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THE NEW SYSTEM of conducting nominations for office in Oregon should reach far enough to insure the nomination of United States senators by the people, and the ratification of their choice by the legislature.

certain not to heed such instruction, and relatively few except editors and political economists, and here and there a man with nothing to do, reads a message of such length.

This change cannot be effected directly except by an amendment to the constitution of the United States adopted by the people or the legislatures of three fourths of the states.

Some extreme partisans will be surprised and disappointed at the admission that the country's prosperity is partly due to its natural resources and advantages; but they will be somewhat consoled by the statement that it is also due in part to "our long-continued governmental policies," including high protection of favored classes and the subjection and control of far distant islands.

Several of the southern states now elect their senators in this way, and the duty and action of the legislatures are merely perfunctory, like that of the electoral college in electing a president, and politics aside the personnel of senators so elected is higher in character and fitness than that of senators from other parts of the country.

One thing is sure from even glancing over the message; the president likes to talk, and to write; to express his views and opinions on everything.

Let all voters of the dominant party in a state name the senators at primary elections—which is preferable to convention nominations—and insist that the legislatures shall ratify their choice.

It is manifestly his and, when all is said and done any document bearing the stamp of his personality is well worth reading.

TAXPAYERS OVERBURDENED; expenses increasing; government facing a big deficit.

It seems impossible to determine which party committed the most election frauds in Iowa.

Just now it is in the German reichstag where the loudest complaints are being made.

Another unnecessary and unreasonable practice was exhibited in the Nan Patterson trial.

The money goes largely to maintain a great standing army, which is the emperor's chief pride.

SCHOOL CHILDREN RAPIDLY INCREASING.

THE INCREASE in the attendance at the public schools in one year is nearly 1,000 pupils.

THE TRIAL of Nan Patterson will cost the people of New York a large sum of money.

Looking the world over, one may not unreasonably entertain some doubts whether civilized government pays the masses of people for its maintenance.

THE INCREASE suggests also the necessity mentioned in The Journal a few days ago.

A ROOSEVELTIAN MESSAGE.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE is characteristically Rooseveltian.

HOW SUBMERGED YIELDS HIS WAY.

FROM Forest and Stream.

What appears marvelous and positively uncanny to a town person is simple to a bushman.

height, the surface of the snow is perfectly level, and at times our route lies miles through such a country.

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Small Change. The King's Legs and the Painter.

Coxy has gone broke, but how is son-in-law Carl Brown making it? To a strict party man, the candidates on his ticket are always the better men.

(James Creelman, in New York World.) Mr. Abbey has almost finished his picture of the gorgeous coronation scene in Westminster Abbey.

Now Smoot comes to the front again, but he is not worth a great deal of space.

It is a common complaint of the distinguished European portrait painters who visit America that they are seldom called upon to paint men.

The man or committee who has charge of space at the fair has no easy job from this on.

But some of the Democratic papers of the country will find something in the message to criticize.

Automobiles, it is suggested, can be made very useful in war.

When the king saw the picture again he was told of the firm, grateful line of the calf, curving so elegantly in white silk hose, stirred the royal imagination.

Not needing any river or harbor improvements on his property in Iowa, Secretary Shaw is opposed to a river and harbor bill.

It is in the matter of Fredrensin Finance, Fred Chadwick and the bankers who loaned her hundreds of thousands of dollars can pass up to the head of the class.

Some of the senators' and representatives' flower bills at opening of congress must take quite a slice out of their salaries, unless they are figured as perquisites.

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Pafrbanks, Root and Taft are the most conspicuous figures with reference to the Republican nomination in 1908.

Now some scientist who wants to be disagreeable says pumpkin pies are full of microbes.

The Japs are still losing men, according to some reports, at the rate of from 5,000 to 20,000 a day.

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Representative Lacey is opposed to tariff revision because the country has produced a great crop of corn.

Lewis and Clark. Spread of the English Language.

December 7.—The wind still continued from the northwest and the day was a dreary one.

The English language is spoken today by 150,000,000 of people. Three hundred years ago, in the time of Queen Elizabeth, the language was spoken by only 4,000,000 people.

After the war in South Africa has meant reconstruction on an emphatically progressive sort, and in no direction perhaps more than in electricity.

Though the English in his colonies and offshoots have absorbed millions of aliens there is no record of any body of English speakers becoming absorbed by any other race.

The pole star is really the most important of the stars in the sky.

Some weeks ago Dr. Fowler received a copy of a western paper, in which appeared a sensational article.

Everybody connected with the La Grande beet-sugar factory has made money this year.

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The Corvallis Times says that down in Alaska a member of the Bible class arose and announced that there would be a dance at Mr. Day's house on the following Friday night.

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