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THIS is a contest, not of men, but of measures. It is a battle of principles. It is a struggle in which men are going to be supported for what they stand for.

On the other side, there is intense opposition to the assembly and the assembly candidates. This opposition is by those who are real friends of the direct primary.

A SPECTACLE
ASSEMBLYISM is worse than conventionalism. The spectacle of the two assemblies held in Portland proves it.

But not so now. These two committees are in the hands of an offshoot of the Republican party, and they are fighting regular Republicans.

THE OREGON PRUNE
THE export demand for Oregon prunes is rapidly growing. They are becoming a favorite fruit on the dining tables of England, Germany and France.

sembly was not merely a peaceable conference, but an organized and warlike conspiracy, armed with bludgeons, professing friendship for the direct primary, but attempting to buy, to bulldoze, and belabor all candidates but its own, out of it.

With the central committees fighting, not Democrats, but regular Republicans, what a spectacle indeed, its assemblyism. What a leadership indeed with its unlawful processes.

THE campaign by those who are seeking an enlarged endowment for Willamette University is an example in heroics. With great energy, they are striving for a goal to call out the admiration of men.

A gift of \$100,000 in a required \$500,000 has been bestowed by Honorable R. A. Booth of Eugene. Smaller contributions have raised the total to \$137,000.

IT IS improbable that serious attempt will be made to bring dummy anti-assembly candidates into the field to divide the anti-assembly strength.

SENATOR ALDRICH AND RUBBER
SENATOR ALDRICH explains at great length and with much expert learning all about the production and manufacture of rubber.

THE COAL OF ALASKA
A bulletin of the United States geological survey, Engineer Alfred H. Brooks estimates that there is now a market for 1,000,000 tons a year of Alaska coal.

The inferior California prune had a place in the market, and California had a far reaching reputation as a fruit growing state. It was against these odds and handicaps that Oregon growers had to contend in introducing their product.

From the National Magazine. The period of ignorance respecting the world to the south of us, happily has passed and gone, since the coming of the Honorable John Barrett, director.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF
SMALL CHANGE
Men die; mankind lives. Now, next week, register. Every child should learn to swim.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS
Dufur's streets are to be lighted. Everything gives promise of an unusually busy fall in Eugene. Crops are good and prices will be satisfactory from all present indications.

August 13 in History—The Battle of Blenheim
Upon occurred one of the most important and decisive contests of modern times. The skillful tactics of the allied general precipitated the battle. The allied French and Bavarians numbered 60,000, the English, Dutch and Germans and other allies about 55,000.

Letters From the People
The Journal should be written on one side of the paper only and should be accompanied by the name and address of the writer. The name will not be used if the writer asks that it be withheld.

Building Auditorium
Portland, Or., Aug. 11.—To the Editor of The Journal—Portland may justly be proud of the many public buildings within her borders.

THE SCANDAL OF STEEL COMMON
From the Chicago Journal. For the three months ending June 30, 1910, the net earnings of the steel trust were \$40,170,848.

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Ballinger Doesn't Resign.
From the New York Evening Post. From all sides rise voices of Republican distress calling upon the president to cast the Honorable Jonah Ballinger overboard.

Wanted Relief Taft.
From the Philadelphia Telegraph (Rep.). There is no shadow of doubt that President Taft would rejoice and be exceedingly glad should Secretary Ballinger in a moment of unvoiced tactfulness and party patriotism compose and transmit a letter of resignation; but it is not likely such letter will be called for perpetually.

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TANGLEFOOT
By Miles Overholt
A mule was made to hobble. A girl was made to flirt. But woman really wasn't made To wear a hobble skirt.

SONGS ABOUT THE TOWN.
The good ship Limp-tum was sailing. She slipped up the stream. The bridge loomed up, she whistled, "I'm wasted pounds of steam. For though the mule could be hit to let the steamboats amble through, The tender couldn't see the point, for people heard him coo."

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HE WAS A GREAT LITTLE GARDENER.
"What is your business?" inquired the judge, sternly. "Gardener," replied the prisoner, curtly. "You don't look it. What do you raise?" "Corks," said he. "Corks?" "Yep; you see I work in a beer garden."

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