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are entitled to. The groucher cherishes his grouch as a mother does her babe and is equally liberal in passing the thing around and soliciting general interest in the quality of it. If the law could only intervene to make grouching a misdemeanor, with palpable penalties attached, there might be some curtailment from the growling, whining, complaining, knocking and peevishness that thrusts his sour visage and morbid story upon those who are victimized by its rehearsal. He never discriminates as to time, nor persons, nor places; he has the thing of supreme interest, a grouch, and you're no friend of his if you don't drop your business, your amusement, your friends, your engagement, everything to listen to his side of the case. Damn the groucher!

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

No discount on the bravery of the Japanese. They are going to try government ownership of railroads.

Dr. Osler has repudiated the so-called Osler theory and now expresses a desire that everybody shall live to a ripe old age.

It remains for the spelling reformers to show that "business" spells "business." And might not the last s be lopped off as superfluous.

During the cyclone in the Society islands the wind attained a velocity of 120 miles an hour. This removes the belt from Kansas.

Senator Allison has served in Congress forty-three years, and seems good for many more. Such congressmen are born as well as made.

Mr. Hearst says, "I am a Democrat, but—" leaving a blank to be filled. The party without an issue continues to grope for something tangible.

At Gibraltar, which is six miles from Algiers, Great Britain has thirty warships and 25,000 men, which suggests the fortifier in re in that corner of the world.

Young Joseph Medill Patterson evidently believes that Chicago is destined to be the future St. Petersburg of the United States, and doesn't want the era of socialism to catch him holding office.

Russian is to spend \$150,000,000 in improving its European rivers, and has engaged American engineers to superintend the work. The whole arrangement looks like getting down to business again.

Uncle Sam owns one railroad, that across the Isthmus at Panama, and it remains to be proved that it can be worked as effectively as before. An improvement would be creditable to the government's representatives.

It was a Missourian who introduced in the House a bill to limit a fortune to \$10,000,000. The people of that state have not yet been shown that, if there is to be a limit, the comforts of life could not be secured at a considerable reduction from the amount named.

A New York and Pittsburg syndicate proposes to dam the Mississippi river thirty miles above Minneapolis, in order to supply the twin cities with the electrical current for various purposes. The water power of the Mississippi river and its tributaries is a big subject.

In the Mexican war the number of American soldiers and sailors was 78,718, of whom not more than 5000 remain. The deaths among Mexican war veterans last year were 67. A total of \$1,000,000 is the present pension payment to the survivors of that conflict.

In the Cincinnati investigation it comes out that the county paid \$21,000 for a turnpike, though its owners were receiving only \$9005. The \$11,995 was the ring raffleoff. It will pay city voters to give their local elections more attention.

One of the members of the Rhode Island legislature has introduced a bill to make it impossible to secure a divorce on any grounds whatever in that state. South Dakota will undoubtedly approve the passage of such a measure in Rhode Island.

While sounding the praise of the American hen for the noble manner in which she has risen—or sat down—to the emergency this winter, let us not forget to emit a sigh of sympathy for the man who occupies a cave of gloom in the center of a cold storage egg warehouse.

**GROUCHER, AND GROUCH.**

There is but one worse evil than the groucher, and that is his grouch. Both are incredible nuisances and the poor little adjective "damn" is impotent to express the adequate estimate both

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Druggist,  
Astoria, Orego.

**Political Information**

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in these columns at reasonable rates, for men of all parties.

**REGISTRATION**  
Registration books opened by County Clerk, Tuesday, January 2, 1906.  
Registration books closed for Primary Election, April 10, 3 p. m.  
Registration books opened after primary election, April 12.  
Registration books closed for general election, May 1, 5 p. m.

**DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION**  
County Clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 21.  
Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district offices, March 20.  
Last day for filing petitions for county offices, April 4.

**DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20, 1906.**  
Caucassing voters of primary election for state officers, May 3.

**GENERAL ELECTION**  
Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state officers by assembly of electors, April 15.  
Last day for filing nominating petitions for state officers, May 1.  
Last day for filing certificates of nominations for county officers by assembly of electors, May 4.  
Last day for filing nominating petitions for county offices, May 9.

**GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4**

**BE SURE AND REGISTER**

**CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 WITHTYCOMBE.**

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

**FOR STATE PRINTER.**  
The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for re-nomination 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 re-nomination, would be greatly appreciated.  
**J. R. WHITNEY.**  
Albany, Oregon.

**FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-nomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th.  
**J. H. ACKERMAN.**

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**SUN OBSCURED BY SAND STORMS.**

THE DALLES, Or., March 13.—The severest sand storm that has been known here in years prevailed Sunday and Monday. Saturday night a stiff east wind began filling the air with a cloud of dust and sand, that obscured the sun all day Sunday. The temperature fell from 60 deg. to about 50. The breeze, it is feared, has done some damage to early fruit, as early peaches and apricots were almost ready to bloom, but it is not thought any damage has resulted to grain, as a fall of four inches of snow Saturday protected the cereals and grasses.

**Catspaw Customers.**

The story of the monkey who used the cat's paw to pull the chestnuts out of the fire, finds new illustrations daily. When a dealer sells a customer a substitute for **MENNEN'S BORATED TALCUM**, he does so because the substitute pays him a bigger profit. He makes the customer his catspaw to risk a few extra dollars.

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**TIDE TABLE, MARCH**

MARCH, 1906.				MARCH, 1906.					
High Water.	A. M.	P. M.	Low Water.	A. M.	P. M.	High Water.	A. M.	P. M.	
Date.	h.m.	ft.	Date.	h.m.	ft.	Date.	h.m.	ft.	
Thursday	4:30	7.8	5:03	6.2	Thursday	11:02	1.9	10:52	2.9
Friday	5:10	7.6	6:00	5.7	Friday	2:11:50	1.9	11:35	3.4
Saturday	5:58	7.4	7:11	5.4	Saturday	3:00	1.9	12:48	1.9
SUNDAY	6:55	7.3	8:30	5.4	SUNDAY	4:03:34	1.8	1:56	1.7
Monday	8:02	7.3	9:44	5.8	Monday	5:00	1.8	3:02	1.4
Tuesday	9:08	7.6	10:38	6.4	Tuesday	6:15	1.4	4:05	0.9
Wednesday	10:06	7.9	11:24	7.0	Wednesday	7:42:31	1.3	4:58	0.5
Thursday	11:00	8.3	.....	.....	Thursday	8:58	1.2	5:43	0.1
Friday	9:04	7.6	.....	.....	Friday	9:03	2.6	6:26	-0.1
Saturday	9:11:50	8.7	.....	.....	Saturday	10:29	3.7	7:05	-0.1
SUNDAY	10:04	8.2	12:38	8.9	SUNDAY	11:7:25	1.3	7:45	0.1
Monday	1:19	8.6	1:23	8.9	Monday	12:8:07	0.8	8:25	0.5
Tuesday	1:57	9.0	2:19	8.7	Tuesday	13:8:55	0.5	9:06	0.1
Wednesday	2:35	9.0	3:00	8.4	Wednesday	14:9:45	0.4	9:57	1.7
Thursday	3:16	9.0	3:51	7.8	Thursday	15:10:40	0.5	10:45	2.4
Friday	4:00	8.9	4:50	7.1	Friday	16:11:40	0.6	11:43	3.0
Saturday	4:50	8.6	5:58	6.5	Saturday	17:00	0.7	12:51	0.7
SUNDAY	5:49	8.2	7:18	6.2	SUNDAY	18:0:55	3.5	2:08	0.8
Monday	6:55	7.9	8:43	6.2	Monday	19:2:20	3.7	3:22	0.6
Tuesday	8:11	7.7	9:55	6.6	Tuesday	20:3:41	3.5	4:25	0.4
Wednesday	9:25	7.8	10:51	7.0	Wednesday	21:4:48	3.0	5:17	0.2
Thursday	10:39	8.0	11:35	7.4	Thursday	22:5:40	2.5	6:02	0.2
Friday	11:23	8.2	.....	.....	Friday	23:6:25	2.0	6:41	0.4
Saturday	0:12	7.9	12:10	8.2	Saturday	24:7:00	1.6	7:16	0.8
SUNDAY	0:47	8.1	12:50	8.2	SUNDAY	25:7:35	1.3	7:45	1.1
Monday	1:15	8.3	1:26	8.0	Monday	26:8:07	1.2	8:13	1.5
Tuesday	1:45	8.3	2:02	7.8	Tuesday	27:8:40	1.2	8:42	2.0
Wednesday	2:15	8.2	2:37	7.5	Wednesday	28:9:10	1.2	9:12	2.5
Thursday	2:41	8.1	3:14	7.1	Thursday	29:9:45	1.2	9:40	2.9
Friday	3:10	8.0	3:50	6.6	Friday	30:10:20	1.3	10:15	3.3
Saturday	3:44	7.9	4:35	6.2	Saturday	31:11:03	1.3	11:00	3.6
SUNDAY	4:20	7.7	5:26	6.0					