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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Showers. Eastern Oregon—Snow, followed by fair. Eastern Washington—Generally fair.

THE SENATORIAL PROBLEM

All Oregon is agog with the multiplicity and infinite variety of opinions relative to the bearing and status of the now famous "Statement No. 1" of the primary law nominating petition. There is no ascertainable consensus of opinion on the subject, the resume to date indicating the freest and broadest "go-as-you-please" quality of conclusions. The Astorian begs to contribute its modest conviction in this relation, and that is, that it is wholly logical to abide by the PARTISAN results of the primary ballot; in other words, that the Republicans of the State are bound to stand pat for the Republican receiving the highest number of votes awarded to any man in that party for the office of United States Senator upon the ballot and that the Democrats are similarly bound to support the nominee for their party receiving such warrant from the people at large; but that a Republican, or a Democrat, is bound to vote in the legislature for the nominee of the opposition because he happened to have an excess of votes from the primaries, is ridiculous upon its face, and will receive scant attention in either political camp. And it is not beyond the limits of reason and conjecture, that the partisan rule here indicated, may be amenable to radical alteration, and even repudiation, if the legislators, sworn to do their best for the people in this great and grave issue, shall vote for someone else than the primary nominee, if that nominee shall not be a fit representative. The direct primary law is now upon test, and it may be the people at large will not have the intimate knowledge of the capacities and characters of the aspirants, to judge safely and concisely as to the actual merits of the men before them, a contingency that will compel divergent action on the part of the legislature, for it is not right nor legal that a new law shall impose a burden of blunders, and woes, upon a state simply because it is a law. The error of its enactment does not enjoin the inherent prerogative of the people to interfere at any point of its application, to save themselves from its further and threatening evils.

SUCCESSFUL RIVALRY.

The new rival of the horse can be used to accomplish many feats for which the horse is utterly unfitted. This is shown by a machine recently built for the Sirdar of Egypt for travel on the desert of the Soudan. In its construction special attention had to be paid to gearing and to appliances for preventing the accumulation of dust or grit upon the wheels, and for keeping the car from

sinking in the sand. These difficulties were successfully overcome, and the Sirdar now has a machine which, as compared with the camel, the old-time "ship of the desert," is as an express train to a canal boat. With a searchlight on a trailer, it is possible for the Sirdar to travel by night as well as by day, and the conquest of the desert may now be considered complete. Perhaps an even greater triumph of motoring has been reserved for an American in the Far West, who recently made a journey of 653 miles over the Cascade Mountains to Yakima, Wash., and return "over roads" which disgrace the name, through mudholes, sagebrush and log-barred forest trails.

THE CHINESE EMPRESS.

Tai An, the Empress of China, is again reported dead. This is the forty-seventh time she has died in the past score of years, but she always comes up smiling to "butt in" on the destinies of the flowery kingdom and make things more or less disagreeable for the foreign devils. The young emper-er, Kuan Hsu, is a mere lay-figure in the governmental sense, and has no voice in the administration of affairs and would not know how to use it if it were permitted. This imperial harridan is deemed to be at the bottom of the present agitation against the whites in China and as her prestige is something enormous the fear is justified that she will succeed in her cherished scheme of driving them out, or at least, ruin the existing status of trade and disorganize the commercial relations that nearly a century has been consumed in establishing. If she would make a good, honest, palpable die of it, the whole world, including China, would be infinitely better off in every material sense.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A dollar in the hand is worth ten you cannot borrow.

Men shake your hand if you win—and shake you if you lose.

Great men have many friends and many more enemies.

Torn carpets are always ready to trip the light, fantastic toe.

Alas, the more a man reads the more useless knowledge he acquires.

It is easy to tolerate poverty when it is chummy with the other fellow.

But the more confidence a man has in himself the less praying he does.

Many a man who is honest from principle is honorable only for effect.

Patience may enable a man to win in a walk, but it's usually a long walk.

The man who doesn't want what he hasn't got has all he wants and is happy.

Most people would far rather listen to under-erved praise than to merited criticism.

It is far easier to find fault at a boarding house than it is to find a satisfactory meal.

This Castellone row will start the whole world asking: "Why will American girls," etc.—New York World.

Investigation of the beef trust appears to take the shape of keeping the investigators in hot water.

It is a bedrock fact that there can not be too much good marksmanship in the American army and navy.

As the sultan of Turkey said to the sultan of Morocco, "It's a long time between European agreements, so don't worry."

Gov. Folk is the eleventh of consecutive Democratic governors in Missouri, and that party now presents the enforcement of law as its new state issue.

There is nothing calculated so completely to take the humility out of a man who blames himself as agreeing with him.—Chicago News.

Bacilli are blamed for nearly everything that goes wrong these days. Wonder if Secretary Loeb is a bacillus!—New York Herald.

There seems to be little choice in hazardousness of occupation between

being a diplomat at Caracas and an admiral in the Russian navy.

The market for American poker chips is said to be seriously threatened by undervaluation of the Japanese article.—Baltimore Sun.

The "We are seven" Congressmen can now sympathize with the juror who has trouble with his eleven obstinate associates.—New York Tribune.

A London man advises the eating of wood for nourishment. It has been suspected for some time that the break-fast foods were working around to saw-dust.

"On the warpath" is a purely figurative expression. Not once in a thousand years does the man "on the warpath" return to camp with any scalps in his belt.

It may be all right for the Senators to dig the Panama canal themselves, but it will never do to make Senator Morgan a gang boss.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

One lesson of the "synthetic dinner" is that it is a wise man who knows what the cocktails he orders are made of and a brave man who, knowing, dares to trust them "in his mist."

Chicago is said to have a mysterious stranger who haunts the "beef" jury. The suspicion is reasonable that he is the kind of stranger who ought to be taken in—or run in.

Gerike is to quit Boston, and Petersburg is in danger of losing its orchestra. Meanwhile Pittsburghers and Bostonians need not despair. New York is to have two rival grand opera companies next winter.

Life has lost something genial and the world parted with true gaiety in the death of William A. Havey, one-time editor of the Boston Transcript and at all times one of the charming men of Boston.

A combination has been effected by three great houses in England which manufacture coal-tar dyes. It is announced that they are to pool and divide their profits, which will probably be increased by economies resulting from the new arrangement. America evidently has no monopoly of trusts.

If the Columbia students, whose manner of living has stirred up the faculty accepted the trust of self-government in the dormitories with provision against liquor and gambling, their offense would seem to be one not prietary, but also against honor. We should hate to believe that good faith merely against good order and progress was not a characteristic of American youth.

POLITICAL COLUMN.

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in this column at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

FOR GOVERNOR.

Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th. JAMES WITHEYCOMBE.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans. F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR STATE PRINTER.

The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, April 20.

Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to State officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated. J. R. WHITNEY.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th. J. H. ACKERMAN.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries. A. M. CRAWFORD.

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