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POLITICAL HANCOIN IN FORMER TIMES.

Though defamation of eminent men, by partisan spite and rancor, in our time, has frequently been very common, it has seldom reached during recent years the malignant fury that characterized it very commonly in earlier days.

The second volume of McMaster's great "History of the People of the United States" contains perhaps the best collected account of these attacks on Washington.

The Senate doesn't act in a spirit of candor about local appropriations. It may be feared that the appropriations granted by the Senate may not in all cases be conceded and confirmed in the House.

PLUMBERS AND LAWYERS.

Plumbers, whose alleged trust has been assailed in the local courts, seem sincere in convincing the public that no trust exists.

PRELIMINARIES TO 1912.

The Chicago Tribune has made a poll of the Democratic editors of the country to learn what their Presidential preferences are.

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newspaper, March 6, 1897, the day after Washington's retirement from the Presidency, said:

"Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, as thou hast said, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

Similar extracts, containing accusations against Washington and the men whom he had gathered around him, might be multiplied without end.

SENATE IS "EASY" HOUSE "HARD."

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AN INTERESTING BOOK, THIS.

From these premises we may perhaps answer our correspondent's questions without much difficulty.

HOOD RIVER'S CURFEW.

The reason for which Hood River has repealed its curfew ordinance is curious.

THE HERED MAN.

A matron dwelling in the country asks some interesting questions of The Oregonian regarding the proper treatment of her hired man.

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which will insure tremendous popularity when he becomes better known.

It may be admitted that tariff revision will be the principal issue in the next Presidential campaign.

But that is a very different thing from admitting that the people are ready to trust the Democrats to revise the tariff.

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account it naturally follows that what some of our agitators call the "class struggle" should show itself on the farm quite as plainly as in the cities.

The hired man usually makes it his principal business to do as little work as he possibly can for the pay he receives.

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quently in time of peace, they will be much more frequent and deadly in time of war.

NEW BRANCH OF FARMING.

A Walla Walla dispatch announces that members of the Farmers' Union have decided to build a large mill at or near Walla Walla for the purpose of making more money out of their wheat than they are able to get under existing circumstances.

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of cancer. Our main reliance for aid when once attacked by it must be upon the surgeon's knife.

The communicability of tuberculosis has often been attested by the fading from this disease of one member after another of the same family.

The Pennsylvania Medical Society has appointed a cancer commission to investigate the ravages of that terrible disease and report upon possible methods of abating them.

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TOPICAL VERSE

Through Thick and Thin. You who whisper that you love me, Pause a moment; tell me this: Will you think you still dream of me? Will you crave me as a kiss?

When the years have added fates, Tissue to my slender frame? Will you love me as I once loved you? Will you love me just the same?

Will you still keep up your ardor When I am ever so much sicker? Won't your heart for me grow larger? When my footsteps shake the earth?

Do you think you'll love me daily? When I grow so large as that? Tell me, darling, tell me truly, Will you love me just the same?

—New York Telegram.

In Bwana Tumbo's Story.

In Bwana Tumbo's story, We got the painful facts, And all the details sorry, Resulting from his acts.

He tells us how he squired, And what he aimed to hit, And when the ball alighted, Just what he killed it.

"What time I killed a lion," Says Bwana in his brag, "I firmly gazed my eye on, The middle of his chest. The ball—a 40 roder—went in, Impaling one of his hip, And ranged into the caudal Appendage near the tip."

In Bwana Tumbo's story, We hear the bullet thud, And what is even more, we can hear the sound of blood. He's very frank about it, And leaves the reader no Alternative to doubt in Was even thus and so.

"I came upon a kudu," Says Bwana in his brag, "And doing what but few do, I shot him in the face. The bullet smashed his gizzard, He fell for many a furlong, And strewn from A to Izzard, His obfuscated wit."

In Bwana Tumbo's story, There is no tempered word Or show of allegory, Concerning what occurred, It's all set down precisely, As it appeared to him. And nothing is said nicely, That truth to tell was grim.

"I hit him in the shoulder," Says Bwana in his brag, "He shut up like a folder, And perished with a smile. It was the Holland sailer him— The one who had the gun, And it made a hole clear through him, That I tossed my helmet through."

The Final War.

Oh, East and West shall know not rest, And the seas shall be blood-red, When the fierce war dogs of the world Break loose from the thrall of their resting bed.

There's a sign in the North and a sign in the South that blood shall flow no more, But the sign of the starry sea, that Mara must have his gut of war.

O God! what a hell the signs foretell Of the final clash of the Powers, When the great steel ships which their sons have built shall go to their destruction.

Then blood in the North and blood in the South and blood in the West will flow, And the old white priest of the hoary East shall reap blood as his wo.

We have set our seal on the night of the steel and the steel some test must find, Ere we cast away the grim old dream and know that our eyes were blind, There is no power on earth that can light and Mara knows that right well.

He will give the word when his wrath is stirred which will loose his hounds of hell, Then East and West shall know not rest and the flags shall dip in the red, And the seven seas shall open wide to engulf the Nations' dead.

Resolutions.

I ain't a'got'n to git mad when the gas man comes around, With his gas if I'd furnished gas for half the town, I won't fume an' flare an' throw a fit, An' bear my hair an' cuss, When the gas man comes around, down an' makes an awful noise.

Or if when I have gone to bed, One telephone calls me, An' to my bare an' tender feet I'd quickly have to spring, To find there's nothin' doin', An' there's nothin' to be done, I'll simply swaller down my rage, An' bear the cold an' shake.

An' all the other cares of life I'm goin' to ignore, There ain't no pensionin' troubles Goin' to hurt me any more, For I've made my resolutions That I'm goin' to keep or bust, An' I'm never goin' to worry Or git mad until I must.

The Spendthrift Muses.

He slaved along for several years, And made a little money, He had a little money and fears, But saved a little money; He never had the time to spend An evening with some cheerful friend, He kept on toiling to the end, And saved a little money.

Seedtime and Harvest.

I've got a new seed catalogue, All full of pictures bright, No flower bed or garden patch Will ever suit my fancy.