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WET VS. DRY IN MAINE.

The deplorable feature of the latest bitter Maine contest over prohibition is that its results are inconclusive, whether the official returns shall show the state to have voted for dry or for wet.

The towns voted wet and the country dry in Maine. In other words, the country has attempted to prevent the sale and use of liquor in the larger centers of population.

Why do many people vote dry who know that state prohibition is not practicable? It is a puzzle. Some, no doubt—probably many—vote against their own judgment.

AS THE "HEATHEN" SEE US. Mr. S. Nihal Singh, a well-known Hindu journalist, traveler and contributor to London newspapers, writes of Americans most unflatteringly.

Upon landing on the Pacific Coast of the United States he complains that he was followed by boys and girls in droves, some of them, "yelling, screaming and calling him all manner of names."

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the ill-manners of our boys and girls as displayed toward the Asiatics who land upon our shores; the ungentle attempt to rub away the racial stain upon the forehead with a wet towel; the ignorance that mistook his turban for a surgical bandage and the "male nonchalance" with which any opinion that is not original in America was received.

THE TWO CHARTER COMMISSIONS. The proposal to harmonize the work of the two charter commissions should receive respectful consideration from both bodies.

CONSPIRACIES AMONG THE STATES. The Medford Mail-Tribune ought to be happy. It has succeeded in inveigling the Oregonian into a discussion of its fantastic and impossible scheme for railway-rate regulation through the initiative with much consequent free advertising for the Medford Mail-Tribune.

A FOOLISH CONTROVERSY. A regrettable difference has arisen between Governor Cole L. Blease, of South Carolina, and the highly respected contemporary, the New York Times.

Confidence in Uncle Sam as a banker was exemplified both in this city and Seattle in the eagerness with which depositors sought the security and benefits of the postal savings bank.

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and continually they have yawned about the danger of "social equality," the evils of "miscegenation," the prospect that the daughters of the whites would be forced to wed negroes, and so on around the whole miserable catalogue of false apprehensions intended to deceive.

IMMIGRATION NOW AND FIFTY YEARS AGO. Immigration was the topic of The Oregonian fifty years ago, as it is today. The Oregonian told of the advanced parties of emigrants arriving through the Dunes and said they had not been far troubled by Indians.

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IS DEATH PENALTY WARRANTED? Mr. Kem doubts it, and wants to be shown. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Sept. 11.—(To the Editor.)—I have just read with much interest The Oregonian article on the hanging of Jesse Webb by the Governor.

GRANDSTAND PLAY BY GOVERNOR. Swedish Correspondent Condemns Commemoration of Webb Sentence. PORTLAND, Sept. 11.—(To the Editor.)—I have read The Oregonian editorial comment on the late action of the Governor of this state.

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VERY soon F. Hopkinson Smith, author, artist and the engineer who built a Government Lighthouse on the sea walls, and the founder of the Barthold statue of liberty, will celebrate his 72d birthday.

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Contentment Proceeding Not Inspired By Enemies of Adultery. PORTLAND, Sept. 11.—(To the Editor.)—It has been suggested that the recent contentment proceeding growing out of the enforcement of the vehicle ordinance, which involved a number of the city officials, was brought about by enemies of the present administration.

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