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NEW LINES OF DIVISION

It is not generally known that there will be four party groups in the next house of representatives at Washington, each with a separate organization. That is, there will be a Democratic majority and three kinds of Republicans or ex-Republicans, composing the minority.

Enumerated by numbers, with the nearest classification now possible, there will be 251 Democrats, 100 Republicans, 24 Progressive Republicans and 20 straight Progressives. The 100 Republicans are of the old time variety, and their leader will be James R. Mann of Illinois. The Progressive Republicans are of the kind who have refused to leave the old party, but will not consent to enter a caucus where the old guard would run over them.

GERMAN CITIES.
In German cities, as described in a recent article by Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, the principle of municipal ownership and control has the fullest play.

NEW YORK STREET RAILWAYS.
A FEW days ago the first of stores, wrongly called cooperative, provided for their 25,000 employees by the subway, elevated and street car lines of New York, was opened for business.

ings shall be erected, whether a district shall be set aside for factories, or if both dwellings and workshops shall be permitted, and what part shall be devoted to residences.

The municipalities have the power of expropriating or condemning land needed for improvements if the owners fail to agree with them on reasonable prices. But owners rarely fail to surrender all such parts of their property as the city desires for street improvements and law suits are infrequent.

RAISING GIRLS' WAGES

PRESENT study of the minimum wage for girls, now so widely spread, presents a difficulty that must be met the limitation of the number of girls and young women to be employed when wages are raised to a point in excess of the worth of the services to be rendered.

The Chicago inquires developed the large proportion of untrained and at present incompetent girls who are paid what are rightly termed starvation wages. The wages of all ranks are to be raised, in view of the necessities of the girls, irrespective of the worth to the employer of what their miscellaneous labor produces.

The extension to girls of the vocational training now demanded for boys must be provided if similar results are to follow. And this vocational training must be begun in elementary schools, and be pursued in high schools generally, and in special trade schools devoted to the various industries now open to women.

It is believed that the store had 4000 customers the first day—and no wonder. The companies undertake to pay the salaries of store employees, rent, taxes and running expenses. The companies buy the stock of goods by wholesale price, and sell to employees at actual cost for cash. Men may send their wives to trade for them, but goods will have to be carried away, as no deliveries will be made.

On bluefish 5 cents a pound. On coffee 12 cents a pound. On tea 20 cents a pound. On pickles 9 cents a bottle. It may be suggested that the employees, the beneficiaries of this new departure, are profited by making their wages go further at the expense of the tradespeople—with whom they have been accustomed to deal.

A Woman on Woman Suffrage

St. Johns, Or., March 24.—To the Editor of The Journal—Why place upon the backs of an already overburdened class the added weight of woman suffrage, which by nature, environment, and education they are unfitted to bear? Is it not an imposition that a majority be placed under an obligation and responsibility regardless of their knowledge, the appeal or their approval?

INCOMING COLONISTS

INTERVIEWS with the passengers of a train Portland-bound from the east, reported as made by a passenger agent, are of peculiar interest as showing the character of those coming into the state on the colonist routes.

Out of 126 colonist tickets on the train, 84 read for Portland, 42 for points beyond, in Oregon, Washington or for British Columbia. The information gathered shows usually, families of four to ten, that the head of the family is a farmer, and that he has been attracted to the northwest by what he has heard from relatives or friends who preceded him.

The progressive Oregon farmer, who has caught the spirit of the west, is the best advertiser. He spreads the news of opportunity in an ever widening circle. He does not misrepresent conditions to the newcomers. He does not need to misrepresent. The facts about Oregon lands, the broad spirit and hospitality of her citizens, and the generality of her climate are enough.

Letters From the People

The Solution of High Cost.
Cove, Or., March 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—Beginning with the era of prosperity, about 16 years ago, a tendency grew up everywhere to reach for more and greater profits in every branch of business than had been possible during the early 90's, which was natural and fully justifiable. But in the course of a few years this grew greater and greater, the time warranted more or less careless extravagance, the public gradually demanded more and more ease.

Cattle Running at Large

North Bend, Or., March 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—Range cattle, that is, beef cattle turned out by the large ranchers to roam the foothills half wild, are a pest to the homesteader, destroying crop and putting us to much expense and trouble in their removal.

Weather Sign That Falls

Portland, March 24.—To the Editor of The Journal—"Easter early, early and late" is a saying of the olden time, but we are now getting so close to the time that we are beginning to believe it. The weather has been so good lately that we are beginning to believe it.

most complete surrender to the needs of the times will ward its demise off. The producers of nearly all kinds of produce and fruit are in line with the consumer to eliminate all obstructions that prevent a fair and reasonable division of profits, and in order to do so they are compelled to arrange with the consumers to establish a new and more scientific system of marketing.

Small Change.
Let'er rain—on Monday.
And some rich men are as crooked as the dollar mark.

Now come the long succession of "Sundays after."

A deep question in many cases: What made him do it?

Miss Spring seems to have been suffering from cold feet lately.

Growing vegetables make no noise and diffuse no offensive odor.

One needn't wait till the Fourth of July to be thankful that he is not a Mexican.

Safe and sane automobilists are doing a whole lot to wake up and build up the country.

Bryan seems to have really acquired the diplomatic art of talking much and saying little.

Some people closely confine or tie up animals as pets and foolishly imagine that they love them.

Now that we have an Apple day and a Salmon day and other Days, shouldn't we have a Hog day?

An assassin of a ruler is always insane, but unfortunately his insanity is usually discovered too late.

Already the new president of France has a "crisis" on his hands. But this is a frequent occurrence in that country.

Man may really enjoy "but little here and there," as the old hymn says, but he "wants" great lots and always more.

Even the rational plan of treating the British militant suffragettes as insane people might not be easy to carry out.

There was once a man who kissed a girl unexpectedly and then begged her pardon, but he was no great success with the women.

Very sensible scheme; the house and senate to work together before hand on tariff bills; should save much disputation later and expedite business greatly.

THE EXPLOITATION OF LABOR.

Portland, Or., March 21.—To the Editor of The Journal—Human labor of brain or brawn produces all artificial wealth and makes available for human use practically all natural wealth. If any consume wealth who have not produced it, then necessarily some have produced wealth of which they have not their share. It is the duty of the state to prevent the accumulation of wealth by a few, and to distribute it as widely as possible.

Origin of All Fools' Day.

Gales, Or., March 19.—To the Editor of The Journal—Will you please give a brief account in The Journal of the origin of All Fools' Day in the West?

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Albany Democrat: An early solution of the city extension problem is desired. Albany needs more room that's all. More than that, the people outside need city privileges.
Grass Valley Journal: Very substantial improvements continue to be made in the city park, which is now enclosed within a stone fence, and holes are now being dug for about 300 shade trees.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By Herbert Corey.
"Joe Scott," said an old friend, "had rather kid a man into behaving than use a cotton hook on him."
Colonel Scott has just been removed as state superintendent of prisons. Ten years ago he came to the Elmira reformatory as warden. The institution was on the verge of mutiny. The former warden didn't dare enter the gates. Every now and then a convict would be plucked by a guard, and smash that unfortunate under foot. Whereupon other guards would turn out with oak clubs and chase the inmates into the solitary cells.

Pointed Paragraphs

Happy is the young man who loses the first time he gambles.
No woman can be very friendly with any other woman whom her husband was ever engaged to.
Honesty is a sort of coming home, with a delightful habit of coming home to roost.
Some women are easily pleased—judging by the husbands they select.

FRUITS OF DOLLAR DIPLOMACY

From the Philadelphia North American.
When he took office Mr. Knox found American diplomacy in higher repute among the nations than it had been since the days of Franklin and Jefferson. Through the marvelously finished statesmanship of John Hay and the masterful administration of Elihu Root—who with the fidelity of his lawyer nature honestly promoted the policies of his chief, President Roosevelt—the United States had become a real world power.

Dollar Diplomacy

Dollar diplomacy accomplished the lofty purpose of putting through loans to Honduras and Nicaragua—with the provision that the American government guaranteed the payments to the Morgan syndicate, and in case of default would secure the country by seizure of the assets. Such use of the state department in schemes of Wall street exploitation destroyed at once the friendship of Latin America, fostered by the painstaking efforts of Blaine and Hay and Root.
"Dollar diplomacy" earned for this country the contemptuous sneers of Japan and Russia, when they flouted its proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurian railroads and united their interests, while the diplomats of Europe smiled derisively over America's amateur statesmanship. A natural result, later was Japan's dictation of the terms of American treaties and her interference with the choice of an American ambassador to another country.