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REDISTRIBUTION OF DELEGATES,

Discussion of reduction of Southern representation in Republican National conventions has already reached the point where definite plans are offered. Three such plans are described by the American's Washington Highway. Baltimore correspondent.

The first plan would give each state four delegates at large and district delegates as follows: For each district in which the Republican vote cast for presidential electors in 1908 was not more than 40 per cent of the total each Representative-at-large, delegates other roads. in the same ratio, comparing the Republican vote of the state with the whole vote of the state.

A second plan would give each state four delegates at large and one additional delegate for each 10,000 Repub-Hean votes or major fraction thereof vember 4 on the proposed \$400,000

A third is the same as the second. but provides that each district have least one delegate and that there two for each Representative-at-

The first plan is said by the Amer scan to be almost sure of adoption. of the districts in the Southern black belt to one each if the ratio of Repub-Heans to the total vote were about the same in each district as in the state at large. On the same basis the delegates from many Northern and border states would be increased. Instead of each district having two delegates, as in the last convention, the representation by districts would be as follows:

New Hampshire.... ew Jersey

few Mexico.

Sew York.

North Carolina.

Ohio

Oklahoma.

Oregon.

Sew Jersey

10.343

South Carolina.

Sew York.

Sew Yo
 Oregon
 56.30

 Pennsylvania
 58.84

 Rhode Island
 57.00

 South Carolina
 5.97

 South Dakota
 57.05

from Republican states would probably average more than two for each district, for in some districts the percentage of Republicans to the total wote would run over 60, thus entitling the district to three delegates, while in few would it run under 40. On the other hand, the only Southern states where the average shows each disentitled to two delegates are Maryland, Missouri, Kentucky, Ten-

essee and Oklahoma. This plan would give small but the convention out of proportion to their size. Thus Maine, North Dakota and Vermont would send three delegates from each district. Michigan being the only populous state entitled to that privilege.

Possibly the new system would ferred to the people. cause the Southern Republicans to process has been invoked the bill itmake a more determined effort to seoure the voting of negroes and the a referendum election is a vote in counting of their votes. This would give new life to the race issue and cause renewed efforts to procure Federal supervision of National elections.

ST. PATRICK AND HIS SUCCESSORS.

There must have been some heartsearchings among the Portland ministers as they listened to this sentence at their weekly meeting: "With thousands of times the equipment, membership, the facility for reaching people, the modern church is not do-ing so much as the ancient." It was the Rev. Asa Sleeth who uttered this bold remark. He might have made it stronger without violence to fact. Think of St. Patrick, who Ireland with nothing but his eloquence and zeal and converted the wild heathen by the thousand. He sometimes, we are told, baptized a whole

tribe at one camp meeting. Nothing of that sort is seen in these times, except, perhaps, at Billy Sunday's meetings. He may be the exception that proves the rule. Nor is paucity of conversions for want of heathen by any means. It is said some statisticians that two-thirds of the people of the United States never go to church. We do not wish vouch for their accuracy, but common observation tells us plainly enough that this land is in sober truth

quite as much heathen as Christian. "because they have left God out of the same ground; hence it is only a It is substantially the same as the the battle." We have never, for our matter of expediency whether they Wilson bill, which passed both Senate part, noticed any lack of reference to the diety in most sermons, but still lieve the private ownership of means Mr. Sleeth may be right. One might of production is unjust, hence it is will be some delay in its operation, suggest, however, that the acknowl- only a matter of expediency whether due to the notice which must be given edged ineffectiveness of modern they should throw bricks. Dr. Shaw

ters really left the Almighty out of account or have they failed to keep

Current philosophy teaches us that the delty is the very center of progressiveness. The word "God" has become to modern thought almost synonymous with "activity." the source of life, the fountain of being, the ever-diligent Creator who makes new worlds incessantly. getting these truths, some at least of asleep for the last 2000 years, neither discovering new truth himself nor revealing any to man. It may be this error which makes their sermons less effective than one might

HOW ABOUT CLATSOP COUNTY?

years on roads, is building a splendid scenic highway up the Columbia at a construction of a great interstate bridge across the Columbia. A fine road down the Willamette and the Columbia, to the county line, is done.

overwhelming vote appropriated \$500,-000 for roads, and will complete from north to south of the county a hardsurface road as a part of the Pacific

Klamath County will give \$300,000 for roads if a proposed bond issue carries; and Crook County purposes to keep up with the procession with a comprehensive scheme of roadbuild-

Nearer Portland, Tillamook County 60 per cent, two delegates; for each district where the Republican vote expected to do her share toward to delegate the control of the contro

Clatsop County has done well with her roads; but can Clatsop afford not to give additional evidence of her terest in roads and her appreciation of their great value and importance, by failing to vote favorably on No

The clamor against "The Lure" is choed today by a correspondent, who disagrees with the opinion of The Oregonian that it teaches a wholesome It would cut down the representation lesson. The Oregonian reaffirms that opinion, with the single qualification that the outcry against production of "The Lure" and the atmosphere of scandal and notoriety with which it has thus been surrounded have driven from its audiences the men and women who would be most likely to be benefited by its teachings and have attracted in their stead numbers of mere curiosity-seekers and sensationhunters, who are after a new variety of thrill and emotion and who are

> "The Lure" is far less offensive than "Damaged Goods" and the kindred plays which have been produced everywhere with the approbation of the judicious and the languid interest of the thoughtless. It is melodramatic in its methods and fairly effective in its climaxes. It tells in dramatic form the painful and terrible story of a girl's experiences with white slavers in a great city. It furnishes a startling picture and, we think a true one, so far as affairs in one circle of life

disappointed because they fail to get

-low life-go. But our correspondent does not assert that the story is not true. He merely says it ought not thus to be To his suggestion that if it is all right to expose the white slavers to the public in this way, it ought to be added as a course of instruction in our schools, it is sufficient to reply that we have not made the theater for any purpose, or in any department, a part of the curriculum of the public schools.

The Oregonian shares the conviction of many people that the real demoralizing influence of the stage upon all people, young and old, does not consist in facts or truths plainly told, whatever they are, but it consists in the tremendous falsehood that the wages of sin is not death.

THE BILL IS WHAT WE VOTE ON.

Elsewhere is published today a letter from a citizen who is puzzled by the advice of The Oregonian on voting in the special election November 4. In the paragraph which confuses him The Oregonian said: "If any citizen disapproves of the use of the referendum on any particular measure he approves of th strongly Republican states a voice in measure submitted through the referendum he votes yes."

These two sentences merely recite two reasons for voting yes on a referended bill.

"Referendum" is the term applied to the process by which a bill is re-When self is voted on. To vote "yes" in favor of the bill.

It has been asserted that in more a future Republican Congress might than one instance the invoking of the referendum on bills of the last legislasession has been unwarranted has been the effort of a selfish faction of small proportions or has been surrounded by fraud or misrepresentation in petition filling. The referending of a bill under such circumstances ought to be disapproved by the voters. The only way to disapprove or rebuke it is to adopt the bill, and the only way to adopt the bill is to rote yes.

The same paragraph may be expressed in this way: If you believe any bill has beer referended without shadow of excuse: or for selfish reasons; or by fraudulent petitions; or by misrepresentation of petition circulators, vote "yes" that the bill may be carried and such misuse of the referendum power rebuked.

If you believe the bill is a good bill, it matters not what you think as to the method or inspiration which put it on the ballot. Vote yes.

Dr. Anna Shaw disapproves of Mrs. Pankhurst's militant methods as a matter of expediency only, saying:

If the Government does not stand for what is good and just it should be over-thrown by any means.

Let us see whither that theory would

lead us. Many manufacturers think The Rev. Mr. Sleeth believes that the Underwood tariff unjust and many rich men condemn the income tax on should smash things. Socialists be-

rious shortcoming. Have the minis- est minority is free to reason with the majority in the hope of itself becom-ing the majority, but that majority rule is the foundation of all democter of expediency, she verges dangerously on anarchy.

ANOTHER TYRANT.

President Wilson declines to recognize Huerta as the President of Mexico because he rules through force the clergy sermonize as if the Lord and not "by consent of the governed." The President has an aspiration that all republics and all other governments in the Western Hemisphere shall be founded on law and order. and that the methods of revolution, murder and demoralization that have marked so many Spanish-American countries shall be stopped. It is The County of Multnomah, besides noble ideal. It deserves the world's the great sums it has expended in ten respect and approval. It is unaswerable that the President or ruler any country ought to have a title to his high office founded in sound morcost of \$150,000 or more, and is about als, honest processes and popular sup-to vote \$1,250,000 to be expended on port. But it is quite another thing to bring about peaceful administration and lawful elections in the Central and South American countries.

It is true that Huerta is a dictator In the extreme southern part of and a disturber of the world's peace. Oregon Jackson County has by an His way to the Presidency has been tainted by murder and fraud. He has suppressed the Mexican Congress, He has suborned the courts. He has utterly extinguished the civil power. He is the state. The government of Mexico is the will or whim of Huerta. There was another world's outlaw. greater than Huerta, unscrupulous as Huerta and far more ambitious than Huerta. He was an officer of the French army. He saw the King guillotined. He became a great figure in the events following the French Revolution. He was a general and won a series of brilliant victories for He seized the reins of gov-

ernment, abolished the Directory and was made First Consul with autocratic powers. He caused the Duc d'Enghien to be shot after a mock trial for an alleged conspiracy to restore Bourbons and then had himself elected Emperor. He put the crown on his own head in the Pope's presence. He was at odds first with one nation and then with another and with all Europe. He pursued ruthlessly his invasions and his wars of conquest. He divorced his faithful wife, phine, and married an Austrian Princess "for reasons of state."

Yet this great adventurer was rec ognized by every civilized nation in the world, including America, as the Emperor of France and his right to name the ruler of Spain, Rome, Sweden and other nations was in effect conceded. His name was Napoleon Bonaparte. He was dethroned because he interfered with other nations and not because he had made himself Emperor of France.

We have progressed in a hundred years, of course. We insist upon making the domestic affairs of a nation like Mexico our own concern. But just what we are to do about it, or how to do it, we are almighty un-

SAFETY AT SEA PROMOTED. The scheme of the ship-owners to defeat the seamen's bill has falled in the Senate, for that body has passed the La Follette bill, backed by the

Seamen's Union, the Department of Commerce and the Department of Labor. Seamen are to be raised from equality with other workmen. They are not to be subject to imprisonment subject only to civil penalties for violation of contract; why should seamen Crews must include a certain

anguage of the officers The ship-owners tried to defeat this bill by causing Senator Nelson to inroduce another bill which bristled with jokers. It limited the provisions for improved sanitation in the crew's quarters to vessels carrying twenty or more men, thus applying them to less han a dozen American ships. It allowed a vessel to have a crew unable to understand the language of the oficers, provided the ship carried an interpreter. Imagine an American captain in a storm shouting his orders to a Chinese interpreter, who mangles them in interpreting them to a Chinese crew! Though the interpretation was correct, delay in an emergency might prove serious, while mis

understanding of orders might prove

fatal to ship and crew. The opposition of ship-owners to the La Follette bill and their attempt to foist upon Congress a measure so impotent for good as the Nelson bill illustrate the blindness of special inerests to their own good. The loss of life on the Titanic was increased by and the loss of many a good ship has been due to, the employment of un-skilled men. One would suppose that business prudence would dictate to owners that they should have trained men to navigate their ships, men who can quickly understand and carry out the orders of their officers. But they are as determined in their opposition as were the railroads in blocking safety-appliance laws and laws preventing the continuous employment of men to the point of exhaustion. The mate of a great passenger steamer illustrated this folly when he said pointing to the quartermaster at the

Imagine the economy of trusting this million-dollar ship (which one wrong twist of the wheel could send to the bottom) in the hands of a seaman paid ten shillings a

The seamen's bill will be as effective in preventing shipwreck as the several railroad bills have been in preventing trainwreck, but those directly interested have been unable to see this, and pressure must be brought from outside o compel them to protect their own interests.

Were the safety of the ships alone involved, the ship-owners might be left free to wreck or sink as many as they pleased. But they hire seamen and carry passengers, with whose lives they are as reckless as with their own property. Recent disasters at sea have impressed on Congress the necessity of measures to prevent waste of human life by short-sighted greed. A ship like the Titanic can no longer be manned at the last moment with men who cannot pull an oar, for governments must care for the many lives at stake. In protecting the lives of passengers and crew, governments protect the ships in spite of the

owners. There can be little doubt that the La Foliette bill will pass the House. Wilson bill, which passed both Senate and House in the last Congress, but was vetoed by President Taft. There of abrogation of conflicting treaties, preaching is in part due to a less se- forgets that in a democracy the small. but we are now assured of free, com- pices on our lawn at once.

petent seamen on every ship, Amer ican or foreign, which comes to Amer-ican ports, and of more nearly equalized cost of operation between Amerracy. In treating militancy as a mat- ican and foreigns ships. Another step has thus been taken toward restora tion of the American merchant marine.

Tibet, the Hermit Kingdom, is being brought into the family of nations A conference of British-Indian, Chi nese and Tibetan representatives is in session at Simia, arranging Tibet's future status. It seems probable that the kingdom will be secured against Chinese aggression by definition of the frontier, that Chinese suzerainty will be recognized, but that Tibet will be permitted to negotiate directly with the Indian government subject to Chinese approval and that a British official will assist in starting manufactures and mines in Tibet. Modern civilization will then penetrate every corner of Asia.

The presence of eight sallors at a temperance meeting in New York surprised some who saw them. The sailor and his grog are inseparable to many imaginations, but this is not so near the truth as it used to be. men are as intelligent as other people and when they have a chance to improve their minds they are eager to do so. On many modern vessels they are provided with reading matter which has acquainted them with the injury done by alcohol and a marked temper ance movement has followed,

W. L. Dresback, of Scio, who packed 141 boxes of apples in should be awarded a niche in the hall of fame. He has achieved consummate mastery of a difficult and important art. The apple packer must exercise eye and hand in perfect unison. The eye is required to judge of size, color, shape and quality without hesitancy, and the hand must seize the apple it indicates and place it in exact position instantaneously. education the scientific orchard gives and utilizes.

The explosion of a mine "by wire less" in England reminds us again of some of the perils of our new inventions. This was done intentionally, as an experiment, but the same thing may happen by accident. atmosphere is vibrating with all sorts of waves it seems as if nothing of an explosive nature can be really We dare say the time will come when it will be perfectly feasible to blow up an enemy's powder magazine at a distance of many miles with a wireless instrument.

The idea of reforestation has taken hold of the East. The Indinapolis News calls for tree-planting on hills of Brown County and the wastes of the old Limberlost." Then Mrs. Gene Stratton Porter's children will have the scene for a new series of novels after the style of "Freckles."

People who think all a lawyer has to do is to take the money are mis-taken. A man under trial for murder taken. deeded his property to the attorneys for the defense and they did their best to prove he was insane. Now he seeks to recover and they must prove his sanity. They will, of course,

Apple day for horses is a good idea So is turnip day for cows, bone day for dogs and cream day for cats. The first is a Chicago proposition; but how about apples for the hundred thouserfdom to freedom and put on an sand children in that big city who never have the chance even to "speak

Nearly 80,000 people have registered for the 2000 quarter sections of Government land to be drawn at the proportion of skilled men, and three-North Platte lottery today. The 78,more or le cast an eye toward Oregon and see the promised land.

> to fall for a week recommends seventeen reforms. If he'd been there a year no doubt he'd have recommended the total abolition of prisons, The general Weather Bureau an

> counces that cold weather is due ere long. Isn't it wonderful how those experts can look into the future? The banking committee is working behind locked doors on the currency measure. Now wouldn't it he just too

> The supervisor who drags a dirt road, with the roller as a follow-up, will add to his popularity when he

Explosion of a mine eight miles distant by wireless is making fiction into fact. The dream of the novelist today is reality tomorrow.

runs for a higher position.

time of year is something like a storm on Mount Hood.

Opponents of suffrage are starting a fight on Mrs. Pankhurst, That's right. Don't overlook Emmaline altogether.

Chauffeur named Killian ran down Who said two women at one time. there's nothing in a name?

Wellesley girls are accused of bolting their food. But you should see them out in company. All things come to the man who

waits, and John Barrett, of Cregon, is no exception. That in Mexico wasn't an electionit was one of Huerta's jokes on the

United States. Mars is said to be signaling this world. Possibly trying to get in touch

Huerta has one of the traits of Porfirio Diaz when it comes to running an election.

What excuse will the Administration devise now for doing nothing in Mexico?

Society is planning many halloweer affairs. Especially the younger set. Few Mexicans cared to waste time roing to the Huerta type of polis,

About time for a new egg-laying champion to be announced.

Indian Summer will not down

New Scheme of Lawn Decoration. Sydney, Australia, Bulletin.
Post—A beautiful garden party was
given yesterday under the auspless of
Lady Black. Mrs. Newrich—I'll have
our landscape architect plant some ausStories of Natural Science

No. 6-The Production of Hydrogen. The gas hydrogen, recognized by Paracelsus as early as the 16th century, became an actual problem to science 200 years later when its properties were considered with reference to the phlo giston theory of combustion. Chemical belief was becoming unsettled at this time, for the development of a great many hitherto unsuspected facts was arousing skeptical inquiry among ven-erated ideas left undisturbed since the erated ideas left undisturbed since the time of the ancient philosophers. With a keen-mindedness comparable to that of Aristotle, Antoine Lavoisier occupied himself during the last quarter of the 18th century in finding more plausible explanations for chemical phenomena than those which his contemporaries

ffications for producing hydrogen. As my son, who now sleeps his last sleep first performed, steam was passed in Rose City Park, in our war with through an intensely heated tube in Spain. Yes, the old flag is good enough which a quantity of iron nails had been for me. It has floated over me for 71 placed. Escaping steam was condensed years. at the end of the tube by passing it through water, and the surviving gas-eous substance was hydrogen. Since steam and from were the only sub-trodden and oppressed. Why change? stances from which the gas had come. As a boy in my early teens, I learned its origin was either in a combination to love my country's fig. and when my of these two substances, or else it came from the decomposition of one of these to go fight for our "rights," as they substances. That hydrogen was a consubstances. That hydrogen was a con-stituent of water did not long remain in doubt.

Hydrogen is like oxygen in the fact hat its production is exclusively a function of those substances which contain it. Of these there are thousands. to produce hydrogen, there are other metals which decompose water in a similar way. One characteristic metal which does this is radium. In its similar way. One characteristic metal to the sight of it, or become accuswhich does this is sodium. In its pure to the sight of it, but when I looked at it, what little regard I had metal, not too hard to be cut with a for it would drop several degrees, and knife. A small piece dropped into water shows additional characteristics of a remarkable pature; for on the May 1882 I as the old flag of down of a remarkable nature; for on the surface of water it becomes molten at once, spins about, and indulges in much sputtering. Hydrogen passes from the scene of the reaction. Potassium, a metal of physical properties little dif-ferent from those of sodium, performs in much the same way when brought in contact with water; the reaction in this case is accompanied by so great a lib-eration of heat that flame is produced and the evolving hydrogen is consumed. Both of these metals produce from water a substance identical with that which was bottled up at the end of a heated iron tube through which steam

With sodium and potassium, the activity, or reactivity seems due to a more energetic impulse. This tendency exhibited by one substance joining into combination with another is, in scientific terminology, chemical affinity. The similarity of the expression to one used in classifying a certain emotional phe-nomenon has not modulated its severely scientific significance, although hy-potheses based on the idea of affini-him on the spot," and if there is ties are being found increasingly inse-cure. One hope of science is that the affinity of substances will not always to be an American citizen. have to be taken for granted, but that have to be taken for granted, but that some more comprehensible explanation will find expression in a more compre-known defeat. W. E. MORRIS.

The product of sodium and water of this reaction is to be found in the water; it becomes slippery and has a soapy taste. A paper treated with dye tecting certain properties in solutions which would be noticeable in the same way if the sodium should be replaced by potassium, or by calcium, barium or magnesium. Any one of these metals will evolve hydrogen from water and form a compound with a sonry test. form a compound with a soapy taste. That New York reformer who went

> All these five metals are known to I doesn't seem to me that you make All these five metals are known to form compounds with water which are called hydroxides, and which have the three common properties mentioned. A search for the cause of this would demand common features about each of the five reactions rather than a similarity between each of the five different metals. This is not an ancient theory, for texts on chemistry even up to being all under the referendum.)
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> I doesn't seem to me that you make it clear to the voter whether he is voting to invoke the power of the referending just as often read the criticism of the criticism of the criticism of the criticism concur, but when on that identical measure. It seems to me it would have been easier (the five matters to be acted on at the election of the criticism of the plays. Frequently my opinion and the criticism of the criticism of the criticism of the plays. Frequently my opinion and the criticism of the plays. Frequently my opinion and the referendum on that identical measure. It seems to me it would have been easier (the five matters to be acted on at the election of the criticism of the crit cannot be acted to a common features and the criticism of the c selves. The newer explanation shows passed by the Legislature and either the improved method followed in the confirm or reject them. scientific world of today. In these so- I fear that unless you can explain lutions the only common elements are the way to vote more simply there will hydrogen and oxygen, which often com-ing together in the same way are treat-ed as if they were but one substance, when it was cast. I must surely get ed as if they were but one substance, when it was cast. I must surely got and defined as the hydrogen-oxygen further instructions myself before instructions

A later evidence of hydrogen in water has been found most conclusive. This comes from the decomposition of water this fashion from its compound with oxygen. There are certain other com-pounds of hydrogen with chlorine, nipounds of hydrogen with chlorine, nitrogen, sulphur and oxygen, and carbon and oxygen from which the hydrogen can be liberated. A long list of these compounds could be made in which a common property beside the presence of hydrogen would be a sour taste. If one believes the law a good one he should vote "yes." If he lacks thoused as to its terms, but knows knowledge as to its terms, but knows or believes it has been held up by self-isfactory to call these sour substances acids. They have additional properties tions of petition circulators, he should magnesium and zinc invariably disap-poar in acids simultaneously with the evolution of hydrogen. Gold and platinum enjoy immunity from acid action.

Nitric acid treats metals in much the same way that other acids do, but it is not given the same credit for the evo-lution of hydrogen. The difficulty occurs in a certain habit of nitric hydrogen is made and then immediately used up, so from the observers stand-point hydrogen is not produced. It is assumed that a man making bread and eating it all himself would not be called a baker.

Health Officer's Experience PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—(To the Editor.)—For the benefit of the taxpayers of the city, will you kindly inform the public when Dr. Marcellus, City Health Offiver, received his diploma; how many years he has practiced medicine, and what does he know about sanitary conditions in general? What taxes does he pay?

VICTOR H. SMITH.

The Oregenian published Dr. Marcellus' blography at the time his apgraduated from the medical department f the University of Pennsylvania in sylvania in 1904, and in Oregon in 1906; was attached throughout the insurrec tion to the sanitary troops or hospital corps in the Philippine Islands, and was sanitary officer with supervision of O. N. G. military camps and maneuvers from 1908 to 1912. He pays \$120 in through the territory

NO EXCUSE FOR CHANGE IN FLAG Ex-Confederate Gives Patriotic Rea-

sons for Preserving Design. PORTLAND, Oct, 22 .- (To the Edltor.)-It would appear, from what I have read at different times lately on the subject, that there is a move, or rather a contemplated move, by some person advocating a change of the stars in our National flag. I for one am not disposed to take this matter seriously; thinking and hoping there may be no grounds for the report; but, in case such a move is projected, I as a reader of and a subscriber to your old ploneer paper for the last 36 years, ask a little space for the purpose of voicing my earnest and honest, not to say indignant, protest against any

such thought, intention or action. than those which his contemporaries furl it before all the world. It float-unquestionably accepted,

Lavoisier's famous gun-barrel experiment by which he produced bydrogen
from water is still used in various modfloating for modification bydrogen

It floated over my father, who lost a leg
in our war with Mexico. It floated over

It stands for everything that man could wish for on the face of God's earth. It offers a shelter for the downwhere my "rights" were in any manner considered, for my people owned no "niggers," there was no public school system, and if the parents were not able to pay their children, got no "edi-cation"), so I enlisted, as I understood, and would fight under the old flag.

war at Winchester, under Jackson, in May, 1862, I saw the old flag go down to temporary defeat, and when the rebel cavalry, after driving the enemy across the river, returned trailing it in the dust, tied to their horses' tails well. I can't put on paper the state of my boyish won't try. boyish feelings at that time, so l

My first impulse was to attempt to rescue it, but I realized too well the consequences of so rash an act. was at Malvern Hill, at Fair Caks, at the second Bull Run, at Antietam, where my brother was killed, at Fred-ericksburg where a loyal Yankee bullet layed me up for several months But after four years of agonizing

doubts and fears and insults, the old flag, "Old Glory" come unto its own at Appomattox Do we want a change? Accursed be the tongue that gives voice to the wish. Let the old flag alone, let it wave in all its glory and beauty. This is my maxim: if any man, be he I. W. W. or whoever he may be, attempt to tear down or speaks in

720 Linn street.

EFFECT OF "YES" VOTE NOT CLEAR reacting is hydrogen. Another effect Confusion Likely to Affect Ballots in

Referendum Election. WARRENTON, Or., Oct. 26 .- (To the from the litmus plant might be dipped into this water, and would turn blue. "Voting Yes vs. Voting No." in order to This blue color gives a means of de- post me at the polls on the 4th of No

form a compound with a soapy taste, slippery feeling, and the property of turning litmus paper blue. The compound of sodium is called sodium hydroxide in the laboratory, and outside it is merely called lye. There is a little of it in soap that produces the well-known soapy taste.

ory, for texts on chemistry even up to being all under the referendum) to recent times have attributed these common properties to the metals them-

can vote intelligently.

JOHN EVENDEN.

This Strictly speaking the "referendum" seeing two men pure each other. This water is not voted on. A "referendum" is Though blood may flow and pain find the process by which an act of the outlet in screams, yet no one interested Legislature is suspended pending ap- venes; but after the affray, comment is Strictly speaking the "referendum' Texas is a big state and a slight by electricity where the gases into the process by which an act of the which water resolves can be collected Legislature is suspended pending apfall of snow in one section at this and measured. Hydrogen is produced in proval or rejection of the law by the voters.

The law itself is voted on. A vote 'yes" is for adoption of the act.

acids. They have additional properties tions of petition circulators, he should of reacting on metals and turning litmus rely on the judgment of the Legislapaper from blue to red. Tin, iron, magnus paper from blue to red. Tin, iron, der the latter circumstances indider the latter circumstances indi-cates the voter's disapproval of the method or inspiration of the attack, hold-up, suspension, or "referendum" to which the law has been subjected. A vote "yes" helps carry the bill and re-bukes misuse or abuse of the referen-

BUTTE FALLS, Or., Oct. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell about the Mountain Meadows massacre. J. T.

The massacre occurred in September

1857, at Mountain Meadows, 350 miles south of Salt Lake City. A party of emigrants from Arkansas and Missouri were fired on by Indians, and, it is alleged, by Mormons disguised as Indians. After four days' siege they accepted the proffered protection of John D. Lee, Mormon Bishop-and Indian agent, and left the shelter of their wagons. All adults and children over 7 years of age were killed. Seventeen younger children afterwards restored to relatives through pointment was announced, June 22, He the efforts of the United States Government. Lee was executed for the crime in 1877, but efforts to inculpate 1903; was licensed to practice in Penn. other high officers of the church failed. Bancroft's history of Utah places the entire blame on Lee. Suspicion of knowledge and approval of the project by the Mormon Church was strengthened in the minds of many by the fact that Brigham Young had previously issued an order against passage into or without a permit from the proper officer."

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of October 28, 1888. Newark, N. J., Oct. 27.—James G. Blaine spoke tonight to 4000 people

New York, Oct. 27.-A Democratic arade of 17,000 business men was reviewed by President Cleveland to-

The Mechanics' Fair has drawn to a close. The judges of the baby show gave their decision yesterday as follows: lows: Baby No. 7, A. Stuart McDon-ough, first prize, gold medal; baby No. 34, Olgo Sectum, second prize, grand silver medal; baby No. 30, Matilda Ward, third prize, silver medal. The buggy given by Staver & Walker, was won by B. Gibson, of East Portland.

In response to an inquiry as to the original cost of the lot sold at \$25,000. Mr. Sherlock said he had paid \$200 for it in 1851. The let is No. 2, in block 46, situated next south of the southwest corner of Oak and Third streets. H. B. Litt has decided to open a

branch of his famous Portland suit house in Tacoma next Spring. J. Rouse, of Joseph, Wallows

County, was in the city during the

Sidney Loewenberg, a lad 15 years of age, was thrown from his pony near Salmon and Eighth streets Friday afternoon and his leg was broken.

McCraken & Co. are putting an en-tirely new floor in their wharf at D Yesterday A. B. Richardson, the auctioneer, sold lots 2 and 3, block Y, for \$11,200; lots 1 and 4, block Y, for \$11,500; lots 5 and 8, block Y, for \$11,-

Postmaster Roby has been notified by General Superintendent Bancroft, of the railway mail service, that railway pos-tal clerks Captain N. S. Pierce, C. P. Holloway, George N. Fawcett and W. W. Webster have been removed. All are Grand Army men.

Judge Boise has decided the suit of the Oregon Pacific Railroad Company against G. W. Hunt in favor of the latter, the jury awarding him \$76,

John Roberts and John Sterrett killed bear near Fairview that weighed 354

Half a Century Ago

Captain Ankeny, Hill Beachy and fom Pike have arrived at The Dalles in pursuit of Romain, Lowery, Page and Howard, the supposed murderers of Magruder and his party in the Beaverhead country. They found the birds had flown, probably to Portland, where they had likely taken the steamer for San Francisco. It was the intention of Captain Ankeny and party to pursue them until found. thought to have realized from \$40, 000 to \$50,000 from their three mur

New York, Oct. 22 .- General Shackle ford, with cavalry, has driven the rebels entirely out of Tennessee.

New York, Oct. 22.-The grand expedition under General Banks has effected a landing at Point Isabel with the corps under Franklin. The suc-cessful occupation of Point Isabel will

give us possession of Brownsville. Louisville, Oct. 20. - Major-General Grant has assumed command of the armies of the Ohio and the Cumberland. He left for Nashville this morning to assume the direction of affairs at Chattanooga. General Thomas takes

command of Rosecrans' army. The express and banking business of Wells-Fargo & Co. in this city will henceforth be transacted in their new office in Cree's fireproof block, corner of First and Stark streets.

The stage arrived at half past 5 last gaining near 11 hours on

PORTLAND, Oct. 27. - (To the Ed-itor.)-I often attend the theater, and

"The Lure," and read the criticism in The Oregonian Sunday, and " for a long time have I disagreed with your

critic as to the wholesomeness of the play on the average mind and the re-

sults to follow.

You concede the audience was mixed A large part of the atendance was probably prompted to attend by the sensational title, and the salacious wording and acting accompanyin- it. in which their expectations were realized. This same body of thinkers are temperamentally the ones crowd-ing about a turnoll on the street and made as to which was the greater hero for the moment, and even a desire ex-pressed to witness another bout. This

much for a part of the audience.

The other half are shocked at the outrageous conditions prevailing, of which they have a general knowledge but to believe they are aroused by this play as an educational force and there-by the ends could be reached even beyond that of a sermon, would justify our Board of Education to create a spe-cial course in connection with our eugenic classes for the education of our young men and women on parallel lines.

I do not think this means of reaching a moral uplift is any more potential than has proven the commandment from the time of Moses—"thou shalt a degree this shameful evil, but fy to a degree thi

The World Moves

a marveleus and ever-changing scene of activity this world is— what a wonderful kaleidoscopic picture it presents? Even the com-munity in which you live moves rapidly-changing and changing as

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