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A SPURIOUS "OREGON PLAN."

We are not greatly concerned over the outcome of the election to be held in California on October 10 for the purpose of electing the people of California an opportunity to adopt or reject the initiative, referendum and recall.

Parentalistically we will state that while these able advocates of the Oregon plan may rejoice in having a spokesman so consistently and heartily a champion of their views and policies as The Oregonian.

If we mistake not, the aforementioned officials believe in preserving the original Oregon plan just as it came from the inspiring and inspired law-giver, law-interpreter and apostle of Oregon City.

Whatever may be said about the Oregon constitutional provision providing for the initiative and referendum, it must be admitted that it is concise and plainly worded.

There are quite a number of bills in the California state which are not yet laws. There is a form of imperative mandate, under the terms of which 5 per cent of the voters may propose a law for approval or rejection by the Legislature.

There is a story, too, that he understands the difficult art of placating the guardians of law and order so that the rigors of the city ordinances are not visited upon him too severely.

Persons who bewail the violence of party spirit which becomes evident during elections in the United States can find comfort in Canada these days.

The Bulletin observes that Governor West, Secretary Olcott and Mayor Rushlight command not only by word but in writing, the initiative, referendum and recall.

DR. COOK NEEDS MORE MONEY. How profits from Dr. Cook. This time they are to be "the" profits that he discovered the North Pole.

they were not and have been "on ice" ever since. The Eskimos who accompanied him on his journey of discovery were to have been brought south to verify his statements, but they were utterly discredited, both as to his polar discovery and his ascent of Mount McKinley.

THE NATURE OF THE ARGUMENTS advanced by the two Canadian parties which leads to the result as this is at bottom aristocratic, whatever appearance it may bear on the surface.

Cambridge is a Massachusetts city of 104,839 inhabitants (see U. S. census reports for 1910) and is the seat of Harvard University.

THE BROOKLYN EAGLE, an influential newspaper with a wide horizon, has heard the latest from Oregon. "We hope," says the Eagle, "that the Oregon Governor West has four communists."

THE BROOKLYN PAPER'S apprehensions are entirely without their solicitation or knowledge. The Oregonian is here in solid ground.

Tail oaks from little acorns grow, many a little makes a mickle, and every little added to what you already have makes a little bit more.

WE DO NOT imagine that the magnitude of the shattered kernel has grown rich by saving and nothing else. Before one can save he must of course have something to save.

ALTHOUGH both Germany and the United States maintain systems of universal education, the two do so for totally different reasons, according to Abraham Flexner, the Carnegie Fund expert critic of educational methods.

THE "dry" majority in Maine is so small that the prohibition victory has little moral force. Enforcement of the law will be more lax than ever.

MADAMEISIELE Gaby Deslys will confer great blessing on the women of America by teaching them to undress gracefully. Yet if the truth were known, it is likely she sits on the floor in the old-fashioned way to discard her hosiery.

ANOTHER ten-story hotel is talked of for this city. Portland will need all the first-class hotel room it can obtain by next summer.

THE men in chaps are politely requested not to "play hawks" with visitors from the big city at the Round-up.

wide diffused to make practicable the raising of a fund for the benefit of the Canadian people are trusting to the common sense of the Canadians to see the advantage of closer commercial intercourse.

THE CANADIAN is likely to have too much sense to be scared by such a policy into rejecting the benefits of reciprocity. The west and the maritime provinces are pronounced safe for reciprocity and a landslide for the bill is predicted in Ontario.

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Gleanings of the Day

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Sonnets of the Second Day

(Found on the flyleaf of a spelling book.) Monday morn scrubbed me till my face was just hurt— You know how women are. She made me howl.

When the hot season's by, and it is cool, Just right for boys to run outside and play, But ma, she thinks she wants me, when I'm big.

What is the use of marchin' into school, And singin' 'bout 'My country, tisuef thee,' And writin' on the lips the teachers

Peasism Over Their Suppression Expressed by Correspondent. PORTLAND, Sept. 11.—(To the Editor.)—Permit me, a life-long reader of The Oregonian to indulge in a few remarks upon a subject which needs some attention in this city.

Less than three months ago, in a Councilman of this city, there was on display, one of the most brutal ever held on this coast. Despite that the attention of Mayor Rushlight and Chief of Police Slover was called to this display, it was not stopped, no attempt was made to stop it by the officials.

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Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

(Copyright, 1911, by George Matthew Adams.) Don't accept any doctrine which keeps you in a constant state of humiliation because you neglect it.

When a man diets, he eats oatmeal. In addition to everything else he usually eats. In many of the punishments provided for bad conduct, there is neglect of duty.

Ask your children how many times you tell your old stories; ask them how tenderly you love your prejudices. Well, that's the way it is with other people. A man who climbs mole hills with great difficulty, and belays his climbing mountains, wastes energy heeded in a better way.

This is the season when a woman doesn't want to see callers; she wants to see paper hangers. How the world runs off and leaves a man who does not care for baseball. A man who has been alling three days says he has eaten nothing during that time except a little beef tea and toast.

Half a Century Ago (From The Oregonian, September 14, 1861.) The street scene at the Pioneer Hotel was quite lively yesterday in consequence of the quartermaster's agents being about, purchasing supplies for the United States military service.

The Carrie Ladd brought down \$10,000 in gold dust last night, \$35,000 by express, the rest in the hands of passengers. Accessions to Jeff Davis' army from Oregon—John K. Lamerick (Governor Curry's Brigadier-General) is now a commissary.

MOTION PICTURES OF BEATTIE Verses on Launching of Warship Should Be Sent Navy Secretary. PORTLAND, Sept. 11.—(To the Editor.)—The communication forwarded by citizens on Friday last to the Secretary of the Navy, in connection with the launching of the battleship Oregon, lead the Naval procession through the Panama Canal when same is complete, should be effective; but lest the Secretary should forget, how would it do for the Commercial Club to follow with a handsomely written copy of Sam Simpson's poem, "Launching of the Oregon."

Oh, swift and strong and terrible, Go forth to guard our cherished shore. Till all thy faded days are full, And wars are done, and peace no more. If the grand old veteran is taken from seclusion of the Bremerton Navy-Yard and permitted to appear at the Canal as requested, the event will doubtless be the fullness of time referred to by the poet, and may mark the beginning of naval decay throughout the world.

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