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Let this be your constant maxim, that no man can be good enough to neglect the rules of prudence.—Fielding.

MR. CAKE QUITS THE BATTLE.

MR. CAKE, Republican nominee for United States senator, thinks that it is not proper for him to take either side as between Statement No. 1 candidates and "anti" candidates in districts where there will be a contest in the June election.

The Journal thinks Mr. Cake is mistaken in assuming this attitude. He says he is earnestly in favor of the Statement No. 1 principle. Why? He must have a reason.

It gets back constantly to the one question—Should the people elect, choose, and the legislature only ratify? If yes, then it is important, it is vital, it is the crux, the core, of the whole matter.

The people won a near-victory at the primaries, but it is not complete yet. The object sought is not yet attained. The principle embodied in Statement No. 1 is yet in danger.

AN UNWARRANTED SLIGHT.

OREGON has suffered many a discrimination from the Washington authorities, and from congress.

THE OREGON COMMUNE

THE Indianapolis Star, whose managing editor resided many years in Portland and who doubtless wrote the editorial, discusses the recent primary election in this state under the head, "The Oregon Commune."

From the domination of these ruling classes, worthy and unworthy, but all alike impatient of the blind gropings and ignorant passions of the multitude, a weary populace has been played upon by small minds frisking about in the robes of statesmanship as apostles of 'the people.'

It is seriously proposed, declares the astounded Fairbanks organ, "that if Chamberlain outruns Cake on the ballot at the regular June election, he shall be elected to the senate by the legislature, whether that body is Republican or Democratic in its makeup."

Almost every coast town in California that asked for it, has been honored with a visit from the battleship fleet. The magnificent pageant of naval architecture, the greatest in all history, was to be had for the mere asking—in California.

Do the leaders of the Republican party in this congress really imagine that they can persist in doing nothing that the people desire and demand, and that the people won't notice or know, but will continue to send these men back term after term to misrepresent them?

These contemptuous party leaders would do well to take to heart this statement of the president in his last message: "It is unwise stubbornly to refuse to provide against a repetition of abuses."

rule, and that the masses of the people should be mere cattle. It is assumed that the people of Oregon have no more balance or forethought than the Paris commune; that any desire and attempt of the people for real self-government and a betterment of conditions are but "blind gropings and ignorant passions of the multitude," the canaille, the "mediocre and the mob."

But eastern states are likely to learn something from far-off Oregon, and to follow her example. What the people of Oregon have done and are doing the people of any state can do, and those of many states may find encouragement and a needed stimulus in Oregon's action.

It would be a distinct loss to the northwest if Colonel Reessler should be transferred now to some other department. It is conceded that through the methods inaugurated by him the results at the mouth of the Columbia have been excellent.

The public now knows as never before, something of what marriage with a foreign title means. In the case of Miss Shonts, it meant union with an ordinary opium fiend.

Now the pension budget amounts to over \$163,000,000 a year, and not a congressman raises his voice against it, because therein are votes for the members. It is a species of bribery. Liberal pensions to needy and deserving old soldiers are all right, but tens of thousands are drawing pensions who do not need them.

What are we to think of a leader who after a drawn battle for a cause deserts it and says that since he can gain nothing himself by further contest he will let the cause take care of itself?

would be a very good thing for Portland and the district if a man like Jeffrey could be sent to replace Ellis, and could be kept there term after term. But it amounts to little to keep a do-nothing there ever so long.

That Santa Barbara restaurateur who charged two navies \$6 for a meal, and whose restaurant was soon after totally wrecked, may have learned that it does not always pay for a man to be a hog just because he has a chance.

That the battleships could come to Portland everybody knows but Secretary Metcalf. Portland hopes he will run for something that the people will have a vote on.

Small Change

Hurray! The baseball month is here. Hall the May day; spring ought to be here soon.

The news that Ralull was dead was too good to be true.

Now there is a Socialist ticket, if you feel like voting that way.

Now don't say next winter that railroad trains are never on time.

It is the season not to believe all the crop prospect reports you hear.

Another blow to the pessimists; the frosts did more good than harm.

A railroad magnate naturally has a poor opinion of the Panama canal.

There are two weeks yet in which to register, but the sooner the better.

Two years ago San Francisco could not have received the fleet so well.

So far Castro seems to be holding the fort easily against the asphalt trust.

Treasurer Steel, though pincinated by the people, was a ruin of the "system."

The first battle was favorable, but the victory is not yet won by the people.

Then maybe if Roosevelt had pulled for eight battleships he would have got four.

Curiously it is not the hayseed who is usually most interested in a straw ballot.

Representative Ellis fits into this do-nothing congress very nicely and naturally.

The governor seems to be a good deal of a Roosevelt Democrat, or Republican, as you please.

The Journal is the only daily paper in Portland that has any opinion upon Oregon politics.

We have a suspicion that the weather man is planning to turn loose some warm weather before long.

Old Senator Platt will attend the Chicago convention, but whether Mas Wood will be there is not known.

Congress objects to Roosevelt butting it about the same as some councilmen do to the mayor's letters to the people.

Now it is a woman "suffragette" who has been prevented in New York from holding her office in a country of free speech?

It is reported that John Hays Hammond has hired out again this time at \$500,000 a year. A man with that salary is not supposed to work much.

Oregon Sidelights

Four families from Oklahoma arrived in Eugene.

A Burns man received a sack of sugar from Mexico by mail.

Trout have been obliging lately in streams near The Dalles.

In dry Lane county 58 federal liquor licenses have been issued.

Chinese Students in Tokio

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN. (Copyright, 1908, by Frederic J. Haskin.)

Tokio, March 29.—The most extraordinary student migration in history is the influx of Chinese pupils to the capital of Japan. As these young men come from every province in China, their exodus may well be called a national movement.

The surprising thing about this movement is the rapidity with which it has come about. The first officially commissioned students from China to Japan were two boys sent here 10 years ago.

There are two reasons which have been advanced in explanation of this great movement. The first is that the Chinese have become suspicious of Japan's intentions regarding their country, and have inclined to shun their neighbors on this account.

The underlying cause of this great mass of Chinese students in Tokio is that the Chinese are at last begun to stir under the influence of western civilization.

The Y. M. C. A. workers report. The Y. M. C. A. workers report that the Chinese students in Tokio are most alarming. They are in the midst of influences tending to extreme radicalism and general unrest.

Overseas how Japan succeeded after sending its troops abroad to study in all departments that would help them to build up their country.

While a certain number may spend their time in idling, in political agitation, grafters, transportation grafters and petty parasites on the body politic abound.

It had been done before. It had been the custom. Several gentlemen were trying to do the same thing that Ross was trying to do now.

Lord Avebury's Birthday. Lord Avebury, otherwise Sir John Lubbock, famous as a scientist and also one of the great living authorities on the subject of finance, was born in London, April 30, 1834.

Ross' Real Crime. From the Salem Journal. The newspapers have been full for several days with wise editorials telling how Banker Ross has had to face a jury verdict that means sentence for hundreds of years.

This Date in History. 1627—Queen Mary II of England born. 1737—Samuel Vetch, first governor of Nova Scotia, died. Born December 3, 1688.

1854—First railroad opened in Brazil. 1857—Montgomery bridge fell. 1857—Occupation of Bayad by the Russians.

The REAM of FEMINE

"Fools Are My Theme"—Byron.

THAT is a peculiar trait of human nature that leads people to attempt invariably to cross a field from which a sign bars them, to insist upon entering a building which bears the sign "Keep out," and to walk across long railroad tracks when there is a safe road at hand.

There is such a thing as meeting fate valourously, of having a magnificent regard for personal safety or comfort in the face of an eating danger.

Small Talk. A CERTAIN amount of small talk is necessary in carrying on conversation among people who are perhaps entirely unaware of each other's interests.

It may be a mark of superior mind to stand aloof from a group engaged in conversation, but it is not merely an inability to get hold of such conversational liberty.

None of these things really need to be said, but they give the other person a hint. Perhaps he will tell of a season of chaperonage.

Above all things, do not let your conversation bring you forward. Then you will be in the neighborhood of enjoying it. That is excellent advice which makes a man seem to be "in of yourself."

Neither is it good form to speak of your likes or dislikes, your pet hates and loves, before a general assembly or a group of people.

The Daily Menu. BREAKFAST. Orange Marmalade. Hot Toast. Bacon. Omelet. Coffee.

LUNCHEON. Brains on Toast. Cheese Souffle. Steamed Rhubarb. Jelly Cake. Tea.

DINNER. Baked Salmon Trout. Sauce Tartara. Corn. Asparagus French Dressing. Indian Pudding. Coffee.

Brains—Cleanse and boil the calves' brains then drain them, then chop them into small pieces and boil them for a few minutes in nicely seasoned white sauce.

The Man Oregon Needs. From the Albany Democrat. Outside of any political party is a good thing to have Governor George W. Chamberlain represent Oregon in Washington.