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Republican Primaries.
Notice is hereby given, that the republican primary election will be held in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, State of Oregon, on Saturday, April 2, 1904, for the purpose of electing 44 delegates to the Republican County convention to be held in the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices to be filled at the general election to be held on Monday, June 6, 1904. The following is the number of delegates, polling places and judges and clerks appointed for said primary election:
Ward No. 1.—Polling place, No. two's engine house; judges, J. G. Trullinger, C. H. Stockton, James Ellsworth; clerks, Jas. Hannaford, Chas. Abercrombie; 17 delegates.
Ward No. 2.—Polling place, Welch office; judges, Jas. W. Welch, Sam Gallich, E. C. Foster; clerks, T. R. Davis, W. C. Curtis; 17 delegates.
Ward No. 3.—Polling place, W. F. McGregor's office; judges, Wm. Painter, L. Agren and John Nordstrom; clerks, W. P. O'Brien, Geo. Leeland; 10 delegates.
G. C. FULTON, Chairman,
C. J. CURTIS, Secretary.

Republican County Convention.
Notice is hereby given, that a Republican County Convention for Clatsop county, State of Oregon, will be held at the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, at the court house at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the purpose of nominating the following county officers to be voted for at the state election to be held on Monday, June 6, 1904, and electing 10 delegates to attend the Republican state convention to be held at the city of Portland, on Tuesday, April 12, 1904, and 10 delegates to the congressional convention:
Two representatives,
One county clerk,
One sheriff,
One treasurer,
One county commissioner,
One coroner,
One assessor,
One surveyor,
Justices of the peace and constables in the various precincts.
The various precincts of the county are entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for every 25 votes or fraction over of the votes cast for F. I. Dunbar for secretary of state, the apportionment being as follows:

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| Astoria No. 1..... | 17 |
| Astoria No. 2..... | 17 |
| Astoria No. 3..... | 10 |
| John Day..... | 3 |
| Svensen..... | 4 |
| Walluski..... | 3 |
| New Astoria..... | 5 |
| Warrenton..... | 4 |
| Clatsop..... | 4 |
| Searside..... | 6 |
| Melville..... | 3 |
| Chadwell..... | 3 |
| Youngs River..... | 3 |
| Olney..... | 3 |
| Knappa..... | 3 |
| Clifton..... | 5 |
| Westport..... | 4 |
| Vesper..... | 3 |
| Jewell..... | 3 |
| Mishawaka..... | 3 |
| Elsie..... | 3 |
| Push..... | 3 |
| Total..... | 112 |

The committee recommends that the primaries be held on Saturday, April 2, 1904.
G. C. FULTON,
Chairman.
C. J. CURTIS, Secretary.

CRIME IS ON THE INCREASE

Semi-conscious Suggestions, Whatever That Means, Accounts for the Condition.

NATIONAL LIFE THREATENED

Henry Hopkins, President of Williams College, Blames the Awful Situation Upon Vulgar Newspapers.

New York, March 12.—That there has been a marked increase in crime and criminal tendencies among all classes and that this condition has been due to semi-conscious suggestions from various sources, among them the vulgarity of newspapers, diseased theaters, impure literature and divorces, all of which may be remedied, is the belief expressed by Henry Hopkins, president of Williams college, at a meeting here of the Patria club.
"The foundations of the personal character of our national life are seriously threatened," he said, "by ugly features of the present time. There is abundant evidence of an alarming increase in crime of every sort, but particularly of the kind that undermines honesty, chastity and respect for law. There is a growing infidelity to financial trust and consequently a visible loss of confidence of man in his fellow men. Defalcations continue and multiply in disheartening succession. The proportion of divorces to marriages is astonishing and sickening. Disintegration, decadence and often destruction of the family and lowering of the home ideal go on increasing.
"But most disheartening and startling of all is the lawless spirit in towns and cities, where have grown up crowds of hoodlums, where there is an increasing population who break out into reckless violence at times of strikes and lockouts. Of the same nature are the worse than brutal exhibitions in defiance of all authority and decency in the lynchings and burnings that dis-

COMET IS MADE OBJECT OF SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS

University of California, March 2.—Borrelli's comet, which was discovered at Marseilles on June 21, 1903, has been the object of special observations at the Lick observatory by Sebastian Albrecht. Between June 22 and August 18, 1903, a total of 26 photographs were secured with the Crockett telescope and with the Pierson and Floyd cameras. Throughout the entire series of photographs two distinct types of tails persist. The principal tail is long and straight in its general direction and can be traced to the edge of the plate, a distance of 10 degrees. It was always directed at almost exactly away from the sun. After leaving the head it widens out and, in most of the plates, divides into two distinct branches. The other tail is short and very much curved, and presents practically the same appearance on all the negatives.

honor human nature itself.
"One of the most potent, most constantly operative causes is the vast volume of criminal suggestion flowing in upon the public mind through various means, but especially through the public press. In the daily recital of criminal actions, in the average instruction in crime as a fine art. The reader is taught both how to perform the crime and how to avoid punishment." Dr. Hopkins concluded, however, that the "total influence" of newspapers is beneficent, but criticized them for their alleged tendency to publish undesirable details.
warfare cavalry is even more necessary than formerly.
In the discussions in congress on the question of naval appropriations, the democrats are looking for campaign material and the republicans are providing for the national defense.
The president's ranch house is to be exhibited at the St. Louis fair. All the small boys who see it will want to become cowboys.
The Russian press seems to worry more over the loss of America's friendship than over the loss of Russian warships.
M. Bunau-Varilla, former minister from Panama, has left Washington. His name will be long associated with the construction of the great canal. Senators Gorman and Morgan will one day envy him.
The rats are said to be leaving the Russian warships. To the sailors this is a very bad omen.
President Roosevelt does not favor the Mormon method of preventing race suicide.
Martial law has been declared in Corea. It is probably not much different from their ordinary law.
The Mormon religion is being well advertised at the national capital, but the more one knows of it the less one thinks of the Mormons.
Secretary Taft has asked congress for \$5000 to erect and dedicate the statue of Frederick the Great which the kaiser is to send to the United States. These royal gifts are expensive.
Many unbelievers would subscribe to a fund to send Dr. Parkhurst to Corea as a missionary.

Pertinent Paragraphs.
If Hearst receives the presidential nomination, Miss Democracy may be said to have yellow fever.
There is no party division on the bill to raise the salary of members of congress.
The Kentucky man who named his daughter Will Bryan intended it as a compliment for the Nebraskan.
The following example of democratic logic is a quotation from Senator Daniels, of Virginia: "I am a 'get-together' democrat, and I am in favor of putting everybody out of the party who doesn't come into the battle with the purpose of fighting it out on that line."
Many French officers are volunteering their services to Russia. It is safe to say that Captain Dreyfus is not one of them.
If the Japanese are defeated on land it will be largely due to the fact that they have not sufficient cavalry to cope with the Russian Cossacks. In modern

PHYSICAL HOUSE-CLEANING

A Thorough Cleansing of the System Now is the Surest Protection Against Spring and Summer Sickness.



No good house keeper ever neglects Spring cleaning. With plenty of soap and water, hard scrubbing and scouring, sunlight and air, she soon gets rid of all rubbish, musty odors, germs and microbes, and the dust and dirt that have accumulated during the long winter months. But when the house has been put in order, and the premises cleared of all old plunder and trash, the great majority of house keepers feel that Spring cleaning is over, and forget that their systems may be in a worse condition than the house, and that the bad feelings, debility, loss of appetite, nervousness and sleeplessness from which they are suffering are due to neglect of the more important and necessary work of Physical house cleaning. A clean house does not insure against disease, but a clean system does. The poisons and humors engendered within the body, the waste matter that is clogging the system and contaminating and vitiating the blood, are far more dangerous to health than the dirt and dust of our homes. In the winter time we give free rein to our appetites, and eat more and oftener than is for our good. We inhale the polluted air of badly ventilated offices and rooms, take little or no exercise, and our bodies become a veritable hot-bed of disease-bearing germs, and our blood is loaded with impurities and poisons of every conceivable kind; and no wonder that Spring time is so often Sick time and finds us in such poor physical condition, with vitality slowly wasting away, our digestion impaired, the liver torpid, and all the bodily organs over-worked and out of repair. Unless our systems are given a thorough cleaning, and the blood purged and purified, the simplest malady may develop into some serious disorder or end in chronic invalidism, and often the pent-up impurities, poisons and humors break out through the skin, and all through the Spring and Summer you are tormented with boils, itchy rashes, sores, bumps and pimples, and all manner of ugly pustular and scaly eruptions.

Physical house cleaning should begin with the blood. It must be purified and strengthened, and when a stream of pure, rich blood is turned into all the nooks and corners of the system, the rubbish and disease-producing poisons are washed out, and the congested channels and avenues of the body are opened, and Physical house cleaning is made thorough and complete. S. S. S. cleanses the blood of taints and poisons and expels the waste and rubbish from the system. It is to the system what soap and water are to the house. Nothing else so quickly removes the stubborn, deeply-rooted poisons and humors that are destroying the purity of the blood and blocking the avenues of health and life.

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