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THE FIRST STEP ONLY.

A few more than 23 per cent of the voters of Portland cast ballots in favor of the commission charter Saturday. The total number of those who exhe attained under any system if many voters remain away from the polls light. when the offices are to be filled. The value of the new charter will be tention by the public.

has provided for centralization of authority in a Mayor and four Commissioners. As has heretofore been suggested, the throwing of large responsian office will often keep an incumbent neither element will enlarge the capacity of the man who is mentally un-fit for the place. Commission govern-industrial corporations. ment will not be an improvement over the old system if men are elected to office who are not properly equipped for it. Moreover, it is far short of wisdom to be reckless of the candidate's moral sense or his industry simply because we have prepared places where dishonesty and laziness cannot be concealed. The man who must be encouraged to do right or watched that he be not neglectful of duty cannot be expected to be as capable an one who requires no spur-

It is safe to assert that honest, capable officials under the commission charter adopted in Portland will give the people a better and more eco leal administration than could honest, capable officials under the system jusabandoned. It is also true that a majority of the commission, if it be a combination of incompetent and dishonest members, can work more harm to the city than can a similarly constituted majority under the old form of municipal government. In short, if as small a percentage of voters participate in the selection of candidates as took part in the charter election. there will be small likelihood that betterment will be accomplished in city nffairs and some danger that a retrogression will be noted.

Whether the preferential election system provided in the new will aid the choosing of honest and capable officials will depend partly upon the sincerity of the voters in registering second and third choices. Accordjng to present prospects there will be a of candidates from number large which to elect Mayor and Commission. ers. Already there is an undignified scramble for places on the ballot, Office-seekers who rely more on the indifference of the public than upon their own attainments naturally seek precedence on the ballot. They want the vote of the know-nothings who, they fancy, exist among the electorate study of candidates but plug their ders rested the burden of these chil--the men and women who make no for the first name they see before them. Scrambling for places at the head of the ballot is not complimentary to the intelligence of the voters, and we think the advantage the netition-rushers expect is overesti-

It is possible, however, that in the earlier experience with the preferential system many voters will not recognize the effectiveness of their second and third choices. It must be remem bered that in the event no candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes the second-chioce votes count just as strongly as do the first-choice; that if a combination of first and secondchoice votes gives no candidate a mafority the third-choice votes are as valuable as first or second-choice votes. The fact that second or third-choice votes cannot be safely thrown to unsuitable candidates merely as compliments or to oblige a friend ought to be thoroughly recognized. It ought to be realized that it is dangerous to good government to attempt to "throw away" one's second or third-choice votes by casting them for candidates first, second and third.

likely to concentrate interest on May- terms expire at the same time, like oralty candidates to the neglect of four Senators Bradley of Kentucky, cannot accomplish a great deal with a berlain of Oregon, Clarke of Arkanevery post is essential to the success Gronna of North Dakota, Johnston of of the charter. The change in the sys- Alabama, Jones of Washington, New- to set their weddings in a flood of sun- building. tem of government, however strongly lands of Nevada, Brady of Idaho. It may have been advanced within the Smith of Georgia, Smith of Maryland, last few weeks as the palladium of Smith of Arizona, Stone of Missouri effective government, is in fact but and Thornton of Louisiana have alunless apathy be thrown off and care and intelligence used in electing the present strength of parties should his funeral. She let Curie, the scienmen who will make the city laws and administer them.

The Japanese land tenure controversy in California has served one use- his seat when Republicanism invaded for values. Everything is alike to her.

ful purpose to the country at large. omplications to which its extreme can or a Progressive.

Republican campaign fund carefully was the fact hidden that only the necessity of clearing himself from the suspicion of grafting, which the records gave rise, induced President Mellen to tell the facts.

Cessation of such relations between corporations and parties has opened a new era in American politics. So long as parties were indebted to corpora pressed themselves one way or the tions for the sinews of war, nothing other was about 46.5 per cent of the short of almost unanimous public senelectorate. These figures are cited not timent could extort from Congress for the purpose of raising doubt as to needed reforms. Behind the open, re-whether the real will of the people sponsible Government there stood a was indicated, but to press home the secret, irresponsible government, the point that the best government cannot presence of which was felt, but which could not be dragegd into the day-

The hond between politics and bust ness has been cut by the campaign measured by the character of the men publicity laws and by the prohibition who administer it. One of the first of corporation subscriptions and we essentials in reform of municipal af- are beginning to get real government. fairs is to get away from the idea that That reform is greater than has been a good system of government will run effected even by the secret ballot or itself in proper manner without at- the direct primary. It compels parties to go to the people for their funds. In adopting the charter Portland A man who gives large sums to a party from sinister motives is prevented by this publicity from securing the equivalent for his money, for the knowldge that he has given provokes TARIFF REVOLUTION, NOT REVISION. billties and the light of publicity upon suspicion as to his motives, which drives votes away from the cause he of weak morals straight and prod an has espoused. To insure that the tie which wipes out the hated, trustindifferent one into activity. But will remain cut, we need closer super-

OUR WOMEN PIONEERS. Many may have noticed that at the Champoeg meeting last week women took no part in the speechmaking. On the platform, with Father Matthieu and John Minto, were Mrs. C. Matheny Kirkwood and Mrs. M. J. Hembree, two of the real "mothers of Ore-But they were in slight evigon." dence aside from their appearance and a word of salutation from some of the men speakers.

Not all of the speakers, however, even addressed them as they began their remarks. It seemed to be the idea of the talkers that it was a celebration to do honor to the men ploneers, and deeds of valor were reounted. As it was the first meeting held since the women of the state were enfranchised, many thought it would be but an act of simple justice to have said a word along that line. Assuredly Oregon owes as much to our women pioneers as to their male companions considered from any

angle or standpoint. Our men pioneers were very brave The trip across the plains was most trying. The Indian-fighters deserve every recognition that can be given them. But how about the trials of the women? Scarcely any of them were used to "roughing it" before they began their journey here, few of them were inured to want or privation. But how nobly they accommodated themselves to circumstances. uncomplainingly with the trials and hardships on the

way here and after their arrival! Mr. Charles B. Moores, in his address, disclaimed any credit as a pioneer. He was born in Missouri and as a baby "was thrown into the tail end of a wagon, a real impediment to his parents, and thus brought to Ore-So were many, many others, and scores, perhaps hundreds were born on the way. Upon whose shoulgave them sustenance, who watched over them in the silent vigils of the night, who caressed and fondled them when in good health, who laughed with them in the bright hours and cried with them in the hours of trouble, who ministered to them in sickness, who bore at all time the full burden of their care?

During the Indian wars were not the women left at home real sufferers worry about!

claims of the "mothers of Oregon?"

NEW-STYLE SENATORS.

Direct election of Senators will force many old-time leaders in the Senate, that seem to have no chance of elec- whose re-election has hitherto been tion. Hundreds may do the same about a foregone conclusion and who through. To attain the real purpose the voters directly an account of their must register their honest opinions as the labor of a campaign. Such men to the fitness of the candidates in the as Senators Brandegee of Connecticut, order that those opinions are held- Dillingham of Vermont, Fletcher of Florida, Gallinger of New Hampshire, Moreover, there is an undesirable Overman of North Carolina, Penrose phase of the charter that can be over- of Pennsylvania, Perkins of Califorome only by an arousing of wide- nia. Root of New York, Shively of of the supposed additional honor con- expire in 1915, will hardly relish the as a fly. that official, the higher fight in the open in place of the linsalary and the greater authority, is ing up of legislators. Others whose Bris-Commissionerships. A strong Mayor tow of Kansas, Burton of Ohio, Chamcommission. Selection of sas, Crawford of South Dakota, Cummen of integrity and capability to mins of Iowa, Gore of Oklahoma, one step toward real reform. We ready gone through such campaigns fanciful. Nature is as apt to send an have done nothing worth while and may not flinch from them again. earthquake on a king's wedding morn Unless a great alteration in the come about in the next two years, di- tist, be run down by a cab and gave rect election will bring many changes

the solid South and will have a hard trine and the danger of international be better by calling himself a Republi-Senator Dilment applies to Senators Penrose and man is concerned, are unmittigatedly

and who is more sentiment less for prerogative, dignity and prece-

While the conservative tendencies of the Senate will be diminished by of men hereafter elected will more House of Representatives, the six-year not followed nature an inch. term will give Senators an opportunity than from Representatives in running side her code. counter to passing waves of passion and prejudice.

The Democracy makes great professions of having constructed a tariff breeding protective duties, gets the over and greater publicity of tariff down to a revenue basis and renecessaries of life on the free list, thus brings us very close to the Bryan basis whatever reduction is made by cheapening his raw material.

> The Western woolgrower is to be urned out shorn of all protection into the wintry winds of competition with the wool of Australia, Argentina and South Africa, while the woolen manufacturer is comfortably blanketed with protective duties and is relieved of the load of duties he was carrying to say. for the benefit of the woolgrower. This relief probably compensates him fully for the cutting of duties on his own product.

One class of producers of raw ma terial has been an object of tender solicitude on the part of our Democratic brethren, namely, the farmers. Their product is carefully protected, though their interest exceptions are made to the general rule of protecting manufactures, for agricultural implements, binding twine, cotton ties, fencing wire and lumber are to come in free. Democracy needs the farmer vote and

enue for the protective basis, but thy will not get it under the Underwood bill. The tariff will still be protective, but for the manufacturer and farmer alone, not for the raw material man It will make of the woolgrower, the lumberman, the miner and the miller hewers of good and drawers of water for the manufacturers; that is, for, those of them who do not make things the farmer uses and who have not in curred the displeasure of the Democracy by offensive partisanship.

HUMAN QUINTESSENCE.

Siguard Ibsen's book, "Human Quintessence," has now been transand real heroes? The men were with lated into English and will soon be in their fellows, they were marching, all the libraries. People who admire bivouacking, skirmishing and fighting Henrik Ibsen will read it to see if the under excitement and companionship. son inherits any of his father's genius. But think of the mothers left at home! They will then read it again for the Think of their silent sufferings, alone sake of its deep interest. The book is or with their children to care for and a treatise on philosophy in four parts. The elder Ibsen threw his philosophy Why cannot the women ploneers into dramatic form. His son prefers have a day of their own at Champoeg the essay. The quintessence of huor some other place, and all of us manity, as he sees it, is the sense of to take a day off and consider the values of which there is no trace in Nature. Of course a person might quibble at this point that man him elf is part of Nature. Perhaps he is and perhaps not. At any rate he is so that he may be put in a section by for them. himself. Even if it be a little inacthing and the nonentities may slip have not found it necessary to give curate to speak of man as if he were outside the realm of nature the mean. of the preferential system the voters stewardship, to retire or go through ing of the expression is clear enough. stop fighting and go to work. The forces by which the world is governed are literally blind. They have no purpose. They do not discriminate between what is precious and what is worthless. Nature expends as much ingenuity on a grasshopper's leg as on Shakespeare's brain. We mean spread, earnest effort among the vot- Indiana, Smith of South Carolina and much mechanical ingenuity. And she The office of Mayor, by reason Stephenson of Wisconsin, whose terms kills a saint with as little compunction

Nature is neither kindly nor cruel, neither moral nor vicious, neither religious nor impious. All of that kind of qualities are outside her domain. our human love of making everything as much like ourselves as we can we attribute sympathy, kindliness and cruelty to the elements and natural Old-fashioned novelists forces. shine and their tragedles in thunder storms, which accommodating nature supplied as they were needed for the exigencies of the tale, but that is all as she is to shed bright sunshine over Washington a cold that killed him in his prime. We look through nature in the composition of the Senate. Sen- his prime. We look through nature ator Bradley, of Kentucky, gained in vain for anything like the feeling

It has practically demonstrated the fight to retain it. Senator Bristow the survival of the fit, but what is impracticability of the state rights docings and nothing more. The adapted survives and flourishes. The unadaptapplication exposes us. Fence as he lingham must face a constituency ed perishes. In this there is no conmay, Mr. Wilson will be driven by the necessities of the situation to take ac-tion limiting the rights of states to tion. Senator Gallinger can hardly and perhaps more often. The rattlelegislate on matters vitally affecting our foreign relations.

Schator Garniger can harmly and perhaps more often. The rattie-snake offers an example of the survival of the fit. So do the wolf and the yellow fever germ, which, as far as

> Many of the old-style Senators will probably retire rather than face the new-style methods of election. The patrician, such as New England and the old South have hitherto sent to man alone who affixes the attribute of costing the state \$100,000 for using the new-style methods of election. The concept of purpose and values is wholly human. It is man alone who affixes the attribute of costing the state \$100,000 for using the \$100 for using th represent them, will give place to the of worth to objects and estimates them popular tribune, whose opinions more according to their standing in a moral represent prevailing public scale. He has been waging a double of a warfare upon nature. His first effort "mixer." Future Senators may care has been to master and use her blind has been to master and use act of the forces to carry out his own projects, ago. At this meeting were three of forces to carry out his own projects, ago. At this meeting were three of this second, to rearrange the natural Portland's best attorneys, and each of them was of the opinion that a speworld according to the moral law, that cial election this Fall was not necessarily actions. This dent and more for applause from the His second, to rearrange the natural Senators are not likely to be world according to the moral law, that re-elected for term after term for twenty or thirty years. This will deprive us of the ripe experience of the veterans, but it will give to men who voice the latest popular cravings an earlier opportunity to push themselves to the front and gain positions of He does not adapt himself to nature, re-elected for term after term for is, according to a scale of values. This to the front and gain positions of He does not adapt himself to nature, but bends her to his own will. He resists her in every direction and in such resistance he has found his surthe new method and while the type vival power and highest good. Advancing civiligation has meant proclosely resemble that which fills the gressive conquest over nature. It has The farther we go away from her the betto live down antagonisms they may ter for us. Artisans' tools, wagons, arouse in their early years and to let ships, medicine, cooked food, clothing. time vindicate the wisdom of their houses, are all as contrary as possible action. For this reason, greater cour- to the ways of nature. Bathing, age may be expected from Senators decency, kindly language are all out-

> In the struggle with nature which has led him on to civilization with all its moral virtues and pity for suffering, Sigurd Ibsen goes on to teach us, man has had no help from without. "Our only providence lies in ourselves." There have been plenty of revelations concerning another world and its affairs but never one that and its affairs but never one that taught a solitary useful fact about this world. The properties of the metals, the art of agriculture, steam, elecreducing the cost of living. It has tricity, all these things man has disdone nothing of the kind. It has de- covered by the help of his own intelli- you do not sign it. It is just as much the last vestige of protection from the producer of natural commodities and brings us very close to the Bryan basis should we have had to wait for the law of free raw material. It thus cuts down of gravitation had we depended on the cost of production for the manusacred books for it? What we do find DEMOCRACY AND UNREADINESS acturer, but it does not reduce the in the sacred books of all nations is a duties on his product as heavily as this statement in divers forms of the law They Are the Cause of Our Presen cut in his expenses would justify. It of moral values. In some cases this ot only leaves him a large measure law was laid down for us long before of the protection he previously en- we were ready to apply it. We cannot joyed, but it compensates him for attend to moral values until the conquest of physical forces has been well advanced so that we begin to feel our superiority to nature. When that has been done then we can look with scorn upon her habits of marte her ruthless

cruelty, her want of sense is the soul of all sacred books, came from Sigurd Ibsen does not undertake to say. Where, for that matter, did anything come from? But it is certainly here and it distinguishes man from every other living creature. The not have sacred books, birds do neither do the ants, though perhaps of peoples and nations, in suns and they have some equivalent. We must they have some equivalent. not be too dogmatic about these mys-American "citizens" have always asserted the right to govern the land of this country as they will. But they will not continue so to do without the might to continue so to do it.

"In unity there is strength." Every East Side organizations, should join hands in an effort to secure betterments and improvements of such general into continue so to do without the might there is strength." Every East Side organizations.

The municipal market at Los Angees cut prices to the consumer more bemocracy needs the farmer vote and is going after it with a well-baited hook.

This is not tariff revision, it is tariff revolution. The people expected the Democrats to substitute the revolutions to substitute the revolution of the protective basis, but thy dies.

Les cut prices to the consumer more than 50 per cent. As the producer than 50 p

> The marriage of Princess Idira, only aughter of the Gaekwar of Baroda, and Prince Jitendra, son of the Maharajah of Cooch Behar, to take place oday, has been broken off. The Prince is too proud to clean the fish for din-their land for themselves and will not ner. bet is and for themselves and will not ask "please" of any nation. But they ner.

The possibility of opera at popular prices is mainly a question of building theaters large enough to hold a vast audience and with means of conveying sound to their remotest parts. his party have weakened the arm of our Government. SI

The portrait of the Texas girl to should be taken in sombrero and chaps to match the bison on the nickel.

A plant that produces over 30,000 pounds of butter weekly, such as that at Independence, is a factor in Oregon economic life worth talking about.

By unmerging with the O.-W. R. & N., President Strahorn will be in position to do some intensive railroading with his electric system.

Even the losers seem pleased. Nullification of nominations by passage of different from the rest of the world the charter had an element of humor

Mexicans may compel themselves to

Free wool passed the House, but wait until Chamberlain and Lane tackle it.

A tour of the city in all directions hows the usual May activity in home-

Now it is a free-for-all in a fair that the world gives the women who eld, with no favors. Nevertheless we should like to see

Nat in Henry VIII. Let's see, did the handsomest men

The process of evolution depends on SPECIAL ELECTION NOT LEGAL! JAPANESE ARE A REAL MENACE of Referendum Plan

Test Matter in Courts. HOOD RIVER, Or., May 2 .- (To the Editor.)-There is being made a big the Editor.)-I have been reading with Editor.)—There is being made a big the Editor.)—I have been reading with howl by many newspapers throughout interest the comments, editorial and Who does not feel he can hold down ing any referendum petitions, on ac

The last Legislature created election, Senator Root has an interesting time before him, if he should
seek to succeed himself. Possibly
"Uncle Ike" Stephenson may not care
to squander another \$100,000 in a
state as wedded to progressive ideas
as Wisconsin.

Many of the old-style Senators will

sympathy between man and nature or
that anything in the universe was created to serve the human race. There
are, of course, an infinity of relations
between man and other creatures, but
nothing like mutual helpfulness. If
wheat was created for our food we
wheat was created for our food we
were created as food for fleas. Every
that anything in the universe was cregency clause. But said special election
was not to be called unless some one
of these bills was referred to the people. Why was the emergency clause.

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It was done so the people could not
stop the holding of this special election bill?

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stop the holding of this special election.

Now we are told we are to blame

> constitutional rights. It is a \$100, handicap on the referendum. It was my pleasure to attend a mee ing of the executive board of the Ore gon Higher Educational Bette League, held in Portland a few Educational Betterment

people) the power to call said special election. The Higher Educational Betterment League, by unanimous vote, has instructed its executive board to secure legal assistance and enter suit against the holding of a special state election this Fall. The referendum larganese and admired them, but petitions now being circulated on the University of Oregon appropriations provide for referring them at the reg-ular election to be held in November,

Referendum petitions on at least of different bills passed by our last Legislature are now being circulated. If we cannot knock out the special elec-tion to be held this Fall, we shall have

In conclusion I desire to say to my fellow citizens, if there is a single ac of our last Legislature on which a ref erendum is being invoked and you feel that such meets your approval, you are not doing your duty as a citizen if A. I. MASON

Helpless Plight.

PORTLAND, May 2.—(To the Editor.)—Behold Mr. Bryan scampering to California, because fearing a foreign power will resent America's exercise of its land sovereignty and may peeved, thereat, to "fight." But why is Mr. Bryan afraid? Is it because he and his party have ham-pered effort of the United States to

where the feeling for values, which the soul of all sacred books, came

make itself strong with large Navy and efficient Army?

People of the United States think themselves sovereign in governmen of their land. In last resort that is the one sovereignty worth asserting-defending. But our country will uphold it without strong arms of Navy and Army. Aggrandizement and absorp-tion is the law of the universe in vegetable and animal kingdoms, in growt

Japan is expanding, just as teries. But Nature herself, the inani-mate universe, knows nothing of love, has been expanding since Jamestown commodities made from that product. pity or hate. She simply is and that such as flour, oatmeal and breakfast is the end of it. And because we postored are to go on the free list. In was these unique feelings we have

Japan would not now be peeved nor insulted had America a mighty Navy. Nor would Mr. Bryan be rushing to California to appease foreign wrath,

the National Capital. Mr. Bryan, as Secretary of State, is now one of the world's diplomats. He needs a mighty Navy and the means of an efficient Army. During many of an efficient Army. During many years he railed at both as "imperial-

People of the Pacific Coast will keep will not keep their land if disarmed by our apostles of "peace." Foreign na-tions will not "protest" if our people have means to fight, to defend and to attack. Mr. Bryan went on a humble mission to California because he and SIGNA.

prnament the new currency really How TO AID GROWTH OF RACE bood suffrage. State Maternity Hospitals for Women Suggested by Writer.

WHITCOMB, Wash., May 2.—(To the Editor.)—If women, in bearing and rearing children, are fulfilling their highest destiny and doing a life work for the state in providing citizens, why is it, when they are disabled in performing this duty, the state does not pay for their surgical operations, or at least provide a maternity hospital, where the danger of death and disability would be lessened, and thereby remove some of the terrible burden passed.

This view is not merely a race but the Japanese, by their but the Japanese, by their form the south fork of John Day Riv-from the south fork of the south fork of the south fork of the south f the struggling heads of families, who also put their life's earnings into the rearing of citizens for the state? If motherhood is such an honorable By destroying the food supply the exicans may compel themselves to the state, why not offer something more than empty honors for this calling, which often goes with a hut for a home stop fighting and go to work.

The more often Barbur runs the faster he goes. Like Chehalls of long ago, Barbur is Oregon raised.

In five short weeks Portland will be In five short weeks Portland will be reveling in all the glory of its annual Rose Festival.

If the Beavers do not grope out of the cellar, their name may be changed to Moles.

Free wool passed the House, but

ing their whole lives to the rearing of citizens for the state and who die in shoals in this perilous occupation?

It is all very well to shout, "The woman's place is in the home," but if the same ones who make this shout were called upon to stay in a hut and bear children and suffer and toil in poverty, to lose their teeth, their looks, their teeth, they might see the It would seem that the citrus fruit interests have been handed a tariff lemon. It would seem that the citrus fruit interests have been handed a tariff lemon. of them may forsake the honor

> Defense of a Friend. The Optimist.
>
> Hewitt-Gruet doesn't know enough to go in when it rains. Jewett-Well, he's all right in a dry season.

ONE WHO HAS TRIED.

to Civilization and Habits of Life Are in

M'MINNVILLE, Or., May 2. -

howl by many newspapers throughout interest the comments, editoria. Who does not leef the tall the state against those who are signing any referendum petitions, on acting any referendum petitions, on acting any referendum petitions, on acting any referendum petitions. Californian is sure that the anti-alien which was made possible at last count of throwing the state into an Californian is sure that the anti-alien Let us see if this accusation is Americans. Japanese have forced themselves into every occupation, residence district, and agricultural com-With his state under Democontrol and with a record of led the opposition to direct the fancy that there is the slightest produced the control and the control and with a record of led the opposition to direct the fancy that there is the slightest special election to be held this Fail insulted if white people resent their and to this law was attached the emerintrusion into the best residential sec-They do not hesitate to put on tions. all the airs of white men, yet they lever can mix with whites. There are never can mix with whites. There are Japanese employment agencies by the hundreds where they are trying to take away the occupation of white working men and women. This is in the cities. In the fruit districts they are taking the occupations, such as orange pickthe occupations, such as orange picking and packing, lemon packing, clive
picking, in fact all such work in the
fruit as it is called, and they are in
the vegetable and berry growing business in opposition to white men.

They never patronize white men's
stores—they have their own, and their

food supplies mostly come from Japan. If they lease a piece of land they take every bit of nutriment out of it by the end of their lease and it is forever

end of their lease and it is lorever after useless and worthless.

They are heathen in their religion, have a code of morals utterly at variance with the American's idea, and vice and immorality always abound where their women are.

The potato market for several years in colligation has been completely conin California has been completely con-trolled by a Japanese by the name of Shima who lives in the heart of fashionable Berkeley. They are exceed-

ingly shrewd, quick to see the advant-ages of California's wenderful seil and climate, where many an Eastern an country. Californians once loved the Japanese and admired them, but now they dislike them, for all these very good reasons. There are many, fine sections in both business and lence that the Japanese have con pletely spoiled for their white neigh-bors, and it is to prevent the com-plete monopoly of all such all over California that such stringent laws are demanded.

I am a Californian, and all these statements are absolute facts LOS ANGELES WOMAN.

EAST SIDE IS URGED TO UNITE Twenty-one Organizations Now Favor Cross-town Line on Twenty-eighth.

PORTLAND, May 3 .- (To the Editor.)-I feel fortunate that I was present at the meeting of the Greater Irv ington Association last Tuesday. The business of the association was very entertaining and instructive, but the real meeting began when Mr. L. M. Lepper began his lecture on the crosstown carline. He had not proceeded far when a great many questions were propounded to him, all of which he an-swered, but the line of questions soon develped the fact that there was some objection to the construction of the cross-town line on East Twenty-eighth street. In fact, the assertion was made that the line, if built on East Twentyeighth street, "was not a cross-town line," but that it should be constructed on East Twentieth street and cross the East Twenty-first-street bridge.

Mr. Lepper advised that as the lo-cation on East Twenty-eighth street had been definitely settled and that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Com-pany was committed to construct the line on East Twenty-eighth street and to have a large portion of the line com-pleted this year, all should join hands and urge the company to complete the proposed line as expeditiously as possible. Mr. Lepper made the statement that there had been 21 boosting or-ganization advocating that the cross-town line be located on East Thirtyninth street, but when the company in-vestigated and found East Twenty-eighth to be the line of least resistance they definitely committed themselves to they definitely committee the construction on that street, which was acquiesced in and accepted as satisfactory to the 21 organizations.

"To unity there is strength." Every

What Is Manhood Suffrage?

MEDFORD, Or., May 1 .- (To the Editor.)-Kindly explain through the col-umns of The Oregonian the meaning of so-called "manhood suffrage." demanded by the Belgian strikers. C. E. WHISLER.

In Belguim each man over 25 who has resided one year in his commune has one vote. Each man over 35 who is married or is a widower with legitimate offspring and pays five france a year in direct taxes has one additional vote. Those possessing certain qualifications of property, official status hannock. or university diplomas have two additional votes. Thus many men have from two to four votes each. The Socialists struck for abolition of these plural votes and for a law giving each man only one vote. This is called man-hood suffrage. The Belgian government has agreed to inquire into the subject with a view to adopting man-

Voters Sald to Want Law.

BEAVERTON, Or., May 3,-(To the and J. H. Rockford, Editor.)—I have been taking a keen interest in, though a contrary view of, most of The Oregonian's articles in regard to the anti-alien law in Cali-

McCORMICK, Wash., May 2.—(To the Editor.)—Suppose that "A" should steal or obtain by crime some money or property, and be convicted of the crime trial, or confesses, and be sentence and serve the full term of his sentence in the meantime noone has been able to locate the money or property which he stole. When he is freed does the money or property belong to him?

The person from whom the property was stolen retains title to it regardless of what is done with the thief.

A PROTEST.

Last night in blissful reverle
I sat, with lights turned low
And she I loved so close beside
I kissed her cheeks aglow.
I took her tiny hand in mine; More felt than heard her sigh, And saw by the dying embers A tear-drop in her eye. gazed into her upturned face-

She gave a frightful scream, That froze the blood within my vein And put to flight my dream.
"Ye gods," I walled, "'the suffrage!"
Then ran for paregoric,
For wifey was out precincting,
And baby had the colic.
WILLIAM V. DOLP! WILLIAM V. DOLPH. Portland, May 4, 1913

The Common Aim By Dean Collins.

expense of \$190,000 for a special elec- bill is all that will save California for When the commission charter passed! Breathes there such man, I ask anew Who does not hear, clear, strong and

true, The People's call: "Fill your position And seek a job on that Commission! Who does not figure as it were, He'd make a great Commissioner?

Breathes there a man, I still repeat, Who lets the grass grow 'neath his feet. And dallies, while some other slob Files a petition for the job; Nor hastens until like to burst In the mad rush to get there first?

"Breathes there such man?" I sternly cry. "If so, where breathes such man, and why?

And from my inner soul I hear The answer coming low and clear: "There may breathe some such man, 'tis true In Portland-but they're doggone few.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of May 5, 1888 Commencing Monday, the Multnomah Street Rallway Company and the Portland Street Rallway Company again exchange tickets,

Hon. Elwood Evans, of Tacoms, who is engaged in the preparation of the "History of the Pacific Northwest, Oregon and Washington," visited Portland

Hon. George H. Williams will address the voters of Silverton and vicinity on Wednesday.

The concert given by the Orchestral Union last night at Masonic Hall drew out a large and critical audience. There were only two solofats. Miss Annie Fyfe and Fred M. Gilmore.

The dwelling on the northwest corner of Clay and First is being placed on rollers preparatory to removal via Jefferson street to Fifteenth and Cobia. This building was considered of the finest in the city 20 odd lumbia. years ago and prior to 1870 was occupied and owned by Charles Hopkins, then a First-street merchant, after-ward United States Marshal for Washington Territory. Of late years the homestead has been occupied by Miss Rachel Manciet and brothers.

Yesterday 17 more officens scribed for stock in the Portland Ho-tel Company. There are now 130 subscribers. The subsidy of \$150,000 is a gift outright to the stockholders. The bare ground of the Pittock block, if the hotel is finished, is worth \$100,000; the present foundations, if used as they stand, are worth \$150,000; the subsidy. \$150,000; popular subscriptions, \$200. 000; pledged subscriptions, \$150,000; to-tal value of hotel completed, \$750,000 Now what does the above cost the mpany to which the stockholders are subscribing? Popular subscriptions \$200,000; pledged subscriptions, \$150. 000; total, \$350,000, leaving a net gain to the company of \$400,000.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of May 5, 1863 The whole country has been surprised by the proof recently brought to light of a conspiracy on the part of certain Democratic politicians, calling themselves conservatives, to secure foreign intervention and such action on the part of European powers as would compel the National Government to consent to negotiation with the rebels

Auburn, April 26,-I have Burnt River and am satisfied that rich and extensive mines will keep developing in that and the still more outhern part of Baker County. I have

The election at Oregon City yester-day resulted in victory for the entire Union ticket. The following were elect-J. M. Barlow, W. W. Buck, D. Harvey. J. M. Fraser, J. Dement, William Whit-lock; Assessor and Collector, J. E. Hanford; City Attorney, J. D. Lacey,

Harrisburg, Pa., April 28.—The rebels have taken Morgantown, W. Va., and occupied it with from 4000 to 8000 troops under Jenkins.

Washington, April 28 .- General Hooker commenced a forward movement or Monday. Heavy masses of artillery and other troops were crossing the Rappa-

It is with sorrow that we have to chronicle the sudden death of our esteemed fellow-townsman, Mr. James Levy, merchant on First street

At a regular meeting of the Protec-tion Company, No. 4, held last night at their engine room, the following gentlemen were chosen to fill offices made vacant by resignations: First as sistant foreman, D. J. Malarkey, vice J. H. Rockford; delegates, A. Rosen-helm and J. W. Sutton, vice F. W. Bell

This view is not merely a race prejudice, but the Japanese, by their taking to agriculture, have brought about a very dull condition in a great many articles in that line, or, in other words, the American farmer cannot compete with them.

A. D. LUNSDTROM.

Stolen Property

McCORMICK, Wash., May 2.—(To the possession)

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Sex Distinctions in White Slavery. PORTLAND, May 4.—(To the Editor.)—Much is being said now about the white slave traffic and in all the wide discussion I have noticed that one point has never been mentioned. Why is it that a woman white slaver is never convicted and though she be as guilty as a man and in many cases wholly to blame and alone in her guilt.

she does not seem to come under the same law that man does, so is allowed to go free?

I have always noticed that when a man and woman were found equally guilty that the man got the limit of the law and the same men and law turned the guilty woman free to allow her to entice some other man in her scheme and to continue to help ruin girls. There are thousands of these women hawks, but the law does not bother them and when it does it never convicts.

One girl told me that three of these women hawks tried their best to entice her into a life of slavery and that in all her life not one man had ever suggested that way of making a living. Can you tell me why the law does not convict these women