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WANTED—A SOLUTION.

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over the "provisional government" which was adopted in the Spring of 1842. From the fact that it was approved by a bare majority of the voters present at the meeting where it was proposed, he infers that it was probably premature. "The organic laws were somewhat loosely drawn," the system was more pretentious and complicated than the occasion called for, and the "famous expedient" of popular subscription. The immigrants who arrived in the Fall of 1843 with Jesse Applegate at their head dealt rather summarily with this primitive system of government.

From far off in Central Oregon comes to The Oregonian a voice out of the political wilderness crying that Taft has not carried out the Roosevelt policies, and therefore Central Oregon is, or ought to be, against him. We need not refer to the Roosevelt policy of blanket conservation that dedicated a large part of Oregon to mournful isolation and industrial paralysis, all but destroying the sheep business, driving the cattle from the range, compelling the home and putting important citizens in jail.

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producers of traffic become disgruntled at being forced to get within the law. The railroads reduced their purchases partly because of their ill-humor, partly because it was necessary to make good on their poverty plea, and partly because the trusts restricted production. This caused a reduction in earnings, which in turn caused rigid economy in expenditures.

A decision rendered in the Municipal Court of Chicago and based on a decision of the Illinois Supreme Court cuts the ground from under the loan sharks' feet. It looks as though it should be good law anywhere, and the shark's lawyer evidently thought so, for he did not appeal.

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plete national independence and there can be little doubt that they will obtain what they want in the progress of time, unless international difficulties intervene. The death of Francis Joseph, which must happen before long in the course of Nature, will bring many perplexities to the fore and may transform the map of Europe. Should a ruler nobody will be greatly surprised, but if it does there will be difficulties to settle with Germany and Russia which may involve new servitude for the Magyars.

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STOCK AND BOND LIEN FIGURES

Mr. Gaston Disputes Indebtedness of P. R. L. & P. Co., and its Effect. PORTLAND, Or., April 1.—(To the Editor.)—I find in The Oregonian some post-prandial remarks of Mr. C. M. Clark, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, made at a dinner given that gentlemen by his friends at the Arlington Club.

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Bourne and the Press

Newspapers Discuss Candidate's Tariff Record and Abuse of Franking Privilege.

Bourne Weak in Wasco. Jonathan Bourne, candidate for United States Senator, is gaining ground daily in this locality. The people clearly see that he is their representative.

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Song in Lighter Vein

By Dean Collins.

When Franklin freely flew his kite, While everyone looked on in wonder, And drew from out the stormy clouds The bolt that touches off the thunder, I doubt if e'er he dreamed that this Mysterious force the storm clouds carry Should some day drudge to decorate Our lovely ladies' millinery.

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