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Such as every one is inwardly, so he judgeth outwardly.—Thomas a Kempis.

THE PENLETON TRIBUNE ANSWERED.

THE PENLETON TRIBUNE propounds a query, and demands that The Journal shall answer.

On the other hand, the legislative candidate who refuses to sign Statement No. 1 shows by that act that he is unwilling that the people should give him directions as to whom they want for senator, and by that token, unwilling for them to give directions in matters of legislation.

MORE CLAMOR FOR SUBSIDIES

THERE is renewed clamor for a ship subsidy, or subvention—the same thing by any name smells the same.

ON the first page of this issue is an editorial, reprinted from the Oregonian of January 23, 1907, a little more than a year ago.

It is an article that appeared editorially in the Oregonian the day following the election by the legislature of Senators Mulkey and Bourne, and emphatically commending the plan by which it was accomplished.

Referring again to the plan February 7, 1908, Mr. Scott's paper said, "every kind of fraud and deception is in this business. It is a juggle and a cheat, through and through."

TOO MANY DIVORCES

JUDGE BRONAUGH Tuesday refused to grant a decree of divorce in a case in which the evidence was more sufficient to justify a decree than in hundreds of cases in which decrees have been granted here and in Oregon City, during the past few years.

EDITOR ANSWERS LAWYER.

IT IS easy for a country editor, who is on the right side of a proposition that he sees through clearly, to confound in argument an able lawyer of statesmanlike parts, who is on the wrong side.

they are but the servants or agents of the people, and that popular mandates expressed under the forms of law, are lasting obligations on all public officials.

Again, in striking contrast, Mr. Scott's paper said February 3, 1908: "The whole business is farce and humbug."

Unconsciously, too, the people will revert to the American Magazine story of the Scott-Bourne contract, with its \$25,000 in cash, its promise, in case Mr. Scott became senator, to deliver all federal patronage to Mr. Bourne, and its pledge that the influence of the Oregonian and the Evening Telegram would be exerted to beat Mitchell and elect Bourne.

Indirectly subsidized trusts, and would demand not only food but diamonds, and money for luxuries, and to use as boodle in corrupting the government.

ional than a choice by the whole electorate of the state. In either case the choice has been taken away from the legislature, which is "unconstitutional."

Whatever argument is made, the question recurs, as certainly as the needle to the pole, to the simple, single question: Shall the people of the whole state elect their senators?

The Journal is in receipt of a large batch of Philander Chase Knox literature, including several of his able speeches, and a great many complimentary newspaper clippings.

Japanese immigration was only 971 in January, against 5,275 in the same month last year. The immigration from Hungary fell from 10,035 to 1,729; from Italy from 7,272 to 2,883; from Russia from 11,625 to 8,283.

A Chicago man, says the Record-Herald, has an orange grove in California, which takes part of his salary to support and has been selling his oranges at from 85 to 75 cents per box, a box containing 10 dozen oranges.

Preferential Voting.

Portland, Feb. 26.—To the Editor of The Journal.—One of the most important measures which comes before the people at the coming election is the proposed constitutional amendment to allow the principle of preferential voting to be introduced as part of the electoral system of this state.

When this system is once applied to our primaries and general elections all noise and trouble about the direct primary resulting in arbitrary nominations and party factions will disappear and one more step will have been taken in the line of progress in popular government.

It is in the first place, it should be understood that the proposed amendment will not of itself change the law in any way. It will simply arrange the constitution of the state so as to allow the principle of preferential voting to be made for it, and it may be applied in a municipality, or for the whole state, in the general election, or in the primary election, or in both, just as may be provided by law.

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Politicians versus People.

From the Scio News.—The politicians and would-be bosses know if Statement No. 1 is adhered to by the people their power and prestige is gone forever.

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Small Change

The boy with the bird shooter should be suppressed.

Isn't it possible for 200,000 people to get rid of Conrad?

Injunction Trial? won't do, says the Portland Labor Press.

The senators will now all be for Fulton's reelection. He gave them a salmon dinner.

Snowfall in Portland and in Birmingham, way down in Alabama, about the same this winter.

A Detroit woman wants \$75,000 for a kiss. She must have enormously watered her kiss stock.

The children and the roses will match well together—at least the girls and the very small boys.

Mr. U'Ren has at least raised a great discussion and aroused political thought and so has done good.

We are beginning to feel real friendly again to the hen, since she is smashing the shell of the egg trust.

The REAL FEMINE

When the Joke is on You. It has always seemed particularly sad that women should be classed as devoid of humor, for the jolly woman is about the pleasantest sort to meet and to know, and women especially need the saving grace of humor which enables one to see the trying things of life in their true proportion.

Humor demands for its full enjoyment that it should be shared, and that is another disadvantage under which we suffer. For when we are obliged to pass our lives with persons who are devoid of humor, it is a total deprivation of that which makes life so enjoyable.

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