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full of potato chips or a third full of spaghetti, for spice just as high as the fragrance in the box, and for magnified olives, less in the bottle.

REFORM THE PRIMARY. Back in Kansas, where they start things in the line of political reform, and occasionally finish them, there is a great hubbub over a proposal to change the direct primary law.

It is surprising to note that the chief provision of the proposed amendment is a simple and usual requirement that the voter should register before an election.

It is not possible here in Oregon, where we have long endured the primary, to have grown used to it, to get excited over any plan for registration, even if the books are to close several months before an election.

It is a little generally agreed that the primary is the matter with the most to be done about it. It should be agreed, however, that if there is to be a presidential primary, it should be held on the same day.

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HOUSEWIVES, WATCH FOR FRAUD. One of the first acts of the house at the present session of congress has been to pass a bill aimed at a fraud which has grown out of the great rise in prices.

SHIPS AND DISTANCE RATES. Quoting the Interstate Commerce commission as saying in the Columbia that the Portland Chamber of Commerce feared a demand from ship owners for higher rates for the additional distance of 100 miles from Astoria, the Astorian says that "Astoria has a better water route than Portland and eventually she will win the differential."

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Professional Marriage Officers Ought to Take Chances With Others. THE DALLIES, Or., Dec. 16.—(To the Editor.)—The controversy about marriage fees reported in The Oregonian December 10 at once interested me.

BOY PAGE A BOOKMAKER. Efficiency, we call it, when the city of Vancouver provides in one building the man who issues the marriage license, a parson-auditor to perform the ceremony and, just around the corner, three county clerks to act as witnesses.

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Those Who Come and Go.

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John Burroughs' Nature Notes.

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