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PARTY MOVEMENT IN POLITICS.

For Senator the Prohibition candidate (Amos) received in the election held June 1, 3787 votes; the Socialist candidate (Cooper) received 5267.

Here, represented by those who "also ran," are forces that must be reckoned with, now and hereafter.

Why are there so many parties in France and in Germany? Because there are certain ideas that are accepted as settled and fixed and the people divide on things not essential, nor even important.

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A HINT TO PASTORS.

Dr. Hamilton Fiske Bigger's method of raising money admits of wide application. The Doctor, it appears, is a homeopathist and has been participating in a convention, or love feast, of that persecuted sect at Kansas City.

The problem was how to make the doctors in the convention feel rich enough to part with their money.

The feeling of poverty is a sense of want, of not having enough of some desirable thing. Now who that has kissed a woman doctor ever felt that he had had enough?

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at Dr. Bigger's convention. His kisses produced \$100 each and the total proceeds of the cure were \$5000.

WILL IT COME TO JUDGMENT?

During all the years when illegal compensation was being taken by state officials, from the Governor down to the end of the list of them, the Oregonian continued to call attention to the fact that the business was a flagrant violation of the Constitution of the state.

Judgment has been rendered against E. L. Dunbar, formerly Secretary of the State, for moneys received by him as compensation, in excess of the Constitutional salary.

It is simple truth that Dunbar and Chamberlain received, as all their predecessors for many years had done, official emoluments in excess of the salaries fixed by the supreme law.

But the judgment rendered against Dunbar appears to be opening certain other interesting parts or branches of the subject. To employ here a phrase not absolutely original with The Oregonian: We shall see what we shall see.

THE NEW HOME.

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LUMBER TRADE PROSPECTS.

The president of a Seattle lumber company has just returned from a tour of the Eastern markets.

Under such conditions a revival in the business will be dependent more on the crop conditions throughout the Middle West than on the installment of the output on the Pacific Coast.

One may surmise, therefore, that neither Socialism nor the servant problem is at the bottom of the trouble with the home. Three causes

are discernible which appear to be more adequate. One of them is the patent fact that women have lost their taste for housekeeping.

There is no necessary connection between the two. A woman may be a very good mother even if she declines to spend her time washing dishes and boiling soap.

WORK OF A SUPREME COURT JUDGE.

There is a disposition in some quarters to criticize the people of this state because they defeated the constitutional amendment providing for an increase of the number of Supreme Judges from three to five.

DR. CUBBERLY'S IDEAS.

On Thursday, Dr. E. P. Cubberly, of Stanford, addressed the State Teachers' Association at Eugene on "Methods of Taxation for Education."

There is not much to be said against Dr. Cubberly's proposal, except that it lacks practical wisdom.

We are aware that he does not openly propose to rob the ten, but would come to the aid of the one who must be created by superimposing new taxes upon those we already pay.

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enormous profits that were made in the business attracted so many mill-builders that the business was actually overdone before the panic occurred.

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moral obligation of a grubstake deal is regarded as sacred, and the percentage of grubstake cases that get into the courts is surprisingly small, in comparison with the number of bargains of this nature that are made, many of them with nothing in writing to prove or disprove any contentions that may arise.

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"PEACEFUL BILL" AND "SUNNY JIM"

An enterprising Chicago newspaper has started out to organize all the Bills of the country into one great Taft club, and all the Jims into a Sherman club.

There is no way, however, to get Bill Bryan to take out an honorary membership in the club, and undoubtedly all the other Bills of Democratic persuasion will stay by their old allegiance.

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Fairbanks could undoubtedly have had the nomination if he had made it possible. Some members of the Indiana delegation, indeed, said that he would take it. But others insisted that he ought to be taken at his word and that the good faith of the delegation itself in nominating him for President was more or less involved and should not be impugned by offering him for Vice-President.

It should be explained that the dissatisfaction of the Taft people with Mr. Sherman does not rest so much on his unavailability as a candidate as upon the possible, or even probable, consequences to them if he shall be elected.

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