

THE JOURNAL

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Do today's duty, fight today's temptation, and do not weaken or distract yourself by looking forward to things you can not see and could not understand if you saw them—Kingsley.

THE JOURNAL TO SENATOR FULTON.

MORE than once The Journal has offered good advice to Senator Fulton. It has sincerely endeavored to strengthen his hand as a senator from Oregon.

As an already tangible effect of your attitude, your friends in Oregon are making war upon popular choice of senator as now in use by the Oregon method.

Why should not Senator Hodson and his friends tell us who their man is? Why deny the people the right to know beforehand who is to be Oregon's senator?

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LANDS.

ALL the contentions made by The Journal with respect to the Southern Pacific land grant have been confirmed by the official report of the government's special investigator.

WHY NOT COME OUT IN THE OPEN?

HAVE those who are making war on the Oregon method of giving the people the choice of senator a better plan to propose? What is their plan, anyway?

will undoubtedly bring strength to the opposition to Statement No. 1 if his identity be disclosed. If he and all the plans concerning him, the manner of his selection and the character of the promises he must make to politicians in order to secure his election—if all these were made known to the people at this time, possibly they might, if everything seemed fair and wholesome in the arrangement, consent for this one time to allow him to be elected.

All these things the people know under the Statement No. 1 system. They know the man. They know the will, when elected, be under obligations to the people only. They know he will be under obligations to no ring of bosses, but only to the people who elected him.

THE HUMAN SIDE OF WASHINGTON.

IN the current number of Everybody's Magazine Owen Wister has an article on George Washington which is of especial interest at this time when the nation is commemorating the birth of the great patriot.

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public plunder was reached when, in 1902, all lands were withdrawn from the market. The law declared the lands should be sold to actual settlers at \$2.50 per acre, and though it was still in force the corporation, rising higher than law and assuming its superiority to laws, men or government itself, asserted an absolute, unqualified and permanent estate in the balance of the grants in its own favor.

The extent to which the violations have been carried on is indicated by the fact that of \$14,000 acres sold by the corporation only 127,418 were sold within the requirements of the grant. More than four times as much, or 515,928 acres, were sold in quantities and at prices by which the law was violated.

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From the Polk County Observer. The little gang of would-be Republican leaders in Oregon who are seeking to evade the direct primary law should have sense enough to know that they are tampering with fire.

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