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Whoever makes home seem to the young dearer and more happy, is a public benefactor. —Henry Ward Beecher.

STATE PRESS FOR STATEMENT NO. 1.

IT IS a significant fact that the newspapers of Oregon, whether Republican, Democratic or independent, are almost unanimous in their support of Statement No. 1 of the direct primary law.

This overwhelming preponderance of editorial sentiment in favor of the principle of popular election of United States senators is one of the most striking evidences of the attitude of the voters of the state. The great mass of the people of Oregon have made up their minds on this issue. Never again will they surrender the hard-won right to elect their senators.

THE people of Oregon propose to rule. Regardless of appeals to party prejudice, regardless of the protests of the professional politicians and their organs, the voters of the state are resolved that their will shall be observed and that the man of their choice shall represent them in the United States senate.

NEW WORLD OPENED TO THE FARMER.

NATURE is honest. It never deceives; its laws are inexorable; they never change. Under constant wheat cropping the fertility of the soil disappears in two generations. That was true yesterday, it is true today, and will be forever.

FEEDING THE PRISONERS.

THE story is published that Sheriff Stevens and the county board have buried the hatchet and have agreed that the sheriff shall be allowed once more to enjoy the fat pickings to be derived from the feeding of county prisoners. In justice to the county court we are not inclined to give credence to the story.

added fertility of the soil. The enormous economic value to come to the farms and farmers of the Pacific northwest by the revolution to be wrought by the packing plants is thus seen to be incomputable. A better paying business that will at the same time save the soil in its original fertility is its meaning.

MERE DODGERS.

WHAT does it mean when a man is a dodger? If he went into battle trying to dodge bullets would he be accounted courageous? When a legislative candidate dodges a pledge to support the people's choice for senator what does it mean? As a legislator he is supposed to represent, not himself, but the people.

PATRONIZE THE RIVER.

THERE is a very practical way in which the farmers of the Inland Empire can help themselves. That is by shipping their products, as far as possible, by the river route.

WANTS TIMES TO ANSWER.

Portland, Feb. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In an article published in the Los Angeles Times of February 12, the following extract appeared which has reference to the wages received by the men who work on the coast.

APPRECIATES JOURNAL'S EFFORTS.

Portland, Feb. 17.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I certainly admire The Journal for the people's paper. It can be relied upon for its good spirit and beneficial aims.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

1544—Diet of Spire opened. 1547—Coronation of Edward VI, when only 10 years of age. 1716—David Garrick, English actor, born on January 20.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN'S BIRTHDAY.

Most Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, Roman Catholic archbishop of Philadelphia, was born February 20, 1831, near Thurles, Tipperary county, Ireland. Until his sixteenth year he attended a private school at Dublin.

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THE REALM OF THE FEMINE

Care of Fernery.

THE pretty little dining room ornament, the fernery, which was so pretty at Christmas time, is apt to be by now turning yellow and showing a tenderness to curl up and die.

One of the most important points to be looked after to insure success with ferneries is the shape and size of the receptacle in which they are planted. A fernery should not be at all very least less than three inches deep.

We are told that properly it is not selling for as high a price as some of the tax reformers say it is in Portland. One eminent journalist declares that a quarter block lot by 100, at Seventh and Washington, did not sell for \$500,000 recently and is not worth \$200,000.

The final decisions on the constitutionality of the referendum and initiative will not come for years. Courts move slowly. Meanwhile the people of Oregon will line up with her and Oklahoma.

The statesmen and journalists who have been loudly telling what an un-American thing the direct primary law is have begun to step back a little.

In San Francisco the extra "good government" city fathers are granting franchises to the streetcar trust as bithely as ever in the days of Schmitts and Ruef.

It is estimated that the gentle timber trust would not take for its holdings in Oregon an amount equal to the assessed valuation of the entire state.

While the solid partisan bunch of city councilmen of our city are doing politics, vainly trying to do up the mayor, they are making votes for two things: a governor and the adoption of the recall.

It is a fact that the people who find their occupations gone because there is no work to be looted. The talk about the unconstitutionality of the law need disturb no one.

Honest reformers have been trying for years to secure direct election by the people of United States senators. The system is known to be the occasion of great and widespread corruption.

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