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A diligence in all things is the strongest fulcrum of success.—Tupper.

WHAT NEXT?

WHAT does it mean, when, in the face of the late past, the Oregonian comes to the front and declares that it is in favor of the principle of the initiative and referendum, and of the primary law? Like a hyena on the hills of Jericho it has sat in its tower for the past six months and done nothing but howl at these measures.

In its howl against the primary law it has said that the measure has destroyed the Republican party, that it leaves the party "without leaders," that there is no means of "concerted action," that there is no opportunity for issuing a "party platform," and on one occasion even went so far as to declare, in language so plain as not to be misunderstood, that the primary law is impossible because affairs cannot be conducted without the intervention of a boss and machine.

THE UNEMPLOYED. IT is estimated that there are 1,200,000 unemployed people in the country, about half of them in the larger cities. While this may be an exaggerated statement, the situation presents a grave problem, that should engage the earnest attention of statesmen, publicists, and other people of influence.

enhancement of the cost of necessities for the benefit of monopolists could be stopped. The principal object of government at all times should be to afford the best possible chance to the masses of toiling people of small means, but this object seems to have been forgotten by many people in high places.

The situation, according to many reports, is improving, is much better than it was a few weeks ago, and we think will continue to improve; but this improvement ought to be aided by all who have it in their power to do so, especially those who might profitably employ labor that they are not employing.

AN ERROR RECORRECTED.

M. R. GEORGE HICINBOTHAM of Clackamas county writes a long letter to The Journal containing what he thinks are "strong objections to Statement No. 1." The statement that suits him is: "I will vote for that candidate for United States senator who has received the largest number of Republican votes."

But aside from these objections, this reader has, as many seem to have, the mistaken notion that in the June election one Democrat will be running against two or more Republicans, and that if the Democrat gets more votes than either Republican, Statement No. 1 members of the legislature will be bound to vote for the Democrat.

This seems to assume the entirely incorrect idea of the situation in June that we have mentioned. Such is not the case at all. In the June election there will be but one Republican candidate, the one receiving a majority or the plurality of the Republican votes cast in the primaries in April.

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A Brownsville reader refers to an editorial in The Journal summarizing statements made by the "Model License League," and saying that they contradict statements he has read of several governors and other

prominent men; he asks The Journal to decide which are correct, or the better authority. As a general proposition we would accept the statements of the men he names in preference to those of the "Model License League," though this organization claimed in its circular to give official figures, and we suppose that as far as they went they were correct.

REGISTRATION AND VOTING.

WE ARE not sure that Mr. Idleman's suggestion that a voter who does not register should be that neglect of a duty of citizenship be denied the right to vote for a term of years, is not a good one. Such a law might be unconstitutional, but Mr. Idleman is a lawyer, and has been attorney-general of the state, and we suppose he did not make the declaration in favor of such a measure without due consideration from a legal point of view.

Exercising the elective franchise is not only a privilege granted to a certain part of the population, but it is a high civic duty, and far more so now in Oregon under the primary and initiative and referendum laws than ever before. Registration is a wise and necessary precaution against frauds and manipulations, and is a duty tantamount to that of voting.

There is too much swearing in of votes. There is no need of it. Of course a few voters are prevented from registering by sickness or necessary absence, but this applies all the more to voting, which must be done in a single day, and the voter has no further chance, by swearing in or otherwise. Voters who won't register are not fit to exercise the franchise.

BRITISH RAILWAY FIGURES.

ACCORDING to a recent official British report, the railroad mileage in the United Kingdom at the end of 1906 was 23,063 miles, an increase of 216 miles for that year. The paid-up capital increased from \$6,363,005,000 to \$6,434,415,000. It is the established policy of English railways to charge up improvements to capital account.

John Manning undertakes to controvert The Journal's statements as to his neglect to file briefs for the state in the Sellwood election fraud case now pending in the supreme court. The facts are exactly as The Journal stated them, as the records of the supreme court show.

Grandpa Henry Gassaway Davis is reported as saying that if his granddaughter, Katherine Elkins, is bound to have a duke she can have all his money, estimated at \$60,000,000. That is the kind of a granddad for a girl to have.

Letters From the People

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Senator Fulton will be asked some embarrassing questions on his attitude concerning Statement No. 1. If he is up to date he will come out squarely for it, and put the renegade who is scheming to the test.

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Republican Opposition Foolish. From the La Grande Observer. (Rep.) Charles W. Jones writes me that he elected if the Republican opposition Statement No. 1, than if he enthusiastically support it.

Small Change

There is much humbug in party.

Small farms well tilled, are a need of the time.

A Los Angeles woman fasted 40 days, but what good did that do?

And still the Thaw's: won't we ever hear the last of them, till they die?

Father Yorkie may be mistaken as to a thing or two, and yet do much good.

Still, possibly, the bar association grievance committee might find bigger snipplins.

The climate of Washington, D. C., has killed many public men, some of them good ones.

The roads and streams are beginning to thaw out back east. Be thankful for living in Oregon.

According to the almanac, spring has arrived. The almanac is away behind the times in Oregon.

Possibly if all the men would unite in demanding woman suffrage, the women would generally oppose it.

The accusations of the critics won't keep the navy from receiving an enthusiastic welcome everywhere.

It is reported that Senator Tillman is ill from overwork—that is, we suppose, too strenuous use of the plowfork.

But it seems consistent and congruous for the contractors who made the Quays monument to have grafted a lot of money.

The office of railroad commissioner is very important. The best judgment possible should be used in selecting candidates.

The man who without a good excuse fails to register ought to be disfranchised for the next as well as the pending election.

A Philadelphia paper says, "Senator Knox is setting a hot pace in the presidential race." It seems so only to a Philadelphian.

Harriman has given San Francisco \$20,000 to aid it in getting rid of rats. But he does not seem to get rid of Herrin or Schwerin.

A Portsmouth couple have been married 75 years and never had any trouble that the public heard of. Shouldn't they have a pension?

It might not be wise for Taft to say that his brother knows no brother. One of his brothers is said to be worth \$20,000,000, more or less.

A Connecticut town is offering free marriage licenses to women applicants. This being leap year, the right men are now the only difficulty.

The man who lost \$7,000 on a fake wrestling match should not worry much, so great a fool would have soon lost the money in some other way if not in that.

Representative Carter of Oklahoma says there is less illiteracy among the five civilized tribes here than there is among the people of Boston. But perhaps he doesn't understand the Boston language.

Colonel Hofer has discovered that it was not Mr. U. Farmer but a humble German about the referendum who brought some people who will have a better opinion of U. F. R.

Though The Journal cannot publish the office, it can readily sympathize with the feelings and endorse the struggles of those who try to write spring poems these days.

Oregon Sidelights

Albany has got into the progressive town list.

Clay pigeon shooting is popular in Heppner.

Gambling has been pretty much suppressed in Seaside.

A La Grande hen laid an egg that measured 6 1/2 and 8 inches.

Cottage Grove is getting the painting fever. It is a healthy disease.

A La Grande man is filling an order from Missouri of 14 carloads of potatoes.

Echo people are talking up an election to connect with north bank railroad.

The REALM FEMININE

SOME wise person has said that it is necessary to say a self-evident thing a great many times to get it believed. That is the reason why keeping always before us the old saying, now grey with time, "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

To appreciate the full significance of motherhood, one need only consider what a world it would be with the mother spirit and sacrifice eliminated. What if all the homes where little feet run to meet the tired father at the end of the day, where childish questions and the happy innocent wiles of babyhood are known, were childless homes? What if the boys and girls just budding into manhood and womanhood were suddenly deprived of the watchful loving care of the mother? What would be the result? What would be the logical alternative? No less than a state of anarchy. For the nation is built upon the home, and the mother is the cornerstone of that home.

How to Make Tucks. TUCKS in the bottom of a skirt are quite difficult to arrange and yet we must have tucks in our new spring and summer gowns. When the skirt is straight around the lower edges and the tucks not very deep, it is not so hard to accomplish, especially on children's clothes.

The Daily Menu. Bananas, Baked Cereals, Eggs on Mince Ham, Muffins, Coffee, LUNCHEON, Meat Cakes, Hominy and Tomatoes, Preserved Peas with Spiced Cakes, Tea, DINNER, Cream of Barley Soup, Chicken Pie, Asparagus Salad, Prune Pudding, Coffee.

Meat Cakes—Four ounces of cold roast beef, one fourth cup of meat and squeezed thoroughly; one half teaspoon of minced parsley, one half ounce of long cut macaroni, one bay leaf chopped fine with sprigs of parsley and thyme. Mince the meat finely and chop the parsley. Mix the ingredients thoroughly with a fork. Put in a small saucepan one cup of water, one cup of mince, one cup of milk and one cup of cream. Boil for five minutes. Drain off all liquid and serve on a platter garnished with parsley sprigs.

Spiced Cakes—Cream half a cup of butter and beat the yolks of four eggs very light, then gradually beat in one cup of sugar into each, and finally beat the two together. Pass through a sieve, to get rid of lumps, one fourth a teaspoonful of soda, one fourth a teaspoonful of each of nutmeg, half a teaspoonful of cinnamon, one fourth a teaspoonful of cloves, one fourth a teaspoonful of allspice, one fourth a teaspoonful of mace and three fourths of cream of tartar. Add these to the butter mixture alternately with one cup of milk and finally beat the whole mixture very light. Bake in two brick loaf pans about 50 minutes.

Chicken Pie—Boil the chicken until tender and pick out the meat with flour, and season as for the table. Line a deep pan with rich crust, put in the chicken and gravy and cover the top with strips of crust about one and one half inches wide and long enough to reach across the pan. Bake in a hot oven for one and one half hours. Add to this one and one half teaspoons of baking powder and some salt. Add to this three fourths of a cup of buttermilk and three fourths of a cup of sour cream, and a small one fourth of a teaspoon of soda.