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THE DEMOCRATIC DRIFT TO CLARK The pre-convention campaign has two striking features—the drift of Western Republicans to Roosevelt and as strongly as Republican "progres-sives" flock to Roosevell, just so strongly do old-line Democrats flock

But where are the Democratic progressives? Their idol a few months ago seemed to be Wilson, but in one state after another he has been smothstate after another see has been desired by Clark ballots. At first blush it would seem that the progressives have deserted Wilson for Clark, or that there are not as many progressives among the Democrats as the noise they have made suggested.

There is another explanation, however. In every normally Republican state which has had Presidential primaries the Democratic vote has been so far below the usual voting strength of the party as either to argue a surprising indifference during a time of keen political excitement or to arouse suspicion that Democrats are doing as they do in Oregon—helping the Re-publicans to choose their nominee, The latter alternative is more proba bly true. There is no irreconcilable difference between the Bryan stripe of Democracy, which has taken up Wilson, and the Roosevelt stripe of Republicanism. In these days of loose pacty allegiance it is a plausible assumption that a large proportion of the Bryan Democrats reasoned that, next to a Democratic President, it was desirable to insure that any Republican who might be elected should be as nearly as possible of like mind with themselves. Hence a large proportion of that element of the Democracy which would have piled up a great vote for Bryan at the primaries, had he been a declared candidate, moved temporarily into the Republican camp and left the old-line Democracy to pick the Democratic candidate. But why could not Wilson secure

the votes of this element? Because he is too new to the rank and file of his party. Because he is too new a convert to so-called progressive poli-Because he is not "a man of the people," like Roosevelt and Bryan, his pedagogic calling having disqualified him to rub elbows familiarly with the Because the Harvey episode and the Carnegie pension application revealed a strain of self-seeking, of cold indifference to a faithful friend, which repelled the average man. These list incidents have caused many Democrats to fall away from Wilson and have added strength to Clark just at the time when the rising tide of seveltism offered another counter

Thus it is that Clark has been carry. ing state after state until Wilson's os have faded away. Wilson only carried Oregon by default, for Clark small plurality in such circumstances betrayed his inherent weakne old-line Democracy sees in Clark the antithesis to Rossevelt; the progreslive Democracy sees in Roosevelt a better representative of its ideas than it sees in Wilson. The Wilson boom has therefore collapsed under simul-laneous pressure from both sides.

AS TO EARLY MARRIAGES.

Dr. Benjamin Franklin, astute philosopher, publicht and political e conlet is on record with advice to young men to marry early. Heing a cureful student of human nature, was convinced that marriage was the grand conservator of the morals of roung men as well as a dependable physical asset, necessary to the welfare of the race. He also (himself one of thirteen or fourteen children of his father's family) favored early marriages on the ground that they gave promise of larger families—a of the republic, but not so highly

Other things being equal, Dr. Frankim was right in his advocacy of early marriages. Prudence in these latter days, however, is at the helm, and, backed by medical science, warns against marriage of the immature as a menace to the vigor of children that are bern of them, to the health of the immature mother and an undue tax upon the earning capacity of the young husband and father. The proposition in theory is absolutely correct and commendable, but in practice often works out dismally in an overworked young mother, an overtaxed young father and a brood of children the birthright of affectionate welcome nd care and comfort during child-

The price thus paid for the protec tion of the young man from bodily contamination through probable moral delinquency is a heavy one. Why not, instead of this, teach him to rise above and overcome the temptations that beset adolescence and look to mar-riage a few years later—possibly by the time he is 25—with a young wom. whose body has been allowed to mature naturally and who will bring health and responsibility to the dut aring and bringing up children?

Early marriage, not immature marthe watchword of happy homes and the welfare of the race. Dr. Fisher, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., in his address to young men last Sunday on the "Psychology of Marriage," recknned wisely when he said that the home more than any-But when he adds that men should marry early in life, the term "early" should not be made to specify an immature age. It is not necessary in defense of this last assertion to say more than that a boy-husband pre-supposes a child-wife and that found-

is an experiment that in the very na-ture of things forbodes failure, or which, at least, does not presage happiness to the pair nor a home, in the protective and wisely-governed sense,

to the children who are born into it. Marriage in early manhood and early womanhood; marriage the cornerstone of which is mutual love that is grounded in sufficient acquaintance between the pair to insure its continuance and growth; marriage the incen tive to which is a desire for home and children, rather than the animal impulse that seeks thereby a legitimate means of expression, is to be encour-aged and commended. Quoting Dr. Fisher again, some of the noblest things in life are realized from the sacrifices and struggles together of a young man and a young woman who have assumed the duty of setting up and making a home and rearing a family. The task is one which children should not attempt: It is one which normal young men and women who have come to years of accountability seldom do, and never should, shirk.

TIME FOR A NEW PARTY? The Oregonian is not able to agree with Mr. Gray, who writes a temperate and interesting letter today, from of Northern Democrats to Clark. Just the standpoint of a Republican who thinks that the only progressive Re-publican is the anti-Taft Republican, that the Presidential fight is not in the To The smallest degree personal. Oregonian it appears that the bitter contention between Mr. Roosevelt and The spectacle of the man who more than all others is responsible for Mr. Taft as President repudiating his own handiwork, traversing his own opinions, abusing his own protege, calling upon the country to rescue itself from the consequences of his own sad misjudgment as to Taft by putting him in position to repeat his mistake or make other more serious

mistakes, is shocking and humiliating. If the present methods of nomiing a President are reactionary, then the Republican party has always been reactionary, and it is not the party of progress Mr. Gray fancies it has be Mr. Reosevelt used them to nominate Mr. Taft, he would use them again to defeat Mr. Taft, if he could. He protests against them this time be they are not his tools. That is all

But we do not say the steam-roller is defensible or that the Southern delegate is not corrupt, unreliable pestiferous. The procured Southern in Republican conventions has ever been an abuse, a nulsance, a reproach. But it is to a great extent offset by the other abuse and reproach of Democrats, Socialists and political nondescripts going into a Republican Presidential primary and influencing the result there. If Taft relies on the steam roller. Roosevelt is backed up by the interfering and invading horde of political guerillas who break in and vote where they do not belong.

If the way to reform the Republican party is destroy it, Colonel Roosevelt appears to be doing a first-rate job. Perhaps the time is here for a new party and to consign the old to the scrap-heap. We will not quarrel with Mr. Gray about it. We can stand it if he and others like him can.

BOY SCOUTS AS LIFESAVERS. Had the Boy Scouts of Hood River not been given the military training against which the Socialists and I. W. W. declaim, they could not have saved their comrades from drowning. training prompted Simpson to call on his companions to form a living chain when he found himself alone unable to rescue Buell and it prompted them to respond promptly. It had taught them exactly what to do when called upon for help and had taught them to do it quickly and efficiently without the loss of one precious second.

This incident is a practical demonstration that the Boy Scouts are not a Since the movement began military, but a peaceful organization. churches of the various cities They apply what is useful in military training to the preservation instead of for perfectly clear and definite

This is not to say that, if the country called upon its citizens to fight in its defense, the Boy Scouts would not They are taught not only to become useful, humane citizens in This teaching is what inspires hatred of Socialists and Industrial tions love peace; they stir up a worldwide war of class against class, so hitter and so all-embracing that it ignores all national boundaries. The votaries of the red flag hate the stars and stripes because this National flag sets loyalty to country above strife between classes and claims the loyalty silke of rich and poor, of capitalist and workman. If the Nation called on its citizens to fight, the Boy Scouts would respond-as individuals, not as an organization—and would be the better soldlers for that military training which was given them solely for

use in the arts of peace. But the Boy Scouts are not patriots of the Hobson type, who seek every pretext for war. By correspondence and visits between Scouts of different nations they aid in removing misun-derstandings and promoting a good understanding between nations. The nings of the causes of war and are a powerful influence for peace.

THE HOMESTEADER EARNS HIS LAND. Senator Borah's Indignant protest against the obstacles opposed to the passage of the three-year homestead by Congress will find an echo in the heart of every true Western man. It should inspire the Western delegations in Congress to combine their forces and drive the bill through, in spite of the objections of Secretary Fisher. It has passed both houses and is hung up in conference by Wilson's opposition, which inspires fear of a

Presidential veta. Borah made a strong, new argufor the bill and against the Fisher amendments when he pointed out that the restrictions proposed by Fisher were in the interest of the man with money and of the speculator and against the interests of the man who goes out into the wilderness to earn a home with his hands. Fisher, who is deeply imbued with the Pinchot consumption of the productive land and makes it valuate that the productive land and makes it valuate that a boy-husband proposes a child-wife and that founding a home upon the unstable pillars.

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represented by boyhood and girlhood takes land which contributes nothing Now all this is changing, if

makes it contributs to both.

When a measure of such obvious justice is obstructed, its advocates are justified in resorting to drastic means ir order to overcome the obstacles. The rules of Congress allow of the resort to such means, and Borah and his associates are familiar with those

PREDERICK VIII AND DENMARK.

King Frederick VIII of Denmark awas 62 years old when he ascended the throne in 1906. His unexpected death brings to an end a reign which has been brief indeed, but remarkably has been orier intered, but senderick's beneficent to his country. Frederick's father, Christian IX, became King in 1863 and reigned for forty-three years. The Danish Kings are constitutional monarchs of an admirably berni and enlightened character, They possess a veto upon acts of Parlia but, like the same power in England, it has fallen into disuse and the crown has become a social rather than a po-litical factor in the life of the Nation. Prederick was a noted patron of science and literature. He also promoted intelligently the great work of popular education and agricultural reform. Denmark has the best rural high schools of any country. They have successfully attacked the problem of combining instruction in agriculture with the so-called general information studies. They are attended by a large percentage of the adolescent populaand have made Danish dairying Mr. Taft is in the highest degree per- and cattle-raising the envy of the world.
Within the last few years the Danes

have carried out a project of reclaim-ing the barren heath lands which cover a large portion of their country. These lands were anciently clothed with forests, but by reckless managemen they have been deprived of trees. sen winds sweeping across them with unchecked violence seemed to make reforestation forever impossible. The soil became unproductive, and thus a wide section of country was lost to industry. For a long time after the Danes lost their southern provinces to Germany they were occupied with plans for revenge, but it finally occurred to some of their enlightened statesmen that by reclaiming the heaths they could win peacefully more territory than they had lost by war.

The task began with many discour-aging circumstances. At first it seemed impossible to find any variety of trees which would thrive on the wind-swept barrens, but finally experiment showed that if two species of evergreens were planted together would protect the other in its early growth. After a few years the less valuable species could be cut out and the other would continue to grow Thus the problem of reforestation was solved and Denmark gained a great area of fertile land for human habitation. Irrigation and scientific agriculture have made the heaths as productive as any soil in the world.

MEN AND RELIGION.

After seven months of extremely active service the Men and Religion Forward Movement is now about retire from the field and "give the local churches and denominational organizations a chance to profit by what they have learned from it." If all the accounts are true, they have learned a good deal, and there is some reason to hope that the lessons will not be forgotten immediately. The discouraging feature of ordinary evangelistic work is the ease and facility with which most of its results disappear as soon as the evangelist goes away. His converts slip back into the ways of the world, the enthusiasm he has excited cools and fades, and the churches quickly resume their aspect of ancient and imperturbable duliness. The Men and Religion Movement has succeeded Scout training had instructed the boys in overcoming this tendency to lapse, what to do in order to expel the water. What it has accomplished is likely to What it has accomplished is likely to made no real fight, and the professor's from the drowning boys lungs and to be permanent. There is no ground small plurality in such circumstances revive them after dragging them to whatever, for instance, to fear lest the impulse toward unity which it has imparted to the churches will be lost the learned the habit of working together the destruction of life. They turn mil- poses, and we cannot believe that they

The old evangelistic appeal, "Come to Jesus," did not mean anything very tangible. When the new convert had done his best to obey the call it was often difficult for him to feel that of peace, but patriotism also, much had been accomplished. There teaching is what inspires the was a sad lack of definite purpose. When he had gone to the mercy seat and forsaken his sins, the matter end-The Christian life stretched hehim in a rather uninviting series of prayers and sermons. The Men and Religion Movement does not permit its converts to dwell in any such illusion. It has given the churches to understand that Christian living means incessant work along many Perhaps its most important achievement could be summed up in the phrase "externalization of llgion." It has drawn the attention of devout people away from the pathology of their own souls and directed it to the needs of the world around them. Its formula of salvation seems to be that a person may best secure his passage to heaven by doing what he can to build up heavenly conditions

on earth The Men and Religion Movement makes social service the prime duty of the churches. It harks back to the precept of Jesus that he is the greatest of all in the Kingdom who is the servant of all. It repudiates the notion that the church militant is or ever ought to be a "saints' rest." The saints will have plenty of time to rest after they get home. Here it is their business to work and fight. Nobody is to be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease if the Men and Religion idea can be made to prevail. Every-body must buckle on his armor and go down into the field to take his part in the everlasting conflict with evil. The churches have been taught not only that there is a tremendous social problem to be solved, but they have learned in some measure how to solve it. It has been impressed upon them that the basis of all efficient work i

scientific fact. Secretary William T. Ellis, of the Movement, reminds his readers how little the ordinary minister knew of his environment before this great re-form began to fasten its grip upon He could not tell, for example how many saloons there were in his

takes land which contributes to to the food supply of the people or to the food supply of the people or to of the "parish" to which each minister must limit his efforts is fading out ter must limit his efforts parish and changed. In the first place, the ideal The city is each preacher's parish and the problems of his work are city problems. To understand them the notion of the "survey" has been taken up and widely practiced. It is the fashion before beginning any kind of social betterment work to make a sur-

vey. In Oregon there is talk of a survey of the entire state. It is rec-ognized that there is no other way to secure. doubt it was the Sage Fund

which began the practice of making social surveys, but the Men and Replan and made it fruitful throughout the country. From all this striving for facts has emerged an impressive body of knowledge. Christian men no longer think and act in ignorance of the world where they live, and from knowledge has grown a serious sense of responsibility. The inertia of the churches in the face of injustice is vanishing. With this new feeling of responsibility for the condition of the world has developed a new method of Bible study. We have seen just about the last, let it be said with thankful-ness, of the old trick of studying the Bible to demonstrate creeds and fortify denominational barriers. The new light shows the Bible to be a great storehouse of ethical, moral and religious culture adapted to all sorts and conditions of men if it is properly used. Briefly summarized, the Men and Religion Movement was a return to the simple, practical and efficient methods of the founder of Christianwhich has been the bane of religion for so many years and undertook to apply real intelligence to the problems of the real world.

The trust magnate does not need a dose of mandragora or any other drowsy syrup to make him forget the unpleasant past. Daniel G. Reid, of the highly protected tinplate trust, has secured sweet oblivion of his financial sins by resolving to forget them. This would be a notable instance of the mind cure if other trust magnates had not made it so common that nobody wonders at it. The new rule for salvation is, not to repent of your sins, but to forget them.

The annual destruction of wealth and human life by forest fires begins more spectacularly than is usual this Spring. After all the conservative talk we have heard and with all the protective statutes we have in the law books, the story of forest fires sounds much the same year after year. Thus far more timber wealth has gone up in smoke than has passed through the sawmills and there are no signs of better things, or no very hopeful signs at any rate.

From all that is known of "primitive man" he was no taller than his modern descendants and his skeleton no more massive. Whatever else he may have been, he was not a giant. Facts of this sort lead one to suspect that the Ellensburg giant skeleton may be somewhat less ancient than its dis-coverers suppose. Its scientific value is doubtless immense, but it will not be likely to throw much light on the problems of evolution.

The statement that a fifteen-acre tract near Beaverton has produced revenue of \$9000 a year from onions is not news to people familiar with soil conditions of Washington County. As electrification progresses, there will be many like stories, with perhaps lesser

Crop reports from the grain fields of Central Oregon predict a great change from the lean years of late. This is heartening the men who have stuck to it and means reward to merchant and banker who have financed the gloomy periods.

Receipts of sheep at the local yards the past week aggregated over 11,000, and as most of them were for consumption, the fact shows increasing demand for good meat. The sheep is the cleanest and daintiest of food animals.

Judge Taxwell underestimates the carrying power of a soapbox crater's volce. Many a sufferer has wished the range was limited to two blocks. a rule, the louder they talk the less

People who have good jobs, safeguarded and sanitary, should consider the fate of the man slowly baked to death by flaming gas in a trench at Malden, Mass., yesterday, and cease grumbling.

Like the lone juror who blamed the stubbornness of his fellows, Governor West charges the opposition press with bringing his prison policy into disfavor. Exposure of a young man doing a

big crooked business on nerve always

demonstrates what can be done in an

honest way. Perhaps that strange skeleton unearthed at Ellensburg dates back no further, after all, than the days of

the Populists. That was a lot of money on the Mis sissippi train and the robbers reaped a harvest, but they will be caught and punished.

The railroads are clever in making rates for that peculiarly Eastern Oregon fiests, the Pendleton Round-Up.

Mrs. Coe is an excellent head of the equal suffrage movement while the great apostle of the cause is ill.

The 3000 patients at the Dunning in-

stitution are not the only insane people without guards. These visiting Shriners will pin Portland to the map and the Elks will

color it later on. Portlanders at Roseburg today be identified by their capacity for ber-

I. W. W.s must have got into Re publican politics at Aberdeen.

Two Thousand Notes on Snatls.

Stars and Star-Makers

By Leone Cass Bacz.

McKee Rankin, than whom few acors are better known on the Pacific Coast, not so much on account of his coast, not so much on account of his aterling qualities in histrionics as for his association for se many years in a managerial capacity with Nance O'Neil, is playing in the Portola in San Francisco. He opened last Sunday, a week ago, in "Oliver Twist," Margaret Drew is his copartner.

Mademoiselle Mercereau, who is one of the youngest interpreters of classic dances on the vaudeville stage, or in fact any stage, and who is next to the fact any stage, and who is next to the headliner in this week's Pantages bill, is a guest, while in Portland, of Mr. Ing class, or those of the population who earn their living by manual labor, and Mrs. James Rait. Mr. Rait's mother and Mile. Mercereau's mother school girl friends. Mile. Metcereau is not yet 18 and has spent most of her life abroad as a devotee and pupil at the shrine of a terpsichere which does not recognize the turker trot.

Mizzi Hajos is still clinging faithfully to her stock in trade for interviewers—an inability to "say ze E-n-gleesh words." Isn't it queer? She learned her role in "The Spring Maid." English all of it, in something less than six weeks, and she can't even order lish all of it, in something less than six weeks, and she can't even order ham and eggs in English after having lived here almost two seasons. Still it makes good topy, when she hasn't anything else to talk about, 'views' or 'plans,' etc. Mizzi is coming soon to Portland on her second trip this season. Werba and Luescher, the producers of 'The Spring Maid,' are making scads of money on the venture and are sending the company back to pick up whatever coin they missed the other trip. A few changes have been made in the personnel. Charles McNaughton is the new comedian, playing the role of which he was the original, of the stroiling actor, who sings about the Spring in the dell. He is a brother to Tom McNaughton, who, besides being a comedian, has another claim to attention as the only husband Alice Lloyd has ever owned. Lloyd has ever owned.

Stock has once more proved a dis-astrous venture in Seattle. The Balley company has closed, after trying its best, or worst, to please the Sound theater-going folk with real, old-fashioned melodrama. Now manager Balley is organizing his company for an Alaskan tour.

Ollie Mack, formerly of Murray and Oilie Mack, formerly of Murray and Mack, German comedians, is playing one-night stands in Montana, where no one is particular about his theatrical pabulum, because shows are few and far between Mack is in the title role of "Casey Jones," which was not produced by Belasco or Henry Savase.

Alex Pantages has announced that he had closed deals in Canada that would give the Pantages circuit houses in Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw, with a possibility that he will take advantage of an option he has in Regina and another in Winnipeg. This will give a complete chain from his initial point in Detroit to the Coast and back into Missouri River territory. The theater at Edmonton will be a part of a ten-story office building, and the cost will reach \$100,000. The Calgary investment will also be a part of an office building, and will reach \$200,000, while the Saskatoon and Moose Jaw theaters will stand by themselves and will represent an investment of \$100,000 each.

"The Texas Tommy dancers," says would give the Pantages circuit houses

Last Sunday afternoon the Orpheum Stock Company opened its Summer season in Sait Lake City, with Williard Mack as leading man. Until this engagement Mr. Mack and his wife, Maude Leone, like been playing leads with the local Baker company. Miss Leone is in Omaha, Neb., where she is leading woman in stock. Of the Sait fight within the ranks of the party is position with Oliver Morosco's Burbank stock theater in Los Angeles. Rosa Roma, lately at the Orpheum in her violin specialty, has cancelled her tour to appear with the Salt Lake players as ingenue. Edward Gillespie, who scored here as the detective in "The Deep Purple," is another in Mr. Mack's support. support.

One of the boasts of William A. Weston of the coasts of within a wes-ton of Weston, Bentley and company, in "Attorneys at Music" at the Orphe-um, is that he is the Impresario who presided over the vaudeville engage-ment of Rose Coursen-Reed, one of Portland's vocalists. About nine years ago Weston headed the Weston Vaudeago weston neaded the weather value ville Company, which played for four nights at the old Marquam Grand Theater. To localize the venture he applied for a Portland singer and Charles N. Ryan, now manager of the Empress Theater, induced Mrs. Reed to accept Theater, induced Mrs. Reed to accept the place of headliner on the vaude-ville hill. The Portland songstress acquiesced and shone for four performances as a star vaudevillist. She declined to sing a contract for 28 weeks and accompany Weston's players en tour. Weston's first appearance in Portland was with the Haverly minstrels, nearly a quarter of a century ago. Bgo.

Alice Fieming has gone back to Ottawa, Canada, to be leading woman with the Colonial stock company there. She played a stock season in Ottawa last Summer, but with another organization, the Dominion Players. Then she went to New York for a visit, came home for another visit, this time with friend-husband C. E. Evereit, and spent the Winter here, her only Jaunt into theatricals being in the premier production of "The Desert." Clay Greene's drama, produced in San Francisco a few months ago. Now Miss Fleming has gone back to delight her Ottawa following. She was, says the newspaper account of it, "given a rousing welcome by a large audience last night when she opened an engagement at the Colonial Theater in the leading feminine role of The Great Divide," feminine role of The Great Divide; through which Margaret Anglin, who is an Ottawa girl, became famous. Miss lieming is more attractive, more able han ever. She evidently realized last light she was back among her old night ane was sack among her old friends, for she was at her best in 'The Great Divide,' in which she has played before. She was applauded at every opportunity and during the even-ing presented with two large bouquets ing presente of flowers."

ST. JOHNS, Or., May 15.—(To the Editor.)—To settle a dispute can you tell me if a license to marry has to me if a license in which to gotten in the county in which to READER.

Yes.

A Matter of Scent. Pathfinder.
Teacher-Jimmie, can you tell how iron was first discovered?
Jimmie-I heard my father say that they smelt it.

THE L. W. W.'S AND THE RED FLAG Defense for the One and Ignorance

About the Other. PORTLAND, Or., May 15 .- (To the Editor.)-I would thank you for the insertion of this letter, which I am im pelled to write through reading an article today entitled "Soapbox Shouters Condemned," I am neither a Socialist nor a member of the L. W. W., but I base my opinion of them and their pur-poses on their own statement, which I believe to be the uplifting of the work-ing class.

They would have all working men unite and demand better living condi-

tions. They want more pay and shorter hours of labor. In their endeavors toward this end they speak on the pub-lic streets to band together the work-

much unrest in the country.

It was the cause of the great strike at Lawrence, and it will be the cause of many more great strikes perhaps with terrible consequences, unless the railroads and all other concerns do

what is right with the working class.
At these street meetings I have repeatedly heard the speakers request the audience not to crowd the walk, but to stand out on the read, But many of them did not do so, be-cause, perhaps, the subject in question was of such vital interest to them and they became so interested that they forgot to move. I have never seen the sidewalks so congested that I could not walk through the crowd unless my sidelights were extinguished, and then of course, I might run into it.

I have never heard the speaker curse the flag, the Nation or the trusts. I have never asked them the meaning of their emblem, the red flag, but I supposed they adopted it because it stands for the masses of the people who are the working class and, conse-quently, the life blood of the Nation. If the Socialist and members of the I. W. W. always held their meetings in their respective halls I, for one, would not know as much about them as I do now. So I believe they can better reach the people by speaking on the streets, and it does not matter if they stand on a soapbox or a grand

plano.

Of course, they never compelled me to listen to them, and I could have passed along if the subject they were discussing did not interest me. As far as concerns the orators of both organizations, it must be manifest to anyone that they are in the right place, for if they were out on some work and kept their mouths shut there would be no organization, and no oratory and no financial assistance for their poor fellow-workers.

T. J. CLIFFORD, Sailors' Home, City.

Mr. Clifford knows that the Socialists and the L. W. W.'s want more money for the wage-earner, and less money for the man who has money, but he does not know what the red flag stands for. We wonder if he knows what the American flag stands for, and if he ever saw one at a Socialist or L W. W. meeting?

WHAT IS PRESIDENTIAL ISSUE! This Correspondent Thinks It Not a Personal Matter. PORTLAND, May 15 .- (To the Edi-

or.)-In the leading editorial article today The Oregonian, as usual, over-"The Texas Tommy dancers," says the diligent student historian of the Shubert press department, "got their name in a singular manner. They originated their peculiar dance in a Barbary Coast resort in San Francisco and were seen by a Mrs. Thomas Smith, wife of a wealthy Texas rancher, who was then living in that city. She engaged them to dance at one of her social functions, and, because her intimate friends called her Texas Tommy, the dancers became known as the Texas Tommy dancers." Which all sounds plausible, whether or not it fixes the biame.

Last Sunday afternoon the Orgheum

looks the fact that this fight is between the progressive and reactionary and not in the smallest degree personal. In think The Oregonian will admit that if preferential primaries were held in all the states, Mr. Roosevelt would be the overwhelming popular choice, as well as the choice by states.

Now I see no reason who a "reactionary," or any other who calls himself Republican, should refuse to support the popular choice of his party unless he has the option of supporting a Democratic candidate who is reactionary. On the other hand, if Mr. Taft is nominated it will be because he has been able by old-fashioned "machine methods" to defeat the popular will be methods" to defeat the popular will be methods. poks the fact that this fight is beseif Republican, should refuse to sup-port the popular choice of his party unless he has the option of supporting a Demogratic candidate who is reac-tionary. On the other hand, if Mr. Taft is nominated it will be because he has been able by old-fashloned "machine methods" to defeat the popular will in many states. The "progressive,"

Leone is in Omaha, Neb., where she is leading woman in stock. Of the Salt Lake organization Genevieve Blinn is a fair fight and I propose to abide by leading woman, having left a similar position with Oliver Morosco's Burbank stock theater in Los Angeles. Rosa of nominating candidates is forever od of nominating candidates is forever. od of nominating candidates is forever dead in this country. Why, then, should we desert the party of progress in favor of the party of discord and failure, after we have succeeded in stamping out the worst evil with which our party has had to contend?

The overthrow of any long-established system of government must result in some confusion. The part of evers good citizen is to help in restoring order where confusion has obtained and not to sit back suikily caviling at the mistakes of those whose only pur-

and not to sit back subsets of the mistakes of those whose only purpose is the good of the party and country. With all respect to you, I recommend the former course to you and your excellent publication.

JOHN H. GRAY.

Words That Pass in the Night. Exchange. Scene, bedroom. Time, 10:30 o'clock

Hubby enters softly; wife speaks:
"Henry, did you bring up Willie's
croup remedy?" "Yes, dear

"And the darling's castor oil?"

"Yes, birdie."
"And the colic cure?"
"Yes, pet."
"And the peppermint?"
"Yes, birdie."

"And the tansy tea and camphor?"

"Yes, indeed."
"And the vapor lamp?"

"Yes, yes."
"And the cup of boric acid to sterilize spaon with?" "And the hot water bag and his paci

fler and bottle of milk? "All here."

"Are you sure the dear little angel is wrapped warm enough?"

"Well, then, bring me a glass of water, put out the cat, lock the door and open the windows at the top and come on to bed, I'm just fagged out." "Oh. I guesso."

Adam and Eve Named in Deed.

Pittsburg Leader. J. B. Hutchnson, of Hazleton, Pa., has come into possession of a copy of an odd deed made in 1793, transferring

an odd deed made in 1730, transiering a lot from Clara Ellinkuysen to Flavel Rean, in the borough of Lewisburg, Union County. Rean was a witty and eccentric schoolteacher and wrote with a crow's quill. In the deed he goes back to the time of Adam and Eve as the original owners of the earth. A Loss Either Way. Baltimore American.

"What would you think of a young man who declared you were the first girl he ever kissed?"

"I would have to know him to decide whether to class him as a candidate for

the Ananias Club or as a mollycoddie

Movements in High Society.

Boston Transcript. Street Urchin-Where yer goin', Mag-

maggie—Goin' ter de butcher for fi' ents' wort' uv liver. Urchin—Chee! Yer goin' ter have company fer dinner, ain't yer?

Half a Century Ago

Prom The Oregonian of May 16, 1882. If you deem the following measurements of rains, which were taken at Fort Umpqua from October to March, inclusive, to be of sufficient interest, you can lay them before your renders: 1853-8, 51.06 inches; 1853-8, 51.06 inches; 1853-8, 1853-8, 1858-8, 1859-60, 33.82 inches; 1860 Inches; 1861-62, 71.60 inches

Cairo, May 5.—Baton Rouge was occupied on Sunday last by Federal forces. Butler's army had landed and occupied New Orleans. The fortifying of Vicksburg by the rebels is near-

Williamsburg, Va., May 6.—McClellan has telegraphed to the War Department the following: "I have the pleasure to announce that the occupation of this place is the result of the hard-fought action of yesterday. Hancock's brigate during the fight turned the left of the enemy's line of works. The enemy shandned his entire line during the abandoned his entire line during the night, leaving all his sick and woun-in our hands. We have some wounded and more than 1000 prison-including the enemy's wounded.

Washington, May 7 .- A strike has wasnington, May 1.—A strike has taken place among the coal miners near Pottsville, which is becoming serious. The employers not complying with the demands of the miners, the latter stopped the pumps, causing serious damage to property from flood-

New York, May 6,-Vera Crus dates of the 24th state that the French has opened hostilities and taken possession of Orizaba.

In Italy Garibaldi is forming rifle

The rise in the Columbia River at The rise in the Columbia River at this season of the year is unprece-dented. At The Dalles merchants are removing their goods from the stores on Front street, the water having ai-ready reached their floors, and is still rising rapidly. At Vancouver the river is overflowing the lower portion of the town. The quartermaster is having heavy rocks piled on the storehouses on the docks, to prevent them from being carried away by the flood.

The steamer Pacific arrived yester-day from San Francisco via Victoria. Just before the steamer left, a dispatch had been received, saying that General McClellan had reached Richmond and occupied the place without a fight.

The first General Assembly for the State of Descret unanimously elected William H. Hooper and George Z. Can-non Senators to Congress. Daniel H. Wells was elected Secretary of State.

The Oregon Gazette has changed hands and will be issued this week inder some new name, with D. William Douthitt as editor.

As "Ed" Howe Sees Life

The people in a country town are about equally divided on every questien and keep each other from accom-pitshing much.

When you are disposed to be liberal, nearly everyone will take advantage

If you have a disagreeable experience, people say the lesson will do you good. That's about all sympathy amounts to. When you know a man who is 10 years older than you are, and you hear of his saying that he is younger, or about your age, it makes you mad.

People like to talk so well that there is nothing in half they say; they not only don't know; they don't care.

No doubt you have noticed that while your explanations explain thoroughly, hey do not always satisfy. After a man has been out of work a

ong time, people say he 'lacks am-

bition." Many a man who is not perfect, is a olerably good fellow, and useful in a nodest way.

Compliments are often insincere, but fault finding is always genuine.

You demand that others be perfect; you run along about as usual y

Down With Long Hatpins

self

PORTLAND, May 15.—(To the Editor.)—Seeing the letter in The Oregonian this morning concerning long hatpins, by Mrs. Ruth Sweet, I wish to add that I would also recommend that a city ordinance be passed authorizing the arrest of women who wear danger.

the arrest of women who wear danger-ous hatpins.

This I would like to see done at once, not so much for the protection of the men who have had the remedy for this evil in their own hands, but because ust at this present time it would en able us to make an interesting classifi-cation of the genus "woman-who-does-not-care-to-vote."

We have now the bridge-maniac, the

lapdog woman, and now with them be cares nothing for the rights of others.

By all means let her be led to the bastile and deprived of the right to vote.

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Property Rights in Oregon

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 14.—(To the Editor.)—What interest does a re-have in "community property" in Ore-gon? If real estate is in husband's name alone, can he pass title without wife's signature? If title is held in names of both husband and wife, does urvivor become sole owner in INQUIRER. death of the other?

Oregon statutes do not recognise "community property." A married man holding property in his own name may deed it without his wife's signature, but it would be subject to the possibility of the wife outliving the husband, in which event she would have a life to the wife to the work of the wife outliving the husband. one-half interest in the income from the property. When title to real es-tate is held in the names of both hus-band and wife the survivor becomes the sole owner in the event of the death of the other.

Welsh Sermon on the Devil.

It was a Weish minister who de-scribed the devil to a little congrega-tion in a remote Weish Valley. Said the minister.

"The devil is bound round the middle "The devil is bound round the middle with chains, and round the legs with chains, and round the legs with chains. But John Jones," pointing to a man in the front row, "he can reach you; and you, David Jones," pointing to one in the middle row, "he can you reach and," pointing to one at the back "John Williams, he can reach you."

And then a man in the gallety called out, "Why, he might as well is loose."

Clark and Houn' Dog. PORTLAND, May 15.—(To the Eli-tor.)—Kindly explain the derivation of the term "houn' dawg" as a campagn slogun of Champ Clark. A SUBSCRIBER.

"Houn' dog" is a Missouri term popular song depicting a Misor farmer protesting against townspor kicking his houn' dog around wa a plied to the candidacy of Clark, the from Missourt,