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publicans—Adams, Jackson, Clay, Crawford, Clinton and Calhoun. The election of Adams followed and for four years the whole interest of the country was centered upon the organized political effort to "vindicate" Jackson.

Jackson meanwhile had proclaimed himself a "democrat," and there has since been a democratic party in the United States.

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the pre-war level and when a swelling volume of traffic makes yearly additions to the demand for new expenditure. Thus private operation starts under a great handicap.

Seattle lawyers tell the wheat growers that it does not matter to them whether it does not pay more for hauling to the sound than to Columbia-river ports.

Help in bearing the burden will come from the consolidations which the new law will encourage.

Colby Loyalty. Bainbridge, Colby, whose mind travels along with President Wilson's confidence in the critics of the government.

Twenty-six states have joined in opposing the test suit brought by Rhode Island to have the national prohibition amendment declared unconstitutional.

It is, as frankly admitted by Barney Baruch, "price-fixing saved the nation." We shudder to think what would have happened without it.

Unofficial complaints that dealers are destroying fish and other foods lead to nothing. They contend the stuff is spoiled, and investigation generally proves it so to be.

Growers of loganberries hope to get 18 cents this year and do not consider the offer of 12 cents, which dims the hope of the consumer for cheap berries of any kind.

It is a fine record for a boy to have, that of never tardy or absent; but the other kind of fellows grow up to be politicians and grab the goods.

Those Who Come and Go

"Billy" is a bellhop at one of the leading hotels fronting along Broadway. Billy has traveled much and has seen about all there is to see of life.

Another chapter in a happy romance of the war will be completed today with the marriage in Portland of Herbert C. Hamilton of Klamath Falls.

Legislators, lobbyists and others of the fraternity who attended the 1919 session of the legislature at Salem remember "Doug" Fuller, silent clerk at the Marion Hotel.

"Somebody put a baby buggy in our room, but we're here to confess and insist we don't need it," declared Mr. Elkins and wife in unison as they approached the desk clerk at the Elkins yesterday afternoon.

"Being a high school principal these days isn't like it used to be," says L. R. Traver of Seaside, who is stopping at the Portland Hotel.

During the "flu" epidemic which was general over the valley a week or so ago, Dr. A. E. Wrightman of Silverton was on the go both day and night.

Associate Justices Benson, Bean, Johns, Harris and Burnett of the Oregon supreme court, were over-riding visitors in Portland from Salem.

Francisco Gomez, son of President Gomez of Ecuador, South America, was stopping at the Elkins Hotel.

Dr. J. L. Havens, chief of police of Honolulu, Wash., is in Portland on official business. He is registered at the Elkins Hotel.

More Truth Than Poetry

Do they come back in different guise Long after we are torn asunder? In other forms do they return? And whisper of the past? I wonder!

Two years ago we muttered, "Dear! The word was playfully intended—But Tabby, our devoted cat, Departed from our midst, offended, We put thick cream under the door, For every means did we endeavor To lure her to our home once more, But she has gone, alas, forever.

Secretary Daniels says he knows the name of the cat. He won't seek the nomination, and as the nomination shows no disposition to seek Mr. McAdoo, it looks as if he might never meet.

Each man must sometimes kneel before a gate That closes on his hopes none far astray. Each one must sometime learn to sit silent wait, And bow his unaccustomed head to pray.

There is a potted measured in life's hour Which measures in the vital, Fate, The bitter night, shall judge what is the best, Within the garden he must surely toil, To cross the victors who have stood the test.

Among the bills approved by Governor Lord since adjournment of the legislature is that providing for the creation of the office of county auditor in Multnomah county and this appointment is to be made at once.

James May, a man about 40 years of age who was employed on a scow was drowned in the Columbia river Wednesday night, just this side of St. Helens.

Idleness is the devil's most potent agency in raising hell upon earth, and unproductive labor is ten times more evil than that of idleness, for it wastes both time and material.

There is a state water board which has supervision of the appropriation, distribution and diversion of the waters of the state and of the adjudication of water rights. Address Roy W. Potter, Secretary State Water Board, Salem, Or.