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Few are needed to do the out-of-the-way tasks which startle the world, and one may be most useful just doing commonplace duties and leaving the issue with God.—MacDonald.

SENATOR FULTON, PLEASE ANSWER.

RECENTLY The Journal appealed to Senator Fulton for the good of Oregon, for the safety of the party, and for his own sake, to request his friends in Oregon to stand for popular choice of senator under the present Oregon plan.

But there is another and a crowning reason. You hold a great office. The holding of that office should lift you above all trivial considerations and cause you to take a broad, comprehensive and patriotic interest in everything bearing on the welfare of Oregon.

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PEOPLE AND PARTY.

EVERYBODY, we are told, who is elected to office, is elected by the people but by party. "The man elected is a party man"; that is, he considers in all he does his party's interests first, and the people's interests afterward, if at all.

"the system," by which party is everything and the people, except as party voters, nothing. It has been "the system" of railroads to rob the people by rebates and otherwise.

Senators and representatives, we are told, "will represent their party, not the people as a whole." Then it is confessed that they are misrepresentatives of at least a large fraction, in many cases nearly half, of the people.

The mask is off. "The people as a whole" are not and are not to be represented. They are to be considered only secondarily, if at all.

RACETRACK GAMBLING.

THE question of licensing gambling, even where it is prohibited by the state constitution, is before the legislatures of New York, Kentucky and other states.

The New York constitution prohibits gambling, Governor Hughes has urged its suppression, yet the legislature is indisposed to follow his advice.

In Kentucky gambling is prohibited by law, yet it "can't be stopped," because the authorities do not want or desire to stop it.

THE STATE PRESS.

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But a new epoch has been made in the life of the interior journalist. The primary law has emancipated him from the power of the politicians, and together with direct legislation, has given him new powers and influence as a factor in the community.

The editorials The Journal is daily reprinting from him and his associates of the state press show how well the interior journalist is meeting his new responsibilities, and with what fidelity he is discharging his duty to the people.

of pith, and many are among the best contributions that have been made to the discussion of current issues. In them, especially in their number and character, the cliques of politicians in Portland, and their associated cliques in other counties, ought to be able to read the handwriting on the wall.

TEACHERS AND BOYS.

IF WE have interpreted the evidence in the Hughes case correctly, Justice Reid acted wisely in acquitting him. It is possible that in the case on trial he was too severe, but there was plenty of room to suspect that the complainants, perhaps honestly, magnified the boy's injuries.

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SMART SET WITHOUT MORALS.

THE new act in the Thaw drama is pretty true to a common phase in human life. Even the playwrights, after depicting shooting, the trial and Mattewan, would scarcely have deemed the plot complete without the divorce.

This Date in History.

1782—Thomas H. Benton, first United States senator from Missouri, born in North Carolina. Died in Washington, April 10, 1858.

Letters From the People

Primary Law No Experiment. Portland, March 13.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I see that some of your readers look upon the primary election as a sort of experiment in political work.

I entered the newspaper fields in Iowa in 1886. In that county, during the war, while the people were intent on putting down the rebellion, a coterie of politicians had so organized and entrenched themselves that the majority of voters were powerless against them.

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Oregon Sidelights

La Grande is preparing for free delivery. The Gervais Star has been clubbed into line for the machine. This was expected.

The Marshfield city council has placed a bounty of 5 cents on rats caught or killed within the city limits.

With two street car systems in Albany, other valley towns will look like 20 cent pieces, boasts the Democrat.

From a small plot of ground near Albany a woman said 500 bushels of tomatoes and many went to waste.

A Gilliam county man says all the sheep in his neighborhood are in good condition and will shear better than any year in the history of the county.

OVER THE HILLS TO THE "IN BAD CLUB"



OPINIONS OF STATE PRESS ON STATEMENT NO. 1

The People or the Politician. From the Tillamook Herald (Rep.). It is true that during the past few weeks Statement No. 1 has been receiving some hard knocks but at the hands of whom?

It is the people, the masses who will have their say in support of the issue, or it is the politician who will as of vote hold the ever ready sack for the biggest wad of "filthy lucre."

Statement No. 1 is the people's voice in the matter, in whom they wish to represent them; it is the true principle of "a government for the people and by the people" and the workings of the new state of affairs is being watched by practically every state in the union.

The country press of Oregon is openly pronounced in favor of Statement No. 1, and the grangers are a few ring organs are trying to snatch it from the people.

First, every grange in the state of Oregon has or will declare in favor of Statement No. 1, and the grangers is a mighty factor in Oregon politics.

Second, every anti-machine politician will support the statement in the election of senators who are safe on this question.

Third, the state press with few exceptions are pronounced in favor of the principles of Statement No. 1.

Fourth, the recent attack on the initiative and referendum law by the Pacific States Telephone and the Sunset Telephone companies has won thousands of converts to the cause of popular government.

Fifth, the brazen effrontery and bulldog persistence of the old ring politicians to dictate the nominees for office has turned all who were "bitting between two opinions" toward the banner of Statement No. 1.

Sixth, the nasty political record of the last generation of politicians of the old machine dynasty, which has debauched the fair state of Oregon with an odium of graft and high-handedness, calls for remedial efforts by placing men in state and national authority who feel a fair sense of obligation to all the people of the state for their official honor and election.

One Against a Thousand. From the North Yamhill Record. Many voters seem to be confused or unnecessarily alarmed about Statement No. 1. For our part we cannot see anything which would lead to any great disaster should it be carried into effect to the fullest extent.

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Small Change

Hobson is likely to declare war any day. Slowly but surely the peach blossoms are pushing out.

Are the people going to follow the bosses backward? But the 10-hour law can't be enforced on colicky babies.

Let the big packing plant in the city, state and region need it. We expected it; some people had had luck on Friday, the 13th.

A king is never assassinated, Alfonso, when he is looking out for it. Emma Goldman is nearly as difficult to suppress as a law-breaking Portland saloonkeeper.

That railroad trip to Mount Hood in the good old summer time will also be very fine. But Mr. Bryan is determined that the "trunk and file" shall not prefer anybody else.

Harmony over in Washington also; the Seattle P.-I. is bitterly fighting Senator Ankeny. A Detroit woman wants \$75,000 for a class. But she might make a discount on wholesale lots.

What a joke it would be if while Taft is carrying Nebraska Bryan should carry Ohio. Mr. U'Ren did not get his knock-out contract from that \$25,000.

The predatory politicians' organ "trusts the people." Oh, yes, but wants them to keep out of politics. There are always more lawyers than necessary; never enough superior, expert men in the industrial field.

After he fairly gets his bearings again, Wu Ting Fang will tell us just how America should be reformed. Shouldn't Heney and Langdon be sued for damages by Schmitt and Ruff, and prosecuted for false imprisonment?

Nobody ever thinks of Jesse Grant as a Democratic presidential aspirant, except when he speaks of it himself. How would it do to elect a dozen hoodlums and hobos to the council next time? Wouldn't they do about as well?

How much have you, and you, and you—anybody, everybody—been represented in the performances of this congress? Hop growers who are digging up their yards are probably wise; fortunately they can put the land to other profitable uses.

U'Ren may have done some wrong bad things; most men have; but he can show some very good work for the people's benefit. Party, party, party, party, party, party. These are the seven reasons for opposing Statement No. 1. The people be damned.

Union Pacific stockholders want Hartman to disgorge some \$40,000,000. That is about the amount he has robbed Oregon of in a decade. When the machine gets entirely through manufacturing its legislative ticket, there will be enough Statement No. 1 candidates, we hope, to oppose it, throughout the state.

Mr. Hodson denies that he will fuse with the Democrats. There is, or should be a good reason why he won't aside from his own inclination. Democrats wouldn't fuse with Hodson.