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HOW OREGON COULD POINT THE WAY.

THE PRIMARY LAW to receive its most effective exemplification must embrace the United States senatorship as well as every other office within the gift of the people.

No feasible system, except the direct primary, has yet been devised to accomplish the purpose of electing a United States senator by the direct vote of the people.

Herein is found another long step in the direction of turning back to the people themselves powers which they had delegated with disastrous results to their trustee officials.

One senatorial worm—Smoot—has turned, and tells the W. C. T. U., "an organization" that he has "heard of somewhere."

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE.

AN INTERESTING NEW SENATOR who will take his seat after the holiday recess is La Follette of Wisconsin, who has three times been elected governor of that state.

In the senate La Follette will not amount to much for awhile, for he will be put in cold storage by the veterans and kept there as long as possible.

On the railway regulation question, however, he may deem it his duty to speak to the country if not to the ancient mariners of the senate.

Senator La Follette may be depended upon not to antagonize senatorial senility too rashly.

THE TRUSTS ARE THE GOVERNMENT.

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE'S Philadelphia correspondent says that Standard Oil's and its allied trusts' agents are in effect saying this to government investigators.

Actions speak louder than words, and no doubt the Chicago Tribune's correspondent has stated the Standard Oil's and other trusts' position quite accurately.

It will soon be up to the people to answer in a way that cannot be misunderstood.

SMALL BUT HAPPY SWITZERLAND.

SWITZERLAND IS AN INTERESTING little spot of earth, a self-maintaining, respected republic of only 3,315,343 people.

Then the Swiss keep up with the fashions, simple people though they be, but staid, in the manufacture of laces and embroideries.

But it is the great summertime of tourists that makes Switzerland prosperous, in spite of the "balance of trade" bugaboo—for such it is.

Fortunately, Switzerland is not one of the great powers; it doesn't have to intermeddle with any other country's affairs.

Professor Hawley is also out, in a lengthy and nicely composed letter.

THE FAG END OF 1905.

THIS IS the last regular business day of 1905. Tonight, for the most part, the year's business will be wound up.

The United States has scarcely if ever passed through a better year than 1905. Never was so great an aggregate of crops raised.

To attempt to portray the history of the year as to Oregon and Portland would be a futile effort to condense into a few sentences what many columns of The Journal have been filled with for the past 363 days.

It has indeed been a great year for this region, state and city, and the one to dawn tomorrow night will be a greater and better one still.

A NEW AMERICAN RIVER.

WESTERN NEBRASKA has a welcome strange thing in a new river, properly named Newriver, which in size already rivals the Platte.

There has been considerable thunder and lightning lately down around the mouth of the Columbia.

The raising of cranberries in Coos county is an industry that offers good remuneration.

The Antelope Herald says that town needs a shoe shop, a harness shop, a plumber, a bank, an electric light plant.

More than 17,000 men are employed on the Panama canal project.

SMALL CHANGE

"His face is growing sharp and thin." The announcement that Miss Alice Roosevelt is to be married to Congressman Nicholas Longworth.

How about making the last Sunday in the year the best one? What's the matter with Chicago? No big strike there for a month or so.

The new year will be welcomed with great expectations. Still Pluvius will leave a 1905 deficit.

"Again it rained today," at Fort Clatsop 100 years ago, and what was true then has been true at this time of most years ever since.

Storms have arisen around the head of Secretary of State Storms of Indiana. Last day (Sunday excepted) of 1905.

Poor old Fitz seems to put in much of his time blubbering. But this may be all.

Number 364. It is bad enough for an "innocent bystander" in a saloon that is being held up to be held scared to death.

There is a whole good day left of 1905 in which to do some good. Democratic Saint Jackson won't care.

A New Yorker is going to deliver an address on "What We Owe the Banker." Most of us don't get a chance to owe him anything.

"Men predominate in the United States," says an exchange. In number, he only means.

"Most everybody can help make it a Happy New Year for himself, and others." It is said that Representative Longworth is so far gone that he spells his first name Nichalce.

Uncle Joe Cannon can afford to be optimistic; he has had oysters and oranges for 10, these many years.

Their platforms are all just about alike. He was really fortunate that Bob Fitzsimmons was licked; think what Art, as exhibited on the stage, might have lost if he had quit acting and kept on stalling.

Why doesn't some enterprising correspondent tell us something about Casarina Alexandra, the young czar-in-waiting, or whatever they are called, and Little Aleck?

The lack of memory on the part of Colonel Mann, proprietor of Town Topics, shows that he would have made an excellent president of a life insurance company.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Plenty of trout weighing from two to three pounds each being caught at the forks of the Coos river.

Gasoline launches are the teams and wagons of farmers and dairymen in the Coos Bay country.

Wild geese and ducks numerous around Tillamook.

Quite a number of fat bears have been killed lately on the head waters of Lobnitz and the Angellina.

People who have lived in Oregon some time and go back east again to live almost invariably return to stay.

About three feet of snow at Meacham and Kamela.

Thieves rampant in and around Milton.

Among the most promising and far-reaching enterprises that will do much toward the rapid development of our resources, says the Burns Times-Herald, is the proposition of local people to get machinery to sink artesian wells.

Ten degrees below zero at Burns Saturday.

Two steers sold to a Corvallis market weighed 2,980 pounds and three men guessed their weight exactly.

Over 8,600 beef cattle are being fed in the Klamath basin, with about the same amount of stock cattle and horses, requiring 240 tons of alfalfa per day besides 25 tons for sheep.

Sheriffs' sale advertisements fill a large space in many Oregon papers, but not so large a space as formerly.

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BRIDES OF THE WHITE HOUSE

From the New York Sun. The announcement that Miss Alice Roosevelt is to be married to Congressman Nicholas Longworth.

But there have been altogether nine White House brides, and Miss Roosevelt was the tenth.

The Easton room, where it is expected that the ceremony will be performed, is a stately apartment, 80 feet long, 40 feet wide and 21 feet high.

The first marriage to occur in the White House was that of Miss Todd of Philadelphia, a cousin of Mrs. Madison, in the winter of 1811.

The second marriage was that of Maria, who was married in the blue room in the red room, then, in preference to the east room as the scene of the ceremony.

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SIX MILES OF MILLIONAIRES

From the New York World. If you chance to be at the railroad station at Morristown, New Jersey, about 5 o'clock of any weekday afternoon, you will see one of the comedies of real life—a comedy of almost pathetic seriousness to the participants.

Hundreds of handsome equipages fill the contiguous thoroughfares, scores of automobiles are lined up on the station grounds, dozens of public hacks crowd the nearest curb.

It is time for the arrival of the millionaire's express, and every one is on the qui vive of expectancy.

Hamilton McKay Twombly makes his way to the first stand-four, where his daughter, Miss Ruth Twombly, awaits him, surrounded by a coachman, two footmen and a postilion.

For Morristown is the city of millionaires, and there is not another community like it in the United States.

And so it comes about that Morristown is a city of handsome dwellings, beautiful palaces and country mansions, some of which have cost millions of dollars to erect and equip.

Here, too, is the riding academy, a great one, with Morristown, Tenn., where the Twombly youngsters were taught that graceful seat which has earned them so much praise at metropolitan horse shows.

At Fort Clatsop. December 30.—The next day they were joined by four more of their countrymen from the Waukiakum village.

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