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assumption must prevail until the contract is proved. A newspaper may call an individual a "blatherkite," it may characterize those who do not agree with it as "foes" and "blockheads," and so on; but in so doing it constantly betrays its spirit of intolerance, showing that while it likes its liberty itself, it would suppress it in others if it had the power.

representatives of the interests and a corrupt plutocratic machine. They had their last say, to any effect, four years ago at St. Louis, and their man was nominated. Look at the vote in November, 1904, for an answer as to whether the Democratic party will allow these men and elements to dictate its policy and candidate again.

The eighth in the series of 19 proposed initiative and referendum measures to come before the people in June has to do with the appropriation for the University of Oregon. The referendum was invoked on the measure after it had passed the legislature giving an annual appropriation of \$125,000 to the university.

Scale of Salaries Low. The scale of salaries at the University of Oregon is lower than that of any other state university in the United States. The University of California, for example, pays its professors from \$2,000 to \$10,000 a year, while the University of Oregon pays its professors from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year.

strong university is absolutely necessary for a strong public school system. The University of Oregon is not only the head of the state's public schools, but it is also the head of the public school system of the state. More than 115 of its graduates are teaching in the public schools of Oregon.

debt against a little over \$200,000 principal in the common schools. If it is needed for new buildings, etc., the next legislature can supply such additional funds as may be proper and not extravagant.

FREE SPEECH.

ANY newspaper that heaps virulent abuse and condemnation upon an individual merely because he differs with it in opinion on any subject, attacks one of the most important and sacred privileges of freemen Americans, the right of free speech. There are newspapers which habitually make such assaults upon the character and motives of anyone who publicly expresses views at variance with their own.

CAUSES OF THE PANIC—A WALL STREET OPINION.

Men of prominence in the financial and political worlds are still discussing causes of the panic, which is yet timely, for it was a phenomenon worthy of careful study. We summarize briefly the opinion of one man who has been a Wall Street financier for nearly half a century, Henry Clews.

Now here is a sample of anti-consistency, printed in the Eugene Journal: "What we want is a legislature that will go down to Salem imbued with the importance of their mission, cognizant of the responsibility resting upon them with reference to the needs of their constituency and the state at large and not hampered by any unseemly scramble over who shall be United States senator."

Argument in Favor of. The University of Oregon is the only state university in the United States that is not self-supporting. It is entirely dependent upon the state for its maintenance and operation.

Students Going Elsewhere. At the present time more than 200 young men and women from Oregon are attending colleges in other states. The cost of each of these students for travel, tuition and living is not less than \$1,000 a year.

Advantages of Appropriation. The appropriation bill which is about to be voted upon provides for a continuing appropriation. The proposed bill provides for a continuing appropriation at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Extraneous Ideas. They bill a girls' dormitory in 1910 at a cost of \$100,000 for another at a cost of \$40,000. They also propose to buy 20 acres of land for a new dormitory at a cost of \$100,000.

Wendell Phillips said: "The community which does not dare protect its humblest and most hated member in the free utterance of his opinions, no matter how false or hateful, is only a gang of slaves." James Russell Lowell more poetically wrote that "they are slaves most base whose love of right is for themselves and not for the race."

Representative Heflin of Alabama, who is a temperance lecturer, not being able to induce a negro riding on the same street car with him to abstain from taking a drink of whiskey out of a bottle, threw him off the car and then shot him, perhaps fatally. Of course the negro had "made a motion toward his hip pocket"; this is always the case. It looks as if Heflin was butting in where he had no business to interfere, and killed the negro because he hates the race.

University Attendance Increases. The university, along with the rest of the state, is enjoying a remarkable period of growth. In every section of Oregon there are being established high schools, from which the sons and daughters of the people are entering their way in steadily increasing numbers to the halls of the university.

Comparative Cost Per Student. The direct maintenance cost per student to the state (exclusive of buildings) in a number of typical western states, including expenditures for tuition and equipment. The maintenance figure for Oregon is estimated on the basis of the present appropriation of \$125,000, and not of the present appropriation of \$47,500, which would make a cost per student much less.

Part of School System. The states which support their universities most liberally are the ones that have the strongest public school systems. For example, California, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. A

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NEW YORK "DEMOCRATS." RYAN, McCarren, Parker, Belmont et al continuing to pose as "Democrats" is becoming funny. Of course they have a right to call themselves Democrats, and if they can, to control the New York Democratic organization to elect delegates to the Denver convention, but they are egregiously mistaken if they imagine that they can accomplish anything in that connection. Notwithstanding their numbers, they will be as powerless as the delegation from Hawaii or Porto Rico. They will not be recognized as Democrats, but merely as representatives of the interests and a corrupt plutocratic machine.

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THE WHOLE AFFAIR IS DISGUSTING. "The whole affair is disgusting," says Congressman Heflin, referring to his shooting of a negro. Perhaps he feels disgusted because the thick skull of the negro saved his life.

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