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Canada, an adjunct of the United States. When Colonel Roosevelt threw his hat in the ring and made the direct primary his battle-cry in the pre-convention campaign, Mr. Taft blundered again by not offering to submit his own and his rival's claims to the voters.

dollar in school money that was on deposit. Moreover, the man who took over the assets and guaranteed payment of the liabilities has or will come out whole in the transaction. It thus appears that no one has suffered by Mr. Ross' technical violation of law except himself.

its fountain-head. The poor remained in their hovels and waited for the revelation of the secret which would mean new life to them. Those who went to Berlin may have been cured, but if so the fact is kept strangely hidden.

WHEN PEOPLE'S VOICE IS HEEDED Governor West Obeys It Only When It Coincides With His Own Ideas. SALEM, OR., March 3, 1913.—(To the Editor.)—Permit me a communication to express my regret and sorrow at the un-disciplined course pursued by Oregon's Governor in his use of the veto power.

Twenty-five Years Ago From The Oregonian of March 4, 1888. In Egypt—D. P. Thompson and his party on the River Nile; the city of Cairo and its interesting surroundings; up the river; ludicrous aspects of a donkey ride.

Inaugural Ode By Dean Collins. (Sung by chorus of office-seekers.) Hail to the Chief who in triumph ad- vances: This is the day we mark red in great diaphanous robes.

POPULAR VERDICT ON TAFT.

No man ever retired from the Presidency with more political opponents and more personal friends than William H. Taft. It has been well said that he is "the worst liked, best liked and least sore" of all our Presidents.

The secret of Mr. Taft's failure is his amazing ineptitude as a politician, combined with those faults which he confessed in his farewell speech to the Washington newspaper men—a procrastination to take his ease and to procrastinate.

Mr. Taft's initial mistake was in choosing the type of men he picked for Cabinet officers. Had the Government been a great corporation, needing only a chief executive, his selections would have been admirable.

Another new state? The Oregonian ventures to impart to its readers the startling intelligence that a movement has been launched to create a new state out of the panhandle of Idaho, Eastern Washington and the northern part of Oregon.

We seem to remember that the Legislature of 1911 appropriated several hundred thousand dollars for the purchase of land in Pendleton, and several hundred thousand more at the current session for extensions and for maintenance; and we seem to remember also that the Legislature assigned \$450,000 to the benefit of the Columbia Southern irrigation project.

But an added reason for the new state is given by an unnamed citizen, and we are bound to say it excites our interest. It is essentially a different breed of people. We live in a brazen, rigorous climate which develops sturdy manhood and womanhood.

PAROLE OF J. THORBURN ROSS. The case against J. Thorburn Ross has been long drawn out, but has finally passed through the state courts and been acted upon by the United States Supreme Court.

With all this in mind it is easy to understand the fervor of hope which thrilled the world when it was announced that Dr. Friedmann had at last solved the great problem. His claim was that, with the bacilli from the turtle, he could not only immunize a healthy person, but he could relieve those far gone with the disease.

FRANKLIN K. LANE.

If it shall prove to be true that Franklin K. Lane has been selected for the Secretaryship of the Interior, the whole country should be satisfied. Mr. Lane lives in California, but there ought to be no Eastern prejudice against him on that account.

Mr. Lane, though a lawyer, made an excursion into the newspaper business in California about twenty years ago. He is well remembered in Washington as an outspoken and likable man, and as a student of people and events.

THE TURTLE SERUM. Although the regular medical profession appears to set but a slight value on Dr. Friedmann's so-called tuberculosis cure, the public at large throbs with hope that it may prove to be all that the inventor claims for it.

It is of little use for Boston paleontologists to dig up bones of prehistoric ancestors, whether men or monkeys. Oregon's claim to the Land of Nod cannot be shadowed by anything within range of the gilded codfish.

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READY FOR ANY MOVE.

The Portland newspaper which produced a "programme of progress" which would, it promised the Legislature, be sufficient reply to those who condemn Legislatures, thinks that the work of the session has not been completed, although the programme of progress has been carried out.

When one compares Professor Shrin- er's cannibal's skull with the classic, cultured features of Senator Lodge, one must admit that New England has made some progress in the last 10,000 years.

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HILLSBORO, OR., March 2.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Kindly publish the different grounds for which a divorce is granted in Oregon. (2) Would a divorce be granted when the parties in question agree to disagree? A SUBSCRIBER.

Arctic Explorations. MONMOUTH, OR., March 2.—(To the Editor.)—Should Dr. Stevenson discover some new country while searching in the employ of Canada, would it be English or Canadian property, and would it be permissible under our Monroe Doctrine? B.

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