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its vote on the twenty-nine measures has done much to uphold the gospel of the people's ability to rule. The state and the voters deserve congratulations.

When Theodore Roosevelt came back from South America he had visions of a glorious return to the Republican party and a grateful reception by its duly-chastised members. He endorsed Mr. Hinman for Governor in the New York Republican primary...

to that end, can counteract the reactionary tendencies to which they are opposed and can advance those principles which they and the Republicans hold in common.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY. Turkey's entrance into the war and the Turkish assaults on Russia must add to the uneasiness Great Britain has been feeling with increased intensity for some weeks. Nor is the fact that Germany thereby gets a new source of badly-needed military equipment the principal cause for British anxiety...

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, November 5, 1864. McClellan continues to draw his salary as a Major-General of the United States Army. Governor Gibbs is not in his usual health, and will not be able to fulfill appointments made for speaking previously...

Each May and Cause of Peace

Golden Rule Practiced by Individuals Will Hasten Government's Peace. CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 3.—(To The Editor.)—The correspondence relating to war, disarmament of the navy and peace plans has been most interesting and instructive. Perhaps we do not yet earnestly and persistently enough...

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, November 4, 1889. COLFAX, Wash., Nov. 3.—Philo Boland or Eva Craig has been discovered in his masquerade as a woman. From childhood, his brother says, Philo played and acted like a girl, wearing his sister's clothes when possible...

CONGRATULATIONS!

It is quite obvious from election results on ballot measures that abuse of the initiative is working out its own remedy. The overwhelming defeat of nearly every measure expressed in plain words the people's repudiation of the initiative...

PROHIBITION.

The State of Oregon has gone for prohibition by many thousand votes. The women were a large factor, doubtless, for a majority of them were not only "dry," but it is probably true that more men also voted "dry" than "wet" at the election. In any event it is a remarkable reversal of the verdict of 1910, when the state declared against prohibition by more than 20,000 in a total vote of a little more than 100,000. It is clear that the state has in four years decidedly changed its mind.

A FINE SPIRIT.

Maeterlinck has declined the seat which the French Academy has offered him to do homage to heroic Belgium offered him. He has declined it, not because he does not appreciate the proffered honor, but because he feels that another Belgian is worthy than he. Maeterlinck has expressed his renunciation in prose. The Belgian Verhaeren has written poetry. Maeterlinck maintains that the true spirit of a nation is better expressed by its poets than by its prose writers. Hence he seeks to pass the proffered distinction over to Verhaeren.

DRY SEASONS WELL WITHSTOOD

Oregon Does Not Seem to Be as Susceptible to Drouth as Other States. MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 3.—(To The Editor.)—I noticed in The Oregonian a few weeks since, a communication from Eugene with reference to the dry season and the condition of the soil in the section of country between Gresham and Pleasant Home. It is a little late now to talk or write about the dry season especially for any portion of the Willamette valley, but there is considerable difference between that section of Oregon and this valley. Each has a variety of soils, likewise the rainfall varies to quite an extent even in the Willamette valley.

PARTIALITY SEEN IN STATE LAWS.

Farmers' Potato Bags Must Be Standard, but He Says Underweight Feeds. OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 4.—(To The Editor.)—I am a small farmer, and sometimes I am compelled to buy millfeed for my cows and hogs. I buy in ton lots, with reference to the quantity I put a certain number of pounds in a bag of barley (ground), a certain quantity of ground oats, also bran, and they say so many bags make a ton. I have weighed it, and most every one has weighed it, and most every one including the scales, and the scales, including the fact recently when he sold me a ton of feed and counted so many bags, and the ton that it was short, but he gave me a bill for 100 pounds more. It shrinks some 10 or 20 pounds on a ton is not much. I sent him a letter about a week or two ago, and he sent me a bill for 100 pounds more. I am familiar with that section only by passing through it and gaining information from people who have lived there a long time. The quality and depth of soil in Multnomah County along with a greater rainfall is more conducive to the conservation of moisture by intense cultivation. A gentleman in business here recently returned from a residence in the Willamette valley, the valley of the big prairie counties in the Willamette. He states that the farms along the foothills region of the Willamette valley are fairly successful while out on the prairie they were hit pretty hard.

N. NITTS ON PROHIBITION.

By DEAN COLLINS. Necessity Nitts, sage of Pundkindorf Station. Tried to cut off a beetle by expectoration. But grief spoiled his aim, and by slight deviation He missed. Then he sighed and with sad contemplation On drouth and on dryness he made an oration. In Pundkindorf Station for some decades back We all had our moonshine and our appleack. And nobody heard of the present-day cry Persist'nt, insistent 'that things should be dry. And all went as nicely as blossoms in Spring Till the Ladies' Uplift shied its hat in the ring. That Uplift well, all of a sudden it came Right out with both fists to combat Demon Rum. And it got so a man must be plumb careful fore He grieved that side entrance at Higgins' store. And 'section day it was amazing' to note The way that Uplift just plied up its vote. My granddaughter kept me at home the hull day Cause I stood fer wet, and when I got away The count showed as plain as a gnat in your eye. That Pundkindorf Station had gone and went dry. And the more that I view this condition, the more I just feel more thirsty than ever before.

REPUBLICAN PARTY REFORMED.

Henceforth the Republican party will invite popular support on the basis of its own merits, and will not direct election of delegates to National conventions wherever state law so provides and of an apportionment of delegates in proportion to the number of Republican votes in each state. The new rules making these changes have been approved by Republican conventions in states casting a majority of electoral votes, and Texas alone has rejected them. The excuse for the Roosevelt bolt of 1912 has been reformed, for the next National convention will be truly representative of the party's membership. The time has come for all men who believe in Republican principles to unite under one banner, recognizing that differences among them relate only to the details of their policies in detail. The recent election shows that a great majority of those who left the party in 1912 have returned. The remaining dissidents should see by this time that they are too few in number and that their performance in the national drawing power to offer any hope of their accomplishing anything as an independent party. The most they can accomplish hereafter, as heretofore, is to aid the Democratic party in thwarting the aims they have in common with the party which they have abandoned. As to those measures which they have made peculiarly their own, they have every assurance that future Republican conventions will decide according to the will of the body of Republican voters, free from boss dictation or from Southern over-representation. It has long been recognized that in self-governing countries a strong, united opposition is as essential to good government as a strong, ably led ruling party. The overwhelming majority in the House is doubtless responsible for many of the misdeeds of the present Congress, while the much smaller Democratic majority in the Senate doubtless explains the improvement made by it in the work of the past year. This danger was foreseen by a Democratic Senator when the present Administration came into power, for he was quoted by the Indianapolis News as saying: "The greatest weakness of the Democratic party is its disorganization, divided. A strong opposition party is always a danger to the government. I fear that unless this movement for reorganization of the Republican party promises well, the Democrats in Congress, and in many of the states, will be unable to do any work for years to make the record they ought to make."

OUR POLICY IN MEXICO.

The Mexican policy of President Wilson, for which great credit is claimed by his supporters, was calmly and mercilessly dissected by Senator Lodge in a speech at Worcester. Mr. Lodge asserted that his criticism was not inspired by partisanship and backed up this assertion by recalling that on two important occasions when foreign policy was involved he had backed up Democratic Presidents. He spoke not as a Republican, but as an American. Mr. Lodge's criticism of the Wilson policy may be summed up in his statement that the choice lay between abstention from any interference in Mexico and active intervention. But that Mr. Wilson had adopted neither policy. He did not condemn the refusal to recognize Huerta, but he held that the President should have based it on international grounds, not on objection to Huerta's moral character or the methods by which he obtained power. Mr. Wilson could have found grounds for his action in Huerta's inability to protect the rights of foreign residents or to fulfill foreign obligations, and in the fact that recognition would have validated foreign loans contracted by Huerta, which loans could have been repaid by foreign revenue, upon which foreign residents had the first claim for their losses. Our refusal to recognize Huerta having failed to overthrow him, Mr. Wilson's refusal to withdraw the embargo and thereby helped Villa and sustained informal relations with Carranza. This measure did not enable the Constitutionalist to drive out Huerta and in April he arranged a loan of \$5,000,000. Wilson was expecting the return of Carranza with the Y. S. money and these arms might have sustained Huerta for another year, even if they did not give him permanent victory. In Mr. Lodge's opinion, Mr. Wilson's policy in Mexico is a pretext for rendering further aid to Carranza. The President asked Congress to pass a resolution which "amounted to a declaration of war against Huerta by name," but this was changed by the Senate to permit him to do what he wished without naming Huerta. The Republican Senators sought to change it in such a way that our action would be based on the danger to American lives and property and on the outrages committed on Americans. Without awaiting the action of Congress, the President caused the occupation of Vera Cruz. Misled by misinformation, he expected no resistance, but a battle ensued in which nineteen Americans were killed and 300 wounded and several hundred Mexicans were killed and wounded. Mr. Lodge laid stress on the facts that, though the Tampico incident might have been disposed of with the local Mexican officials, it was taken up with Huerta; that though the American flag was insulted at Tampico, the American squadron withdrew nine miles from that town and left

AMERICA TO EUROPE.

We gave with horror and affright The wind-swept sea, Where nations, rushing to the flight, Lit by the blinding hamlet's light, Involuntarily might. Thy blessing, O, God of Peace. Men of our faith, and of our race, What madness past belief! Who ye who have now retraced The road you trod, and reach the place, Where we must look into your face With horror and with grief. Masters of all the world has sought In science and in art, You sought this knowledge, dearly bought, And deadly weapons you have wrought To kill your brothers. Oh, the thought To us, a world apart! God of all men on this broad earth, Give back thy guiding hand, Clean from this madness and this death. Of smiles and songs, of joy and mirth, Dear things, that seem of little worth, 'Till war sweeps o'er the land. Portland, Or. Veracity of a Husband. Baltimore American. "What first made you distrust the witness' veracity?" "I heard him tell a friend of mine that he never in his life forgot a letter his wife gave him to mail."

Love and Happiness.

Life. There's no use, my dear girl; you can't be happy with that young man on two thousand a year. "But, papa, I'm too much in love to care about whether I'm happy or not." Yankee School Watches Dress. Boston Herald. Lynn (Mass.) Superintendent of Schools refuses to permit girl pupils to attend school in fashionable filmy garments.

Clark Interview Denied.

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—(To The Editor.)—The following item was given space in The Oregonian Saturday, Nov. 2. The Oregonian Seattle, Nov. 2.—Prince Nicholas Engelbartsch, ex-Russian Vice-Consul in Chicago, is said to have made public a statement which he said had been given him in Paris by William A. Clark. Clark, with the Germans and the British, with the request that it be given to the American press. The statement follows: "I am an American people of this case, which I have investigated. It is that of a Belgian family, the father of whom was killed by the Germans and the mother by the British. The mother was a woman of high character and she was a widow. I have the daughter under my care here." Since that time Senator William A. Clark has arrived in New York City and emphatically denied that an interview between him and Prince Engelbartsch had taken place. He also declares the stories about German atrocities to be clumsy fabrications, entirely unsupported by facts. MARTIN TRUDEL.

Sunday Features: POLLY AND HER PALS.

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Arranging a Settlement.

Harper's Magazine. Mr. Golden had a new office boy. A few days after his arrival some money was missed from the cash drawer. Calling the new boy into the private office, Mr. Golden said severely: "There is \$10 gone from my cash drawer. Now you and I are the only people who have keys to that drawer." "Well," replied the boy, cheerfully, "I give you each pay \$5 and say no more about it!"

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