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Portland, Thursday, Jan. 19, 1911.

JARRING CHORDS.

The Democratic harmony meeting in Baltimore on Tuesday night was perhaps more remarkable for its absence than for those who sat on the stage. To be sure, the perennially verdant Henry Clay was present.

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LEGISLATIVE REAPPOINTMENT.

The Legislature will discharge its decennial duty of state reapportionment at this session. The Oregon constitution clearly provides and as clearly requires that the counties shall be reapportioned in exact proportion to their population.

INCREASING THE COST OF TRANSPORT.

The Chamber of Commerce has introduced the Nevada bill providing for the construction of 49 ships to be operated as an auxiliary naval fleet on completion of the Panama Canal.

tion; and the way would be cleared for Nevada to get the 19 Senators to which it is fairly entitled and more than the 12 Representatives which it now has.

SENATORIAL ELECTIONS.

The season of Senatorial elections is here with some very striking and significant lessons. In no state where there was a previous party primary was there the slightest difficulty or contest in the Legislature.

PROHIBITION AS POLITICAL ISSUE.

Recent developments in Maine indicate that earlier analyses of the factors that caused the state to lead a stampede to the Democratic column last year were correct. Insurgency, tariff revision, dissatisfaction with extremely high cost of living and other National issues, perhaps played some part in bringing about the reversal in Maine of political conditions which had existed for more than a half century, but the main impetus to the movement seems now to be definitely identified in the liquor question.

JUSTIFYING RATE ADVANCES.

Arguments submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission in the case of rate advances in the West, like those of the opposing party, do not leave the public in the dark on many important features of the situation. General counsel for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul in his argument pointed out that his company was making but little more than 5 per cent on the \$25,000,000 valuation of the line.

THE BACKWARD LOOK.

Memories of a pioneer family of Yamhill County, old-fashioned as to size and of sturdy integrity, are recalled in the recent death in San Francisco of Mrs. Dwight G. Rogers, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Burton, who came over from Tasmania with Captain Couch's second expedition and settled on a donation land claim near North Yamhill in the early period of the Oregon donation land laws, passed in the '40s.

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yard. It is well even then to turn and repeat the adjuration of Whittier. "Chase, angel of the backward look And folded wings of ashen gray Are yours the wings of the day."

RECENT "FINDERS" OF NORTH POLE.

Eskimo Mene Says Peary Got No Farther North Than Cook. Holland (Mich.) Dispatch to Philadelphia Inquirer. A curious letter from the Arctic circle, written by "Mene," one of the party of Eskimos which Peary took to the north 14 years ago, and who were used for scientific purposes in preparation for Peary's dash for the Pole, has been received by Royal A. Stanton, of Cobleskill, N. Y.

HOME COMING OF "BILL" BAILEY.

Kentucky Bad Man's Death Not Fall of Popular Hero. Louisville Courier-Journal. "It is said that Bailey's body remained where it fell for 24 hours. Bailey, it is said, was decidedly unpopular in the community in which he lived."—From a dispatch from Jackson, Mo. How ignominious! Every "bad man" is in his own opinion, a hero, envied by weaker spirits admired by the crowd. Such a man, it seems, was "Bill" Bailey, of Breathitt County, whose home-coming is recorded by the Jackson, correspondent in a manner that has a touch of grim humor the pitiful tragedy of a causeless brawl with the usual termination.

Franchise is Exclusive.

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—(To the Editor.)—I have read with interest of the efforts of certain residents of Irvington to prevent the Mount Hood electric road entering the city through that quarter.

America a Surprise to Humperdink.

New York Evening Sun. "It was at the public rehearsal of the 'Jockey' and answered 'Ja' with a nod and 'eben so' to nearly every question. But to 'How do you like America?' he shook his head. 'What a surprise!' said he. 'Twenty years ago I wrote a book on America.'"

Apple Tree One of Nature's Wonders.

Los Angeles Express. "There ain't got to be no core." "That far-famed expression of one of Mark Twain's characters, 'The Gilded Age,' is remarkably fitting as applied to that strange sort of horticultural freaks—the apple tree of S. W. Alexander.

Famous Eccentric Toasts.

Cornhill Magazine. Pitt, at Kidderminster, gave a toast in compliment to the carpet manufacturers. "May the trade of Kidderminster," said Pitt, "be trampled under foot by all the world."

Strong Peace Argument.

Wall Street Journal. A strong argument for peace than Carnegie's \$10,000,000 is our annual pension roll.

absurd protective policy, thus enabled to carry freight cheaper than we can carry it ourselves, who will handle the business after the canal is built.

Forty ships will handle only a small portion of the business which will pass through the canal unless we bar out the cheap tonnage actually needed to handle our great Pacific Coast commerce.

The splendid new ship Delaware is the scene of the latest tragedy in the Navy. If this carnage continues it will take a long hard war to cause as many deaths as have resulted from carelessness or structural defects in our new war ships.

After our various commercial organizations get tired of rainbow chasing after a ship subsidy, no matter what guise it may be masquerading in, they might try a few resolutions favoring a free ship bill, the only natural, legitimate method for securing the cheap tonnage which we will need as soon as the Panama Canal is completed.

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