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BELLING THE INITIATIVE CAT.

Mr. Kroner, a Democratic candidate for the State Legislature, proudly boasts that he belongs to the immortal pioneer band that offered the immortal initiative and referendum to the people of Oregon; but he sadly admits that the thing is being overdone.

Colonel J. Woods Smith, who also has a Democratic nomination for the State Legislature, was bold enough to come right out in meeting with the assertion that the initiative ought to be protected from "jokers," and he suggested a clause obligating the selector to sign a petition for it.

Other devoted followers of the illustrious Jackson—who, by the way, never heard of the initiative or the referendum, and died in happy ignorance of the peaceful revolution that was to take the Nation far away from practices and principles to which he devoted his whole political life—thought that the initiative ought to be amended, if at all, "by its friends."

Here now we have the same demand that no critic of the initiative, no one tainted with the damning suspicion of un-friendliness, shall be heard or considered in the matter of reconstruction. But patience the people shall view with the increasing abuses of the initiative until Mr. U'Ren, Mr. Bourne and the other professional friends of the system and self-called prophets of the masses, are convinced that something ought to be done.

All persons except the demagogues who want office and the agitators who have in view their own political schemes agree that a limitation must be placed on the initiative, else there will be more and more confusion in our affairs and less and less order in public administration.

The Democrats cannot easily answer President Taft's indictment of Congress for violating the Constitution by forbidding the use of the budget system. Congress has always been ready to respond to the initiative of the executive, and it is now committed to the very offense of which it is so ready to accuse him.

The constitutional duty of the President being to execute the law as made by Congress and to make recommendations to Congress, it is clearly his duty to make recommendations as to what sum shall be appropriated for each particular purpose.

dal growing out of the Rosenthal murder that few can realize that only several short months ago he stood so high that he dared to angle for the Democratic nomination for President. Like another man who is much in the public eye, he has lost his temper and is alienating his friends by abusive scolding of his critics.

WOMAN'S WAY.

A new Solomon has arisen in Philadelphia and his name is Gorman. He has not found a way to decide between rival claimants to a child, but he has found a means for a man to keep peace in his house. In deciding the case of a man who complained that he could not get along with his wife, Judge Gorman said:

If you want to be happy, never talk back to your wife. If you must argue with her, let her be the boss around the house and there's no use complaining. It is used to be that way with the boss. It is well they have rid themselves of that delusion. All this fuss over the woman's way is because no change will be brought about by giving women the vote, because they are already in full control of it.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS DOUBT ROOSEVELT. Woman suffragists find in Roosevelt's silence on the subject during the Ohio campaign, on constitutional amendments in Ohio, reason to doubt the sincerity of his over-late conversion to their cause.

The Progressive party had its first opportunity to show its loyalty to the woman suffrage plank in its platform when the vote was taken for the Ohio constitution. Forty-two amendments were on the ballot and all were rejected.

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WILSON INDICTS ROOSEVELT. Woodrow Wilson's statement of the real source of the difficulties which drove Dr. Wiley out of office is eminently fair and true to fact.

How much of a home for the hired girl the housewife works can be ascertained by this particular article. Perhaps than by any other. The daughters of the household are encouraged to receive male friends because their marriage is desirable.

department chief should submit his estimates of expenses to the Cabinet, which should revise and harmonize them. Having compared the total with the prospective revenue, the President should recommend additional taxation if a deficit is shown.

A second edition of Dreyfus. A trial begins this month in the French courts which bids fair to outshine the Dreyfus affair in the attention it has attracted.

As industry welcomes women more warmly the household will find it increasingly difficult to obtain servants. The problem of domestic work is one that cannot be solved by reprimand.

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The catastrophe of 1893 and the imminent danger that adoption of federal reserve would prolong indefinitely the grinding depression which followed were necessary to force the people to study the first principles of our monetary system and to decide finally on the gold standard.

She exists fitfully in every household and seldom fails to become an emotional storm center. Her wrongs are unnumbered, while her mistress speaks the maid is clad in indignity. When the maid speaks the mistress is held up as a heartless tyrant.

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took a narrow view of the questions submitted to it and appears to have correctly read the purpose of its existence—to curb the zeal of Wiley. It thwarted him so effectively that his resignation was the result.

What Stimson may expect. If Henry L. Stimson should be nominated by the Republicans for Governor of New York, Roosevelt would be more embarrassed than ever by his record.

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other firm where more progressive ways prevail. Gertrude refuses to marry Samuel and becomes a thin and maid, but Rose marries John in spite of parental opposition.

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It was inspired, she says, by the express agent in her village. Unable to find oysters under the classified lists, he ordered a consignment of them under wild animals.

Scrap and Jingles

The battle cry of the anti-vivisectionists should be "Justice has not gone to the dogs."

Account of a wedding says the bride carried a bouquet of "orchards." Which bears the horticultural record held by the girl who had "a garden in her face."

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Aloysius Enters College

Aloysius, fledgling from the High School's hall, has answered Higher Education's call. Last week, matriculated, he began his career as a full-fledged college man.

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