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WITH THE BOWIE

MIGHTY few citizens of Oregon want to abandon direct choice of senator. Mighty few of them want to go back to the legislative method with its deadlocks and holdups. When on the compulsory statement law in the last election the people were given a chance to vote on it, 69,668 voted for it and but 21,354 against.

Experience with it has proven its effectiveness and desirability. Unmolested with the senatorial question, the legislature is orderly and sane. The question with legislators is not, who shall be senator, but what is the legislation that will best serve Oregon. The issue is, not how much money can I get for a senatorial vote, but what is the need of the state in the way of good laws.

Statement 1 is the essence of direct choice in Oregon. It is a mere device and does not to the slightest degree embody a principle. The results attained are exactly what they would be by direct choice through a constitutional amendment.

But it is proposed to stick the dirk into Oregon's direct choice of senator. The Oregonian says editorially: "Republicans of Oregon intend to repudiate Statement 1. They intend to suggest assembly or convention candidates for the primary, and will put the knife into each and all who declare for Statement 1."

A REVOLUTION WANTED.

THERE is encouragement for all those who are hoping for a revolution. It is the psychological moment for such as want civilized country roads in Oregon to agitate. It will be a hard fight and a long one, but success is within sight. Change is in the air, and error is sloughing away.

The establishment in Portland of a good roads bureau is an initial step for organized activity. Judge Lionel Webster, late county judge of Multnomah, is at its head, and no man is more competent or more enthusiastic. A testimonial as to his competency and practical knowledge is the many miles of fine macadam road built during his administration as county judge.

not miles, but time. The young man leaves the farm because he refuses to endure roads that are little better than in heathen lands. The best blood on the soil hurries away, to become automatons, mannikins and slaves in the city. For the sake of civilized locomotion they choose the latter rather than to be kings and queens in the country.

SUGAR PRODUCTION

CONSUL GENERAL DIEDERICH of Antwerp gives the best sugar production of Europe for the season of 1909-10 at 8,061,010 tons. Germany leading with 1,985,460 tons, Austria being next with 1,259,100 tons, Russia next with 1,144,150 tons, Italy next with an estimate of 1,000,000 tons, and France next with 807,500 tons.

The estimated cane sugar crop outside of Europe for 1909-10 will be 8,560,000 tons, Cuba producing 1,800,000 tons, and other West India islands some 500,000 tons. Java 1,150,000 tons, and other East India islands 2,120,000 tons, and many other countries lesser amounts.

Taken altogether, the world's output of beet sugar has steadily decreased during recent years, while that of cane sugar has increased enough to cover the beet sugar shortage and supply the world's increased demand, but the surplus at the end of the season is small.

WHO ARE "WE"?

ARGUING against the Roosevelt policy of conservation of natural resources, the Oregonian asks: "Are we to have the use of these natural resources, or lock them up and allow an official class to devour them?"

But who are the "we" that are to "have the use of these natural resources?" The railroads, the Weyerhaeusers, the Guggenheims and the Rockefeller? Nobody objects to such men, who can invest large amounts of capital, being given the privilege of developing these resources on such terms as will yield them large profits, but that they should acquire absolute ownership, without any restrictions or conditions, and that, too, as they have invariably done or attempted to do by unlawful means, ought no longer to be tolerated.

THE GOWNED JUDGE

JUDGE M'CREW'S successor has denounced the judicial gown. Since it is so ordained in the law of his state, the new judge is right in wearing the prescribed robe. But it is impossible that the quality of justice he will dispense will be at all times better than if he wore a Chanticleer hat.

presence stamped with honesty is the soul of dignity and a reputation for spotless purity is emphasized sanctity; beside these a mere gown is rubbish. If, in conservation of justice, the theory of the gown is sound, to make assurance doubly sure, the judge should be given a rattle and a toy balloon.

SMART SET INCIDENT

THE COUNTRY has been edified by the exploits of one Cudahy. His victim is furbelowed, fricasseeed and frescoed with knife wounds. The wounds were inflicted while the victim, securely bound, lay on the floor in the Cudahy house.

The victim was the guest of Mrs. Cudahy. They had been autoing together, which, with other associations of the sort, supplied the pretext for Mr. Cudahy's highly seasoned carving engagement. How long the performance would have lasted, and what would have been its ultimate can only be guessed at, since it was interrupted by the unseasonable arrival of the police.

The latest news of this refined and elevating episode in Kansas City's highest and most exclusive social circles is that the intrepid chauffeur has disappeared, and that no prosecution of the eminent and cultured gentleman who sliced up his friend will take place.

THE PORTLAND POSTOFFICE

REPRESENTATIVE TAWNEY, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, when asked about the Portland postoffice appropriation, said: "No pork this session." This is not a reasonable position for a statesman to take. The Portland postoffice appropriation is not "pork" at all.

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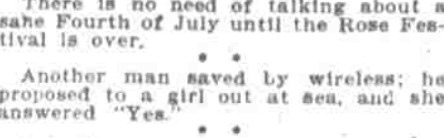
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OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

Amity is to have a good new hotel.

Orchard tracts near Lorane are selling well. Myrtle Creek man's cow weighs 1275 pounds.

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"Big Noises" of the Days' News

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By Herbert Corey. One upon a time, that's the way to begin one of these self-help stories—James Buchanan Brady didn't have any more money than a hen has teeth.



Drawn by Igoe.

with two double rows of diamond buttons. "Got that spot at lunch," he said. "Now I've got to go home and change."

March 10 in History—First Book for the Blind

The great facilities that the unfortunate blind have today for the acquiring of knowledge, makes the date of the issuing of the first book for the blind of much historical interest.

The Discontented

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