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Let us have done with vain regrets and longings for the days that will never be ours again. Our work lies in front, not behind us; and "forward" is our motto."—Jerome K. Jerome.

HENEY—REPUBLICAN.

F. J. HENEY calls himself a Republican. That he does so and nobody interrupts him with "roars of laughter" shows the mix-up of political parties. Half the Republicans are Democrats and don't know it—and vice versa. There are no party lines in 1908, unless there be one on the tariff question; and that is scarcely more than pretense, and pretense, for again, half the Republicans are for a tariff for revenue only, and many Democrats are for protection. And, as Hogan says, "there ye ar're."

Heney is not a Republican, but a Rooseveltian individual. He says he is a Republican because Roosevelt is nominally classed as a Republican, and Heney likes Rooseveltism. With a McKinley president Heney would not be a Republican. With Taft president—though Heney professes faith in Taft being a second Roosevelt—he would probably cease to be a Republican.

We speak of Heney because he is somewhat prominent and has the ear of the public. He is typical, in the matters mentioned, of a host of men, Democrats and Republicans. The mere party name is no longer conclusive, compelling. People perceive that professed "principles" and proclaimed "issues" are largely bosh, balderdash, claptrap and humbug; they want things done in the interest of the people, and they want men who will do these things. What party they are of is of slight if any consequence.

A CORRUPT SYSTEM.

EX-REPRESENTATIVE SMITH of Linn makes oath that he was paid $1,500, and was to be paid $1,500 more, to throw his vote and influence for Mitchell for United States senator at the session of 1897, and that Senator Fulton is the man who drove the bargain. Senator Fulton says it is false. Bishop Barkley makes oath that he heard Fulton in an altercation with Smith about the return of the money.

The concern of this article is not which is right and which wrong. It is rather to recall this sweet echo from that "hold-up" legislature. There were other echoes like it, many others. No 40 days of greater humiliation ever transpired in Oregon. Ninety men were chosen and sent to Salem by the people to legislate, and their services were paid for, but they did not legislate. Ninety legislators were commissioned with a sacred trust, and that trust was to meet in deliberative assembly and pass measures for the benefit and relief of the state; but they never met. The business they were sent to Salem to do was not done. Instead a drama was enacted that was a travesty on the name of legislation.

One house organized and professed to transact business. The other divided into two factional houses and never organized. It was the deliberate purpose not to organize. If one faction attempted to hold a session the other remained absent to prevent a quorum. It was the assertion, and it was probably true, that if organization had taken place, Mitchell would have been elected senator. To prevent his election organization was prevented. It was prevented not for one day, or two days, but for 40 days. It was nullification of law by men selected to make laws. It was the extraordinary spectacle of anarchy brought about by men charged with the passage of measures to prevent anarchy. The obligation to meet, the promises to serve constituents faithfully, the needs and honor of the state, were nothing under the blighting, consuming senatorial issue. Men were drunk with the excitement of the struggle, and their behavior was madness. They were dragged into otherwise impossible acts by the overpowering demoralizing influences of the contest. They were bought to go into the Mitchell joint assembly, and bought to stay out of it. The air was thick with dollar marks and disgrace. The Smith story of Fulton is a sample. An example of lawlessness and dirty politics was set before the youth of the state that had no other effect than bring them into citizenship accustomed to low-moraled civic ideals. The whole effect upon the matured citizenship of the state was demoralizing and destructive. What wonder that there have been convictions of high officials in the federal courts! What wonder if land crooks have been shielded by officials sworn to enforce law and that there has been secret and corrupt immunity for guilty officials by men in high places!

It is not the concern here of who was or who was not at fault. It is not the purpose to condemn the legislators who were parties to this abortion. It was the system more than the men that was to blame. It is rather the concern to remind Oregonians of what election of senator by a legislature means. It is to say that if popular selection of senator through Statement No. 1 had been in vogue then not more than 15 minutes of the session would have been consumed in performing the task of electing a senator. There would have been no holdup, no abortion. We should have been spared this costly and degrading travesty on representative government. The members of that session would have been spared the temptations that led citizens to corrupt and to be corrupted. The state and the people would have been saved these tales of vote-buying, these painful memories of corruption and dirty dollars, this aftermath of crimination and recrimination.

That legislative election of senator which did not elect, that session of the legislature which did not legislate, cost the taxpayers, in two items alone, $89,750, and they got not a penny in return. It was as if the sum had been dumped into the Pacific ocean. And the politicians want Oregon to go back to the plan.

SENSELESS SLANDER.

IN ALL this mostly insincere and contemptuous criticism of voters the Oregonian, it seems unconsciously, tells a good deal of truth. With what it means for fine sarcasm it asks what difference it makes whether Republicans or Democrats are elected to the legislature. Well, seriously, is there any answer? Is the legislature going to discuss Hamilton and Jefferson, Lincoln and Douglas, state rights and secession, or even the tariff question? Does it make any difference to the people of the state whether it is Republicans or Democrats who pass a tax bill, a water bill, a port bill or any other bill relating to the business of Oregon?

No, and further: The more party politics is eliminated, weeded out, from the legislature, the more likely will the state be to get good, needed laws. Party politics in a state legislature invariably tends to bad rather than to good legislation. And this is one reason why it is important to elect only Statement No. 1 men to the legislature. Take the election of senator away from that body, except as a necessary formality, and let the people attend to it.

But the Oregonian, in the midst of its saturnine attempts at humor, makes a statement which in all probability is not true, and which it knows to be not true. It says, and repeats the statement, that Statement No. 1 Democrats, if elected to the legislature, will not vote for a Republican for senator if he shall have won in the June election.

By what right or on what ground does that paper make such an assertion? When did it become a matter of public notoriety that a Democrat elected to an office under a specific, positive pledge to the people would not keep that promise, as well as a Republican would? What justification can be invented for this wholesale slander of Democratic nominees who may subscribe to Statement No. 1?

The Journal has a better and higher opinion of all men who will become candidates for the legislature, Republicans and Democrats. If they say they will accept and abide by Statement No. 1, The Journal believes they will do so, every man of them. It believes no Republican aspirant or nominee would prove false to this pledge, and it cannot but regard it as an insult to every Democrat in the state for the Oregonian to declare that any of them elected to the legislature would prove thus recreant.

BUILD MORE CANNERIES.

THE LORD helps those who help themselves. Micawber waited for something to turn up. His career is not one to be imitated. It is recalled that Oregon could not pack her own fruit last season. She had so much of it that her canneries were inundated. The condition demonstrated the woeful lack of canneries in the state. Tons of fruit were a total loss. Other tons of it, nearly half a million pounds of Willamette valley cherries, went to Puyallup to be packed. Washington had more canneries than fruit and supplied her deficit from Oregon orchards. That brought about the unfortunate consequence of magnificent Oregon cherries, the best in the world, packed and sold under Washington labels. This sale is a perpetual advertisement of Washington, instead of Oregon. Is the process to be repeated this season? Will our people wait, like Micawber, "for something to turn up," or will they build canneries enough to pack Oregon fruit in Oregon and under Oregon labels?

There is an inexhaustible demand for canned fruits and canned vegetables. As announced by the commercial club of that city, the mere freight on canned corn and canned tomatoes shipped into Spokane in one year was $68,000. What are the enormous figures of the freight on canned goods from the east shipped into a metropolis like Portland? More and more the tables of the world require canned goods. In the perfected form the demand for these goods is inexhaustible. Mr. Newell, president of the Oregon state board of horticulture, after a study of the conditions, says if every town in Oregon had a fruit cannery the output would not supply the demand or overstock the market.

The business pays handsomely on the investment, as shown by the report of state authorities in Iowa, where after paying every expense last year the canning industry showed a net profit of 30.2 per cent. The year before it was 34 per cent on the investment.

But best of all, the cannery saves an immense value to the orchardist of inferior fruit that would otherwise be lost. It turns into cash a huge total that would otherwise go to waste. With a cannery everything about the orchard or garden is turned into value, as a by-product or otherwise. It markets what is otherwise unmarketable and saves what is otherwise unsavable. It stimulates the cultivation of small tracts and is most vitalizing in its effect upon a community. It would, if pushed to its possibilities, save Oregon the shame of being an importer of canned goods and give her fame as exporter of the best canned goods in the world.

There are doubtless a good many Republicans, or men who have always been Republicans, like George Melville Miller of Eugene, who says he has been a Republican for over 30 years, and who writes to the Oregonian, in part, as follows: "It was Statement No. 1 and not the primary law that enabled our legislature to elect a senator on the first ballot with decency and dispatch. What has Republican organization ever done for the state of Oregon except to disgrace it? The Republican party of Oregon has been cursed with too much 'organization.' It was for 30 years so well organized that it became necessary for La Follette, the eastern magazines and Heney to 'clean house' for us. If we make it necessary for a Democrat like Heney to do our dirty work, why not put a Democrat in the United States senate? There are still some things to be done before the Republicans of Oregon can afford to draw close party lines. We still need the help of both Populists and Democrats. Standpatism and corporation rule must be unhorsed before Republicans will consent to return to the fold of strict party organization."

The Pendleton Tribune delights to assume repeatedly that aspirants for nomination to the legislature will be "hoboes," or at least men totally unfit for such a position. On that assumption it wants The Journal to say whether it would support the Statement No. 1 "hoboes." But The Journal is not worried about peculiarly unfit candidates submitting their claims to the people.

It looks at this distance as if Senator Bourne realized that he had made a blunder in the district attorney matter, one that is rather surprising to his friends, who were confident that he would never make a mistake that would in any wise react on himself.

In a "battle" in Morocco, 1,000 Moors and only 160 Frenchmen were killed. Thus does the beneficent work of civilization and benevolent assimilation go on. But that was an astonishing and terrific slaughter of Frenchmen. It ought not to be allowed to happen again.

Portland is evidently destined in the near future to be by far the greatest meat-packing center of the Pacific coast, and perhaps the greatest in the country outside of Chicago. This is one of the big signs of the big coming times.

Democrats and some Republicans vied with one another in the house of representatives in applauding the president's message. Is Roosevelt a Democrat or a Republican? And what is either?

The north bank road will soon be practically completed to Portland, and there are others coming. Oregon will not remain Harriman's territory forever.

Why should voters trust a man to represent them who won't trust them to vote on United States senator?

New Drink in Georgia.

From Atlanta Constitution.

The first of the prohibition drinks made its debut in Atlanta Wednesday morning and it is understood that several others are to follow. The new drink, which looks like lager beer, smells like it and foams like it, is called "Jack Frost."

Soda founts which had "Jack Frost" on draught Wednesday soon sold out their supplies, for there were many who were curious to sample a legal beer. The drink is non-alcoholic, according to its manufacturers, and is made, like other soda fountain beverages, from the syrup, with carbonated water added.

A Report on Prohibition.

From the Washington Star.

"Did prohibition work in your town?"

"To a certain extent," answered the irresponsible character.

"What do you mean?"

"Them as got drinks was prohibited from sayin' anything about it."

Letters From the People

Approves The Journal's Course.

Portland, Feb. 3.—To the Editor of The Journal—I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the firm stand which The Journal is taking on the side of popular government in these perilous days, when forces of reaction are making such daring assaults upon our new constitution and direct primary law. That editorial leader of the third instant, "Why Chamberlain was elected," should be read by every Republican in Oregon who is claiming the direct primary is the cause of the Republican break up. The facts and arguments there presented are a complete answer to all such assertions. I hope before long that The Journal will present a more detailed history of some of these convention rows, which you but refer to in the editorial. People do forget, and there are many newcomers who know nothing about it. It would make interesting reading about this time.

There are some changes which should be made in the primary law, but even as it stands now it is a hundred times better than the old convention system, because it takes the power from the political boss, or machine to control nominations. There is this legitimate objection which can be made to the law, however. Where many candidates present themselves for nomination for the same office, each fairly well supported, the successful candidate may be nominated by a small minority vote. A candidate so nominated may be entirely unsatisfactory to the majority of his party—may be a ring leader, or a representative of some special interest which the majority are opposed to. If the law could be so modified as to give the elector a "preferential" vote—that is to say, give him a first, second and third choice among all candidates offering themselves, and then require the successful candidate to receive an actual majority indorsement of those voting in order to be nominated—this trouble over minority nominations would all be avoided. Such a system would have the effect of bringing to nomination the most generally popular candidates, take the power from minority cliques, or "interests" to force candidates to nomination, and in general promote a better feeling within party ranks.

H. DENLINGER.

Wages Cut at Lebanon Mill.

Lebanon, Or., Feb. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—Today the laborers of the Lebanon paper mill suffered a heavy reduction in wages. Wages are reduced on inside of mill 12½ per cent; on outside, 20 per cent. The workers feel grieved over the serious cut, but as the most of them have families they are afraid to walk out. Food, clothing, wood and rent are very high, so the honorable sons of toil will have to work on and suffer the loss. For if they quit work they know there are two things for them: First, some other man will take their job, and leave them nothing, or second, they will probably have a little experience with Uncle Sam's soldiers, as the workers have at present in Goldfield, Nevada. So one can hear them murmuring. This is Republicanism and not Democraticism.

O. T. FERGUSON.

Tommy Todd Writes to His Uncle.

By Wex Jones.

Deer unkel jack thee great suk It is A xtint bird teecher sez
What? doo We care
mister brown & siss Is back from Niaggera Fawls so i cant gett Enny moar postals From thare i yused 2 swop them with jams jonsun For sum from parris the Kappitle of franse whare his unkel Is
siss shee Sez 2 muther when shee gott back to muther charley Is smoking seegars awl reddy & wee Only marryd 3 weaks
muther sez doo knot cry deer comma may bee Itt is better 2 let the broot smoak 2 kee, yure hold on the pokket Book & siss sed semmi coalin u Bett i keep itt tite
muther sed thatts my Own braiv littel gerl
toodles she sez Serv siss rite i woodent marry Enny boy thay are no good Only 2 thro sno bawls Att teechers
i sed hoo gav ? u A redd appel
toodles sed jams jonsun Nevver gav mee no Redd appel
i sedd hee Didd
toodles sed he diddent
thenn shee Cride & muther sedd u go Out tommy teasing yure sisster
i sed shee sed boys Is no good & unkel jack sez gerls Is no good & hee rose & muther sed wate til Thee rite 1 cums & shee Wil mak hymn crawl
Wil? she unkel jack tommy

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deer unkel jack the naim Of thee president of Thee united states Is roosevelt hee is A grate mann hee was A ruff rider & likkd a jap resler butt i sed cood He? lick jim jeffries.
iff knot thenn Why? is hee president
popp sez taft wil bee the next standard barer for Thee republikin party & muther sez 2 hyma comma
why hoo? wood voat for A mann with A figger like A egg
popp sez thank hevvins wimmin dont Voat
menn popp sez Has 2 mutch sence 2 think Abowt figgers thay thinks abowt Branes & hart
witch thay doo? att musikle commedies sez muther butt then inn cums siss & shee Cride agen
i Amm sorry shee sed thatt i evver marryd Thatt mann hee browt A frend hoam 2 dinner Last nite * * * * *
* thee stars is for teers
popp hee sez Comma a frend no
itt must Hav bean A enemy
thenn popp hee Went owt quick tommy

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deer unkel jack i saw A pare of shoes on Thee stepps of mister browns & sisses Hows 2day airly Inn thee morning
i took Them inn side & siss Was thare & i sed heer Is 2 shoes i fownd On yure Stepps
& siss shee showted why thems charleys how did ? Thay gett out thare
thenn shee Woak upp mister brown & asked hymn Abowt itt
hee sed hee new Nuthing abowt itt & siss Sed o charley Didd u? try 2 sneek Up stares last nite
& mister brown Hee looked foolish & thenn he Sed 2 mee
u yung devvle & thenn Hee chased me owt Of thee hows tommy

Dry in Southern California.

Down in southern California the "wet season" is long overdue and little or no rain has fallen. The days are bright and warm and sunny, but with a diminished tourist crop from the eastern states and a drought sure to ruin grain crops and cut down the supply of water for irrigation purposes, southern Californians are beginning to worry, as this poem by John S. McCroarty, printed in the Los Angeles Times, is evidence:

O LORD, SEND RAIN!

Lord, from thy wide seas drifted,
From tides the white shores fold,
In prayer are the brown hills lifted,
As the brown priests prayed of old.

The wine from the golden chalice
Is dried on the dusty plain,
And up from the swooning valleys
Comes the famine cry for rain.

The seed that in faith was planted,
The poppy that waits the dew,
They pray, as the cowled monks chanted,
Whne the king's highway was new.

Send them the soft mists falling
From the mountain peaks and sea—
The bird and the herd that are calling
For thy mercy, Lord, to thee.

Vineyard and fainting meadow,
The long-loved sun has kissed—
Wrap them, O Lord, in thy shadow,
And veil them with thy mist.

And, for every singing shower,
There shall rise to praise thee still,
The flame of a field a-flower
And the light of a green-robed hill.

Small Change

Clearinghouse certificates are a back number.

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Well, if you can't resist doing so, make your gardens.

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What a long, hard winter it was. Terrible, wasn't it?

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The plumbers and fuel dealers had hard luck, after all.

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Hughes is heavily handicapped by some of his supporters.

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Marriage is said to be a lottery, and yet preachers encourage it.

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It looks like the natural ice crop would be a partial failure.

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The Hughes boom won't excite anybody outside of New York.

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It was a "love match"—sure. He loved her money, she loved the title.

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Mr. Geer wants the people to elect him, but is not willing they should elect a senator.

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Jack London's socialism is also only theoretical; he doesn't divide up with starving authors.

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Ex-Secretary Shaw has joined the army of the unemployed. But he isn't like a man that is broke.

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Robins and other spring song birds are now numerous and jubilant, but birds are sometimes fooled.

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Possibly Senator Bourne may have noticed by this time that Schuebel comes pretty near rhyming with trouble.

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George Hummer is a candidate for governor of Michigan. How does anybody expect to beat a man with that name?

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The new young king of Portugal seems to have considerable sense, he acknowledges that he doesn't know anything.

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An Iowa editress who needed help advertised for a husband, and got one right away. She knew that a want ad would fetch one.

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There is still a senatorial deadlock in the Kentucky legislature, because the primary law of that state has no Statement No. 1 in it.

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Never loan money to a friend, advises Mr. Rockefeller. But according to reports he had to borrow money himself years ago. Did he get it of an enemy?

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The Seattle Times says the newspaper business in that town "went down a toboggan slide" last summer and fall. That must be expected in an overboomed town.

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Prosperity is a relative term. Some men with a million would not think themselves prosperous, while others would see prosperity in a week's receipt for board and lodging in advance.

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A Massachusetts man, while digging fishing-bait dug up $1,500 in coin. That will buy bait for a long time, even if the finder lived in a prohibition state.

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Congressman McGavin, who is so exercised about American heiresses marrying decayed foreign counts and things, is a bachelor. Why didn't he try to get one of the heiresses—Gladys Vanderbilt, for instance—himself? But maybe he did.

Oregon Sidelights

Lakeview will have a cooperative flour mill.

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North Bend will erect a $40,000 school building.

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Medford will have a fine new theatre by next fall.

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Canby is going to put on airs with a military company.

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"The Dalles is to be made over," says Senator Whealdon.

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About 500,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from Lexington.

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Milton people won many prizes at a Walla Walla poultry show.

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A lot of grain was sown in Oregon previous to the late cold snap.

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Most of the dogs in Seaside have the grip, and not a doctor among 'em.

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Dallas men are subscribing liberally to stock in the proposed fruit cannery.

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The historic old town of Jacksonville expects to improve greatly this summer.

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A commercial club has been organized in Lakeview, starting out with a membership of 40.

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A man living near Wallula sold there at $1 for 15 pounds a wagon load of peanuts that he raised.

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The Eugene Commercial club has sent out a neat, breezy and witty little folder that will "catch on."

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Sumpter American: Assurances from all over the district that the coming season will be an active one are good.

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Gravel ford, Coos county, farmers have about $5,500 to extend their road grade that was begun last year.

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A Lane county merchant was fined for selling cigarettes to a minor. This law should be strictly enforced throughout the state.

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A Yamhill county farmer has planted walnut trees in a 20-acre hopyard, intending to take out the hops when the trees have grown a few years.

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Daisy Dell correspondence of the Toledo Leader: Miss Anna Resh has been confined to the house for a week now. She says next time she goes to a dance she wishes that generous, good-natured lad on Siletz would keep off her toes.

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The item recently published in this column taken from the Grants Pass Courier that Charles Nickell was going to start a paper there, was, Mr. Nickell writes, incorrect. He says he has no such intention, and is out of the newspaper business for good.

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If numerous inquiries are any criterion by which to judge, the Bend country will enjoy the experience of having a very large number of people come into this section next spring with the view of making their home in this favored region, says the Bulletin.

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E. M. Shutt, for three successive terms sheriff of Morrow county, will accept another nomination, concerning which he says: "Both at the primaries and the general election my platform shall be, 'Uncompromising and impartial enforcement of law, and incessant war against vice in all its forms.'"

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Well drillers on an Opal prairie, Crook county, farm are down 165 feet, and while no water has yet been found, the drillers think that the indications are good, says the Madras Pioneer. For the past week they have been drilling in very hard rock, and since the well was started a variety of formations have been passed through. The owner of the place expects to find water soon, although he is prepared to go 400 or 500 feet if necessary. A number of other ranchers in that locality are waiting for this well to be completed, when they expect to try for water on their places.

Running Shots

Written for The Journal by Fred C. Denton.

Of course some noble, patriotic, honest and able men will come forward and ask the Republicans for nominations for the legislature and refuse to make Statement No. 1. However, if they are thereupon accused of making Statement No. 2, they will have themselves to blame. Statement No. 2 has not been exactly formulated yet, but from the past experiences and recent remarks by Prosecutor Heney it runs about as follows: "I solemnly promise my constituents that if elected to the legislature I will vote for that candidate for United States senator who puts up the highest and best bid, to the best of my judgment, regardless of his fitness, ability, the interests or the instructions of the people."

If Cake will stick by his indorsement of the direct primary and Statement No. 1, he will be the nominee of his party for United States senator. Of the rest he and his friends are confident. Even the present incumbent would, then hardly dare appear and ask the legislature to make dough of Cake.

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Whenever any changes in taxation are proposed that would tax special privileges of any kind more and products of capital and labor less, the first thing in order for the beneficiaries of the present system of confusion and plunder is to get the farmers to oppose it. The farmer gets the big end of the taxation log to carry and always has insisted that tax laws should give him that end. Only in New Zealand and Manitoba are the farmers wise enough to adopt tax laws that relieve them of the unjust taxes on their improvements.

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The king of Portugal had a hard job of it. He only received an income of half a million dollars and his life was as risky as a coal miner's. However, the Amalgamated Sovereigns' union of Europe will supply any vacancies in thrones that may appear.

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It might be remarked that American heiresses who buy foreign titles with husbands thrown in, are American in name only. Their training, education and environments make foreigners of them in everything but the accident of birth.

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Some farmers got together recently and proposed to tax railroads on their sworn valuations when before rate fixing bodies, or to fix rates on their valuations sworn to before tax fixing bodies. This sort of thing will be put a stop to by the Oregonian as soon as the direct primary and the initiative are done away with. Such ideas as outlined above cast reflections upon honest capital and retard the development of the state.

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It would appear as if there was considerable graft deftly concealed in the graft prosecutions in California.

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Some representative in congress recently declared that half of the United States senators bought their seats. It might be added without hurting the truth that one half of the remainder had their seats bought for them, or sold them when finally seated in that body, to the big corporation trusts.

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We need not expect much actual trust busting from the anti-merger suits brought against Harriman and his pals, but the information made public is what will hurt the manipulators worse than anything else.

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The example of Oklahoma in insuring bank depositors will not be lost on other states when it is found that depositors will come from the outside and greatly increase the capital of the vigorous baby state.

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If some of the patriots who have been "fighting windmills" in the shape of the direct primary and other methods whereby the people rule, had spent their efforts in proposing to the voters of Oregon some plan of guaranteeing bank deposits they would have accomplished more good and covered themselves with more glory.

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It should be borne in mind that it will not be long before the people of Oregon will demonstrate by their votes that a part of Oregon, and as dear to the newer generation of Oregonians as the flag, is the power of the people to rule, to nominate, to legislate and to veto, to elect all public servants of the state in congress. "Oregon for the people" of Oregon will put many politicians out of business.

In Lighter Vein

Chinese Etiquette.

"The manderin shocked me," said the missionary, "the first time I dined with him, by referring to his wife as 'his good-for-nothing marital mistake.'

"'But,' I interposed, 'it is said that your lady is brilliant, beautiful and kind.'

"He smiled awkwardly and changed the subject. However, with the course of bamboo sprouts he mentioned his wife again, calling her this time his 'stupid hand-the-clothes.'

"'I am sorry your marriage is an unhappy one,' said I.

"With an embarrassed air he began to discourse on the high-binders. Every now and then, though, his wife's name came up, and he called her in quick succession his 'thorn in the flesh,' his 'punishment for youthful sin,' his 'hideous and lunatic spouse,' and his 'vile one of the inner room.'

"I spoke up impatiently.

"'Be more careful,' I said, 'regarding the lady. There are two sides to every story, and I must tell you that your unmanly abuse inclines me very favorably towards your poor wife.'

"He threw down his chop sticks impatiently, scattering sharks' fin and soy over the table.

"'Don't you understand,' he cried, 'that all this is etiquette, pure etiquette? The Chinese host by the laws of etiquette must speak of his own possessions as unworthy and vile—even of his wife he must speak so, though she be a full moon for beauty and a Chang Kivi, or sacred cow, for wisdom. I have no fault to find with my wife; quite to the contrary. I only deride her in order to show proper Chinese courtesy to you. And now, I beg, don't interrupt again.'"

"The missionary smiled ruefully.

"It was a bad break for me to make," he said. "The man was a powerful mandarin. But it is, truly, most shocking, at the beginning, to hear these men abuse their women-folk."

Chameleon Paint.

A color-changing paint, for use upon machinery, has recently been introduced on the New York market.

This paint will be useful as an indicator of hot boxes or hot bearings. Red when cool, it will change to black at whatever temperature is too high for the machine it guards. Then, when the machine cools, it will change back to red again.

The paint is made by mixing mercuric iodide and cupric iodide with distilled water in proportions that vary according to the degree of heat whereat it is desirable for the color-change to occur.

Very Kind.

The young husband looked up, a little dubiously, from the household accounts.

"By the way," he asked, "how are you getting on, love, with the new grocer?"

"Oh, delightfully," the bride replied. "He is the most generous man! Do you know, Harold, whenever I order a six pound turkey, he sends one weighing eleven or twelve pounds at least!"

"On and On."

Blizzardly weather or sunny,
The time, flyin' fast, is soon gone;
You've got to keep up with it, honey—
The ol' world's a-whirlin' you on!

—Atlanta Constitution.

The REALM of FEMININ

A Woman's Power.

YET A little and we shall have with the late noxious Thaw and be able to turn our tion to other things. Ye passing, there is a phase which has been but little comm upon, and to which a thought mig given, and that is the exhibition it gave of a woman's power. O the old philosophers has a saying might have been freshly coined the occasion. It runs, "Women more strength in their looks tha have in our laws, and more pow their tears than we have in our ments." It has been freshly d strated.

It is legitimate, surely for a w to be beautiful, to have charm the drawing power that we call nation, so long as she does not these gifts.

From the days of the primitive man, woman has been gaining in er. From the status of his sla plaything she has advanced to t his intellectual equal and his We may go even further and admi man pays to womanhood, especia America, a peculiar tribute holds her as something finer and than himself.

The modern woman has a herit the protective feeling which ha down from the past, and to which been added the romanticism of the dle ages and the devotion institut the wandering troubadours a their lays to fair ladies above th station. All this accumulated tion is laid at the feet of moder man. It becomes a part of her in the world, and she may at wi upon it to win for her what b unaided ability she could not att

"The American woman has the is the way in which one traveler p

But this should make woman careful as to how she uses her There is in true womanhood a kind of power. Not only what ma untarily relinquishes to her, bu which is inherent. In true woma there is the power of endurance, selfish devotion, of enduring fait the silent heroisms of life lie in w hood. Its lifting power—its real in the world—is not that of brute shoving up from below, but the d power of incentive, of aspirati the desire for better things. It possible to overestimate the pow good which womanhood has upo better side of a man's nature, an is her true and legitimate pow the world.

As man's competitor in the bu world she has proved herself a do a good share of the world's and to do it well; as his intel equal she has demonstrated her in graduate and university work a progress of science and letters; is as his inspiration that woman a place unique and unassailab woman's sphere? Truly. A v limitable sphere, bounded only heavens. Within its range heights of aspiration, of s growth and of moral achieveme

It is when a woman steps out this that she is really outside sphere. When she uses this pow selfish ends, for mere getting of ial things, for indulgence of p whims, for idle gratification, th hold over man deteriorates to th brute level. A tiger will hunt fo for his mate and cubs; a savag give his squaw beads for her p adornment.

Is it any wonder that many writers are vehement in their ciation of the sort of education leads a girl to use her power t ture a prize in the matrimonial Not how to be most worthy of man's homage; not how to devel own powers and use them for th of others, but the sole end and this false education is to fit h winning through marriage a big of the world's goods.

There is reason in the cry this false emphasis which is lai a woman's drawing power. It insincerity, the smothering of feeling, the stifling of conscie scruples, until we come to the tration that Bernard Shaw likes of the woman as a spider, tolerat male of the species as long as need of him and then as calmly ing him.

We need to come back to th fashioned emphasis that in all the true one. Solomon did not words in dealing with the questio said, "A woman that is virtuou crown to her husband, but sh doeth shamefully is as rottenn the bones." In other words, unl uses her power to help a man instead of dragging him dow she is a menace to society and d all the hard uncompromising that have been thrown at her.

As a corrective to the too li timation of womanhood it will d good to read over the thirty-firs ter of Proverbs—a most excelle posium of the legitimate uses man's power. "Strength and ho her clothing"—this virtuous Her price is "far above rubies." husband's heart may safely t her." "She will do him good evil all the days of her life." is deceitful and beauty is vain, woman that feareth the Lord, sh be praised."

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The Daily Hint.

BREAKFAST.
Grape Fruit.
Chipped Beef with White Sa
Hot Rolls. Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Sliced Cold Ham.
Nut Butter Sandwiches.
Macaroni with Tomato Sau
Stewed Prunes. Tea.

DINNER.
Clear Soup with Home-Made
Broiled Beefsteak.
Cabbage and Asparagus Tips
Chocolate Custard. Sponge
Cheese. Coffee.

John Walter Smith's Birth

John Walter Smith, recently United States senator from M was born in Worcester coun state, February 5, 1845. He was ed in private schools and a academy. At the age of 18 school to accept a position with mercantile house, of which he quently became a partner. To h ness pursuits he added that of and in the course of time accu a large fortune. He early took tive interest in Maryland politi was elected to the state senat Democrat in 1889 and continued ber of that body for 10 years. chairman of the state committee and the Democratic nominee for States senator the next year. he was elected a representative gress, but resigned upon his ele governor of Maryland, in which he served from 1900 to 1904.

This Date in History.

1631—Roger Williams arrived ton from England.
1783—Sweden acknowledged dependence of the United States
1788—Sir Robert Peel, English man, born. Died July 2, 1850.
1810—Ole Bull, famous violinis Died August 17, 1880.
1813—British Admiral War clared Chesapeake bay to be in of blockade.
1850—Henry Clay introduced senate a bill to compromise the question.
1861—Bryant B. Brooks, gove Wyoming, born.
1900—Hay-Pauncefote treaty at Washington.