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THE "TENDENCIES" OF A PARTY.

A great truth Mr. Bryan is telling in his recent speeches. "Parties," he declares, "are not to be measured by the things actually done, but by their tendencies." It is a test that always has been insisted on by The Oregonian; but it has often been denied by Mr. Bryan's partisans in Oregon, and elsewhere, too. Many and many a time, when uttered by The Oregonian, it has called forth a cry of rage from the non-partisan Democratic oracles hereabout.

IT IS A SIMPLE STORY.

Mr. Chamberlain was not the choice, and is not the choice, of a majority of the people of Oregon for Senator. He only was preferred in the circumstances, to Mr. Calkins, who had no business in it, and whose "butting in" was resented by thousands of voters; not because they had objection to Mr. Calkins on personal grounds, but because they didn't deem him the proper man for the position.

A HARD CASE.

The letter from Prairie City which The Oregonian printed yesterday was written by Mr. C. E. Chambers, a veterinarian who has been wronged by the state veterinary surgeon. He permits a kind heart to lead his judgment astray, but he is not the only man in the world who does so, and he has a much better excuse than those who bewail the destruction of diseased orchards.

"FRATS" IN THE SCHOOLS.

The household ruled by children is a place where incipient anarchy is nurtured, a place without shunned by the wisest of people. The household ruled by pupils is such a household on a larger, more aggressive and more anarchistic scale. Every ultimate purpose of self-government is defeated by such a home and such a school.

SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS.

As the season of the Equinox approaches, that steadfast pillar, Mr. Joseph G. Cannon, is likely to be much beaten upon by storms. A double method of attack being practiced against him, he is assailed not only by his own little principality of Danville, Ill., but also, and perhaps more seriously, in the districts of those Congressmen who are his staunchest friends and most obedient lackeys.

A RAY OF COMFORT.

Margherita, the Italian Queen Dowager, does not relish the approaching union of the royal Duke of the Abruzzi with Miss Elkins, daughter of the Prince of West Virginia. The Dowager says she objects because the American citizen is not a native-born subject, and she is afraid that she will be a dowager in the hands of a foreigner.

POT POURRI

Those who love themselves have few rivals. They say money talks. Well, it does frequently say good-bye. "Swell." Bill Jones was a common sort of man. Just an everyday, ordinary, "also ran"; His wife took in washing and his girl worked out.