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GETTING EVEN WITH THE PRESS? The Boston Transcript is credited, in a paragraph going the rounds of the newspapers, with the statement newspapers by procuring the enact-ment of the drastic newspaper in-quisitorial law. Senator Bourne's supquisitorial law. Senator Bourne's sup-posed motive for taking revenge on the newspapers is that the press of ity of the state. Oregon generally opposed his re-elec-

is a fact that Mr. Bourne is impossible publicity provision was at-tached as a rider. It is a fact that the press of Oregon was almost a unit in opposition to Senator Bourne's reelection; and it is a fact that the publicity amendment was slipped through fact, too, that it contains provisions relative to the labeling of "advertisements" that are similar to certain provisions of Oregon's remarkable corrupt practices act. But whether it is a fact that Senator Bourne was in-spired by any vengeful motive of reprisal upon the newspaper The Oreonian does not know, and does not much care. If it shall seem to Senator Bourne worth while to disclaim any such purpose, we shall accept his any such purpose, as a statement at face value.

The provisions of the new publicity law requiring the newspapers to pub-

lish at stated intervals the names of their owners and editors, and also their creditors if they have any, as well as their circulation, are not ob-jectionable in themselves, and most newspapers comply cheerfully. The public is undoubtedly entitled to know what influences control, directly or indirectly, their newspapers; and it is to be observed that, while the new law has been taken into court to determine its constitutionality, nearly all have nevertheless fulfilled these con-

The offensive implication of the is that the newspapers of the United States have been selling their news or editorial pages, or both-an assumption that is groundless and littile less than outrageous. The searching and particular demand is made that the newspaper shall forfeit the right to the mails unless it shall label as "advertisements" all notices for which money is paid or any "valuable consideration" given—an intolerable assumption of censorship over the obeyed. No honest newspaper will opportunity to deal a blow at the Colonia portunity to deal a blow at the Colonia portunity to prove the sincerity of their platform pledge to a single term, and will allow at the colonia portunity to prove the sincerity of their platform pledge to a single term, and will allow any other can hope to succeed in the low and will be a succeed in the low and will b columns of the press that is gencan hope to succeed in the long run if it prints tainted news or opinions. But no newspaper whatever can maintain its independence or self-respec if it shall permit to be transferred to Government censorship control of its columns and dictation as to the character of their contents. If a newspaper must bear every day on its pages the stamp of the Government's approval, or suffer the stigma of its disapproval, all constitutional guaranties as to free speech mean nothing and we shall have in this country a Russianized press that dares speak the truth only when some upstart bureaucrat in Washington gives his consent or has his back turned.

The wide sweep of the inquisitoria

statute may be understood when it is and that under its terms, strictly interpreted, a book may not be sent to newspaper for review, unless the opinion of the editor, whether favor-able or unfavorable, shall be labeled "advertisement." Nor may a notice be given a public performance of any kind, to which admission is charged, and to which a newspaper representative may have been invited for purposes of criticism or report, unless it shall be designated "advertisement." A sporting editor is given a pass to football game. The price of admis-sion is trifling, and the so-called couron that account is nominal or negligible; but the freedom of the field is all-important, and is not to be had for a price, but only as a mat-ter of accommodation. Yet the Government would apparently require all newspapers to fasten upon a running account of a great sporting event the untrue mark of "advertisement!"

All this sounds ridiculous, of course but the Postoffice Department, asked to interpret the law, has given out word that it will follow the strict letter of its provisions. Yet the Solicitor General of the United States in his brief, filed before the Supreme Court the other day, plainly intimated that he had no expectation of the "advertisement" feature of the law being pronounced valid. He seemed to rest his contention upon the desirability. from the standpoint of public policy. of knowing the names of newspaper owners and creditors. He makes an appeal for the court to sustain at least to much of the proposed inquisition. Mr. Beck, an attorney for one of the again this year. A visit of ten minpublishers, attacks the constitutionaltive of the statement of address who appeal for the court to sustain at least the evidence of address who appeal for the court to sustain at least the evidence of address who appeal for the court to sustain at least the course attended one or more of these
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The suggestion that as Secretary of and experiment. own views when they did not coincide with those of Wilson provokes a smile. If Bryan's views did not coincide with wilson's, his way of subordinating three out of four of them would say. There might be to resign and tell all about it in lurid language in the Company of the saked would tell of knowledge gained worth not only the week's expenses, when and the week's expenses. And but many, many dollars besides. And there out of four of them would say, them might be to resign and tell all that they hope to attend these courses they have the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted the transmitted the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted the transmitted the transmitted that they hope to attend the transmitted the transmitted that they have the transmitted the transmi

moner. Wilson's attempt to prevent that they have attended every course Bryan from playing Roosevelt to his Taft by gagging the Nebraskan with a Cabinet office may result in a repeti-tion of Taft's experience, with a difference only in the incidents. No man ever yet put a gag on Bryan, and if Wilson should succeed in doing so, he will have achieved what has seemed Impossible.

The New York Tribune reports that the Investment Bankers' Association recommends to its members that they support enactment in the various state of the so-called "blue-sky laws," so as to safeguard the organization of corporations and the issuance of securities and thus to protect the investor. The Oregonian is not informed as to the exact position in the financia world occupied by the Bankers' Investment Association; but it is an imposing title and probably it speaks with more or less authority for

When Big Business begins to appea when Big Business begins to appeal to the public for a law that had its origin among the agitators and upset-ters of Kansas, we may assume that it has had an awakening as to what the investing public wants and is sure sooner or later to get. A blue-sky law, designed to control

the operations of speculators whose rainbow visions are bounded only by that Senator Bourne used his position as chairman of the Senate committee on postoffices to get even with the gon Legislature should address itself seriously to a problem that means the weeding out of the wildcatter and a

The late "blue-sky" law was defeat ed in Oregon partly because it was thought to be a carefully nursed chairman of the postoffice committee scheme to give somebody a job and partly because the promoters of the gress adjusted a dispute with the gress adjusted a dispute with the initiative. But there is a real demand House over the postoffice appropria-tion bill, to which the obnoxious and has a plain duty to put it on the stat-

THE SESSION OF CONGRESS

The session of Congress which begins today is likely to be more imporwithout discussion and without the tant for the indications it gives of the knowledge of press or people. It is a political line-up than for any legislation it may accomplish. The regular appropriations will occupy most of the three months to which the session is limited and the Senate will be absorbed during the first few weeks in the Archbold trial. Reserving tariff legislation for the extra session and trust legislation for the next regular session, the Democrats will probably avoid discussion of those subjects except as that of trusts may come up incidentally in connection with the report on the money trust.

The most interesting question in relation to the session is: What attitude will the Roosevelt Progressives as-Will they flock by themselves sume? and insist on recognition as a separat party in both Senate and House or will they be a sort of half-breed Republi-cans? Will they incline more to ally themselves with one party or the other? How many of those Republi-can Representatives who were elected with a Roosevelt indorsement will flock with the new party? Will any Progressive Senators besides Poindexter openly secede from the Republican party or will they, as did the whole third party in the recent campaign, take all the benefits of membership in the Republican party, while repudiat-ing all its obligations?

One subject of general legislation which is likely to come up is the conamendment limiting the stitutional President to one term of six years This will reveal how many Roosevelt men are sailing under Republican colors, for it is likely to be opposed by them as a direct attempt to exclude their man from the White House. It nity to prove that he really considers still. Nobody ever dreams of study-

four years enough.

While little may be expected in the way of achievement, the session will be interesting as a display of the working of political forces under the new conditions created by the recent disturbance.

THE O. A. C. FARMERS' WEEK.

vallis, and no doubt those interested in better farm methods will gather to the lecturers who will by word and demonstration attempt to teach the "sudents" how to make more money from their land, how to make it easier and how to make their homes more attractive, to the end that their sons and daughters may not be tempt-

ed to flee to the cities. In the bulletin issued by the college following questions are asked: 'Are you interested in the betterment of farm conditions; in better management of farm business; in more and better fruit, grain, poultry and stock; in maintaining and increasing the productive capacity of your soil; in the spiritualization of the country home through indoor and outdoor environment; in devoting six crowded and absorbing days to the problem of retain as the fine fruitage of the years how to enrich, beautify and broaden the practical opportunities of country life?

What farmer or farmwife or farmer's son, or farmer's daughter, can read those queries without answering more than one of them Latin doctors actually employ in their with an emphatic affirmative? If business. It is a jargon which Cicero there be an individual who can say would have gone raving crazy trying "I do not care to learn about any of to understand. Doctors use it for the those subjects," then that man or woman cannot be classed even as a desirable citizen, and surely is out of those. It is a survival of the sorcery with which medicine began and in place on the farm or in the farm

home. No doubt many will say: "I would attend this course if I thought it pos-sible to gain any information worth while in six short days." The better way to convince such people would be to get the evidence of hundreds who by the Government into the of newspapers stands upon all ground.

Call that Farmers week spent at the proposed by the Government into the of newspapers stands upon in which more valuable knowledge is acquired than could be gained on the home farm in many years of study

Every person so asked would tell of

one thing of prime importance to remember is that the people who act as teachers and lecturers at these meetings do not teach theories, save

fort be made to induce the disheart-ened winegrowers of Germany to mi-

grate to Oregon.

It has been amply proved that large sections of Oregon and Washington are admirably adapted to the growing of grapes to perfection. The ready market offered for grapes, lack of experience in winemaking and the neces. sity of aging wine in order to get the best results and the best prices have prevented this section from engaging in the wine industry except on a very small scale. If we could secure the settlement in this section of people who would bring with them the ex-perience of centuries, we should lay the foundations for a new industry which would be a fertile source of

December 9 to December 14 will be what is known as Farmers' Week at the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, and no doubt those interested array of text book writers, but it from all parts of the state to listen fort is often made to persuade young

obtainable in any other language. In those days if a young man wished to study law or medicine he must begin by learning Latin for the excellent reason that there were no text books in his vernacular. The custom has

remember is that the people who act as teachers and lecturers at these meetings do not teach theories, saves meetings do not teach theories, saves meetings do not teach theories, also may be a surjected though the reason for it peries to be actual demonstrations. Every lecturer has had his or her training on the farm or in the farm home.

The subjects to be expounded cover almost every branch of farming and fruit raising, and touch every phase of farm life. The "students" will have the choosing of the lecture that the contractions of the farm of the treatment of the dairy business, for instance, may put in six days and six evenings under the guidance of the most expect advisers on that subject to be found in the state. And it is the same while the other sixteen subjects to be taught, ranging from berry-grown will the other sixteen subjects to be taught, ranging from berry-grown of the subject to be found from six to a dozen heads.

Last year Farmers' Week had more "pupils" than ever before. That was a plendful omen. It showed that our Oregon farmers and their wives and children are striving for better methods, for a higher order of crop production and sweeter, cleaner, sasisr and more enlightened home life on the farmers where hods, for a higher order of dropper of the same than the communication of Albert Angermayer, published in The Oregon many states and their wives and the Ceyon Agricultural College to contained in the communication of Albert Angermayer, published in The Oregon many states and the communication of Albert Angermayer, published in The Oregon many states and their wives and nore enlightened home iffe on the many scripts have been edited, re-edited and remains and more enlightened home life on the farmers where the content of the man can hope to gain new light from his personal scholarship. Greek is no longer a bread-and-butter study for anybody in the world but those who teach it and write text books for students.

Hence Greek and Latin professors find themselves in the unhappy pre-dicament of being compelled to depend more and more on the plea of culture and mental discipline, although they know as well as anybody that there is nothing in it. The study of language develops the ability to learn language sometimes and it does not develop ability of any other kind. It does not develop the reasoning power, nor literary capacity, nor facility in public speaking. A student who devotes ten years to Greek may rationally expect to be able to dig out a page of Plato, but if he expects any marked increase of mental capacity in himself he will

SOCIAL ETHICS BAR TO MARRIAGE In HUGHES PRIMARY PLAN INDORSED Candidates and Sanction Me

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(To the Editor.)—The direct primary, as we now have it, will not bring about a better

minority vote.

It was these reasons which led Governor Hughes to develop his plan for a direct primary in the popular meaning of the phrase, says a recent contributor on this subject. Briefly his plan was as follows:

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A party committee is chosen a. a direct primary this year. Several weeks before next year's primary this committee, in a meeting where every act and vote is open to the public and is recorded, presents one candidate for each office in its jurisdiction. Other candidates may be presented by the petition of members of the party not satisfied with the committee's candidates. From the candidates so presented by the committee and from the candidates, if any, presented by petition, nominations are then made at the direct primary.

So far the Hughes plan, but the committee could go further, at least here in Oregon. Such measures before the people by initiative or referendum as appeal to the party committee, should be indorsed by the committee, should be indorsed by the committee, should be indorsed by the committee and become party measures.

Here are all the essentials of representative and popular government combined. It is predicted that this plan will eventually be adopted throughout the country.

As to those patriots who, for selflish

Now is the best time of year to buy an Oregon farm. An owner is always ready to dicker in wet weather.

France needs most a commission to revise its morals before solving the race suicide problem.

Figure for either light of serious purposes. Second—To attract National conventions of the largest kind, L. e., to give our city the benefits derived from the visits of large numbers of strangers. The site suggested has few drawbacks, while its advantages are of the utmost importance.

INTERESTED CITIZEN.

ward, only that the right ones out to meet, and to the man on the fearce, it would seem to be not the fault of the would-be married people through lack of inclination, but in the ethics of matrimony. Theoretically the man is introduced

to the girl and falls in love at sight, from which he is never supposed to re-

of Courting. SALEM, Or., Nov. 80 .- (To the Edi-

to the girl and falls in love at sight, from which he is never supposed to recover until the girl either turns him down, or marries him. There is no other escape. A man must be very careful whom he falls in love with, for when he commits himself, there is no backing out, no matter what kind of a lemon he has found.

Also, it must all appear to be in a way accidental. A man may not openly seek a certain girl's acquaintance with the openly avowed intention of marrying her. It must be a profound secret. A man may not make open comparisons. Supposing a man should come to you door some day like this: "Good morning. Mrs. Brown, I am Mr. Jones, and I am in the banking business and my references are first-class. I've come to see you about marrying your daughter, Alice. I've been thinking for some time that I needed a wife and I am looking the girls over. I have thought quite seriously of marrying either Mary Smith or Sally Robinson, for they are both fine girls, but I have heard your daughter so highly spoken of that I feit I couldn't make a choice until I had mether. Now, tell me, please, her age! Good cook? Good housekeeper? Temper? Good worker or lany? Spendthrift or economical? Any previous attachments?"

Very likely you would call the police And yet these are all things that a man

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And yet these are all things that a man should know about his intended and it is because a man has so few chances to find out these things for certain that many hesitate to marry. The wonder to me is not that there are so many diverses, but that there are so many diverses, but that there are so many diverses.

vorces, but that there are so many happy marriages as there are.

A writer proposed a short time ago to form a social club of unmarried people, to give them a chance to be introduced—not a matrimonial club. I think though that the average person meets plenty of the opposite sex to make a good choice, the trouble being to know the right person when you see

I suggest that each applicant to this club sign a statement of matrimonial intentions and be required to marry within a limited time, or show the reason why not married couples to bereason why not married couples to become honorary members, and the order of business include the discussion openly of the individual characteristics of the members present—in the case of men—their ability to support a family, and of women—their ability to keep house. Temperaments of both sexes should be noted and some sort of a course of instruction given in good, manners and forbearance, and how to keep a home on a small salary.

I am convinced that there are many young men and old ones too, who wish for a good home with a good wife in it, but unfortunately their chances are limited by environment to very few who inspire confidence, and rather than make a poor choice they make none.

One Man Adopts 26 Children.

Philadelphia Record.

Having adopted 26 children during his life, Joseph Hinchman, aged 57, a prosperous farmer of Merchantville, N. J., has established a unique record. While he never had the entire 26 under his roof at one time, not infrequently did he have six or seven. Two. thirds of them are now in business for themselves and the others are also good citizens.

Ode to My Pocketbook

Old pocketbook, well hast thou stood Orirageous fortune's slings and biffs. And thou hast well stood off the wolf That round my humble dwelling sniffs.

tor.)—It would seem that there are a great many people of both sexes who would marry and be happy ever afterward, only that the right ones don't Even Thanksgiving, with its call For special eats and other junk. Has not entirely put thee out, Though, truth to tell, thou sure art shrunk.

But hark and list and pipe that tone Of Fate's deep voice, in accents surly, Bidding us haste into the mart And do our Christmas shopping early.

Old pocketbook, I see our ends; In letters plain stern Fate has writ 'em, For I have got a bunch of friends And relatives ad infinitum.

Come! I will feed thee fat once more.

My dress suit and my bath robe classy
Shall in the pawnshop sleep tonight.

And thou once more be "plump and sassy.

For we must hit the shopping routs
And search great stores throuevery story.

Let our last trip together be
An unexampled burst of glory.

For, spite of future things that threat, It fills my heart with feelings pleas-

At Christmas shopping time to go Plumb bankrupt on the Christmas present.

So, come; let's spree our final spree;
Nor worry, though our soul give
warning
That, after Christmastide is past,
The wolf will get us New Tear's
morning.
Portland, December 1,

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of December 2, 1862.

The election for Chief Engineer and two assistants of the Portland fire department passed off yesterday very quietly. About 180 votes were polled. Joseph Webber was elected Chief, A. C. Ripley, First Assistant, and John L. Thompson, Second Assistant.

The grading and planking of Washington street from East Park to Front is now nearly completed and presents a very respectable and neat appear-

Mesers. Goldsmith Bros. had on exhi-Meears. Goldsmith Bros. had on exhibition yesterday in their show window, corner Front and Alder, a monster bar of gold, assayed at the assay office, which weighed 296 ounces and valued at a little more than \$46,000.

A SUBSCRIBER.

A statement received from the public library officials says that books returned to the public library from homes where there are contagious diseases are fumigated, and that in the case of specially virulent diseases, such books are destroyed.