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A BASELESS CHARGE.

THE JOURNAL does not believe that the educational system of Oregon is a "machine." Nor does it believe, as is asserted from a certain quarter and reprinted in other newspapers, that those engaged in education in Oregon are working this so-called "machine" that they "may obtain place on a public payroll."

come the state will be better off, for parties are a necessary nuisance. The gentlemen who lament are mistaken. It is not the party that has been destroyed. It is their unholy domination of the party that has been destroyed.

Through the political machine they had their ways of exploiting the party and through the party the state and the people. Because the primary law has broken up the machine and its corrupt methods and turned control of things over to the people they see destruction for the party. They see their way to office blocked, and their way to graft cut off, and to them that is a political cataclysm.

HUGHES AND LABOR.

THE BUFFALO TIMES, a Democratic paper of the organ variety, yet one that is careful about its facts, criticizes Governor Hughes for not appointing as one of 10 railroad commissioners any representative of union labor.

AN UNFIT TEACHER.

THE DETROIT NEWS remarks: "Editor George Harvey of Morgan's periodicals, having secured the Yale lectureship on 'Journalism and Public Affairs,' will doubtless tell his classes how Morgan pumps it into Roosevelt with one hand and reaps a panic harvest with the other."

STATE BEFORE PARTY.

IN THE original design was Oregon created mostly or only partly for exploitation by a political party? Was it the divine purpose for the party to serve the state, or for the state to serve the party?

OUR NAVAL VESSELS.

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COMMENT OF STATE PRESS ON W. M. LADD

Ladd is a Benefactor.

From the Baker City Herald. It is doubtful if W. M. Ladd has ever done anything that will give him more laurels in years to come than to take over the indebtedness of the Title Guarantee & Trust company. While it has never been charged that Mr. Ladd was in any way directly responsible for the failure of the trust company, yet the fact that he permitted his name to appear among the directors who have no longer had interest in the institution bound him morally to see the wrecked bank through.

Meets With Approval.

From the Pendleton Tribune. The decision of William M. Ladd to guarantee all losses sustained by those who had dealings with the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust company of Portland will meet with general approval, not only by those directly interested, but among those who have a high regard for the good name of the state and its pioneer families.

In a great measure the impression that Mr. Ladd was still connected with the Title Guarantee bank was the basis for much of the business and general gossip, and indirectly at least, responsible for the losses that followed.

Letters From the People

The Trouble in Ireland.

Portland, Jan. 2.—To the Editor of the Journal—A closer and I shall add, more enterprising student of the daily press of Portland than I can claim, has drawn my attention to a Dublin special dispatch to The Journal, under the caption, "Irish Landlord Has Trouble; Condition is Result of Land War and Weakness of the Government."

The dispatch in question refers to an anonymous, possibly mythical, "landowner who died some years ago," leaving a widow, whose identity is equally uncertain, and a large estate in Ireland. The geographical position of the said estate is also undefined, and the local branch of the United Irish League has been engaged in a long and invigorated fight against all the moor and tenures for simply demanding that this alleged estate or grazing farm be sold according to the alleged will and spirit of the late "land act, 1903," and be divided among the tenants who had been previously evicted from it.

This is a thousand of dispatches which flood the United States for the defection of American citizens in order to challenge their sympathy for the Irish landlords, and to denounce the wickedness and brutality of Irish tenants for simply legally existing to recover their farms.

Your reporter is not aware that there exists in Dublin Castle a "special bureau" for the express purpose of examining news articles in the manufacturing Irish news for foreign countries. For the edification of The Journal, I shall just give two notorious examples of the kind.

The "Sergeant Sheridan Cattle Maiming" case, in which the Dublin Dynamite Outrage. Sergeant Sheridan was the policeman on whose evidence several young men were convicted and imprisoned for the maiming of a cow. The English government released the prisoners and awarded each some small remuneration for false imprisonment.

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Small Change

Cannon meets against Monday.

So far Grover Cleveland has not come out for Bryan.

Set a good precedent on the first Sunday in the year.

Electing Hughes would be a sort of leap in the dark.

A splendid opportunity is now offered to do 1908 Christmas shopping early.

Representative Ellis is a candidate for reelection. Nobody seems surprised.

But it will take some spinsters over a year to get a proposal framed up right.

But Futer may not be so readily done for his book, if it ever comes out.

Leap year balls are another thing young men will have to beware of this winter.

It would not be strange if there were a good many La Follette Republicans in Oregon.

A bad habit is never so bad in one who has it himself as when he sees it in others.

Wonder if any married woman resolved to let her husband have his own way this year.

It is quite in the natural order of things that Justices Brewer and Harlan should disagree.

Beer is higher, says a dispatch. And yet we have been told that necessities were becoming cheaper.

From the way he has been securing "color," we suppose Booth Tarkington's next story will be rather red.

"Marry and kiss in moderation," says a professor. And to a poet, at least, the advice seems to be good.

The salary for senator isn't any longer, but the term is three times as long as that of a representative.

There is no Republican party in Oregon, say several Republican newspapers. And the state still lives and prospers. Strange.

The whole Pacific coast insists it would be helpless in the face of 20,000 men from Louisville, Ky. That news must have originated there in Kentucky.

The new senator from Florida, William James Bryan, is only 31 years of age. He is said to have to hustle to become as famous as William Jennings Bryan.

Pendleton Tribune (Rep.): Speaking of La Follette, what is the matter with Wisconsin's condition, internally and externally, that it would not improve matters if it extended to the entire nation? Does anybody know of a better regulated state in the Union?

Oregon Sidelights

Dufur is soon to have a fine new hotel.

Snow is very deep at and around Sumpter.

For a new cannery at Lebanon \$5,000 has been subscribed.

A Hood River fruit farm of 30 acres, 22 in bearing apple trees, sold for \$25,000.

About 18,000,000 feet of logs have passed down the Luckiamute so far this winter.

A hill of Lane county potatoes yielded to the soil a bushel. One weighed 5½ pounds.

Eugene Guard: While we have not been able to get our fingers on any of the new \$20 pieces we understand they are rather looking than the new buzzard \$10 pieces.

The storm put numerous things out of business temporarily at Brownsville, the electric lights, women mill flour and saw works and planing mill. Too much water.

There is not a particle of doubt remaining in the minds of the most pessimistic that Woodburn will be a city of prominence and importance, says the Independent.

Falls City improved much during 1907, a new modern hotel, large additions to the city, new business buildings, several store buildings, electric light system, etc.

Eugene has made great strides cityward during the year just closed, but in the next 12 months the Guard feels that Eugene will be the record of any previous year in its history.

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