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PRIMARY LAW MUST BE MAINTAINED.

THERE IS A MOVEMENT going on throughout the country to get away from the thrall of the bosses and the political machines and to elevate to public office men who will honestly try to do their public duty.

The direct primary law is aimed to correct this stupendous evil. Its purpose is to give the people themselves a direct opportunity to say whom they want for United States senator.

But this is a dangerous year to fool with the people. They have found it so in Pennsylvania, of all states, where the apparently impossible was achieved by a wonderful majority.

THE LIFE INSURANCE INVESTIGATION.

NO EVENT OF RECENT YEARS has been more significant, or will have been more interesting and important in practical results, than the investigation that has been under way for some weeks into the conduct of the big New York life insurance companies.

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New Styles in Gay Audience.

From the New York World. Two new fashions were emphasized by the smart women at the opera last night. One is the wholesale adoption of bygone styles and the other is the use of cockades for a head dress.

Misrepresentation.

From the New York Evening Post. Mr. Whitney-Why, President Roosevelt himself is in favor of reciprocity with Canada.

SMALL CHANGE

The sun doesn't shine always. Oregon winter; nice! The sick man of Europe probably had a turkey.

THE FRONT STREET MERCHANTS.

IT IS POSSIBLE that the Front street dealers may drop into slipshod methods as they do elsewhere. It is also possible that they may take up too great a proportion of the sidewalks at times and that they may too carelessly handle some of the food products which pass through their hands.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Don't dig up your fine hop yards yet. The bears will get tired in a year or two. Snow up east of the mountains—and in the mountains.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. D. Jenkins, D. D. December 3, 1906—Topic: "Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalem"—Neh. iv:1-20. Golden text—"Watch and pray"—Matt. xxvi:41. Responsive reading; Psalm lxxxix.

LIFE AMONG THE STARS

By Garrett P. Serviss. "It is inconceivable to me," says Professor W. W. Campbell, lately director of the Lick observatory, "that only one planet, or one star, should have intelligent life, and that the earth is that one."

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THE ANTI-SUICIDE COMMISSION

By Rev. Thomas H. Gregory. Tom Johnson, the big-boned, big-brained, big-hearted mayor of Cleveland, has organized an Anti-Suicide society, which is already hard at work doing what it can to prevent people from killing themselves.

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LEWIS AND CLARK

Exploring Young's bay. December 1.—Again we had a cloudy day and the wind so high from the east that, having ventured in a boat without a windbreak, we were obliged to return.

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