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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

DECENTLY 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 an independent, constructive newspaper, seeking the betterment of Oregon, purification of politics, the preservation of all political parties. and the welfare of the people, The Journal is in duty bound to renew its request. In such a course as this newspaper has recommended you have all to gain, Senator Fulton, and not a thing to lose. You would not lose one adherent, you would gain very many. Your chances of success, now dubious, would be immensely improved. Your present attitude puts you in the position of being unwilling to let your record in the senate go before the people as a test of whether or not you should be elected. Its effect is to say to to trust them, an effect much emphasized by your late announcement. "I am not making any statements now," If your record is good, and it probably is, would it not be infin-Itely more praiseworthy for you to show your confidence in it, and in the people, by submitting it to them for indorsement or rejection according to its merits? Has it occurred to you that if you refuse to have confidence in the people, the tendency is to cause them to have less confidence in you? If you have wise friends, Senator Fulton, they will tell you that you of all men ought to be willing to leave the selection of senator to the people, that you could do so with greater confidence than most men, and that you are making the mistake of your life by not doing so.

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. If true to the obligations of lofty citizenship, you should set the prestige of your high position to achieve those things that will be of benefit to all the people of your state. You should use your position not for party interest nor for personal interests, but for Oregon and Oregonians. Why not N THE utterances of the state within a world, which, if the spotgrasp the Roosevelt conception that a great office is a means of leadership by which better conditions may and use your position, its prestige and your powers, not against but for that splendid end. If the people want know, they have clamored for the you must; admitting that you have times he had to root, hog, or die. everything to gain, and not one thing to lose, and you must; admitting that as compared to your present attitude, your attitude then would be more statesmanlike, more exalted in purpose, and infinitely better for Oregon, and you must; why do you not do it?

# PEOPLE AND PARTY.

VERYBODY, we are told, who is elected to office, is elected not 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. This is the inference. No "people's choice" is possible, says the morning organ of the "There can be no 'people's choice' under our system." They do not elect; "one party or the other elects."

Senators and representatives, we run and controlled by machine

The mask is off. "The people as 'the people as a whole."

#### RACETRACK GAMBLING.

HE question of licensing gambling, even where it is prohibited by the state constitustates. That the discussion turns ished, would have been encouraged principally on racetrack gambling is to make like complaints, and if their not essential, for that is scarcely less objectionable than other forms of lew square, honest horse rates when be careful and reasonably moderate, gambling runs high on them.

has urged its suppression, yet the victed on contradictory and doubtlegislature is indisposed to follow ful evidence. peared before the legislative com- SMART SET WITHOUT MORALS. consider the moral aspect of the case at all, only the practical aspect. ing Governor Hughes' position, saying that gambling could not be stopped. This is an old plea, and it applies about as much to murder, robbery, burglary, arson and other

In Kentucky gambling is prohibited by law, yet it "can't be stopped," because the authorities do not want or desire to stop it. A distinction grave is not possible to this style of is made there between gambling at performers. The degenerate scion the racetrack and gambling in pool of an over-rich house is an impossirooms, and there may be some reason for this; but anything beyond lar marks, far more than poverty, private, personal betting, at most, ought to be suppressed.

The professional gambler, of whatever kind, should be put entirely mous fortunes and maintain spoiled out of business. He is by law a crim- and spendthrift sons are as dangerinal, and ought to be, for he is a ous as anarchists to society. A pest, a parasite, a contemptible sponger on better men, a robber of utes more to national decadence unwary victims, a ruiner of fam- than all the agitators in the country.

### THE STATE PRESS.

be brought to all your countrymen, constantly reflected the real senti- the republic would sink beyond rement of the people toward popular suscitation if it rested on such as choice of senator and other popular they. It is the good fortune of the privileges. For a long time the nation that it has its myriad of farm to choose the senator, and as you publishers of interior weeklies al- homes, its multitude of those who lowed themselves to be used by the if humble are honest, and its sprinprivilege for 30 years, you should county politicians. Each, in his coun- kling of wealthy whom wealth does stand by them in that desire. Al- ty, helped to boost the politicians not contaminate. Without them most more than any living man, you into office, did the hard fighting for how long would our foundations know what legislative election of them in campaigns, injured his busi- stand? senator means, its deadly blight ness by doing so, and was fed on the upon men, its sinning against the shucks, while the politicians fatpeople. Admitting all this, and you tened on the loaves of office. He must; admitting that one word from was allowed to sit at the feet of the you would wheel all your friends bosses when his services were needinto line for Statement No. 1, and ed, but in other than campaign

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. He has become infinitely munity. He has become infinitely bigger in every respect than the the highest in 70 years. boss. He is in position, more than anybody else, to push reforms, to anybody else, to push reforms, to exert influence and to promote the interests of the masses. He is no longer a truckler, but a free agent, moulding and building for the best, according as he sees the light. He, according to the sees the light. He, according to the sees the light of the sees the light of the sees the light. He, large the sees the sees the light of the sees the sees the sees the light. He, large the sees th defense of their rights.

The editorials The Journal is This is haif sophistry, and the daily reprinting from him and his other haif is logy with stupidity, associates of the state press show "Under our system," observe. But how well the interior journalist is we have changed or are trying to meeting his new responsibilities, and change the "system" to some extent. This the paper quoted tries not to recognize, seeks to ignore. A vast number of voters are tired of figures to the paper are tired of the paper are tired of figures to the paper are tired of the paper are tired or the pap vast number of voters are tired of flance to the politicians, all are full

"the system," by which party is of pith, and many are among the everything and the people, except as best contributions that have been party voters, nothing. It has been made to the discussion of current 'the system' of railroads to rob the issues. In them, especially in their it might be said that this cannot be of politicians in Portland, and their that their interests will come first conventions, wire pulling, traffic in know whereof I speak. fully understood and stubbornly redependent upon them, not upon a sisted by the gentlemen of the state

#### TEACHERS AND BOYS.

under self control, otherwise he or cannot be changed. The Journal be- many parents often will support him lieves that "party" is of insignifi- in his version of the affair and rely cant consequence as compared with upon his representations. Assuming that physical punishment is sometimes necessary, or salutary, there would be an end of discipline were whipped. If this teacher, sup-The New York constitution pro- over-whipped a little occasionally hibits gambling, Governor Hughes than that a teacher should be con-

nal fitness usually works out, and it is impossible to throw around the leading man and leading lady in this play a romance into which no divorce was to enter. Real marriage that knows no divorce save at the ble partner to a true alliance. Dolseem to carry an alloy into wedlock that is freighted with danger. The thrifty fathers who pile up enor-"smart set" without morals contrib-The former's power for evil is infinitely greater, because subtle and hidden. The operations of the Whites and Harry Thaws is a world press, reprinted from day to day light were thrown upon, would shock in The Journal, there is a world the nation and stir it from stem to of meaning. In them there is stern. Hope for the permanency of

# This Date in History.

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

1831—The celebrated bill for Parliamentary reform read for the first time in the British house of commons.

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1844—King Humbert I of Italy born.

Assassinated July 30, 1900.

1855—First train over Niagara bridge.

1861—Kingdom of Italy established.

1879—Sir John A. Macdonald introduced his national tariff policy.

1883—Karl Marx, founder of German Socialism, died. Born May 5, 1818.

1894—Walter Wellman Arctic expedition sailed from New York.

1900—Lord Roberts entered Bloemfontein.

# Henry S. Boutell's Birthday.

according as he sees the light. He, and not the politician, is the man, more than anybody else, to whom candidates must look for favors, for the columns of his paper, honestly conducted, are an influence. He, and not the politicians, is the man to whom the people must look for a defense of their rights.

which institution he was graduated in 1874. The next two years he spent at Harvard university. He was admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1879 and began the practice of law in Chicago. He was elected a member of the Illinois legislature as a Republican in 1884, and was one of the famous "193" who elected General John A. Logan to the United States senate. Mr. Boutell was first elected to congress in 1897 and has served continuously in the house ever since. He has been conspicuous in debate and in recent years he spent at bate and in recent years has done effective work as a member of the committee on ways and means.

### Of Course.

From the North Yamhill Record

# Letters From the People

Primary Law No Experiment.

Portland, March 12 .- To the Editor The Journal.-I see that some of your readers look upon the primary election as a sort of experiment in political work. This is a mistake. It is an old and well tried device to get of parties, and wherever tried has given

I entered the newspaper fields in Iowa in 1866. In that county, during the war, while the people were intent on putting down the rebellion, a coterie of politicians had so organized and inof politicians had so organized and in-trenched themselves that the majority of voters were powerless against them. They could put any one up or down as they chose. Their henchmen in the primary caucuses had so builted and outwitted the common voters that the latter, who did not relish a fight, or would not sanction a trick, stayed away altogether, and the politicians had every-

was introduced in a county convention to the effect that the next year the county candidates should be nominated cal. Whereas under the caucus system not more than 20 to 40 voters of the not more than 30 to the primary party had taken part in the primary caucuses, and these almost without excaucuses, and these almost desirable and fit to

about 900 out of 1,600.

The power of the ring was broken, and to this day they have not recovered it. For 37 years the body of the voters have been their own leaders and have managed their own affairs. Of course the old leaders fought the recovery the old leaders fought the new arrangement and begged the people to go back to the old safe and sane plan. They said the body of voters would not turn out to the primary, even after they had turned out and voted, 10 to one, as against the caucus system. The "leaders" said the primary election would kill the party, because it would engender so much heat and friction du. engender so much heat and friction during the primary campaign that the defeated candidates would not support the nominees at the general election.

The result was precisely the opposite. There was no bolting under the new system. Any man could run for any office. He could print his tickets and he and his friends could go into the field and canvass as much as they pleased. If he did not get the nomination he could blame no one but himself for the result. He had had a fair field and an open opportunity, and if the did not gain the prize it was because he had not friends enough, or was not popular. He could not find fault with the successful candidate and he was in honor bound to support him. was in honor bound to support him.

The caucus or convention system oreeds bad blood, bitter rivairy, fends,

bolting and cut-throat revenges. The primary election solidifies, satisfies, unites and purifies parties. But "the leaders" do not like it. They like the convention better. The convention furnishes the valued annual fight, the great smoker, the opportunity to down somebody and to beat the other fellow. They enjoy the convention as they somebody and to beaf the other fellow. They enjoy the convention as they would a horse race or a buil fight, and then, the plunder is more easily reached in this way.

The voters of Oregon builded wiser than they knew when they adopted the primary election, and Statement No. 1, and it thay are wise they will stand by

primary election, and Statement No. 1, and if they are wise they will stand by them with the utmost tenacity. They put the political power of the state where it properly belongs, and it should be kept there. Voters need pay little attention to the efforts being put forth to misinterpret and break down these measures. Stand by them. They were adopted by a majority of peerly four adopted by a majority of nearly four to one, and are a credit to the in-telligence and public spirit of the state. LEVI W. MYERS.

### 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 veeks Statement No. I has been re-

hands of whom? The old machine crowd of politicians and a subsidized press, of course.

Practically every weekly newspaper in the state is first and last in favor of the people having their say instead of the politician whom Statement No. I has relegated to the back seat and the past.

It is the people, the masses who will

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 yore hold the ever ready sack for the isguest wad of "filthy lucre."

Elatement No. 1 is the people's voice in the matter of 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 opposed to any tampering with Statement No. 1, while the Oregonian and a few ring organs are trying to snatch it from the people.

The voters of Tilamook county will we are sure vote for the man for legis-

we are sure vote for the man for legis-lator and he only who announces him-self as voting for the people's choice for the seat of United States senator.

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 bull-

# Oregon Sidelights

La Grande is preparing for free delty

The Gervais Star has been clubbed into line for the machine. This was

The Marshfield city council has placed a bounty of 5 cents on rats caught or killed within the city limits. With two streetcar systems in Al-

bany, other valley towns will look like 30 cent pieces, boasts the Democrat. From a small piece of ground near Albany a woman sold 500 bushels of to-matoes 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.

Sol King of Corvallis, has a colt less than two years old, that weighs 1.500 pounds, and another only 7 months old.

Over 400 Jacksonville boosters were ut to the courthouse auditorium Tues-ay evening when the second meeting f the Jacksonville Commercial club took place. Why, that old town is wak-

If the Salem board of trade would go o work and stay at the task and succeed n securing a linen factory in this city.

the last generation of politicians of the old machine dynasty, which has be-smirohed the fair state of Oregon with an odium of graft and high-handed thievery, 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. ceiving some hard knocks, but at the

One Against a Thousand. From the North Yambill Record.

Many voters seem to be confused or innecessarily 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. We have been taught from our childhood that our officers are only servants of the people and this is exactly what Statement No. I makes them. The legislature assembly is composed of 90 members, there are in Oregon about 95,000 voters, there are in Oregon about 95,000 voters. Now those who oppose Statement No. 1 say by opposing it that the one representative is 1,000 times as competent to select our senstor in the United States congress as the voters who elect them. Who ever knew before that the created was greater than creator. No. 1. For our part we cannot see anywas greater than creator.

self as voting for the people's for the seat of United States senator.

First, every grange in the state of Oregon has or will declare in favor of Statement No. 1, and the grange 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 but few Third, the state press with but few are told that according to the primary law Statement No. 1 needn't be subscribed to by the candidates. We are well aware of the fact. But remember also that the voter needn't support the statement No. 1.

member also that the voter needn't sup-port any candidate for the legislature who does not pledge himself to vote for the man who receives the popular vote at election.

The cowardly, scheming bosses and political demagogues are now on record

dog persistency of the old ring politicians to dictate the nominees for office has turned all who were 'halting the people sustain their dirty work, and between two opinions' toward the banner of Statement No. 1.

Sixth, the nasty political record of principle.

itable time when this valley will be the seat of this industry, and when it will be the greatest industry in the

Orchardists predict the largest crop in history for 1908 in the Rogue river valley. The fruit buds already indicate an immense harvest, far larger than last season's, unless some unforeseen

Arko correspondence of the Wallows Arko correspondence of the wallows Chieftain: People should be very careful what they say and do. The writer knows an instance where just the cutting off of a hog's tail caused quite a disturbance. So keep a close watch on your word and action.

a man named Torch is missing at Yaquina Bay, and the local papers are bad things; most men have; but he flaring up about it. Perhaps he has can show some very good work for the hired out to some campaign club.—Penpeople's benefit. dieton Tribune. He may be discovered yet up in eastern Oregon whooping it up for the G. O. P. and Geer. That might be disastrous, though a torch,

Here is a sample of the snaps in Oregon: S. Starr has sold his ranch, con-sisting of 980 acres about three miles sisting of 980 acres about three miles from Fossil, to C. B. Zachary at \$7 an acre. This is a good stock ranch with about 200 acres of fine plow land on it, and it is finely watered, with a num-

ing together to make the cleaning up days a success this week, can any one doubt the outcome? The event will be

But the 10-hour law can't be enforced

Let the big packing plant in; the city, state and region need it,

We expected it; some people had bad luck on Friday, the 13th. A king is never assassinated, Alfonso, when he is looking out for it.

Small Change

Hobson is likely to declare war any

Emma Goldman is nearly as difficult to suppress as a law-breaking Portland

That railroad trip to Mount Hood in the good old summer time will also be very fine.

But Mr. Bryan is determined that the "rank and file" shall not prefer anythody else. Harmony over in Washington also: the Scattle P.-I. is bitterly fighting

Senator Ankeny. A Detroit woman wants \$75,000 for a kiss. 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 knowledge or information about that \$25,000 contract from the spirits.

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 Schmitz and Ruef, and prosecuted for false imprisonment?

Nobody ever thinks of Jesse Grant as a Democratic presidential nominee ex-cept when he speaks of it himself.

How would it do to elect a dozen hoodiums and hobos to the council next time? Wouldn't they do about as How much have you, and you, and you—anybody, everybody—been represented in the performances of this con-

Hop growers who are digging up their yards are probably wise; fortun-ately they can put the land to other profitable use.

U'Ren may have done some wrong people's benefit.

Party party, party, party, party, party, party, party. These are the seven reasons for opposing Statement No. 1. The people be d-

Union Pacific stockholders want Harriman to disgorge some \$40,000,000. That is about the amount robbed Oregon of in a decade.

When the machine gets entirely brough manufacturing its legislative licket, there will be enough Statement No. 1 candidates, we hope, to oppose it, throughout the state.

Mr. Hodson denies that he will fuse Congress will never forfelt those in securing a linen factory in this city, successful of course, says the East on well organized and successful, it company to do justice to the people, would do more good than could possibly until a lot of Republican leaders in congress are retired to private life. Statesman. It would hasten the inev-street.

# OVER THE HILLS TO THE "IN BAD CLUB"

