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CIRCULATION STATEMENT

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County of Multnomah, Oregon.

This is to certify that the actual circulation of The Oregonian for the month of April was as above set forth.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of May, 1912.

W. E. HOPKINS, Notary Public.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1912.

CONVENTIONS AND PRIMARIES

The Presidential preference primary has come to stay. That is a plain inference from the rapidly with which one state after another has adopted it.

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HOMER DAVENPORT.

Homer Davenport was a great humorist and a great moralist. He impressed upon the pictures of his observations of men and manners. Probably there have been more skillful artists with the pencil.

FIRST CHOICE OR NO CHOICE?

Among the nine candidates for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Multnomah County there were several who were excellent men for the place. The public was distracted and confused, and votes were pretty evenly divided among the many.

RELAXING THE DISCIPLINE.

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which meets in Minneapolis this year, has undertaken to deal with two vitally important topics. The first is the relation of the church to the problem of child labor.

WOULD ROOSEVELT BOLT?

Roosevelt's furious attacks on President Taft during the pre-convention campaign have given rise to the question in the minds of many persons whether he will bolt.

THE MACHINE-SMASHING YEAR.

This is the year of political machine-smashing. The first use the voters make of the direct primary is to bury their quondam leaders under an avalanche of ballots to destroy the organization.

A HAPPY MEDIUM.

The gift business seems to have been retained in its most primitive form since, according to a late report, he had scarcely enough funds to his credit when he died to cover the expenses of a very modest funeral and a simple burial.

gives it all away, leaving his relatives to stand good for his funeral expenses, proves himself a zealot in philanthropy, while he who is worth \$5,000,000 and, dying, leaves it strictly to his posterity, only stipulating that the expenses of his funeral and burial shall come out of it, is a zealot at the shrine of selfishness.

ROOM AT THE TOP.

From the financial point of view, the learned professions do not pay very well. Professor Wigmore, of the Northwestern University law school, told his students the other day that there is only one lawyer in twenty who makes more than \$10,000 a year.

THE VANCOUVER, B. C., BOY WHO SHOT HIMSELF.

The Vancouver, B. C., boy who shot himself rather than go to school was not necessarily a fanatic. At his age, a boy is usually more or less of a puzzle to his friends.

SINKING OF PACIFIC IS RETOLD.

Survivor of Wreck of 1875 Relates Incidents of Disaster. PORT STANLEY, Ontario, April 27.—(To the Editor.)—Through the kindness of Mr. W. F. Forbes, of your city, I received a copy of the Oregonian in which there is an article on the loss of the steamer Pacific off Cape Flattery on the night of November 4, 1875.

THE WRECK OF THE TITANIC.

From the desolate Polar sea, Like a specter cold and gray, Abergberg drifted south from the eastern terminus of the Tehuantepec railroad, Portland will have ample cheap transportation facilities for her present needs.

THE OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Ohio constitutional convention has rejected the recall after all the efforts made to procure its adoption. As a substitute, it has adopted a proposal authorizing the Legislature to draw up a new constitution.

WEST'S BROTHERS.

West's brother, a joyous thrill, Though hushed were the laughing voices And the dancing feet grew still.

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and wholesome plays nobody could conscientiously ask for any further relaxation. To be sure, there is the trouble of deciding what is good and what is bad, but this is a task which Providence does not allow us to escape in any department of life.

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