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WHEN PARTY WELFARE IS FIRST.

THE MANAGERS for Mr. Devlin, answering the proposal for a joint discussion, insist that the contest in Portland is partisan, and that it is between the Democratic and Republican parties.

Every important episode at present in the public eye is a living protest against spoils and spoilsmen. The fallen San Francisco boss declares in his agony, and it is probably in part the truth, that it was to keep his political machine going that he began grafting.

So it is a mystery, unless it may be explained on the theory that the senator is calculating at the psychological moment to acknowledge that Roosevelt won't run, but that in that unfortunate emergency the party must do the next best thing and unanimously and with tremendous eclat nominate the president's choice.

A "TEDIOUS FARCE."

AND THE tedious farce—of selecting a jury in the Haywood trial—"went on," says Mr. O'Neill, special Journal correspondent at Boise. "It is all quite inhuman. A legal fiction based upon the impossible assumption that any living man could ever consider any debatable question with a mind absolutely free of bias, ignorant of every conceivable fact, untouched by any preconception."

an opinion about it. To seek, or pretend to seek, for such men, is therefore an absurdity, a mockery of the work in hand.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY FINE WOOLS.

PORTLAND worsted yarn manufacturer has been visiting Siver-ton with a view to establishing a plant there provided he can get enough of the right kind of wool.

This manufacturer went on to say: "Since the Oregon wool grower has the benefit of nearly 12 cents per pound protective tariff in his favor he ought to be making thousands of dollars today where he is making hundreds.

BOURNE STILL INSISTS.

MAY IT not be barely possible that our usually close-mouthed junior senator is talking rather too much in favor of the renomination of President Roosevelt next year?

Passing of the Political Boss.

In almost every city and state in the nation the political bosses are at the present time engaged in a struggle to maintain their positions of political power and prestige.

him, and it would then require a revolution to get rid of him." This is Mr. Edmunds' rather than the president's view, but it is a view well worth considering.

THE COUNTRY PRESS.

REPUBLICAN papers throughout the state do not seem to share Mr. Calk's fears of dire consequences if Mayor Lane should be reelected.

Replying to invitations of the governors of Oregon and Florida to visit these states with the recently created waterways commission, President Roosevelt says: "I feel that the problems before the commission vitally not only the people of the Mississippi valley, but the people of our entire country, and anything I can do to help forward the rapid solution of these problems and the proper utilization of our great waterways, I am glad to do."

The Play

This week music reigns supreme at the Marquam, where the San Francisco opera company is singing the opera by which Alice Nielsen was introduced to fame.

This Date in History.

- 1471—Henry VI of England killed in the Tower. Born December 6, 1421. 1527—Philip II of Spain born. Died Sept. 13, 1598. 1660—Dollard des Ormeaux and his companions killed at the defense of the Long Sault. 1784—Benjamin Stoddard of Maryland became secretary of the navy. 1822—Society of British Artists founded. 1849—Maria Edgeworth, English novelist, died. 1876—Donald A. McDonald became lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario. 1890—House of representatives passed the McKinley tariff bill. 1891—Emile Henry, French anarchist, beheaded in Paris. 1893—Baby Marion Clark kidnaped in New York. 1904—France recalled her ambassador to the Vatican.

Governor Hughes' Enemies.

From the Chicago News. Governor Hughes' enemies seem to be working hard to boost him into the presidential class.

Unique Nomination Letters From the People

Democratic Column in Hood River News-Letter. Portland in overwhelmingly Republican. The Mayor becoming so great that it was a nuisance to good government.

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Wants Better Streets.

Portland, May 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—You seem very desirous of seeing more streets improved.

Predicted the Honda Wreck.

Portland, May 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—By a superfluous four-bit piece starting me in the face, combined with a curious mental impulse, I found myself, from Tuesday evening in April, a "spiritualist" and, given by a transient "spirit medium," in their ranks well known, John Slater.

Peremptory Challenges.

McCoy, Or., May 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—To decide a question at stake will you please answer the following questions, viz: I. Has God, Gooding and the Idaho legislature changed the law while Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were held awaiting trial and before permitting trial, doubling the number of peremptory challenges for the prosecution in selecting a jury to try them?

Small Change

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