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WHO KNOWS?

IS THERE ANYBODY in Portland who can tell where Mr. Rushlight stands on the commanding issue of the goings-on in the city council?

HIS BROKEN PLEDGE

MR. RUSHLIGHT promised that if elected to the legislature, he would qualify. But, he broke his pledge. He did not qualify. He did not even go to Salem.

THE STEEL TRUST AND MR. UNDERWOOD

A FEW DAYS AGO Mr. Underwood, the Democratic chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, stated that the American Steel & Wire company had issued orders to shut down its plant at Corey, Alabama, as a protest against the bill for placing various steel and iron products on the free list.

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strong support. The free list in the bill includes hoop and band iron and steel for baling cotton, and wire for baling hay and straw, barbed fence wire, wire rods or rope, woven wire fencing and staples, all products of the Corey mills.

TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS OF OREGON

A NEED OF OREGON is being gradually met. The topographical survey of the state, in which great work the geological survey of the United States and the state engineer of Oregon will cooperate, is of the first necessity in dealing with plans for irrigation and for drainage.

THE CHILD AND THE FLAT

MR. ROOSEVELT says every family should have four children. Chicago has 114,115 children, and Chicago is a city of flat dwellers. Yet, not one of the 114,115 children of Chicago is allowed to live in a flat.

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statement what does this mean but that Mr. Rushlight is defending the gang, and that the gang is behind Mr. Rushlight? What does it mean but that, with Mr. Rushlight's election, the old councilmanic order would be further strengthened at the city hall?

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF IN THE BALANCE

SMALL CHANGE. When Admiral Togo comes, Hobson will have a chance to tell him to his face.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Woman, Ballots, Whiskey and Cigarettes.

To the Editor of the Journal.—An article appeared in the Journal of April 21 containing a very pathetic story of a woman arrested in Denver, Colo., for selling for forgiveness, and who told the following story: "I was formerly an officer in the W. C. T. U. but when I entered politics I started drinking. It ruined me. I was once a power close to the throne in Colorado. I was worth \$100,000 in my own right. Foolishly I entered politics and this afternoon they are taking me to the poorhouse. Politics was the downfall. Drink caused my ruin and it was late caucuses that placed me in the highball path. A week ago I decided to reform. I went to the church and knelt in prayer. The officers arrested me and here I am."

Does Not Want Rushlight.

To the Editor of the Journal.—Let labor seek the class that have some respect for it, and not vote for every Tom, Dick and Harry that is put up to it as a labor candidate.

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Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt

Say, dad, what kind of band is this that holds the bookworm in this? Anked Willy Wauldewier, with some sausage in his hand. They stood at Schneider's market. They say they sometimes spent their tin. "Why that," said Willy's father, "is a little German band."

Alias W. Lafferty.

That political gem of purest ray serene, Congressman A. W. Lafferty has again changed his name. Mr. Lafferty changes his name as often as the chameleon changes its colors. He was A. W. Lafferty for a time, but the modest initials allied to the smile-compelling surname did not suit the lucky owner. He changed to A. Walter. Curiosity, that did not trouble itself with the "A," stood for, and Mr. Lafferty relieved our distress by confiding that the "A" meant "Auntie," full name Arthuro Walthu Lafferty! Sweet! Well, yes; indeed, that was the name he whispered in the ears of indignant women whom he had the audacity to accost on the stairs.

A Race for a Cup.

"What are those splendid cups there?" inquired the man in the jeweler's shop. "They are race cups, to be awarded as prizes," replied the jeweler. "Well, if that's the case," said the stranger, taking the largest one in his hand, "suppose you race me for this one."

At the Poorhouse

Beneath a tree the pauper sat, a weedy old paper on his knee. He wore a hen's nest for a hat, and sagely he discussed to the world the merits of the day with flap will bring our nation many woes," remarked this sad and anemic man, who had a red and bulbous nose. "My blood is boiling in my veins," he said, "raft makes so many breaks; it roost with owls and rattlesnakes? And congress fools and paws around the most absurd, disgusting way; our statesmen waste in empty sound the time they need for bailing hay. What think you of these British peers?" the pauper asked, in accents hard, and he had sandbars in his ears, and wore a flour sack for a shirt. One time this poor old ruined man was strong enough to wield a spade; he never tried his life to plan; he never tried to learn a trade; he never struggled to advance, to fill his mind with useful lore, and now he wears a hen's nest, and bawls the poorhouse door. He always likes to talk and show how ignorant a man can be; and here he sits, his nose aglow, a week old paper on his knee.