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Words are the notes of thought, and nothing more. Words are like sea shells on the shore; they show where the mind ends, and not how far it has been.—Bailey.

LEGISLATORS MUST NOT TRAMPEL ON THE REFERENDUM

THE LEGISLATURE has no right to indiscriminately use the emergency clause. When that clause is attached to measures which are not required by any actual emergency, both the spirit and letter of the organic law are violated.

A GRAVE MATTER

CALM INQUIRY into the proposed change in the status of the county judgeship of Multnomah should be made by the legislature before action is taken. The change is a grave one. It proposes to substitute a \$3 a day man for a \$3000 a year man.

A CONVERT TO DIRECT NOMINATIONS

THE NEW YORK WORLD, as it says, has never been a champion of direct nominations. It still believes that "the faults of the method are numerous and conspicuous."

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Taft's geniality just fits the hospital. Sunshine and rain, wind and calm—regular April weather.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The Yamhill Record has completed its fifty-year anniversary. A new boat launched at Corvallis is a substantial, magnificently equipped little freighter and passenger boat.

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As to Sprays

Some time ago, a reader took issue with an editorial in The Journal, in which the efficacy of lime and sulphur solution was urged, not only as a winter application, but in a diluted form, for summer treatment.

Some of the huffers of Harny

Some of the huffers of Harny, Malheur county, are planning for the organization of an inland empire league, consisting of representatives of the inland states.

An Estacada man picked up a bunch

An Estacada man picked up a bunch of quail in the recent deep snow and was chiding for them when some boys shot them, which causes the News to say: "We cannot conceive of anything more unsportsmanlike than for anyone to hunt for their quail on a private place."

Continuous and successful drilling

Continuous and successful drilling for the past week has put the oil well down to 600 feet, says the Oregonian Optimist. Nothing unusual has happened since drilling was resumed some two weeks ago, and the work has been going on steadily.

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It has been pretty easy for the predatory politicians to fool a majority of the people, but it is a different matter when they are fooled by their own people.

Freely admit that the conditions in England

Freely admit that the conditions in England are bad especially in the large cities. I also wish to emphasize the fact that such is the case in the large cities of America.

Thanks, Awfully!

From the Santa Barbara Press. To the Portlanders who are in Portland, our sympathies are extended.

FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE

"Homes of the People"—By Henry W. Gray

(From a speech at the Bay State club, Boston, December 13, 1889.) I went to Washington the other day, and I stood on the capitol hill; my heart beat quick as I looked at the towering marble of my country's capitol, and the misty atmosphere of the morning gave it its tremendous significance.

An Official Yearn.

From Brooklyn Eagle, Jan. 4, 1909. It was about time for the employees of the city to organize for their own protection, more particularly those who are subject to the domination, not to say tyranny, of the comptroller.

This Date in History.

1733—The Rhode Island assembly suppressed private lotteries. 1791—John Hancock, patriot and statesman, born in Quincy, Mass., died there, October 8, 1793.

Benjamin B. Eads' Birthday.

Benjamin Brindley Eads, physician and educator, was born at Paris, Ky., January 25, 1876. He was educated in private schools in his native place and then began the study of medicine.