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THE INDEPENDENT VOTE.

THERE ARE few states in the Union in which politics arouse greater interest among the masses of their people than in Oregon. So far as the face of the record goes the state is overwhelmingly Republican. On national issues, all things being equal, the majorities rolled up for the Republican candidates are always heavy.

HAZARD OF STAYING AT HOME.

ACCORDING TO FIGURES tabulated by an accident insurance company it is safer to travel by rail, in spite of the many railroad accidents, than to stay at home and walk or ride around in your home city or vicinity. This table of casualties is presented as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Per Cent. Includes: Accidents to pedestrians (24.14), At home (indoors) (18.80), Horses and vehicles (18.16), At home (outside) (15.98), Recreation (6.15), Railroad travel (4.77), Bicycle accidents (4.06), Streetcar travel (2.74), Use of firearms (1.73), Animal bites (1.52), Assaults (1.20), Steamship travel (.70), Miscellaneous (.05).

This cannot be interpreted to mean that it is four times as risky to walk down town as to ride a distant city by rail, for the proportion of pedestrians or streetcar passengers does not appear, yet it does appear, if these figures are correct, that travel either by rail or water is not so hazardous in comparison with walking or riding right around home as is popularly supposed.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE REBUILT.

ONE SAN FRANCISCO merchant is reported as saying that the city would not be rebuilt, except to a small extent, unless by people and capital from New York and other eastern cities, which seem to us a curious remark for a San Franciscan to make. The city will be rebuilt, and mostly by San Franciscans, who in spite of the terrible disaster that has occurred to them have or will soon obtain large amounts of capital and who have abundance of faith and limitless energy and enterprise.

ALL IS HARMONY NOW.

ACCORDING TO the morning paper all is now peace and harmony in the Republican party of Oregon. Factional strife has entirely ended and everybody classed as or calling himself a Republican is going to stand shoulder to shoulder and "vote 'er straight." There is to be no more bolting or knitting, henceforth forever more. The principles and the policies of the party are to be sustained, and all the Republicans of Oregon are going to do so regardless of personalities or philosophy, down to dog-catcher.

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By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. (Copyright, 1906, by American Book Company.) As we grow older we realize more and more the value of the old principles of truth, honor and virtue, taught us in our youth.

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