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THE SITUATION IN OHIO.

The Oregonian takes issue with Congressman Dick, chairman of the republican state central committee of Ohio, in his reply to a challenge on the a joint debate between John H. Clark and Mark Hanna. Among the reasons pointed out by Charman Dick for not accepting the challenge, is the lack of harmony in the democratic ranks, leaving the republican candidate to guess at what issues are to be met and what is to be done with the discarded democratic theories. The republicans, the Oregonian says, are divided precisely as the democrats are and that it is discreditable if a party be not divided. The Oregonian has never been known as a rock-ribbed republican paper and usually is courageous in giving utterance to its convictions, as it does in this case. The contrast presented in the position taken by Congressman Dick and that assumed by the Portland paper is of interest, coming from the source it does. The reply of Dick is but the words of Hanna, speaking through the former as chairman of the republican state central committee. Hanna is nothing if not an organization man. It may not be strictly accurate to classify the Oregonian as anti-organization, but it is true that it is more of an obstruction than aid to party organization. The Hanna idea is to get together, concede and compromise on a platform of principles and "stand pat." The Oregonian has never felt as active political leaders feel the necessity of making concessions for the sake of united effort. It can see no virtue in Foraker and Hanna agreeing to work together. To bury their differences and unite to keep Ohio in the republican column is to the Portland paper "the stamp of craves minds, knowing policy only and never truth." The Oregonian is not a party paper. Its position leads to "inug wampery" and tends to party disorgardeation but it does, it must be admitted, contribute some very interesting articles from its own standpoint,

THE QUESTION OF DECLINE.

There are many who believe that some of the great nations of today are already well on toward the decline of Spain is in her dotage. France is decadent. Germany has only beet saved from a decline by the great commercial activity that has burst out there in the last decade or so. China. the Methuseleh of nations, has lived time out of mind in her dotage. The causes leading to these cataclysms that are apparently pulling down some of the great nations of modern times as easily as a virulent disease drags an emaciated wreck of a man into an untimely grave were probably insidious poisons injected into the body politic hundreds, or perhaps a thousand years

Political economists and far-seeing statesmen of England observe in the conditions of society there are many things causing the greatest apprehension for the future of the nation. One of these is the alarming increase of the drink habit among women of England within the past few years. In fact, it seems that a very contagion of drunkenness has broken out among the poorer classes of women, and also among the very wealthy in some parts of the kingdom, notably London. The Daily Express says: "The number of drunken women apprehended in 1902 was nearly double the number for 1901, and they have already cost the rate- Chas. Rogers', druggist.

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payers £39,000." Fremont Older, a San Francisco fournalist, now traveling in England, says it is no unusual thing for a workingman to come home at night, after a day of hard toil to find part of the democratic organization for his home dark and his wife in the lockup. He considers the drink question more important to England just now than either free trade or protection, or the educational bill, or the thousand and one other issues which agitate the

COOS BAY TRADE.

The Coast Mail of Coos bay announces that E. J. Holt, manager of the California and Oregon Coast Steamship Company is considering the matter of giving better service between Coos bay and the Columbia river. The Mail favors the extending of encouragement to Manager Holt and prophesies that another steamer on the run would have the effect of diverting trade from San Francisco to Portland, but it does not believe it incumbent on the Coos Bay people to give a bonus

"The sentiment here," says the Mail, "is that if Portland wants our trade we will treat her with the greatest consideration, but we are not going to break out necks to give it to her. We have nothing to gain by switching from the market which takes all our surplus products, and it is up to Portland to do the sweating over the trade situation. If Portland would buy our coal for fuel which she might very well do, that would furnish northbound freight for more than one steamer on the route, and it would be an exhibition of reciprocity that would attract our buyers. But so long as the trade is all one-sided and altogether to Portland's profit, Portland would better do whatever guaranteeing is required.

The price of coal has been advanced 25 cents a ton in Baker City and cord wood has become a luxury. It gets pretty cold in Baker City in the winter time and consumers are beginning to charge ,he "divine right" theory of President Baer of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company of Pennsylvania to fuel dealers around Baker City.

Estimates from authoritative sources place the aggregate output of anthracite coal from the mines this year at 64,000,000 tons. Last year-the year of the big strike-the production was only about 31,000,000 tons. In 1901 it was

Tomorrow Salem's new charter will go into effect and the Capital Journal announces it will be the second city in the state. The Journal has evidently forgotten that the undisputed census returns show Astoria the second city.

The fact that Senator Fulton was serving his 13th year as state senator when he was elected United States senator is commended to the consideration of the superstitiously inclined.

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WHAT A CLERGYMAN THINKS...

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 21, '03

I have been requested by The Astorian to write a recommendation of a work entitled "Life and Life-work of Pope Leo XIII." by J. J. McGovern, D. D. It is a pleasure to comply with this request. In this volume we find condensed in compact form, all the facts of interest in the life of the great world-figure concerning whom it treats. It is preeminently a practical biography, intended for the busy man with little time to spare; it displays an insight into the great pontiff's career which denotes the close observer and careful student on the part of compiler. No man, be he a Catholic or a

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The typographical work is well done and the illustrations are highly interesting, considering the price for which the volume is offered it is all that could be desired. We bespeak for this work a wide circulation, JOHN WATERS,

must needs prove uplifting.

Pastor of St. Mary's Church.

AN EDUCATOR'S OPINION.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 21 '03 I am familiar with Webster's Common Sense Dictionary, and can say that it gives the best authority, and contains about all that the busy person cares to learn when referring to a

H. S. LYMAN, County Superintendent of Schools.

AS TO THE BOOK OF RECEIPTS. Astoria, Sept. 21, '03

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