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Simplex in character, in manners, in style; in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity.—Elliot.

PROTECT INNOCENT HOLDERS.

The Fulton resolution with reference to railroad land grants should pass without protecting innocent purchasers it would be a blunder, fraught with serious consequences.

As with direct legislation, so it was with the Oregon primary law. The notorious corruption, incompetence and political freebooting that had characterized the convention system and the legislative election of senator, prevailing to such an extent that delivered the state over to boss rule, as made notoriously apparent by the disclosure at the land fraud trials in the federal courts at Portland—these are the influences that caused the people of Oregon to adopt the primary law, including Statement No. 1. The measure is the product of a condition, politically, that had been for 25 years a stench in the nostrils of the people, and for relief from which they were seeking with a desperation that tolerated neither resistance nor interference.

These facts are here cited, not to rob Mr. U'Ren of any credit for his faithful efforts in and out of season in behalf of public interests, but to throw a little light on what is but recent history, and that, coincident with Senator Scott's lofty employment of exploiting Mr. U'Ren's late bad luck in the nursery business.

VANCOUVER.

PORTLAND rejoices cordially with Vancouver over the completion to that city of the north bank railroad, and we hope that the highest hopes and greatest expectations of our neighbor city across the Columbia will be completely fulfilled.

LEST WE FORGET.

WHILE so industriously exploiting the private business relations that formerly existed between Mr. U'Ren and the Lewellyns, why might not the Oregonian give us a few of the untold details of that little senatorial transaction at Salem in which Mr. Scott figured so prominently at the session of 1903?

MOST OF US INSANE.

WHEN the great anthracite strike was on in Pennsylvania, President Roosevelt, though there was then no law empowering or authorizing him officially to take such action, appointed a board of arbitrators, and the strike was settled, to the great benefit, apparently, of all concerned and of the country.

these measures. Nor did he cause these measures to be adopted in Oregon any more than did scores of other Oregonians that might be named. The initiative and referendum was adopted in the state after every political party platform had proclaimed it, after leading commercial bodies in Portland and out of Portland had demanded it, after every grange had clamored for it, and after tens of thousands of citizens had made up their minds to have it.

A HARRIMAN OPPORTUNITY.

WALLOWA county paper, mentioning the fact that 8,000 hogs had been sold out of Wallowa valley during the past four months, added that when the railroad was completed through the valley as projected there would be four times as many hogs raised there.

Watch Yourself Go By.

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by. Think of yourself as 'he' instead of 'I'. Note, closely as in other men you note, the bag-kneed trousers and the seedy coat.

Oregon for La Follette.

From the Pendleton East Oregonian. La Follette is the Roosevelt type of a man; Taft is not. La Follette has initiated and executed vital reforms; Taft has not.

Perceval Lowell's Birthday.

Perceval Lowell, the eminent astronomer and author, who last year attracted attention in scientific circles by his expedition to the Andes to photograph the planet Mars, was born in Boston, March 13, 1855, and in 1876 graduated from Harvard university.

Hurrah for Admiral Evans and the fleet.

On arrival at Magdalen bay he says that it is throughout in better condition than when it left Hampton Roads. Not a man has been lost, there has been no accident or mishap of consequence, the whole voyage has been a success.

Councilman Cottel probably means well in what he does, but he makes a mistake in opposing the location of the big packing plant where its builders want it.

The Republican voters of Multnomah county should see that machine legislative ticket very closely.

duction. We apprehend that to 99 out of 100 people this seemed a very proper suggestion, but it aroused the heated wrath of Colonel Henry Watterson, who in his Courier-Journal said:

Nothing so obnoxious has emanated from the Witch's Cauldron of the presidential fantasy. The governmental fixing of passenger and freight rates, though arbitrary, leaves some margin for just agreement; there ought, indeed, to be some court of immediate resort; but, if the president of the United States, through a board of official subordinates, may interpose his dictum between the employer and the employed, setting aside not only the laws of supply and demand, but all economical consideration, there is no limit to his power within the circle of the popular submission.

So it seems that not only Dr. Hamilton, the alienist expert, and Chancellor Day, and the New York Sun, but Colonel Watterson also, regards the president as insane. But as it has often been shown by eminent authority that most of us are in some degree insane, the president will continue to have the majority on his side.

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Letters from the People

Astoria, Or., March 12.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The representative Finns, not only of Astoria but of the United States, whose ideals of good citizenship are not surpassed by any nationality on earth, and who have settled in America to enjoy the freedom which was denied them in their native land, feel it to be their duty to offer a few words of explanation in regard to the relations of the class whose recent anarchistic actions in the Suomi Temperance society have resulted in the victimization of the entire Finnish population.

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