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#### BACKING A FRAUD.

The Oregonian feels some surprise

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the formal title of the amendment, placed in the first few and therefore the most noticeable lines thereof the and Italian vote, for some strange reaessentials of the obscure but import-

ant single tax feature. The Governor of Oregon, the Sec-retary of State, the State Treasurer and the State Tax Commissioners have united in a statement declaring that "the real purpose of the measure is to impose on the people of Oregon a slightly modified form of single tax," and that the section providing for single tax "is involved, covered in verbiage and the casual reader is apt to be misled as to its true mean-

In the face of attempts at concealment of the measure's real intent, view of the brand put on it by the responsible heads of the state administration, and considering the diffi-culty which the voter will encounter in Mr. squarefooted single tax measure

is idle, futile and ridiculous.

features of the state measure.

Yet there is no graduated tax elemeasure is defeated and the county measure is successful, we shall they. to have been included. If it is not twenty-five years to the horse-car to Oakville. a good thing for the county, it is not era?

Truth is, Mr. U'Ren is engaged in the profitable work-to him-of imposing single tax somewhere in Ore- light, and the like. The graduated tax was placed voters from a large number of people to be bitterly arrayed inst all forms of wealth. It was Mr. U'Ren hoped, through his sinister influence over the leaders of organized labor, to poll a majority for straight single tax without it. Mr. U'Ren cares nothing about the grad nated tax. It is only an implement of warfare to be discarded, when sible, for more effective wear ons. is out for the votes. He has e He has even easure so that it will not offend nose who believe in licensing saloons. If Mr. U'Ren is a sincepe single taxet does not believe in any form of business tax. Even the local measur is not an honest, squarefooted presentment of the things he advocates.

When Mr. U'Ren says that the Morrison streets pay not a dollar of taxes because the lessees pay all taxes assessed against it, he is descending to the imbecile class. Such leases are drawn to give the lot owners an acceptable net income on the value of the real estate. If the lossee assumes well thunder forth demands for poptible taxes the regular is higher; if the value of Senators, income tax the taxes the rental is higher; if the the taxes the rental is nigher, it the lessor assumes the taxes the rental regulation of railroads, publicity of lessor assumes the taxes the rental regulation of railroads, publicity of those persons who had committed the original wrongs. Those persons The graduated says: tax would not make impossible the entering into of like contracts, as Mr. U'Ren implies. Possibly in the particular case cited a controversy would arise between the parties to the lease as to which should pay the gradu-ated tax. Very likely the lease is ject with the words: broad enough in terms to relieve the owners of responsibility for its pay-Democrats are, and they are state issues ment. Moreover, there is nothing in the amendment to prevent the owners of the poorly improved lots at Third and Morrison from entering into a dential primaries Roosevelt is merely lease which would, to use Mr. U'Ren's indorsing the Democratic platform. deceptive argument, relieve them of

paying a dollar's taxes."
Mr. U'Ren may be a lawgiver, but he is not the tax assessing authority Bryan continues: The statement as to value of the water power in Clackamas County has no basis of established It is an independent estimate If, however, Clackamas water power taxed on Mr. U'Ren's esti-Multnomah County would pay the major part of its income from Portland into making rates and establishing the

lation of railroads and will doubtless mean: have by next year state regulation of

all public utilities. Mr. U'Ren's argument is not a reply to the query "Why did not the single taxers present an honest, flat-footed single tax measure?" It is as Postage R. 2 cents, 30 to 25 pages, 2 cents, 50 to 60 pages, 4 cents. Foreign per to 60 pages, 4 cents. Foreign per public rate.

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### FROM THE UNFORGOTTEN PAST.

The Oregonian feels some surprise that even Mr. U'Ren, whose letter appears elsewhere, should have the temerity publicly to assert that what he terms the "graduated specific which the Pinchotites would consider incomplete, and went to Russia for a what he terms the grandent is an tory of the American People." his eye reactionary; government control of "honest, flatfooted single tax measure." Evidence that it is not and was discussion by the eminent author of while the Progressives are demanding never intended to be that is sufficiently strong to convince any fair-minded jury of citizens. Let us review this evidence:

The measure was first placed before the people with no reference to single tax in its title. The words "single tax" were not put in its informal title until the paid propagandists of the Feis Commission had been smoked out on the subject.

The provision for single tax is placed in an obscure paragraph of involved phraseology twelve paragraphs down in the body of the act.

The leading single tax newspaper of Oregon — The Oregon Journal.

of Oregon — The Oregon Journal — historian; and he thought he presented what it asserted was an be still more interested in learning what the Democratic Presidential canpresented what it asserted was analysis of the amendment and suppressed all reference to the single tax pressed all reference to the single tax he journeyed to Seagirt, but, sad to the journeyed to Seagirt, but, sad to the journeyed to Seagirt, but, sad to

But one overzealous partisan of Dr Wilson, anxious about the Hungarian this further paragraph from the historian's great work:

very likely be at the expense of Dr. rior officer.
Wilson, the politician. The mutiny is a much more serious

### WHY IT COSTS MORE TO LIVE.

Senator Burton could have reduced ils admirable address to the Senate on reasons for the higher cost of livunderstanding its provisions, Mr. on reasons for the higher cost of liv-Il'Ren's assertion that it is an honwords, viz.: The way we live. The extortionate middleman, the protec-But he goes even further. He de- tive tariff, high capitalisation of corclares the Multnomah County single porations, increased taxes, extravatax measure and the graduated measure are both honest and flatfooted, higher education are for the most supplementing this statement with a part not causes but effects. The man commendation of the graduated tax who is willing to live as his father lived can do it, and the people who are willing to live as their forefathers ment in the county measure. If the lived could live as frugally if they would. But they will not; nor should

telephone, the electric car, the electric They have not cheapened the cost of living, but they in the state measure to cloud the real have enlarged the range of good livissue and in the belief it would attract ing. A hundred others might be mentioned, and they would include the phonograph, the typewriter, the moving picture show, the automobile, and a multitude of every-day phenomena. Besides we have better education, more music, more theaters. more excursions, more parks, more public buildings, more clothes, more food, more drinks, more everything. We consume more and produce less, comparatively. We have expanded in every direction in our style and meth

od of living. Yet we wonder and fuss and com plain about the cost of living, when everybody strives to live well without working hard. Why blame anybody or anything but ourselves?

RADICAL OR REACTIONARY, WHICH? While Roosevelt is proclaiming himself the ideal progressive and glories without chart or compass. where of the corner of Seventh and in his radicalism, Bryan turns upon taken us twenty years to interpret ular election of Senators, income tax, their misdeeds would not be composed

Bryan dismisses the sub- pression would be postponed to the

Had he desired, Bryan might have added that in his clamor for Presi-

As though this denial of Roosevelt's claim to pre-eminence as a radical were not cruel thrust enough,

On questions now before the National Government, such as tariff, trusts, National neorporation, imperialism and the third sem, Mr. Roosevelt is wrong. On these subjects he is reactionary and cannot secure to following among Democrats—he can hardly hope to hold progressive Republicans.

mate, Mulinoman County would pay the whole tax on the power used in a reactionary, but adduces strong articles as a reactionary. Clackamas County would get the revenues thus paid. The street rallway company derives the charge that the street rallway company derives are recommentations. However, the street rallway company derives are recommentations only orange Roosevelt as den as in restraint of trade. The destreet tax on the power used in a reactionary, but adduces strong articles as in restraint of trade. The destreet tax on the power used in a reactionary, but adduces strong articles as in restraint of trade. The destreet tax on the power used in a reactionary, but adduces strong articles as in restraint of trade. The destreet tax on the power used in a reactionary, but adduces strong articles as in restraint of trade. The destreet tax on the power used in a reactionary, but adduces strong articles as in restraint of trade. The destreet tax on the power used in a reactionary is a reactionary. The street tax on the power used in a reactionary is a reactionary in the power used in a reactionary is a reactionary in the power used in a reactionary is a reactionary in the power used in a reactionary is a reactionary in the power used in a reactionary is a reactionary in the power used in the power used in the power used in a reactionary is a reactionary in the power used in the of its income from and dying idea that a government is an organization entirely independent and establishing the The Portland pat-The Portland pai-company would ments are organizations framed by cide whether any particular practice

the governed. Roosevelt, says the Commoner,

Mr. Geda Kende is managing editor fort is to be made to cause the dry of a Hungarian newspaper, "America bones of Populism to live. As the Magar Nepshava," printed in New "dominant demand" the call gives

son thought it well to bring to light the old Oregon regiment by mutiny The people of the Pacific Coast had clamored these many years against the admission
ored these many years against the admission
of the manueurs and in May
1892, got at last what they wanted, a Federal statute which practically excluded from
the United States all Chinese who had not
already acquired the right of residence, and
yet the Chinese were mare to be desired, as
workmen if not as citizens, than most of
the coarse crew that came crowding in
every year at the Eastern ports.

Is deplorable in the extreme. After
a splendid showing at the 1912 joint
field maneuvers the report that an
entire battalion of four companies had
refused to obey orders seemed incredibut with the spirit of the law, and if
the powers of the courts in winding up
condemned corporations were ensonable merely heightened the surprise,
It is not within the province of the If Dr. Wilson desires his name to go American soldier, regular or volundown to posterity as a historian, it will teer, to question the orders of a supe-

matter than many may at first sup-pose. It is a blow at the fundamental principle of military service. For centuries the poets have centered their heroic poems upon the unquestioned obedience of harsh and exacting orders. Implicit, unfaltering obedience of all orders has been set as the key-note of military efficience. It has be-come a part of the capable soldier's religion. It is written into the oath wish to taken at enlistment of the men and chines. is inscribed upon the commissions of officers. The first and most import-be half smothered in mud in Winter, ant thing required of any officer is in dust in Summer, than pay the price

obedience.

Any officer can easily obey an order that suits him. The test comes when he receives an order that does not please him or that does not please have single tax but no graduated tax in Multnomah County. The graduated tax could have readily been included in the local measure. If it is as good a thing as Mr. U'Ren asserts, it ought to have been included. If it is not twenty-five years to the horse. Would any sane man be willing to please him or that does not please him or that doe his men. As pointed out by General tallon objected to was not of a very exacting nature. Ie required a reexacting nature. Ie required a re-turn march of five miles from Gate

The attitude of the majority of rega good thing for the county, it is not for the state, and should have been comitted from the state measure. Both cannot be honest measures in the sense of being the sincere effort of a person who desires to give the people the best there is in tax reforms.

Truth is, Mr. U'Ren is engaged in

to Congress by the Stanley committee, and is said to have received the approval of Woodrow Wilson. It takes the form of a bill designed to sup-plement the Sherman law, to define what that law forbids and to provide means of making effective decrees rendered by the courts against trusts. It aims to specify what is unreasona-ble and thus to remove the element of uncertainty, of which the trust magnates complain.

The sharpest criticism which can be made of the bill is that it would launch us on a new sea of litigation would have largely unloaded their These things are practically secured, and the Democrata have done much more than Mr. Roosevelt to secure them.

Does Roosevelt echo in louder tones penalties the original holders should penalties the original holders should have borne. Relief from trust op-

> next generation It is sought to remove uncertainty as to whether a combination restrains trade reasonably or unreasonably by placing upon the parties to the combination the burden of proof that it is reasonable. The constitutionality of this provision is sure to be attacked If it were necessary, it might be worth that costly and wearlsome price. experience has proved that the unreasonableness of a combination is easily susceptible of proof. There is there-

Bryan not only brands Roosevelt as den as in restraint of trade. The depay the levy of Clackamas County on the people for themselves and derive should be allowed or forbidden,

the water power the company owned their just powers from the consent of poration lawyers have made it their in that county and also the graduated the governed." business to find means of evading just such restrictions as the committee The same principle applies to taxing values placed on franchises. The people pay the tax. If a franchise it a defender of the policy of force pass new laws to stop leaks in existpeople pay the tax. If a franchise it a defender of the policy of force has a taxable value it also has a rate basis value. Tax economists, who are the policy of protection, Bryan says, working for the people and not for the Colonel stands for the doctrine of the many for the business until it had modified its working for the people and not for the Colone stands for the doctrine of the county law for Multnomah County, which is also there is public regulation of rates and benefit of a few." His ideas of censervice taxation of franchises is only advisable when large and certain revenues are imperatively needed and the stand of expansion of the plan would have the merit of preventation of plan would have the merit of preventation of the graduated tax amendment is ofthey agree also that the patrons pay horseback. His desire to discard con- ing the evils in question, and prevensuch taxes. We now have state regu-

methods to conform with the sommlainternal trailanton and of expansion of the
internal demands of the desired the level in question, and
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The best foundation for a Federal system of regulating corporations, of destroying existing trusts and of preventing the rise of new ones is Federal incorporation or Federal license of such state corporations as comply with certain conditions. If this were followed up by the creation of a supervision y commission, which could compel compliance not only with the letter but with the spirit of the law, and if the powers of the courts in winding up condemned corporations were enlarged, the purpose would have been value of the franchises and to prevent them from turning their special privileges into private property.

5. To make the great land owners and corporations pay a reasonable graduated tax besides the general levy on the millions of acres of land they are holding for speculation in Oregon.

7. To prevent the opponents of single tax from claiming that it is a rich man's law intended to reduce the taxes of the poor man.

8. To exempt personal property, improvements on land, and all values created by individual labor, from any It is not within the province of the gained. But it is not to be hoped that American soldier, regular or volunteer, to question the orders of a supe-Federal incorporation, for they continue to worship their state rights fetish

> The bonanza wheat crop may prove t boon to the automobile manufacturers and to the cause of good roads. The modern farmer is not content with anything short of the latest invention both for pleasure and work, and he is becoming a liberal buyer of autos Klickitat County furnishing examples. When the farmers get autos they will wish to derive pleasure from their machines. Hence they will no longer be patient with those who would rather be half smothered in mud in Winter, of good roads.

> The terrible number of drownings suggests that swimming is as necessary an exercise for every boy and girl as walking. Not only should all children learn to swim, but they should be taught the simple methods of reviving an apparently drowned person. One of the strongest recommendations of the Boy Scouts is that they learn both to help themselves and to help others in just such emergencies.

be done.

Pastures are drving and butter is going up, hens are beginning to moit and eggs are ascending, but there will be plenty of potatoes and gravy for race. all to check the lamentations.

World visitors at the San Francisc Exhibition will form an idea of Oregon timber from the flagstaff sent from Astoria. Only one region on earth can grow a stick 225 feet long.

The China pheasant must be p ected and the city man touring afield may as well recognize that the man grain feeds the bird is on the watch for transgressors.

Senator Burton's findings in the high ost of living may be simplified into a sentence: Expenses are based on brevet income

Perhaps it was due to environment that a Klickitat white man traded his innocent third party would suffer the wife for two lots in Tacoma, though an Indian would insist on better terms

> The drowning of a Portland woman at the North Beach again demonstrates it is the daring swimmer who

> ticket auditors, riding on the rail will be one joyous wrangle. Of what good is the "third degree if the latest murderers cannot be

caught?

To only an Oregon militiaman is given the opportunity to back up to Colonel of the regulars

From a military point of view, the officers of the Second Battalion de erve leather medals

With the muzzle on Manager Hogan, e game will lack hilarity, about all the fan gets for his money.

Record-breaking tracklaying in Orecor- breaking development that will follow. guidance of their teachers. gon is merely preliminary to

W. S. U'REN DEFENDS MEASURES, SUNDAY PICNIC THAT WAS SPOILED

Two Substantially Different Prop Declared Honest Single Tax. OREGON CITY, Or., July 29 .- (To the Editor.—The editor asks "Why the Single Taxers did not present an honest, flat-footed single tax measure?" They have presented two such measures. One was the local county law for Multnemah County, which is also

The graduated tax amendment is of-fered for the following reasons:

1. To compel wealthy men and cor-

reated by individual labor, from any

taxes.

9. To make the holding of valuable tracts in cities like the Buckman farm in Portland, less profitable as speculation. The Ladd farms that were held out of use for more than 20 years while the people moved further out to while the people moved further out to get cheap lots for homes, are another example of the unjust tax laws that favor the speculator and non producer under the present system.
W. S. U'REN.

ELLEN KEY AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE Quotation Given to Show She Was Opposed to Votes For Her Sex.

PORTLAND, July 30.—(To the Editor.)—An editorial in The Oregonian quotes Ellen Key as of a "caliber uniformly suffragist." The whole trend of Ellen Key's "Century of a Child" is against the political solution of the problems of woman today. On page 76

problems of woman today. On page 76 she says:

It does not occur to the dogmatic advocates of women's rights that their talk about the individual freedom of the woman to control her career, their contention that no limitation need restrict woman's power of deciding her own vocation, because they are married or are mothers, mean the most crying injury, not only to children, but to women themselves. For the demand of equality, where nature has made inequality, brings about the injury of the weaker factor. Equality is not justice. Often it just the opposite, the most absolute injustice.

And on page 66 she definitely deof the Third Regiment has not been destroyed. Perhaps what is most needed is a firm and capable hand at the helm. If there had been such a hand at Gate Sunday it is entirely probable that the Second Battalion would have been summarily whipped into line and the officers saved from the consequences of their folly.

The STANLEY ANTI-TRUST BILL.

What promises to become a definition of the Democratic plan for dealing with the trusts has been submitted to Congress by the Stanley committee and result in the congregation of the Democratic plan for dealing with the trusts has been submitted to Congress by the Stanley committee in the congress of the country, has been at last the congress by the Stanley committee in the congress by the Stanley committee in the congress by the Stanley committee in the congress of the country, has been at last the congress by the Stanley committee in the congress by the Stanley committee in the congress of the country, has been at last the congress by the Stanley committee in the congress by the Stanley committee in the congress of the country, has been at last the congress by the Stanley committee in the congress of the country, has been at last the congress by the Stanley committee in the congress of the country, has been at last the congress of the country, has been at last the congress of the country, has been at last the congress of the country, has been at last the congress of the country, has been at last the congress of the country, has been at last the congress of the country, has been at last the congress of the country, has been at last the congress of the country, has been at last the congress of the country, has b

Consequently those of us who believe with her that "nothing is now more needed than such plans of social order, such programmes of education as will give the mother back to her children nd to her home" (page 87) ask tha this correction be made and that Ellen Key be listed among the women who are opposed to woman suffrage as against the highest interests of the

MRS. F. J. BAILEY, President Oregon State Association Op posed to the Extension of the Suf-frage to Women.

Several Famous Echoes of Europe. London Globe.
There are many places where remarkable echoes occur. On the banks of the Rhine at Luriey, if the weather be favorable, the report of a rifle or the sound of a trumpet will be repeated at different periods and with various degrees of strength from crag to crag on opposite sides of the river alternately. A similar effect is heard near a loch in Scotland. There is a place in Gloucestershire, England, which is said to echo a sound 50 miles. Near Glasgow there is a spot where, if a person plays a bar of music upon a bugle the notes will be repeated by an echo but a third lower. Three choes will be heard in all, each lower than the preceding one. The whispering galleries of St. Paul's, of the Cathedrai Church of Gioucester and of the Observatory of Paris owe their curlous effects to the same laws of reflection of sound. and of a trumpet will be repeated at

of reflection of sound,

brances. Raiders from the bureaus descended upon the building and removed the steps leading from the sidewalk from tentrance of the building. The city engineers had decided that the steps protruded too far on the sidewalk. Some of the workmen and bystanders carried off pieces of the steps as souvenirs.

Been for Best. When trolley-car conductors become

Baltimore American.

To insure the owner of a private shaving cup kept in a harber shop that he is its only user, there has been invented a paper cap to cover it, which cannot be removed without breaking a

School Children's Tree Crusade. London Telegraph.

Nearly 60,000 trees are planted in weden by school children under the

Parents Get Children by Installm Prom Crowded Sellwood Car.

PORTLAND, July 30.—(To the Editor.)—With heroic effort the undersigned awakened at an early hour Sunday morning and prepared to spend the day picnicking with his family at some supposed-to-be-easily accessible spot on the Williamette River. Trusting to the intelligence of the street railway company, I selected a place which necessitated the use of the Sellwood line, and right there my troubles began. To begin with, the Sellwood car was so crowded when it arrived at Grand averaged.

coward and a liar.

The zest of this article is first to con-The zest of this article is first to console all poor souls who suffered as did the writer and his family, for misery likes company, and secondly, it is written in hope that, layman-like as it is, it may remind the railway company that in accepting the franchise from the people it took upon itself the responsibility of making an honest effort to serve the public and serve the public well, and that it is now its moral duty to do so.

The telegraph poles of the Yreka and Portland lines have been erected to nearby Eugene City.

The steamer Julia arrived last evening from the Cascades, bringing down in 175 passengers and 1600 pounds of gold dust.

We noticed a gentleman who, we

Women When Republic Was Formed. MEDFORD, Or., July 29.—(To the Ed-ltor.)—Would you be able to state why women did not have the right to vote in the beginning, with the men, when voting first made its appearance in the United States? This is to settle an ar-gument.

Wom-In church it was en were expected to be silent admirers of men in the worship of the Lord. They were permitted to contribute to the church but not to have a voice in its tive management. There were no colleges "out of her sphere." To study sensible branches was supposed to make women "mannish." just as we are now told that the vote would make them mannish Even Tennyson ridiculed the idea of a Our correspondent will see at once how impossible it must Convention of 1912, he was asked how have been for the founders of the Republic to think of giving the suffrage is reported to have replied. A well-They would as soon have to women. thought of giving it to bables. as position of women in the modern world has been an evolution, always slow and often painful.

Criticising the Suffragists. PORTLAND, July 30.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian today appears an article by Francis Dayton favoring an article by Francis Dayton tavoring woman suffrage. The argument which she presents and endeavors to impress upon the minds of the people is the same old argument that has been used so much that it has become threadbare. If they have nothing more convincing in the way of argument as a logical reason why women should be given the in the way of argument as a logical reason why women should be given the ballot, then their case is lost, and will be snowed under next November, as it has been in Oregon every time it has been voted upon. Talk without reason

Little Waste on Paris Streets.

Hubby-I admit that, my love; bu

Washington (D. C.) Star, you have killed a fatted calf,"

"Yes," replied his father "Well, it is a relief to get back from the big towns, where everybody is talk-ing about the meat trust."

## Playing the Game

The guardsmen march in serried ranks, And ramble o'er the territory, Playing the solemn game of war, With all its mimic struggles gory,

They make forced marches through the land; And here and you they haste and

hurry.

With all its hardship and its worry. Still they admit and it is true

Till some are sick of mimic war

That all this mimic stuff they're doing.
Is just to fit them for the time When there may be real trouble brewing.

The summons came to march in haste Back to the base from whence they started. "Nix!" said the guardsmen, sitting down To rub their blisters where they

And though they'd aworn obedience.

And discipline profound and steady.

They did opine that they'd obey

That order, when quite good and

ready.

Thus do men train for sterner things.

When foes, in verity, assail 'em,

Of course 'twill be a diffrent thing—

Then they will march right out and

whale 'em.

wonder how it would have been, When Washington, 'mid sleet and When the shiver, shiver, called out his men to man the boats And dare the rushing, ice-clogged.

Say, how would Freedom's fight have gone, When his command to them was ut-

when his command to them was ut-tered.

If they had rubbed their bandaged feet
And coolly looked at him and mut-tered:

"Nix, George! The weather is too cold. We fear a touch of tonsilitis: And with these chilblafus on our feet Decline to let the cold frost bits us."

Somehow, it sorter seems to me And you'll excuse me if I say it. That when a man sits in a game, The way to play it is-to play it.

Half a Century Ago

Do our people realize the fact that an emigration from the States is now on the way to Washington and Oregon numbering some 20,000 souls?

We are happy to announce that two wellknown types returned home on the Julia last evening, well loaded with the precious dust. Mesers. William Daly and T. M. Mallory are the lucky gentle-

and that it is now its moral duty to do so.

The writer is well aware that it is not practical to keep sufficient cars not practical to keep sufficient cars operating always to seat all patrons, but when there are frequent days when all day long the cars are overcrowded it surely shows poor management somewhere.

Let us be as cheerful as possible and hope for improvement, and if that falls then we must unite at the polls, or elsewhere, and as a public demand our rights to at least decent car service.

A. LAMONT.

WHERE BULL MOOSE CAME FROM

Origin of the Symbol of the Roosevelt Party.

SEA VIEW, Wash., July 28 .- (To the see was distinctly an inferior being.

SEA VIEW, Wash., July 28.—(To the women did not have the right to vote in the beginning, with the men, when voting first made its appearance in the United States? This is to settle an argument.

When the United States Government was founded women had made no advances toward political rights. Even in the matter of property she was almost completely subject to man. She could make no contracts after marriage. Her property went to pay her husband's debts. If she earned anything it belonged to him. In the eye of the law she was distinctly an inferior being. In church it was much the same. Wom-

PORTLAND, July 29 .- (To the Editor.) —As the donkey symbolizes the Demo-cratic party, it is quite apparent that the Bull Moose has become representa-tive of the National Progressives. for women. The higher education was how it came about that the bull moose name came into being, in reference to

the National Progressives?
OLIVER M. HICKEY. When Colonel Roosevelt descended upon Chicago, three days prior to the meeting of the Republican National

he felt. "I feel like a bull moose," he known newspaper writer The response the subject of a discussion of the points of similarity between Roosevelt and the bull moose; and dubbed him thereafter in his writings as the Bull Moose. The appellation appeared to strike the general fancy and the other newspapers immediately adopted and used the term. Now the followers of Roosevelt themselves appear to desire that the bull moose shall be the symbol, or mascot, of the third party.

It is interesting to recall that the political steam-roller had a origin. During the National Republican Convention of 1908, a steam-roller was engaged in street work outside the convention hall. The National Committee was in session, and had ridden roughshod over the reporter had an inspiration and he identified the operations of the steamroller with the action of the committee.

> Ghosts and Will-o'-the-Wisg Chicago Inter-Ocean.

The ignis fatuus, sometimes called "Will-o'-the-wisp," "Copse candles" and "Jack-o'-Lanterns," is spontaneous combustion caused by decay of vesetable or animal bodies.

Many a ghost story owes its origin to

this simple and harmless phenomena. The light will follow a body leaving it, or retreat from one that approaches. Rush of air causes this.

Measured by a Motor Car. Pittsburg Post. "Harold, come right in this minute. I don't want you to play with that Kaddish hoy any more. His people are not in our class. They have just bought a \$900 meter car! Goodness! You'll be playing with the washwoman's children next! I can't understand where you get

your plebeian tastes." How to Prevent Hydrophobin. PORTLAND, July 30.—(To the Editor.)—If the citizens of Portland will tor.)—It the ditters of rottain will provide water to drink for dogs and cats (keeping pans filled with water in front and back yards) we will hear no more of hydrophobia.

TOM JOHNSON.

A Little Thought for Vacation Time. Manchester (N. H.) Union.
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