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Vermont and California.

The result in Vermont contains no surprises. The Republican party has lost a third of its numbers to the Progressives, the Progressives have failed in their first deliberate attempt since the National convention to overthrow the regulars, and the Democrats have made significant and notable gains.

But the obvious lesson from Vermont is that the Republican party there is divided into two factions, or two parties, of unequal strength; but still it is divided, and the house divided against itself cannot stand.

Colonel Roosevelt carried California by 71,900 plurality over President Taft last Spring in the Republican primary, and he has repeated the performance, though in minor candidates the Taft people have done well.

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How, then, can he pretend to have the slightest chance of election?

HOPE FOR SPINSTERS. American old maids should cheer up and not abandon hope. There is good news for spinsters on this side of the Atlantic.

For every 1000 men in East Sussex, for example, there are 1256 girls. In London there are 1152 women for every 1000 men. The total surplus in the ranks of the gentler sex is 1,179,276 in England and Wales.

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Electricity on the farm. Installation of electrical machinery to do an important share of the chores on a farm near Walla Walla was enough of an innovation to form the basis of a news dispatch briefly describing the enterprise.

Electricity now milks the cows, churns the milk, supplies light and heat for the farm buildings, and even shears the sheep. Where it has replaced manual labor on the farm it has added in every instance to the quality as well as the volume of the work.

RELYING ON IGNORANCE. Mr. J. W. Cullen's letter, published today, would have been more interesting had he explained by what course of reasoning he reached the conclusion that the single and graduated tax measure would not increase the taxes of any "moderate landowner."

Calculations of tax revenues presented by Dr. Eggleston must have been prepared with the idea uppermost in his mind that the average voter is ignorant as to this important phase of revenue and taxation methods.

ments made in behalf of the measure by W. G. Eggleston is surprising in view of the National publicity and condemnation given the single-tax fraud on the voters perpetrated by Eggleston and his associates two years ago.

The pamphlets now flooding Oregon are the latest manifestation in the campaign of deception and misrepresentation that had its inception in the Fels polltax swindle of 1910.

One of its paid supporters, Alfred D. Cridge, has declared over his written signature that single tax is not proposed in Oregon, yet W. S. U'Ren declares the single and graduated tax amendment to be an honest, fairfaced single-tax measure.

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AN EXCELLENT BOOK. Most of our schools, public and private, teach something of civil government, or civics. It is supposed to cover the various sections of the Federal and state constitutions and describe the workings of the Government.

There is nothing incredible in the story that a blind woman was restored to sight at the famous shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, in Canada, a few days ago.

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Why is Cortelyou silent? Just a few weeks ago he was a witness before the Senate committee, and he was asked whether he knew of any contributions from Chauncey M. Depew, J. W. Morgan, George W. Perkins, H. H. Rogers, J. D. Archbold and others.

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FIRST EDUCATE THE INDIVIDUAL Check Grant by Teaching Citizenship in Schools, is Argued.

REDMOND, Or., Sept. 1.—(To the Editor.)—I am glad to note that the Oregonian recognizes the fact that a large part of the difficulty with our society is suffering today is due to our standard of morality.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF OUR SCHOOLS. The improvement of our schools is simply a question of money. Teachers should be provided for as students instead of one for 40 or 50, as is often the case at present.

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The One Point By Dean Collins.

"Whence came it?" Thus saith Theodore the Great. "Whence came that campaign cash? Whence that hate? My ignorance before the world to blow—

"Maybe the cash so far as I can tell, Like dripping manna out of heaven fell (Fragsrant with perfume of the Standard) and I had never given my consent.

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