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PORTLAND, TRUBSDAY, MAY 8, 1918.

LESSONS IN PREFERENTIAL VOTING. To those who do not understand it and also to those who are seeking a sions of the preferential system established in Portland by the new charter

Owing to the large number of names on the ballot, casting of first, second and third choice votes will be permitted in electing candidates to each office. For the office of Mayor each voter may vote for three men, but it is not compulsory that he do so. There will be three columns on the ballot In the first column the voter will designate the man he deems best fitted to be Mayor. In the second column he will designate the candidate he deems next best fitted. In the third column he will vote for the candidate next in line in his esteem. He is not permitted to vote more than one choice for

for crosses before the names of twelve to consider the welfare of the city, in

that all he is asked to do under the new plan is to vote first for the best man, next for the second best man and the system will likely produce capable officials if there be any in the list of

The honest-minded voter, the man who intends to register each choice in the other provisions of the charter rel. ative to preferential voting. These other provisions consist of instrucing he shall be elected; otherwise, first and second choice votes are to be then has a total equivalent to a majorelected; if by adding first and second choice votes no candidate has a madidnte having the highest number of

new system for particular candidates. es that first place on the ballot will draw the votes of those who vote in the dark. It is supposed that the know-nothings will vote for the man whose name first catches their eye, and as the voter naturally begins reading at the top these eminent citizens will vote for the first man

place is an advantage on the old-style ballot, but it has been demonstrated in other localities that under the preferother places only for first-choice votes. third-choice votes is necessary to determine the result the candidates midway on the ballot or near the foo have a better vote-getting location than the head of the ticket, for second and third-choice votes are as good as

ter a majority choice for each office, the voter must remember these things:

the legal majority and may thereby if 10,000 voters all vote for four Comhave made him a present of 750 votes, although they may have been wholly

Close attention must therefore be

given the column headings. It is possible that one or more office The other voters have it in their power

harmony for the sake of startling or set his back to the wall and their imseemed paralyzed up to 1848. Then shocking the observer, just as some patience will probably cause them to there was a grand European outbreak women have abandoned beautiful lines wait much longer than if they had of which the principal effect, as far

in their attire in order to appear ec-

MERGER ALBEADY UNDER WAY.

One by one the Progressive leaders are lowering the standards under which they battled at Amageddon for the Lord and are sending white flags to the leaders of the "hosts of evil." Frank Munsey was the first, then ame Controller Prendergast, and now comes Dan Hanna. He declares for a merger, being alarmed by what he calls "the familiar signs of danger and incompetency in the party in power in Washington."

Mr. Hanna's overtures come rather They come after the local eleclate. tions in New York counties, Chicago and St. Louis and the state election in Michigan have been shown the merger to be well under way. The rank and file of the Progressive party are already merging with the Repubileans without waiting for the word from their leaders. If the movement ontinues as it has begun, the leaders will soon have only a corporal's guard for a following. Mr. Hanna's move for reconciliation has rather the appearance of an effort to preserve semblance of being for a fast disintegrat-ing party. Only a little longer delay would render negotiations for a merger superfluous, for in neither politics nor war does any man negotiate with general who has no army,

We beg to disagree with Mr. Hanna as to the incompetency of the party means of gaining some advantage by in power. So far it has shown surmanipulation, a review of the proviits tariff programme. This must be admitted in all candor, much as we condemn the programme. Recognition of this fact by the great body of voters who left the Republican party last Fall, and of the further fact that that party stands for the time-honored policy of protection stripped of the extremes of standpattism, them to flock back to its standard.

TIME FOR ACTION IS AT HAND.

A Committee of One Hundred has been named to consider the present political crists and to devise a plan for the election in June of a fit Mayor and four fit Commissioners. The committee has in its membership many of the leading men and women of Portland. There is imposed upon and each voter will be given them a large responsibility and a grave three choices, which therefore will call duty. Their paramount obligation is

the present crisis, with eyes single to the general interest. We shall not presume to tell the committee what it ought to do or how third for the third best man he will its work may best be done. It un-have no difficulty with his ballot and derstands perfectly the weight of its signed December 24, 1814. Next year own duties and the limits of its functions. It must devise and advise. It can do no more. It should do no less.

The committee will find the public accordance with his convictions, need mind in much perplexity and confusion concern himself materially about over the new situation presented through adoption of the commission are to be placed in the hands of five provide, in substantial effect, that if men. Each will have much power. any candidate receives the first choice All will be equally accountable to the votes of a majority of the electors vot. public for the discharge of a large trust. The Mayor and the Commission policies; they will expend the public and moneys; they will control the police, firemen and a great army of employes; jority, then first, second and third they will deal with the public service choices are to be added and the canin a position of extraordinary influence and authority. It is not surprisfor gaining some advantage from the ing that the people view uneasily the select the right men for these large West for their Indian allies,

growing out of the ambitions and desires of many unsuitable candidates, it is clear that the committee is called upon to perform a task of exceptional should be faced with a determination able to fight when they had compe which all may agree. No member of the committee should decline to heed The men low on the ballot are more the call upon him for a real public likely to get the ignorant vote on sec- service. The fact that any man or and and third choice. If a count of woman among them may have acquired a position of influence in a community implies a reciprocal obligation carrying greater responsibility to city or state than another citizen may have. The public wants guidance, first and there are twice as many of light, action. The committee is in position to furnish all of them,

WHY SUFFRAGE WAS DEFEATED.

"Single-shotting" of first-choice vor of woman suffrage have received aratist political party. Out of the votes on Commissioner—that is, voting majorities in the House, but have wreck of the Federalists the "Repubfor but one Commissioner when there failed of final passage, because the lican" party of that day was devel-are four to be elected-will reduce Government refused to afford time oped. No more talk of secession was favor other candidates. For example, the cause was gradually gaining and that its interests were threatened by women had been granted the suffrage the tariff. missioners the legal majority will be in local elections and had been made eligible for office in borough and

The suffragette outbreaks aim to compel the government to make the fabulously profitable because the Euwoman suffrage bill a government ropean nations were obliged to employ measure, for in Parliament no bill has our bottoms and pay our prices for electors who did not vote for him will any chance unless introduced by the the service. Their own vessels had government or given time for considthough they may have been wholly eration by it. But both parties are the Napoleonic wars or had been de-oposed to him.

Failure to vote first choice, but registering of second and third choica a suffrage bill, his party and his Cabvotes, will have a similar effect. It inet would split. The suffragettes of other nations from British ravages will reduce the legal majority and give have therefore been attempting the and American capital turned to manuthose who have received first choice politically impossible—trying to force factures for safer investments.

> which it is divided. turbulence of which the militants have high wages which must be paid bethe opposition active and aggressive. the support of all three parties com- which has vexed the country for a posing the Liberal coalition, and he will not be turned from his purpose. loyal to him on that issue, though it our natural resources now withdrev is pledged to woman suffrage.

way, they might have begun the fight almost realized Washington's ideal It eschews perate crimes. But John Bull has now

been content with milder methods of

THE MOST USEFUL AMERICAN. The Independent has been taking poll of its readers to find out who is "most useful American." Candidates for the distinction were fairly numerous, though not so abundant as prospective Commissioners in Portland. There were only 10,000. Thomas A. Edison headed the poll with 898 votes. His name appeared on eighty-seven per cent of all the ballots cast. This indicates an astonishing appreciation of his genius. It almost makes one believe that he is the best-known per-son in the country. Certainly his gifts have won that reward in popular re-nown which has been heretofore re-

served for generals and statesmen.
Of the ten highest candidates on the Independent's list not a solitary one is a military man, unless we give that title to George W. Goethals, who holds the seventh place. However that may be, he did not get his votes on account of his warlike qualities. He is commended by his adherents as "a broad-minded executive, pre-eminent in the sphere of public work, a living proof that Uncle Sam can produce some men who promptly and efficiently accomplish a world-famous undertaking." Not the most belligerent advocates of peace can complain of the reasons set down for calling Mr. Goethals useful.

Those for honoring Mr. Edison are no less excellent. One voter says of him that he has "turned inventive genius to a nobler and better purpose than money making." Another says, warmly, "There is no one like him. Millions of people all over the world are his debtors. He is an indispensable asset of our Nation." Of what politician can we say the same? Has ot Edison won a finer reward than mere self seeking can give? Suppose somebody should try to do in politics a work like his in mechanical invention would not the people sing his praises? Perhaps. But politics is different from anything else.

Jane Addams stands second in the poll. Next to Mr. Edison, the Independent's readers think that she is the most useful person in the United States. "She has revealed a human method of helping God's poor," says one voter. Why God's poor? Shall we blame the Deity for their condition? Another says, "She has roused a new conscience." All agree that she has done a beautiful and noble work, whose usefulness can hardly be expressed in words.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF PEACE. The Treaty of Ghent which terminated the War of 1812 between the States and Great Britain was a century will have elapsed since that date and during the entire period there has been peace between the two countries. So long an interval of amity between two great nations is rare in the history of the world and perhaps 'amity" is not the right word to describe our relations with Great Britain charter. The destinies of a great city during the whole of the century. Bickerings have aften which sometimes by one expedient and another they were smoothed over before it was too late and formal if not actual peace was maintained. The Treaty of Ghent will execute the laws and make new settled none of the questions which laws; they will define the municipal had brought on the war. The rights leisure hours. wrongs of neutral vessels re-The mained exactly as they were. Americans obtained no security that muneratively. their ports would not again be blockcorporations; they will be altogether still claimed the right to search our might cultivate the taste of farmers' any were found on board. Captured purses. territory was restored on both sides chance that they may not be able to and the British gave up their project

Thus it might seem as if the War In the hurly-burly of strange politi- of 1812 had been fought in vain and cal conditions, and the apprehensions that all its cost in life and money was landlubber. sheer waste. But this would be hard-The American naval vicly correct. tories, which were numerous and important, exalted the spirit of the country, and Jackson's success at New Orimportance and difficulty. Yet it leans showed that our troops were well to strive to find a programme upon tent leaders. Such feelings increased the pride of Americans in their country and the fact that troops from every state had had some share in the successes of the war gave substance to the growing concept of nationality. It took the American people a long time to come to the belief that they formed a nation instead of a mere group of independent sovereignties and the War of 1812 played an important part in developing the conclousness of unity. The Federalists who had been the party of secession during the war and had almost per-suaded New England to withdraw from the Union began to fade away as soon as peace was concluded. By the the voter must remember these things:
Failure to vote other than first choice is partial self-disenfranchisement and may result in leaving election of candidates almost wholly to the House of Commons. In former years bills and resolutions in famor of the adverse vote in the House of Commons. In former years bills and resolutions in famor of the war that there was no longer room in the country for a septential party. Out of the for their consideration. Nevertheless heard until the South began to feel

The development of the protective tariff may be traced back to the War of 1812. Up to the outbreak of that trouble our carrying trade had been our bottoms and pay our prices for either been impressed into navies in hindrance to developing it indefinite The vicious acts of destruction and ly except our scant population and the demanded a protective tariff to make century and promises to vex it for all the attention of Americans from Eu-Had the militants been content to ropean affairs and for many years our wait until home rule was out of the freedom from "foreign entanglements" success. But they were impatient and such that nothing was likely to occur greater nations were occupied in maller ones and this task was per formed so effectually that bold spirits

as America was concerned, was an enviable German immigration

It was not until 1853 that the United began to feel the attractive influence of European politics again. During this interval our people hated England with a lively hatred and would have gone to war once or twice without much real cause if wise heads had not restrained them. There was intense sympathy in this country with the South American states and Mexico when they revolted from Spain and some burning patriots would have liked to fight the European tyrant, but it turned out that there was no casion for war. The rebels were abundantly able to help themselves. republican sympathies now and then, roles. was withdrawn from foreign influ-England arose over the Oregon boundary and even that yielded to pacific end of the business.

measures after making Polk President. Broderick O'Farrel The two nations felt no love for each other, but inasmuch as they had noth- will be in the Vancouver company, and ing in particular to fight over they managed to keep peace. The British iespised us and condescended now and then to ridicule us in their elephantine The Americans quietly nursed way.

their revenge In the Civil War the British aristocracy believed their time had come to rejoice over the downfall of loathed Republic. They sympathized with the South and gave the slave oligarchy all the help they could without actually going to war. But when the Rebellion was over and our power had been demonstrated to the world they were quite ready to eat humble pie and for our friendship. Since then the relations between this country and England have been growing ever more amicable. Old traditional hatreds Oakland pleasure resort. have been dying out and something like a genuine national friendship seems to be developing which in the course of another century may make war as impossible between them in fact as it now is in after-dinner speeches

Love laughs at the parallels of latitude as scornfully as at bolts and bars. The passion that drove Claude Melnotte to forsake his rude sports and ensecrate himself to midnight musings o'er the dreams of sages inspired Paul Patkotak to exile himself from Alaska and go to school in Seattle a whole year. This he did to win his love, who despised his unlettered state as an Eskimo lad in the Alaskan wilds. We hope she will reward his devotion. A year in Seattle deserves the best any woman can bestow upon her swain.

After all there is no book like the Bible. If we study it attentively we should find it full of political, as well as religious instruction. What better way could we adopt to sift the good candidates from the bad than the one used by Gideon of old to find fit warriors to fight the Lord's battles? Gideon made his soldiers drink at a brook and the ones who lapped like faithful dogs were chosen. Is there differed little from open warfare, but not a lesson in this for poor, bedeviled

There is some prospect that lace making may become a profitable industry for American women in their Among the Bohemian colonists in Minnesota it fills the long Winter evenings pleasantly and re-Perhaps others will adopt the practice before long. aded in time of peace and the British making is really a fine art and it vessels and impress their subjects if wives while it replenishes their

Ex-Governor Hay's experience on of erecting a neutral province in the the Eastern Washington plains may have made him an able seaman of a prairie schooner, but in the eyes of the skipper of a steamer he is a mere

Colonel Goethals may have to shovel away a few mountains in order to complete the Panama Canal, but he has the men and machinery and knows how to keep them at work.

San Franciscans fear a water famine during the Exposition, and since other drinks are to be curtailed at the show, their fears may be well-

Destruction of food by mercenary middlemen who seek to keep up prices is made unlawful in California. It should be made a felony.

Probably Los Angeles is not worse than other cities with many idle rich men. It is mere matter of being caught with the goods.

General Salazar is reported in action again and without the formality of an announcement of recovery from his most recent death. When politicians in Washington

cities find business dull they start a recall petition, just to liven things up. What is the matter with the colored voters of Portland? Where is their

candidate for Commissioner? When the St. Louis comes we shall

be ready to reach out for a dreadnought to visit Portland, What does the wife of a would-be Commissioner think of it? Let us

hear from the women. Many candidates, it is to be feared, have learned politics in a correspondence school,

Lincoln would be pleased to know that a Southerner will be orator at Gettysburg.

This weather is matchless, the ideal

Spring day known only to Western Oregon. Now let the suffragettes move Ireland and get a taste of the r'al

Having cinched a job, National Committeeman King is returning to Ore-

But then, if everybody files but you, you will hold the balance of power. Almost every other man can see

next Commissioner in the mirror, Their bluff having been called, the Japs appear to have cooled off.

flood will quench the arder. Not one of the 1001 candidates fears

Nothing but an unusually high June

the recall. The Beavers crawled out Stars and Starmakers By Leone Cass Baer.

A fine new company of stock players s to take the place of the Del Lawrence organization in Vancouver, B. C. None other than William Bernard, now director of the Baker Stock, is to direct the company. Clara Beyers, who s well known to Vancouver audiences, will be leading woman. Rhea Mitchell, a Portland girl just now ingenue with Alcazar stock, will play the ingenues with the new company. John Sumner, of the present Baker Stock, and Elizaboth Ross, who is Mrs. John Sumner in Greece and Hungary also claimed our private life, will play the character Other members are but upon the whole the United States Lloyd, Walter Seymour, J. W. Hauck Allyn Lewis, Roscoe Kairns, Walter ences during the period from 1814 to Kelly and Sidney Isaacs-the latter a Our only serious difficulty with | Portlander who has become well known to Baker patrons from the box-office Broderick O'Farrell, for several years

with Ye Liberty Players in Oakland, his wife, Myrtle Langford, also. Miss Langford was in the Countiss Stock last Summer, and later appeared on the Orpheum circuit as the Indian girl in

Orpheum circuit as the Indian girl in Sidney Ayers' sketch.

Nan Ramsey, who is in private life Mrs. William Bernard, will appear with the new stock. Two scenic artists, Carl Schultz and Charles Hosfeldt, from the George L. Baker Stock studio, will be taken along, which in liself is a guarantee that the stage settings and scenery will be of the best. The new company opens on June 30.

our city affairs, and more than this, the control of our private purses as well, for in them is practically lodged the full power of city assessments and taxation, and in this way they have their hands in each of our pockets.

Is it safe or prudent under such circumstances for us as citizens to say to the entire people, "We have so much work to do, so much skilled engineering to accomplish, so many millions of dollars to expend, now all of you who would like the job we have to offer company opens on June 30.

Mindell Kingston, formerly of World and Kingston, is with the musical omedy company at Idora Park, the

J. Frank Burke, last season with the Baker folk, this season with Colonial Stock in Salt Lake City, is convalescent after a seige of smallpox.

David Bispham has sailed for Australia for a concert tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conness, the latter known professionally as Helen Strickland, left Portland yesterday for their home on Long Island. En route they will stop at Sioux Falls, S. D., to later stop at Benton Harbor, Mich., for a visit with the sister of Mr. Conness.

ter stop at Benton Harbor, Mich., for visit with the sister of Mr. Comess.

Actor and actress with long Pacific coast records Interspersed with many isits to Portland are: Bert S. Frank and Mrs. Frank (Anna Jordan) of the Trapping Santa Claus" company, at the Empress. Frank visited this city for the first time in 1892 as the manager. Coast records interspersed with many visits to Portland are: Bert S. Frank and Mrs. Frank (Anna Jordan) of the "Trapping Santa Claus" company, at the Empress. Frank visited this city for the first time in 1892 as the manager of the Welcher and Temple production "A Chip of the Old Block," in which he was also the heavy, playing the part of Robert Burton. Seven years ago Frank played a stock engagement in Port land at the old Empire with Max Swain, the repertoire of the company including "The World," "Sidewalks of New York" and "Inside Track."

Annas Jordan is a graduate of the Alenzar Stock Company of San Francisco, where ten years ago, she was the Later she filled a long eningenue. gagement with Nance O'Neil at the old California Theater in San Francisc Miss Jordan's first visit to Portland was made 11 years ago, when she came here with Edna Mordaunt and Qia Humphrey to appear in stock at the old Cordray Theater.

Franklyn Underwood and Frances Liberty Theater in Oakland, and are to blame. repeating their last season's successes. "The Dawn of a Tomorrow" is this week's bill.

and King have a musical

We are to have a dozen splendent." We are to have a dozen splen-did attractions before the Summer is to sell to other Japs who were eager ended.

Tonight arrives Rose Stahl in "Maggie Pepper," a story of some department store folk. Charles Klein wrote it. In her new character Miss Stahl is said to be no less human and no less O'Brien in "The Chorus Lady."

FOREST GROVE INVITES PIONEERS City Would Join in Entertaining Early Day Women.

FOREST GROVE, May 6 .- (To the Editor.)-We read the editorial in The Oregonian entitled "Our Women Pio-neers" and are in hearty sympathy with the tribute paid to the noble women of Oregon in that editorial, and are in hearty sympathy with the suggestions made therein that the mothers of Oregon be given an opportunity of cele-brating their part in the early settle ment of this great state.

This city and the vicinity immediately surrounding it hold no small part in the important development of the state dating back to the early forties, and at least three of our citizen women are pioneers of that time. We have in our midst a tribute to the patriotism and devotion of those women for the betterment of social con-

ditions and of human kind generally in the Pacific University, established in those early days, and the oldest educainstitution in the state, largely to the effort of the women plo-

neers of Oregon.

The Commercial Club of our city desires to have a part in this day of celebration and through you desires to extend to the early pioneer women of this state an invitation to celebrate their first anniversary of that event in this beautiful city. We are favorably-located for railroad connections, and centrally located in the district confined to the early settlement of the state and we feel that no one who would take part in the exercises would go away dissatisfied, or disappointed in the choice of location for this event.

Any date that is suitable and satis-

Any date that is suitable and satisfactory to the women would be satisfactory to us. We trust you will give this invitation suitable publicity, and hope that it may be received in the same earnest manner in which it is extended. COMMERCIAL CLUB OF FOREST

GROVE, OREGON, By Loyal M. Graham, Vice President,

RIGHT START FOR NEW CHARTER Plea Is Made by Writer for Selection

PORTLAND, May 7 .- (To the Editor.) We have smashed the political boss and the corrupt boss and we have entirely discredited their instrumentalities, the nominating committee, convention and the political assembly,

and we are free, very free. he had become an intolerable nuisance and the active agent of all

The great mass of the voters, in-cluding the women, desire honesty in their rulers, but they also desire effi-dency, and an honest fool or a set of lency, nor has the direct primary itself been at all efficient in selecting effilent officers or in promoting clent officers of in promoting effi-clency. It is quite clearly demonstrat-ed that the direct primary is an im-portant agency in preventing boss rule and in encouraging democracy, but just

would like the job we have to offer hold up your hands," and then for us hold up your hands," and then for us to select the hand that is held up highest and is advertised by the loudest voice, getting probably the needlest and most importunate political beggar of Eugene Ricksecker, and three to Mon-

to be filled, paying some attention to fitness as well as honesty?

It must always be remembered that the nominating convention under the control of the boss was a most effiplished just what the boss wanted vere selected just as the boss wanted

vestment.

char corporation?

Good, responsible business men naturally hesitate about nominating themselves, and then standing up in the market place and brazeniy and noisily promoting themselves for office, and the city should not be compelled to settle the largest majorities on the Replace transfer of the city should not be compelled to settle transfer of the largest majorities on the Replace transfer of the Replace transfer

Self-advertising citizens,

lae new charter ought to have a fair show and be started at least with competent directors.

JAPS WERE LITTLE TOO WILLING California Ranch Owners Paying Pen-

PORTLAND, May 7 .- (To the Editor. Siesson are in their third week at Ye Japanese peril, have only themselves

and orchard owners worry about that? Not a bit. American institutions were stock at the Columbia Theater in Oakland.

Tollowing the revival of "East Lynne" next week at the Baker, "Mary Jane's Pa" will be presented, with Mayo Methot in the role of Mary Jane and Robert Wayne as the Pa.

not threatened, and the hirers of Japanes labor, at the start, did not care the expense of a preliminary survey of a whoop about the religion or moral a railroad route between Portland and Standard of the Asiatics. They were called excellent workers, willing, intelligent, active, capable, and, best of a reliroad route between Portland and Yreka is now open for signatures. The committee for receiving subscriptions all, cheap. Good Japs! "What would all the particular the work would all the particular the work would all the particula not threatened, and the hirers of Jap-

van Opera Company in a revival of owners by producing more and under-old operas, including "The Beggar Stu-trol of it. Then they invariably raised

HONORS FOR PIONEER MOTHERS Harvest Home Festival Suggested by

PORTLAND, May 7.—(To the Editor.)

In have been waiting with interest some reply to The Oregonian's editorial, Monday, headed "Our Women Pioneers" and for fear the suggestions therein contained have been overlooked, would suggest that an organized effort be made to give the pioneer women of Oregon a testimonial of appreciation in the shape of an appropriate celebration to be held at Forest Grove, Salem or some other valley city around which and in historical associations cling.

There are hundreds of women in this state, daughters of the pioneer women, who should be glad of such an opportunity and united effort could effect a gathering which would result in same becoming an annual affair.

Among the many who could be suggested to take characters.

Ballad of a Filer By Denn Collins

He heard the sovereign people's call, Or so he said, and with ambition o serve the people, one and all. He flew to file for the Commission.

By squads, platoons and regiments He found his fellow-townsmen swarm-ing About the desk. He joined those genta

Boldly the haunts of Barbur storm

The riot roared; the stampede grev In showers were the petitions falling; For hundred others like him knew They heard the sovereign people call-

Indeed, in looking soberly
Upon the crush of filers veering,
It seemed the less the salary seemed the less the salary The keener was the filer's hearing and as he struggled in the press,

L'ENVOL

From The Oregonian of May 8, 1888. Washington, May 7.—Pref. H. Thompson, of the geological survey, left last night for the Position ties have already gone out. "Three parties go to the gold field parties have already He said: belt of California under direction of H. N. Wilson, with R. N. McKee and

may be profitable.

one individual. There are four Commissioners to

If the voter will but bear in mind candidates.

added together and if any candidate ity of the voters voting he shall be

votes in this total shall be elected.

on the ballot. It is unfortunately true that first ential system first place is better than

In order that the system may regis

But if 2000 of the 10,000 vote for only one Commissioner, the legal county councils. majority is reduced to 4251. If some candidate other than the one who has been "single shot" receives 4251 votes he will have been elected and the 2000

votes from others a distinct advantage. a party to unite in favor of a bill on field was an open one. There was no

seckers will endeavor to induce their been guilty have alienated many cause hands were few. Forcing followers to vote only first choice. friends of their cause and have made way into the new enterprise, capital to rebuke such an effort. Any candi- The Premier's heart is set on carrying competition possible with cheap Eurodate who attempts to "work" the sys- the Irish home rule bill, which has pean labor, and thus arose the issue tem and scheme his way into office is unworthy of place. Knowledge that he is seeking improper advantage will not be turned from his purpose, time to come. The growth of manushould cause every right-minded citiThe Irish Nationalists naturally stand factures, the problem of internal imzen to vote for some other man and by him and the labor party remains improvements and the exploitation of carefully refrain from giving the unworthy place-hunter either first, second or third-choice votes.

art responsible for the current fash- in Parliament with better chance of The state of European affairs was is true we pity art when it gets its tried to force the issue by violence, to disturb our provincial serenity. The ions in women's wear. If the charge deserts, and it is probably true. Re- Their latest defeat and the vigorous cent painting shows much the same measures taken to suppress them have pressing the spirit of progress in the eve of oddity that we see displayed evidently provoked them to more des-

of Good Officials.

In smashing the boss we did well, as political and city evils, but did we do as well when we discredited so com-pletely the nominating committee, the convention and the assembly?

onest cranks cannot furnish the offi

as clearly demonstrated that it cannot walk alone—it needs assistance in selecting for efficiency.

We have now to elect a Mayor and Commissioners, to whom we have given the direct and unrestrained control of our city affairs, and more than this, the control of our private nurses as

Would it not be better, through some committee of good citizens, to canvass the field and then invite capable men to stand as candidates for the position

cient machine; it nearly always accom-Candidates were discussed, considered, laid aside or selected, and nearly always they did the work for which they

If the people could control a nomiof Mrs. Conness and nating committee it could accomplish inton Harbor, Mich., for the same result for the people.

Dozens and dozens of candidates,

> ively crazy and their corporation would soon be in the bankruptcy courts and they would be out of pocket their in-Can a city stand what would ruin any

its officers only from its most lican ticket.

THOMAS N. STRONG.

alty for Displacing White Labor. The California land and orchard owners, who say they are threatened by the

This whole trouble originated years This whole trouble originated years ago as a labor issue. The native white which crossed at Kelly's Ford is moving towards chancellorville, south of ually displaced by Japs. Did the ranch Fredericksburg.

Raymond Hitchcock and his wife, Flora Labelle, and a company of nearly 100 will present "The Red Widow," at the Heilig this Summer. Hitchcock hasn't visited Portland for half a dozen years.

A peep at the bookings of the Heilig Theater shows attractions coming to that theater until August 20. And then in September's first week the next season opens with the Gilbert-Sullivan Opera Company in a revival of old operas Including with the saw his colored worker in the South the Jup proved a little too geological specimens of any description, including iron, cupper, silver, platina, lied or other valuable creas fossil remains, etc., that they will confer a favor, besides contributing materially to ald the project of a railroad to this city from California by sending such specimens of any description, including iron, cupper, silver, platina, lied or other valuable ores, fossil remains, etc., that they will confer a favor, besides contributing mains, etc., that they want to ald the project of a railroad to this city from California by sending such specimens of any description, including iron, cupper, silver, platina, lied or other valuable to say to those of our citizens who have geological specimens of any description, including iron, cupper, silver, platina, lied or other valuable to say to those of our citizens who have geological specimens of any description, including iron, cupper, silver, platina, lied or other valuable to say to those of our citizens who have geological specime

Had the Japs been content, like most of the negroes down South, to remain day laborers, working as hard or harder than the white laborer for less money, there would never have been any pro-test, at least not from the ranchers or orchardists. Where the Japs "got said to be no less human and no less or orchardists. Where the Japs "got appealing than she was as Patricia in had" with the California Legislature was in being too ambitious to own land instead of merely working for wages.

Phillip S. Bates.

Unto himself he pondered thusly: The people, when they call, I guess Must do it plumb promiscuously. Dh. filer, pause. Consider, pray.

Before into the turmoil stalking—
That "people's call" you hear today
May be just that five thousand talk-

Twenty-five Years Ago

Salem, May 7.—Ex-United States Sen-ator Slater addressed a large audience at the opera house tonight on political tepics.

New York, May 7 .- The Methodist Episcopal conference voted today against admission of women as delegates, by 249 to 173.

Yesterday the Portland Women's Union held the first annual meeting in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Rosa F. Burrell, presi-Reports were presented by Henrietta E. Failing, recording secretary, and Mrs. H. J. Corbett, corresponding

secretary. Mr. Henry Failing returned yesterday

The Democratic County Committee yesterday nominated Thomas M. Richardson for State Senator vice Thomas A. Davis, declined; Andrew Frazier for Representative vice Joe D. Meyer, de-clined, and Peter Esser for County Treasurer vice Theodore Wygant, delined. The committee adopted resolu tions denouncing Thomas N. Strong, Democratic candidate for the Legisla-ture, for defending Chinese labor.

An even bet was made that Henry E. the largest majorities on the Repub-

Fred T. Merritt has offered to run Prince Wells of Tacoma a series of five, ten and 20-mile races on the bicycle for \$500.

Half a Century Ago

New York. May 2 .- The Tribune anounces that Hooker's army crossed the Rappahannock at four places. The enemy were confounded and we captured their pickets, reserves, etc. The corps

The list for receiving subscriptions

VOTERS NEED INFORMATION Electoral Advisory Board Can Accomplish Laudable Work.

PORTLAND, May 7 .- (To the Edi-"Fis an old maxim in the schools, That flattery's the food of fools; Yet, now and then, your men of wit Will cond-scend to take a bit. Your excellent and timely editorial, "What Next?" which appeared in The Oregonian Tuesday, ought to be studled by every well-meaning voter in this Hence, California's concern about dity. Every sentence of it contains solld food for thought. The citizens and our morality." Personally, as I quit nipping oranges and lugging raisin trays for good a few years ago. I can afford to view the California land owners' predicament quite complaisantly.

FORMER BLANKET STIFF. candidate for office. The candidate's usual vocation, his character, present or past experience in public life, if any, and last but not least, his or her men-tal stability are wanted. Whatever source supplies this information well

a gathering which would result in same becoming an annual affair.

Among the many who could be suggested to take charge of an organized effort is Mrs. C. C. Chapman, daughter of Mrs. C. Mathey Kirkwood of Hopewell. Mrs. C. Mathey Kirkwood of Hopewell. Mrs. Kirkwood came here as a little girl and to sit at her feet and thear the wealth of incident from her ilps relative to the early days is a pleasure that those who have had the privilege will never forget. There are hundreds of others to whom an attention of this kind would bring lasting pleasure and the accomplishment is a simple matter once under way.

I would be pleased to see such a movement take the form of a Harvest Home Festival to the pioneer women of Oregon and would willingly render any assistance possible, if the suggestion meets with the approval of those who should deem it a duty to carry out the sides.

PHILIP S. BATES.