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and their representatives in the legislature, quite in the constitutional way, will yield to the expressed will of the people.

Besides, if this method of choosing senators is unconstitutional, that advocated by Senator Hodson is more so; he wants to bind the legislature to elect a man chosen by a majority or plurality of only one party.

Prayer will make us leave off sinning or sinning will make us leave off praying.—Thomas Fuller.

EDITORS AS OFFICE SEEKERS.

IT IS both unwise and unfortunate for a journalist to cherish ambition for office. It is unwise for the journalist himself, and unfortunate for the readers of his newspaper.

As a factor for exalting citizenship, the responsibilities resting upon journalists and journalism are higher than those devolving upon any other human activity.

In his Bromley lecture at Yale recently, Colonel George Harvey, editor of the North American Review, confirmed this view in strong terms.

The notable truth expressed by Colonel Harvey we have seen exemplified in Oregon by the editor of an important Portland newspaper in his remarkable dash for the United States senatorship in 1903.

IS IT "NONSENSICAL"?

SENATOR HODSON in a public letter alludes contemptuously to "this nonsensical Statement No. 1 business."

It is "nonsensical" to talk and write about and try to effect this change, why have the people been urging it these many years? Why have the platforms of both parties repeatedly declared for it?

BULL RUN WATER POWER.

THE mayor is undoubtedly and importantly right in his inflexible stand against the persistent effort of the Mt. Hood Railway & Power company to get water rights within the city's Bull Run property.

The fact is, the bill had no more bearing upon the Marquam case than a decision of the supreme court in a case where the plaintiff had been wrongfully deprived of his property.

THE ILLINOIS TARIFF PLANK.

THE Illinois Republican tariff plank is in the main a labored, verbose, sophistical laudation of a high protective tariff, and of the Dingley tariff in particular.

PAY OF LEGISLATORS.

THE proposed increase of pay for members of the Oregon legislature would cost the state \$7 a day for 40 days for 90 members, amounting to \$25,200 biennially, or \$12,600 a year.

help to secure even a few such men, more than would be elected under the present law? This is the question for voters to consider.

Besides, it is to be considered that some members in every legislature are the right kind of men, and serve the state conscientiously, intelligently, faithfully, and at a personal sacrifice.

ONE BENEFIT OF THE PANIC.

MORE than one benefit has come out of the October panic. It may be a costly price to pay, but most calamities seem to bring a degree of recompense.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

JACKSON STATES HIS POSITION.

Roseburg, Or., March 23.—To the Editor of The Journal—I note in your paper of date March 19, 1908, a communication from one C. B. Aitchison, who, in attempting to answer a news article contained in the Oregonian of the same date, coupled my name with that of the Marquam case.

DEFENDING PEOPLE'S LAW.

Portland, March 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—I was exceedingly sorry to see in your issue of the 23rd a criticism of the initiative and referendum law in the Oregonian.

A RESOURCEFUL COUNTY.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY is also out of debt, for the first time in many years. This gives it an opportunity to spend money heretofore used to pay interest on county roads and bridges, and in other improvements.

NO SNAP JUDGMENT WANTED.

From the Pendleton Tribune. There is a proposition on foot in Multnomah county to call a "mass meeting" of Republicans for the purpose of selecting a ticket for the voters of the party to either endorse or reject at the April primaries.

OPINIONS OF THE STATE PRESS ON STATEMENT NO. 1.

Benton County's Attitude.

From the Corvallis Times. Every legislative candidate last year made the race on the direct election plan, by taking Statement No. 1. That is an arrangement in which the candidate simply agrees that in the legislature he will vote for the senatorial candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the election.

A Plain Issue—The People Against the Machine.

From the Salem Journal (Rep.). How much more right have the Republican "people" to have a choice than any other class of "people"?

Yamhill for Statement No. 1.

From the North Yamhill Record. Statement No. 1 will overshadow other issues in the campaign.

Young Men's Position.

From the Salem Journal (Rep.). The young men of Salem are mostly young men, and they are mostly young men.

What About It, Mr. Sigler.

Portland, March 25.—To the Editor of The Journal.—A good many of our poor folks are interested in this question of an assessor and how his work is got off from having our furniture assessed.

Taft's Religion.

Riddle, Or., March 23.—To the Editor of The Journal.—It has been asserted that William H. Taft is a Roman Catholic.

Correcting an Error.

Dayton, Or., March 24.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I note in your issue of March 23, Mr. Harrison stated in his letter to The Journal that the campaign against the university appropriation was started in Yamhill county.

Leon Cozlogos.

Boring, Or., March 22.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Please state through the columns of The Journal the man's name who kills President McKinley, and date. J. R. COCHRAN.

Small Change

Chilly? But remember that this March yet. Abe Hummel is out, and Abe Rood can't be put in. Every eligible citizen who desires to vote will register. Senator Fulton could have easily occupied a much stronger position. The house had to listen, if present or near by, when Hawley talked. It is expected that even the fish will approve the change in their boss. The Statement No. 1 ticket is also a good enough "Business Men's" ticket. In consideration of the hobo: man will not work, neither should eat. Here's hoping Judge Williams may live to be 100, if he can do so comfortably. Who knows how Representative Hill stands on Statement No. 1, or anything else? Again a good word for the council: it stands with the mayor against the rape of Bull Run. Near-fores brought a little encouragement to the crop-failure prospects, but not much. A Connecticut squirrel built a nest with 100 bills. They might have been put to worse use. Tom Lawson doesn't mask under the name of a political news staff; he advertises and pays for. The retirement of Fish Warden Van Duken cannot be truthfully characterized as a calamity to the state. It would seem that Taft is a big enough tub to stand on his own bottom. In the Illinois Republican convention a preacher in his prayer thanked God for Cannon. The devil snickered almost out loud. The Illinois Republicans also had a hot time at the state convention. Fire broke out in the city where they were staying. Councilman Driscoll says Councilman Vaughn is a windbag. He may have scored there, but wait till Councilman Vaughn tells what Councilman Driscoll is. Florence Nightingale, in her 88th year, has been granted the freedom of London. If she will come over here she can have the freedom of the whole United States. Taft may as well consider his battle won and save the rest of Brother Charles money for the post-nomination campaign. The Portland Republican club has declared for him. The Indiana Democrats in state convention followed the prevailing fashion in Republican political circles down south, had a fist fight and a general melee. They all agreed on Bryan, however. A speech of Congressman Boutwell, who is a high tariff stand-patter, caused such a friction with truth and reason that it set the building afire. It is a wonder the capital at Washington doesn't get afire some time. The due de Chaulnes, husband of the daughter of Mr. Shonts, has been sued by a high tariff stand-patter, caused such a friction with truth and reason that it set the building afire. It is a wonder the capital at Washington doesn't get afire some time. Gervais has a creamery prospect. A Eugene bank has \$1,400 in nickels. Salem has an even 2,000 school children. Now watch waked-up Albany; it is going to pave. Lots of snow has fallen in the mountains this week. Herds of hobsos are passing northward through valley towns. Your new families have moved into Elmton six months, and a hotel is being built. Several people have bought tracts of land in Lincoln county on which to raise fruit, believing that to be a fine fruit region. Gervais offers inducements for all classes of trade and new farming blood; says the Star. There is much good land awaiting the proper kind of truck farming. A saddle more 23 years old, that had been owned by Count d'Artois, died the other day, and a funeral service was held by the family. Quite a number of new buildings are being built in Newberg; at the present time, says the Enterprise, and the indications are that there will be fully as much building done this year as there was last, with prospects for at least two and probably three good crops. Correspondence of the East Oregonian: The grain fields in the vicinity of Weston never looked better than they do at this time. Fall wheat is growing in even growth, and in many places it is four and five inches high. Spring wheat is well under way, and the farmers are all very optimistic over the prospects for the next season. Freewater Correspondence of the East Oregonian: The fruit growers of this section of the country are very busy at this time getting their spring work done. The planting of trees and shrubbery is going on, and many additional acres of fruit will be put in this season. The prospects for a good fruit year are very encouraging. Beet seed planting will begin next week, says the La Grande Star. In three places north of Tained city, east of La Grande, and in Union, the superintendent says the condition of the fields could not be better, and under such conditions a fine crop is looked for. The acreage this season will considerably exceed that of last year and will approximate 8,000 acres. The colony of Dunkards in the vicinity of McDoel is rapidly growing, and there is a strong demand for farming land in that section. These people are home builders, and if the location and surroundings suit them the price of land is a secondary matter. The sagebrush lands near McDoel have increased several fold in price since the advent of the Dunkards. Marshfield News: The humorist is with us once more, and now it is said that Marshfield is to be the site of a hotel. It used to be the same way about a railroad, and knowing one said when we'd get one we'd get two. We haven't got one yet, but a few tons of humor are being piled up in the valley near Scottsburg which leads us to believe that one of the roads is coming this year, and of course the other hand far off. With two railroads, and the arrival of the Nbn Smith, what more could we ask?