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CALL IT OFF

THERE ought to be no special election with reference to water mains. It was a mistake to have called such an election.

The mistake occurred through a prevalent willingness to believe that people vote on pending measures without understanding what they are doing.

THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT

THE WIDESPREAD awakening of public opinion against the control of government by special interests, and against the evils of the partnership between corrupt politicians and big business, has mostly developed since 1900.

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liver, Cummins, Clapp, Bristow. Besides, Democrats have been elected from Indiana and Oregon. And there will be more insurgent senators, because the people will impatiently demand them.

The insurgency is against Aldrichism and Cannonism. If, as Cannon assumes, these are synonymous with Republicanism, then the people will reject the Republican party.

And, to prove its contention, the Oregonian prints a list of "leaders," and what they say. There are 88 of them picked up in seven counties, and here they are. Nearly, if not all, are either ex-office holders, are in office, near office, or have hopes.

In a speech last October La Follette said: "Don't think that this is a fight against individuals. It is a fight against a great impersonal, artificial organization that lays its hands on legislation, national, state and municipal."

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Assemble nominations. So are a great many working people of all sorts who do not belong to unions.

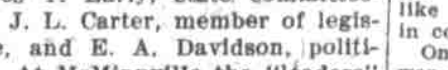
SUCKING THEIR LUMP OF SUGAR. PARTY "leaders," the Oregonian says, favor the assembly as against the open primary.

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One thing appears certain; that Pinchot is no grafter or grabber, or tool of billionaire combinations. Is it for this that he had to go?

TANGLEFOOT

REMARKS OF OLD JOHN EAGLEFEATHER.



In southern Oregon there is an old Pinte Indian chief who reads the papers and keeps abreast of the times and who does a good deal of thinking.

THE PINCHOT DISMISSAL

A DEFEAT is sometimes a triumph. The dismissal of Pinchot has apparently lifted him still higher in the esteem of his countrymen.

the man who from behind the scenes inspired Roosevelt and led his administration in the direction of conservation. The cost to Mr. Pinchot of this leadership has been, first, an official order that sealed all lips in his department, and finally a curt dismissal from official position.

SMALL CHANGE

New record in price of hogs nearly every day. Portland is becoming a favorite convention city.

REGIONS

It is to be hoped that it will clear up and storming at Los Angeles long enough to give the aviators a good chance.

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Hard Luck

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, a famous Kansas poet. His prose-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.)