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It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his Helper is omnipotent.—Jeremy Taylor.

PEOPLE AND POLITICIANS.

THE MORNING newspaper, arguing for the overthrow of the initiative and referendum, casts repeated slurs upon the masses of voters, scouting their ability to decide upon laws for their own government, and pleading for the restoration of the exclusively representative system, in spite of all its follies, mistakes and crimes.

Under this system, we are told, the people are likely to pass "every description of irrational legislation and obstruction." They have not the "forbearance, balance, judgment and wisdom" to decide what is for their own good.

The organ of the predatory politicians is also opposed to the primary law, because it is in part a substitute for the beloved, immaculate, sacred representative system—a system under which much legislation is enacted that the people do not want, and most that they want they cannot get.

As against this reactionary creed the Journal lifts high the bright flag of progress, of liberty, of more power for the people. It believes they are capable of legislating and on certain occasions, when they see fit should do so.

STICK TO THE POINT.

M. R. J. T. FORDING in a communication published elsewhere where on this page shows therein that he is oblivious of the main and in fact at this time the sole proper point of contention—namely, shall the people choose a senator and the legislature be bound to elect this choice?

Mr. Fording is unconsciously funny. He says we are trying to "force" Republican members of the legislature to vote for a Democrat, if the people should choose one, and next he says the Republicans have a "vast majority" of the votes.

please—if they get a chance? And shouldn't they have the chance?

We don't know what the Democrats would do if they were in the majority, but if they were The Journal would advocate the election of senators by the people just the same.

Democrats should not register as Republicans, and we don't think many have done so; and if there is any way by which it can be prevented, if it is done, The Journal will advocate its adoption.

REGULATION OR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

EX-GOVERNOR HENRY McBRIDE of Washington, in announcing his candidacy before the primaries for nomination to the same office, stated his position in a way that, assuming his sincerity—and his record is good—should win him a great many votes.

While governor, McBride used all his official and personal power to get a regulative railroad commission, and he believes he did right, and that the commission will ultimately do great good.

PURE MILK.

THE FINDING of pus in samples of milk sent to the Oregon Agricultural college for examination recalls the ever important fact that cleanliness and care are essentials on the dairy.

CHILE.

UNITED STATES CONSUL WINSLOW reports from Valparaiso that the population of Chile, estimated from partial census returns, is 3,871,000, a gain of 43 per cent in 12 years.

of 57,000 in 12 years, and this in spite of the great earthquake of August, 1906. There were 239 buildings in course of construction when the census was taken.

These statistics ought to prompt efforts on the part of Americans to build up a commerce with this progressive South American state.

ANOTHER GREAT PACKING PLANT.

THE fact, published some weeks ago by The Journal, that the great independent firm of Schwartzschild & Sulzburger would probably establish a packing plant in Portland is confirmed, and it is a piece of quite as good news as that of the coming here of Swift & Co.

It is pretty easy to convict Chinese gamblers. They have no friends—unless they buy them, and these are doubtful.

Running Shots

Written for The Journal by Fred C. Depton. Money is the real necessity of life in a civilized community, yet a man who has nothing else with which to measure his life, the whole of the universe is often more than useless to the community, and no use to himself.

A Fearful Republican.

Portland, Or., March 9.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Jocularity is a good thing, and I note your tendency toward all suggestions that are not reverential to Statement No. 1 as a mere joke.

This Date in History.

1507.—Cesar Borgia, celebrated Italian statesman and soldier, killed at the siege of the citadel of Viana. Born about 1497.

Farmers Are Awake.

The farmers of Howell Prairie held a big meeting at their orange hall to discuss the proposed amendment to exempt all improvements on land taxation.

Los Angeles Times.

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Letters From the People

Protection of Depositors. Canby, Or., March 9.—To the editor of The Journal.—I was very much gratified to read your editorial in last Sunday's issue of The Journal, advocating a depositors' security law.

I believe, however, that there are too many money-made senators and representatives in congress to pass a national law at this time.

Small Change

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The REAL FEMINE

On Individually. THE perpetual warfare between individuality and environment goes on continually in the lives of men.

There is a sense in which the development of individuality as it is so often urged upon womankind is but foolishness.

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Oregon Sidelights

Milton will probably get a Carnegie library.

Logging operations are being resumed around the mouth of the Columbia river.

Farmers around Weston have 30,000 sacks of potatoes ready for market.

Bucks have been sheared in Crook county, shearers being paid 25 cents a head.

Two new families with 14 in each in one week is going some for Albany, says the Democrat.

A Umatilla county young man was fined \$100 for kicking a window out of a schoolhouse.

A Astoria man has been arrested for stealing a goat, but he says it was his own.

About one year ago a man took up a timber claim six miles east of Ukiah. Last week he returned \$2,500 for it.

A Brindley cow visited a millinery store in Pendleton, walking through the entrance and out the door.

A boy stole three razors and a pair of shears from an Albany barber shop, while the proprietors were in, and got away. He wants to be too sharp.

There are six principal county roads leading to all parts of the county and state that center at Prineville, and over these travel six stage lines—three daily, two three times a week and one irregular.

Milton Eagle: A belated citizen passing down Main street Wednesday evening was surprised to see a flock of small brown birds beating their heads against the store window in a frantic endeavor to get inside.

One Proclaimer: Mrs. Engleman has a number of little chickens and seven eggs ready to come off. This would sound like a fish story to the frozen up easterners.

Prairie City Miner: This has been the most favorable winter in the John Day valley within memory of man. In fact, the winter was so mild that the coldest night registered only 4 below zero, and that was only one night.

La Grande Observer: So seriously are the transcontinental railroad taxed to accommodate the colonist travel that it has been necessary to draft into service every available coach along the line.

Gold Beach Globe: W. A. Bishel, our next sheriff, showed his smiling face among us Tuesday and gave the glad hand to the voters.

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