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and release the middleman's brake from the wheel. The company expects to pay the producer more and charge the consumer less.

THE STAY AT HOMES

It is extraordinary that in such an election as that of yesterday in Portland, scarcely more than 50 per cent of the registered voters went to the polls.

How many of the stay-at-homes are on the streets today walling about the results? How many of them are beating their breasts and ululating about bad government.

IN THE ELECTION RETURNS

FROM the meagre returns, it seems certain that the Huesner franchise is badly beaten. There is a strong moral in the result. People are sick and tired of seeing streets given away on every and any pretext with no adequate consideration or benefit in return.

It is likewise practically certain that the charter amendment respecting a common entry and common use of the terminal on both sides throughout the full length of the harbor has passed, by a strong vote.

The public wants no monopolized terminals. It wants common entry to all terminals for all lines. It wants common use of all terminals for all lines.

Just as fast as the people get an opportunity they make their meaning clear on these subjects. The old order of bottling up a city, or maintaining an exclusive control of terminals has got to go.

It seems entirely probable that the revocation of the railroad franchises on the east side has failed. But there is a heavy vote favorable to such action.

The vote in favor of revocation is a protest against the existing status. It is a protest that can easily be transformed from a minority into a majority.

At the same time, the returns on the revocation are evidence of the conservatism of the public. The people are not going to wrong anybody. They are long suffering and slow to anger.

The railroad people should read and study the election returns. There is no question as to what the ultimate will be. The old order of bottled up terminals and monopolized districts is doomed.

This decision is in line with President Wilson's criticism of the patent laws reprinted on this page. Chief Justice White says the patent laws should not be subservive of public policy.

The patent has become a tool of oppression. The rights under it have been abused until it has become a means of tyranny. It is a splendid fact that the president of the United States should have given agitation for reform of the patent laws at the moment when the supreme court of the United States enunciates a new and better doctrine on the subject.

AN ANTI-SUFFRAGE ISSUE

UNITED STATES SENATOR JOSEPH E. JOHNSON of Alabama proposes to make his coming campaign for reelection on the sole issue of anti-woman suffrage.

The presumption is that this wise and worldly senator wants to go back to the senate. It is a fair assumption that he has selected what he thinks his strongest issue. It is a safe guess that Senator Johnson is convinced that should he make his campaign on any other issue he would lose. He hopes to win by asserting that Alabama women should not be given the ballot.

Congressman Hobson, who ranks the Merrimac, is Senator Johnson's opponent and Hobson is an advocate of woman suffrage. It is Johnson, not Hobson, who has raised the suffrage issue.

Johnston is a reactionary. He is the sort of reactionary that voted for Lorimer. Johnston's issue will be that if woman is given the ballot in Alabama, white women and white men will be out-voted by colored women.

Having led in most of its political reforms, Oregon can claim to be its dome of thought. Kansas makes noise enough to be its mouth, Rhode Island supplies an eye, Panama a colon and alimentary canal; and anyone who is so disposed may locate the rest of its anatomy.

It has been discovered at Wesleyan university that social disapproval militates against the student. Trite but true. The college here becomes the civic tortoise when he enters the world's handicap.

Denver man is wearing his broken neck in a plaster cast. Rather novel, but not apt to become a popular fashion. The poor fellow can't even turn his head to see the necktie displays in the shop windows.

Acrobatic climate doesn't suit the Gresham, Or., Outlook, which declares that "the present is the most backward spring experienced in several years." See Beals about it, and get a forward spring on the program.

Dr. Wiley says that a man doesn't reach his maximum efficiency until he is 60. Often he never reaches it, preferring to supply his boss with the minimum. That's why he has a boss.

Rather late to mention it, but during that kissing bee in Berlin the royal guests must have cherished the wish that a pretty queen reigned in the Teuton realm, instead of a be-mustached emperor.

Speaking for ourselves, we would regard a Michigan editor as rather poor game after hunting yick-wacks, tusk-yuks, chinchillas, blood-sweating behemoths and other ferocious beasts in Darkest Africa.

Washington women declare that riding astride is entirely "au fait." They have studied the principle of the clothes-pin, and know that it is scientifically correct.

Happy thought! In the "noiseless age" the amateur cornetist next door may rupture his diaphragm without disturbing his neighbors.

How to exterminate snails. Portland, June 1.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In reading the letters from the people on the editorial page I noticed the inquiry as to how to get rid of snails.

Portland, June 1.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Some people say they don't think there is any gold in southern Oregon, but we can convince them with the nuggets picked up here lately.

Text of Sixteenth Amendment. Shaw, Or., May 31.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Kindly publish in The Journal the sixteen amendments to the constitution of the United States.

Financing Farmers. From the Omaha World-Herald.—It is said that many of the eastern bankers are taking a lively interest in rural credits, something that they have never paid any attention to before.

Number of women who follow the vice profession at New York is estimated at 15,000, and the number of vice patrons at 150,000 daily.

It requires 12,000 tons of Colorado ore to produce 12 drams of radium, weighing less than a silver half dollar.

Indiana is the nation's pulse, according to Vice-President Marshall.

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The Madison of Eugene are drilling, and will meet every night until the Rose Festival in Portland, when they will march in a body in the parades in the Rose City.

Commenting on a rumor that another livery and feed stable will be started in Jefferson, The Review says: "Hear, hear! sooner see a canny, which would pay better, as the place is too small for two livery barns."

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Further, it affords a certain protection. "Mother" Jones calls upon it whenever she is asked to talk about herself. She will talk of her work. She will tell of the militia demons and the devils of the Baldwin guards.

"Just say," she remarks with a laugh, "that enough injures have been done to make me mad without me. I die. And that while I've been fighting for 'right' as against 'law' for almost 50 years, I've only been in jail once in my life.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Lawyer Dunaway has become an unpleasant job. Many were self-called-for mayor and commissioners—but only a few could be chosen.

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Even then do the voters blindly follow?

TYRANNY OF PATENT MONOPOLY

President Wilson in World's Work. Take but such an everyday thing as a useful invention and the working of it at the service of men. You know how prolific the American mind has been in invention.

Do you know, have you had occasion to learn, that there is no hospitality for invention nowadays? There is no encouragement for you to set your wits at work to improve the telephone, or the camera, or some piece of machinery, or some mechanical process; you are not invited to find a shorter and cheaper way to make things or to perfect them, or to invent better things to take their place.

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