiian line steamers on the route through the Straits of Magellan is exclusively for the purpose of driving the new line off the ocean. Whether this be true or not. one point is made plain; that is, that the business of transporting freight between the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards at a rate that is but 60 per cent of the rall rate is so profitable that the steamship line engaged in willing to fight to retain the

business. But there can be no monopoly and no permanent removal of this compe-tion. The ocean is a free highway over which the steamers of any corporation or any individual can wander To this fact is due the impregnable position of the Pacific coast ports, in the present rate disturbance. There are a few commodities originating in territory well inland from the Atlantic seaboard which can be shipped westward by rail to better advantage than by water; but on the great bulk of traffic distributed between the Pacific Ocean and the Rocky Mountains the water carrier will always be the cheapest.

If it shall become apparent that any

the Interstate Commerce Commission, it will be necessary for the merchants of this port, as well as other Co ports, to turn all of their business that can be diverted, to the water-carriers. An earnest effort should also be made to secure the passage of a free ship bill, so that if necessary our merchants could buy cheap ships on short notice, and by their own efforts thwart any posssible combination between the rail and water-carriers. There is plenty of business in Portland alone to maintain a regular line of steamers between the two coasts; and, if the lines already in operation do not make satisfactory rates, the merchants would then be in a position to force matters.

ASSEMBLY AID TO PRIMARIES.

Colonel Roosevelt, Governor Hughes and President Taft regard party assembly as a necessary auxiliary of di-rect primaries. The Cobb direct pribill, which they urged the New York Legislature to enact, provided that party committees should "desigcandidates for nomination in primaries, that conventions should nominate party candidates in certain restricted cases and should choose delegates to National conventions, and that the petition method of naming candidates for nomination should be employed along with the committee designation method.

Here then were all the essential details of Oregon's plan of assembly recommendation and primary nomination. The primaries in New York were not to be an instrument of minority factionalism and party disruption. The Cobb bill recognized necessity of party organization, of party assembly and convention and of committee direction. Oregon this plan has been scored by demagogue beneficiaries of disorganized party, as a scheme of boss and Yet it is commended by the machine. greatest anti-boss authorities of the Nation. They say leadership in party must be safeguarded and advice and recommendation of influential men in party continued. This idea was clearly expressed by Governor Hughes in his message to the Legislature at the opening of the special session, as fol-

I believe that opportunity should be pro yided to those who have been chosen to represent the party to make their recomendations and thus to secure to the party he advantage of their confidence and open advice.

How absurd the clamor in Oregon against party assembly! Not only does that clamor disregard precepts of common sense, but it ignores constitutions and statutes which guarantee citizens the right peacefully to assemble.

The Government of this Nation and that of each state was started in assembly. Its welfare will be considered in assembly just so long as the people shall enjoy free institutions.

ABSURDITIES OF "CONSERVATION." The Oregon Legislature, last session, enacted a law taxing appropriators of water power between 25 cents

and \$2 per horsepower per annum. Needless to say, this law has stopped development of water power. State officials openly admit it. The United States Senate committee on high cost of living cites that cost of timber products has advanced 40 per cent in ten years. Chief cause

of this advance is the locking up of Government timber, hundreds of

thousands of acres of it, in accordance with false theories of reserves. Residents of Alaska face dull times and pay \$15 for imported coal, while resources of the territory are held in non-use by busy Pinchot officials in deflance of law. So heavily does conservation weigh on the territory that both the "regular" and "insurgent"

forest reserve excess. cheap agricultural land withdrawn by chemical reactions. the Government from settlement and homeseekers by tens of thousands going to foreign soil instead of coming One also sees a Washington, D. C. bureau tying up power streams, forests and minerals for collection of tolls by the general Government, while older states hold their resources in their own possession and pay no such

The horsepower tax in Oregon, as imposed by the state government, is a freak side show of conservation. The law taxes water power before it has been created and puts a ban on creation of new power projects.

The people are waking up to realization of conservation excess. The general tax laws of this state are adequate to cope with this and other matters for many years to come.

The West needs the kind of conser vation suited to the needs of its own people instead of the fad theories of New England.

PORTLAND MARITIME COMMERCE. One of the principal reasons why Oregon is the most prospero: -state on the Pacific coast can be found in the shipping statistics printed in The Oregonian yesterday. In the twelve months ending Thursday, California alone bought from Portland dealers more than 100,000,000 feet of lumber, nearly 4,000,000 bushels of wheat, and 234,000 barrels of flour, the value of these staples in round numbers being about \$5,000,000. In other words, for these three staples alone the Californians paid out to the Oregonians an average of about \$14,000 per day throughout the entire year. To Puget Sound ports there was paid for the same commodities an average of about \$11,000 per day. Of course our neighboring state did not settle all of the bills in cash, for a partial offset was made by the shipments to the North of considerable quantities of fruit and early vegetables, oil, sugar and so

forth. These importations, however, were very much smaller than our exportations to California, and the amount of disbursements for California account were nearly equal to those which were made for wheat, flour and lumber sent foreign from this port. With the exeption of the redwood industry, Callfornia has never cut much of a figure in the lumber business, her exports being insignificant in comparison with her imports of this kind. In grain, however, California two decades ago was one of the world's most important ources of supply, and for more than thirty years prior to 1900 there was a never-ending procession of California wheat cargoes en route to the markets of the Old World. It may be true that there was an economic advantage in this retirement from the grain business, but the Pacific Northwest can still find a profit in growing it and for many years to come will supply the

California trade. Incidentally, while we are opening permanent damage to Portland's trade up new fields in which grain will for

ment on the old fields by the small farmer, the orchardist and the man. We may not find a market for these products in California, but there is an ever widening market that cannot be supplied at home. By the time we produce a surplus, our developmen farther east and in the North will supply a market for them. While the California, as well as the foreign lumber shipments, broke all previous records for the year, the business is increasing so rapidly that it is almost a certainty that the fiscal year just beginning will witness proportionately heavy increases. Oregon is rich and presperous, because she produces on a magnificent scale many great staple; which there is always a demand at high prices. Our production is so far in excess of our consumption, or of any demands that may be made at home, that a heavy balance of trade at home is always in evidence.

THE DANGEROUS HOUSE-FLY. A health car-i. e., a car under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Health-will be added hereafter to the farmers' demonstration trains that our Oregon at intervals. Among the important subjects to be dealt with by the lecturers on board this car will be be exterminated from farmers' homes. It is a task, as everybody knows, to keep farmhouses clear of flies. pigsty, the milking stall or shed, the barnyard, are all ideal breeding-places

for these pests. To disinfect these

them is not impossible, but it will re-

quire a vigorous campaign of cleanli-

ness that will last the better part of each and every year. For the rest, screens at the doors and windows of the farmhouse, vigilance in teaching children to keep them closed, care in the disposal of kitchen slops and vegetable refuse, will accomplish wonders in decimating the ranks of the house-fly and keeping him

from mischief. Thinking of the old farmhouses with unscreened doors and windows the open slop barrel within a few feet of the kitchen door, and every room in the house swarming with flies, one is lost in wonder that a child ever grew to maturity in the country, before this winged pest became known as the predaceous filth distributing, diceasebreeding monster that sanitary science has proclaimed him to be. One thing is certain, however. No civilized, half-civilized or enlightened person now drives a swarm of house-flie off the table and then sits down with relish for his food.

ON THE WAY TO LIFE.

The Paris correspondent of the New York Evening Post announces that a great discovery in physico-chemistry has just been announced to the Acad emy of Sciences. It was made by Daniel Berthelot, son of the great Berthelot who became famous as a chemist in the last century. Berthelot the elder succeeded before he died in making a number of organic products by chemical means.

Organic products, as everybody un derstands, are those which result from the operation of the life process. In reproducing them Berthelot employed pure chemical reactions such as that by which water is obtained from hydrogen and oxygen. He never succeeded in imitating the method by which life itself obtains these compounds, so that his results were merecurious. They had but slight philosophical significance. Now his son Daniel Berthelot has made a long stride ahead of him. The young savant has prepared these organic products by a process which is proconventions at Juneau this week de- like that which life itself makes use nounced coal land withdrawal and of. He has made carbon compounds from atmospheric air by means of Returning to Oregon, one finds radiant energy without the aid of any

> This is identically the same thing which a living plant does with the chlorophyll in its leaves. The vital function of chlorophyll, the green leaf cells, is to seize the carbon, hydrogen and so forth from the air and work them over into organic compounds. The process is carried on not by chemical reactions, but by means of the ultra violet rays in sunlight. purely physical. What Bethelot has done is to imitate the work of the chlorophyll in his laboratory, only he gets his ultra-violet rays from a mercury vapor lamp instead of from the sun. He has carried his victory to the point of producing the substance which is the basis of albumen. Now albumen, as the reader knows, is the basis of all. living creatures, so that Berthelot is but one step, apparently, from the manufacture of protoplasm. After that he may possibly make a living animalcule and falsify the maxim that omne vivum comes ex vivo.

We shall see what we shall see, but well to warn everybody that Berthelot is the last person in the world to make the absurd claim that he has created life as yet.

AS TO BOLEN'S CRIME, The reflective reader will no doubt discern three causes which contributed to inspire S. T. Bolen to shoot his divorced wife and then commit suicide The first was that sentimental roman. ticism which in every foolish novel and idiotic play makes it the duty of "wronged" husband to do the mos foolish thing he can think of. This entire body of literature scouts the idea that a man who has been slighted by his wife in any way ought to be rational about the matter. He must rave. He must tear his hair and kill everybody in sight, ending, of course, with self-murder This is the only conduct the Laura Jean Libby code tolerates. The man who takes misfortune of this sort coolly and seeks to make the best of a bad affair is cowardly. He is a base cad. He has no sense of honor. He is eternally disgraced. Few of us realize how deeply this idea of conduct has been wrought into the popular mind until some such affair as that at a Portland restaurant occurs, and

then we wonder why a man should be as foolish as Bolen was. The second cause of Bolen's dreadful act was the current doctrine of the "unwritten law" which is taught from so many pulpits and upheld so often by leading lawyers in the courtroom. According to this code any person who fancies his family rights have been invaded is permitted to take a gun in hand and sally forth to avenge himself. The more people he kills the more gloriously he has done his duty. If he sheds blood enough to swim around in, it simply shows that he was filled with a lofty sense of his prerogatives under the unwritten law. have been treated to the spectacle of some lawyer maintaining before a jury

shooting his wife and there are preach- PRAISE FOR ASSEMBLY IN POLK. WANTS NORMAL MACHINE END ers in Portland who would have laud-At any rate they have

lauded similar crimes before this The third cause of Belen's deed is the lingering feeling among men that their wives are their personal proper-A woman who obtains a divorce steals herself from her lawful owner precisely like a slave who runs away. In pursuing his divorced wife with a gun Bolen was merely seeking to recover his fleeing property, precisely as a farmer pursues a runaway cow. It will be apparent, therefore, that society has much to overcome before murders of the Bolen sort are likely to cease.

the rich farmers enter the wheat pit, as was reported in news dispatches this week, it does not require a very intricate knowledge of speculation and rambling to forecast the result. Since the Dakota farmers invaded the Minneapolis market and bought vast quantitles of wheat last week, the price has declined about 5 cents per bushel and is still weakening. One of the principal reasons why the farmer usually loses, while speculators of the Patter type win, is that the farmer almost invariably buys, while most of the professsional traders take kindly to short side of the market and sell. crop stare in varying degrees of seriousness appears every year, and is always an excellent pretext for starting a bull market that usually carries prices to a higher level than conditions warrant. It is then that the short places so that flies cannot breed in seller with the long memory begins operations, which as a rule yield better returns than those which are garnered from the bull side of the market.

> Railroad surveyors are reported to be working along the coast between Siletz Bay and Yaquina Bay, and a few weeks ago a party was reported running lines between Yaquina Bay and Tillamook. Some day a railroad will be built along the coast, and it will be well patronized. In the beginning, after its completion, its chief revenue will be derived from hauling lumber out of the wonderful forests that fringe the ocean for almost the entire distance along the Oregon coast. Eventually there will be a tourist travel that will reach astonishing proportions, for there are few if any more wildly beautiful views of scenery than those which make a trip along the coast a never-ending surprise. The line, of course, would be incomplete until it continued north from Tillamook past the famous Necarnie Mountain, Humbug Point, Arch Cape, Smugglers Cove, Haystack Rock, Tillamook Head and others.

> The American citizen is almost continually being reminded of how much better some things are done over in Canada than on this side of the line. In the way of land laws and development of the country there is of course some advantage in being a Canadian, but in the matter of controlling forest fires they do not seem to have much advantage over the Americans. est fires in the Rainy River district of Ontario have already destroyed timber and other property valued at many millions, and the fires are still raging. Systematic organization and a care ful patrol system which is rigidly followed during the dry season have quite materially reduced the loss by forest fires in this country. As the timber increases in value, still greater vigilance will be exercised.

The food-consuming capacity of New York is indicated in the statement that one-fifth of the products of all the farms in the United States are onsumed annually in that city. The value of these products in figures aggregates \$1,745,000,000 a year. Yet this is the city wherein, according to the estimate of school inspectors, a few years ago, thousands of children went breakfastless to school.

Disregarding the wishes of some of the residents of Mount Tabor district. to hold back work on the new schoolhouse to take advantage of a technicality, there should be nothing of the It will be wrong to send children again to the old building, which is nothing but a firetrap, taken over when District No. 5 was annexed to

George Hart did not intend to "raise hades"-to use the colloquial termwhen he shot a .22 bullet into a warehouse at Boulder, Mont., Thursday evening, but the town concluded he did, for the missile hit a lot of dynamite, and in the consequent ruction Hart ascended and descended according to Hoyle.

There are some people, like the muckrakers, who would have been a lot happier if Colonel Roosevelt had rushed at the President and given him a few short-arm jolts and an upperbut that is not what happened. Old friends do not fight because mischief-makers want them to

Hereafter, a news dispatch says, the price of a meal at Haines will be 35 ents. This is the direct effect of the high cost of living. Haines is a thriving town in Baker County, and a daily feature of the menu is three kinds of meat-ham, pork and bacon

The home of the "rubberneck" has at last been located at Mineola, near New York, where one of the Vanderbilt women rode in an aeroplane Thursday and where, the dispatch says, "the flight was cut short because the spectators got in the way."

chasing a bakery wagon through the streets of Greeley, Colo., are a testimonial to the hilarity produced by a rarifled atmosphere, for Greeley has always been "dry.

the measles at the age of 66 is another point in favor of the desirability of living here, for many can escape the affliction of dying before attaining that age. Livestock handled at the North

Portland yards the first half of this

year was of a value of \$4,500,000. This is but the beginning of the industry. It is proper to cut out fireworks on the Fourth when most of the stuff has to be imported. What fools we must

be in the estimation of the heathen. The new German warship carries twelve twelve-inch guns. Those figures represent a gross, and that's what

A Minnesota man is "wanted" in Oregon. This state wants lots of Minis to result from the new ruling of a few years be the principal crop, that he had done perfectly right in nesota men, but not for grand larceny, party's ailments.

No Slate, No Frame-Up, No Boss and

Dallas Observer. No more enthusiastic, harmonious an representative gathering of Republicans was ever held in Polk County than that of last Saturday, when delegates representing 19 of the 20 precincts in the count; met in Dallas in response to the recent call for a Republican assembly.

Neither in the precinct primaries o Wednesday nor in the assembly on Saturday was there anything even resem bling a "slate" or "frame-up." No attempt was made to influence any voter in favor of any man, or set of men. Fac tional differences were ignored as con When wheat king Patten retires and | pletely as if they had never existed.

Contrary to the doleful predictions made by opponents of the assembly plan in the state, no attack was made on the primary law, either in the resolutions adopted by the assembly or by any speaker taking part in the meeting.

Each precinct delegation was permitted to select its own delegates to the State Assembly, and these selections were ratified by the assembly without a dissenting

vote No attempt was made in any quarter to influence a delegate to vote against his wishes for any candidate, and it is a fact worthy of note that the ticket recmmended by the assembly is compose of men who have never held a public office in Polk County or men who have never had the charge of "political bossism" laid at their door.

The assembly was composed of the bes citizens of Polk County-farmers, stock raisers, merchants, professional menmen engaged in all worthy lines of commercial and industrial endeavor.

For the ticket itself, it can be said that a cleaner and more capable lot of men were never placed before the voters of the county. Not one word of unfavorable criticism can be rightfully urged against a single candidate recommended by this assembly for nomination at the September primary. Commencing at the head of the ticket, let us consider for a mo nent the qualifications of the men recommended for office.

As a result of this meeting, the neople of Polk County know where the Repub-lican party stands on questions affecting their interests. They know that every candidate recommended by this assembly stands committed to the principles set forth in its platform. The people have seen that no attack was made on the direct primary law, and that no attempt was made to place the county under boss that the members of a political party can come together under the direct prinary law, and without attempting to aside or nullify a single provision of that law, can work together honestly harmoniously and conscientiously to preserve party organization and party in tegrity and to aid in securing worthy and capable men for positions of public

With the senseless hue and cry that Is being raised against the asse selfish and designing interests in Oregon it is only to be regretted that every voter n the state could not have been present at the Republican meeting held in Polk County to see for themselves how utterly false and unworthy are the arguments are being urged against the assen bly plan.

HELEN TAFT NOW IN SOCIETY President's Daughter No Longer Ac-

counted a Schoolgiri.
Washington Cor. New York World.
During Miss Helen Taft's last visit to Washington her friends became sudden-ly aware that the President's 19-yearlonger accounted as a school girl. Miss res Taft wore her first decollete frock an when she presided at the dinner the President gave for the visiting Japanese Prince and charmed the guests by herself on that occasion.

the social season at the White House instead of returning to Bryn Mawr is gaining credence in Washington and society is looking forward eagerly to such an acquisition to its ranks.

On her last visit home, just before the White House family left for Beverly, Miss Taft was several times seen taking horseback rides around Washington. Although not athletic in her tastes, she is a good rider, having first grown used to a saddle in her childhood days in the Philippines, when she and Miss Marjorie Aleshtre were to be seen riding around Manila on the backs of the little native ponies.

Taft is rapidly realizing the promise she gave of becoming an unusually handsome woman. Her color-ing is beautifully fresh and her biond hair sets it off strikingly. Miss Taft is fond of the shade of pale blue, which only those of perfect complexion can wear, and she looks her best in it.

An Acknowledgement Party.

Atchison Globe.
A sad-eyed woman, wearing clothes that were wedding finery four years ago and shoes that are misfits because they were cheaper, has sent out invitations to her best friends and relatives to an acknowledgment party. There glad, sweet song who don't know what are those to whom life has been one an acknowledgment party is, and they should shake hands with themselves because of the happy ignorance. When the guests come to this party their hostess will say as she greets each one; "I wish to acknowledge that you were right and I was wrong; he is worthless, as you said, and I made a mistake in marrying him." In the books a woman in such a plight will close her lips in determination, throw her head in the air and try to look like a triumphant procession returning with the trophies of victory, but this woman knows that any effort to make others believe that the old cracked jelly glass she drew is a cut-glass tumbler is futile. Hence the acknowledgment party.

Useful Hints for Anglers.

Boston Transcript.

A bookworm does not make good bait for trout fishing. The red spots on a trout do not indicate scarlet fever or the measles, as some

suppose.

The angler is like the actor in one respect, he must not forget his lines. Like many humans, the trout that keeps his mouth shut saves himself lots Birds are often brought down on the wing; trout are frequently brought up

Trout may or may not make brains, but they certainly make liars. We prefer, however, having our trout stories overdrawn rather than our bank If you hook a trout you will pull it in; If you hook anything else you are apt

get pulled in yourself.

That is all we know about trout. Membership Doubled. Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

An English naval expert says war beween the United States and Japan is a certainty. So the Society for the Pro-motion of War now has two members. Hobson is the other one.

Doctors Generally Disagree.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.
Now that they both received select
assortments of honorary degrees, Dr.
Taft and Dr. Roosevelt may safely proceed to a diagnosis of the Republican

Southern Oregon Editor Says One School Is Enough.

Grants Pass Observer An initiative petition for the reestablishment of the Ashland Normal School was circulated in Grants Pass last week, and obtained signatures, as all petitions do. Besides the four chools that were closed down, as worthless, by the Legislature two years ago, there are three or four other towns desirous of securing normals by ini-There seems to be an imprestiative. sion that the people will approve any thing in the way of initiative, and there is some ground for the impression in view of initiative measures that

have heretofore been approved.

This paper believes in one normal school, well equipped and conveniently located. Such a school can accomplish more for the public in one year the four accomplished during their tire existence, and the cost would be

If the normal schools and their backers, the members of the Legislature from the four school countles, had had common honesty the schools would still be in existence. These schools clubbed together to rob the state treasury Every session it was the same story They corrupted the Legislature. They traded their bunch of votes with any member who had a proposition and would agree to vote with them. They even threatened to balk legislation if the Legislature would not grant their extravagant and wasteful demands They were more pernicious than the "machine," and will be so again if the people mistakenly place them in posi-

on to reconstruct their methods.

These schools were of no particular benefit to the state. They were only squanderers of public money. There are very few teachers in Oregon who were trained by these imbecile institu-tions. Oregon for years has been get-ting teachers from the East. There is whole band of Eastern teachers in the Grants Pass schools, and they were em-ployed because home teachers could not be had.

It seems to the Observer to be the clear duty of every voter to vote against every normal school bill that comes up under initiative next Novem-The voter who does not do that is not honest to himself or to the p ple, for the plain reason that it is possible for the average voter to properly informed of the merits of these measures. The business of providing needed education belongs legitimately to the Legislature, which is a deliber ate body and does not bolt laws without consideration and necessary amend-

It is said that people who circulate hese petitions are paid 10 cents a name. That has all the quality of corruption only different in degree friend to buy votes for him at \$10 each.

DIRECT" GOVERNMENT FALLACY. The One Safeguard of Democracy Is the Representative System. Aberdeen World.

"The great issue before the Amerisays Senator Jonatha Bourne, of Oregon, "will be popular government against delegated govern ment." Then there will be no issue popular government possible except through delegated authority. How else? Popular govern-ment, as contrasted with delegated government, is absurd. If it means anything, it means that popular govern ment is to be construed in terms of individual government, which is an-archy. Mr. Bourne is himself a representative with delegated powers.

Mr. Bourne goes on to attempt to explain that his definition of popular government is "direct accountability ly aware that the President's 19-year- of all public servants to party and old daughter is really grown and is no general electorates rather than to irlonger accounted as a school girl. Miss responsible political machines." It is explanation that does not explain. means nothing. "Irresponsible pomeans nothing. litical machines" exist only because the vanish as the morning mists whenever from the rag, cooling the water, the people want them to vanish, you have ever had alcohol or et 'Machines" are the outgrowth of party and of indifference within the party. The term, besides, is vague and indefi-If by it Mr. Bourne means ornite. ganization, then he does not know the essentials of party or of his own government. Party can not exist without organization. It will end in futility. It cannot end otherwise. Party exists to accomplish something. It can accomplish nothing by mere fulminations and grandiose phrases. It must act. To act it must be placed in authority. It cannot gain authority without or ganization. The condition of the Re publican party in Oregon ought to be sufficient for Mr. Bourne. Public serv-ants there are accountable to nothing but the whimsies of factional strife and the willingness of the minority to for swear allegiance to its own party in order to work havor in the ranks of the opposition Roosevelt does not need Mr.

Bourne's advice for his future. Mr. Roosevelt has some knowledge of the political game and some insight into ssues himself. He never conanything quite so absurd as a quarrel between popular government and delegated authority.

Sneeze Sets Broken Bone.

Hartford Cor. New York Press. Patroiman Charles Schiller, whose right cheek bone was broken by a baseball in Riverside Park two weeks ago, was to have undergone an operation this morning. Before the doctors got there, however, the policeman performed an unexpected surgical opera-tion on himself.

His face pained him a good deal, and he sent one of his sons to a drug store to get a patent salve, but accidentally got some of it to his nose, and it caused him to sneeze violently severs The last time he sneezed he felt a sharp pain in his face, and when the doctors got to his house ready to they found the sneeze had taken their job from them, and the bone had snapped back into place.

A Critic and a Doer.

Philadelphia Press.
While Alton B. Parker, a gentleman who was once hoaxed into the belief that he was running for President of the United States, was criticising President Taft, the Chief Magistrate United States was attaching the Exe Important legislation ever procured by President in the closing days of a session of Congress.

Cocktails and the Civil War. Idaho Statesman

There is a dispute about the inven-tion of the cocktail. New claimant declares he originated the seductive drink in 1869. Notice that is about the time the late unpleasantness started. Any connection? Given enough ktalls, and most anything is liable to start.

Depending on the State of Trade. Kansas City Star.

A man took a prescription to an Aichison druggist the other day and asked what the price would be for fill-ing it. "If business is pretty good within the next half hour it will be \$5 cents, but if business is rotten i may have to charge 50 cents," replied the druggist.

Busy Senson Expected. Indianapolis News.

The Oyster Bay rumor foundry is looking forward to one of the busiest seasons & has ever experienced. peet nothing less.

LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

Kirk La Shelle met an actor and noticed that he was wearing a mourning band on

his arm. "It's for my father," the actor explained. "I've just come from his fu-

neral."

La Shelle expressed his sympathy. The actor's grief was obviously very real and great. "I attended to all the funeral arrangements," he said. "We had everything just as father would have liked it. 'Were there many there?" 'Many there!" cried the actor, with

pride. "Why, my boy, we turned 'em away!"-Minneapolis Journal.

"Rita"-so Mrs. Desmond Humphries, the English novelist, is called-was condemning in New York the frequency of

livorce in America.
"You Americans," she said, "don't seem
o possess the secret—the secret, I mean, of matrimonial happiness. Perhaps you might take a lesson from a city clerk I heard of recently.

"A friend of his, after visiting him at his home, said:
"Excuse me, Will, but how do you on your small salary, to have such well-cooked and delicious meals?" "The secret is simple," Will replied

Every day I kiss the cook and do all I can to please her and make her happy." 'But doesn't your wife object?' the other asked. 'Dear, no! she's the cook,' was the

reply."-Washington Star.

At one of the hotels in Washington several members of Congress made themselves conspicuous by calling to one another across the table, "Will the gentleman from Maine pass me the butter?"
"Will the gentleman from — pass me
the salt?" etc., etc. There was a gentleman present who was exceedingly by their conversation, and, turning to the waiter at the back of his chair, he politely requested, "Will the gentlean from Africa pass me the butter?"-Judge.

. . . Night was approaching and the rain was coming down faster and faster. The traveler dismounted from his horse and rapped at the door of the one farmouse he had struck in a five-mile stretch of traveling. No one came to the door. As he stood on the doorstep the water from the eaves trickled down his collar. He rapped again. Still no answer. He could feel the stream of water coursing ing, and finally the red head of a lad of 12 was stuck out of the second story.

"Watcher want?" it asked. "I want to know if I can stay here over night," the traveler answered tes-

The red-headed lad watched the man for a minute or two before answering.
"Ye kin fer all of me," he finally answered, and then closed the window.—Lippincott's.

William B. Ridgely, ex-Controller of the urrency, said of a certain speculato

The man is as ingenious as a horse who once unexpectedly trader's son, called upon his father to mount a horse "As he mounted he leaned toward his father and said:

'Are you buying or selling?"-Success

Magazine. Cold Water Without Ice.

Suburban Life. Ice is not a necessity in order to secure cool water, for water can be made sufficiently cool for drinking purposes by putting it in a bottle or jug and by putting it in a bottle or jug and wrapping a woolen rag around the latter, then setting it in a shallow dish of water and placing the whole outfit in a cool place; if in a draft, all the bet-ter. The principle involved is found in the fact that when evaporation takes place heat is given off. The woolen rag absorbs the water from the dish below, which is evaporated The rumor that Miss Taft will spend There can be no issue on that point, on your hands, you will no doubt have noticed how cool the skin was because of the evaporation of the liquid. The faster it evaporates the cooler the object gets.

King George's Right-hand Man.

London Chronicle. Lord Knollys, who, after serving the late King for 40 years, has been ap-pointed private secretary to King George, comes of a singularly long-lived race. His father served as conroller of the Prince of Wales' hold until his 50th year, and lived for six years after his retirement, and his grandfather likewise attained a great age. His ancestor, William Knollys, who also served in the house-Knollys, who also served in the house-heid of two monarchs, Elizabeth and James I. died at the age of 85, and, ac-cording to Dugdale, "rode a hawking and hunting within half a year of his death." Sir Francis Knollys, the dis-tinguished statesman who founded the family fortune, was 82 at the time of

Who Invented the Pacumatic Tire?

New York Press.
Edinburgh is going to put up a proze statue to the inventor of the pneumatic tire, but Edinburgh is not certain whether it was Thompson, who took out a patent in 1845 for affixing a beit filled with compressed air to the rim of a carriage wheel, or whether it was a veterinary, Dr. Dunlop, who, in 1888, helped out his kids riding on the rough stones of Belfast by rigging up a crude set of pneumatic tires for his tricycle. Thompson never did a his tricycle. Thompson never did a thing with his patent, nor would have pottering Dr. Dunlop.

One Shrinking Terror.

Hartford Courant.
At one of the Yale class reunions this week a clergyman with 40 years (more or less) of experience in the world told his listening friends that his conclusion of the whole matter was that hell is not now anything like so big as it was when he entered the ministry-and he thought it was still shrinking. This is suggestive, not to say cheering.

News and Comment From the Ringside

Among its other features, The Sunday Oregonian tomorrow will contain telegraphic letters from REX BEACH.

JACK LONDON, JACK GRANT. HARRY B. SMITH,

and Associated Press correspondents, together with the very latest pictures connected with the world's heavyweight championship fight. A great variety of other interesting matter, including fresh gossip and news, will also be printed. On Tuesday, July 5, The Ore-

gonian will publish probably the Best and Fullest

accounts of the contest of any paper in the Western half of the United States. With such competent writers, our readers need ex-