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vestor could almost shut his eyes and buy blindly in any part of the state, and be certain of a profit with the opening of the Panama canal.

IF BOUGHT AT HOME AN "IMPORTED gown" of ivory satin was worn by the bride at a wedding attended by the president and cabinet at Baltimore, Saturday.

On the Atlantic coast they send to Europe for gowns. Some Chicagoans send to New York. Some Kansas City brides send to Chicago.

Everybody wants something from somewhere else. High "salsity" fancies it senses the touch of royalty if a gown is "imported."

Even the furniture in some Portland mansions is brought great distances. In time our fashionable folk may find some way to send abroad and purchase to order a custom-made, satisfaction-guaranteed-or-money-refunded pedigree or ancestral tree.

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When you buy at home, you buy of the men who help pay your taxes, who give employment to our labor, who send great sums of money into local circulation, and who are the real builders of Portland.

THE greater benefits consumers derive from development of natural resources, the less the government should tax individuals and corporations receiving the concessions, is a new principle of conservation proposed by Secretary Lane of the Interior Department.

Natural resources are of no value unless they are used for the fullest benefit of the people of this, as well as of future generations. The government should not part title to valuable water powers and other resources, but should grant the right to their development on terms fair to both the corporations and the consumers.

Adoption of the new principle should satisfy the most progressive conservationists, as well as all corporations not actuated by private greed. It should go far toward disarming the complaint that the government is locking up its resources. The people's right of partnership in natural resources should be recognized. No better plan for recognition has been proposed.

government, the great hindrance to progress. Leaders of men must not become careless. Men in official position must not become thoughtless. It is not sufficient to say they acted mistakenly. It is not a defense of their acts to say they were led by others into evil ways.

There is little doubt that the spectacular resignation of federal District Attorney McNab in California is a case of grand-standing. It is pyrotechnics carefully staged for political purposes.

But just the same, the attitude of Attorney General McReynolds is not tenable. The position of Secretary of Labor Wilson is not defensible. Commissioner of Immigration Caminetti's son is no better before the law than other folk's sons.

Woodrow Wilson does not believe in an aristocracy among the people. It is certain that he does not believe in an aristocracy among office holders in which the son of a federal appointee may become the beneficiary of the laws' delays on the order of the attorney general of the United States.

The act of the California district attorney in giving his telegrams of resignation to the press at the time he sent them to Washington is full evidence that the resignation is for political effect. If he had simply desired reversal of the order for postponement, he would have wired the president and attorney general without proclaiming the fact throughout the land.

Secretary of Labor Wilson accepts the responsibility for the postponement, saying he asked it of the attorney general so Mr. Caminetti, the father, could attend the trial of his son.

This white slave case against young Caminetti is something with which the Secretary of Labor had no business. The violation of the Mann white slave act is the people's business. It is a case of justice calling for vindication. It is an instance of the law and an outraged family waiting for redress.

THE RACIAL PROBLEM COUNT OKUMA, former prime minister of Japan, a statesman with remarkable breadth of view, sheds new light on the racial problem. In a communication to Taiyo, published in Tokio, the Sage of Waseda, whose larger activities have been devoted for years to the establishment of a new Japan, discusses the California situation from the standpoint of intelligent Japan.

Japan's contention is that upon solution of the problem depends the rise or fall of Japan. Count Okuma insists that if the superiority of the white race can be proved there is no necessity for an anti-colored race movement, because the colored race must of necessity be at the mercy of the superior race. The law of natural selection would rule.

He does not claim that Japanese are superior to Americans, but he asks: "If the Japanese are assigned to an inferior position, can they avoid the fate of being ruined sooner or later by the Americans and the Europeans? Is the theory of the struggle for existence that the weak are the legitimate prey of the strong to be realized in the relations of Japan to the western nations?"

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Some day John D. Rockefeller will be recognized as an illustrious philanthropist. He is now mowing his Tarrytown lawn with a band of sheep, in order to struggle along on his present income and avoid raising the price of oil to the consumer.

Adolphus Busch III has married a widow ten years his senior who is described as a "striking blonde." She evidently made a hit with him.

"Cheap strawberries" is a vague and meaningless phrase to the ultimate consumer at a local eating house.

Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationally analyzes everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sanctity and throws them back on their heels. It ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and sets up its own conclusions in their stead.

THE Case of Coffman. Fort Stevens, Or., June 20, 1913.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Your correspondent at Astoria, Or., whose article, signed "A Former Soldier," appears in your correspondent's column of the Thursday edition of your publication, has aroused in Fort Stevens the justifiable indignation of the entire garrison. The only persons at this post that would favor his contentions are a few of the malcontents whose articles have placed them in a most unenviable position, with both officers and fellow soldiers.

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All will agree that a school election should be conducted in an orderly and quiet manner as a general election, and it is hoped the occurrences at the polls in the past two years have brought the practice into such disrepute that it will be possible to secure a reform. It would seem that the school officials, being cognizant of abuses, would long ago have initiated a modern looking toward a change to meet modern conditions.

It is safe to assert that no other army in the world is so highly efficient, so well organized and so capably officered. True it is that it is very expensive to keep up a military organization, but ours is, relatively speaking, very small. It is well to remember the striking statement of one of our most famed statesmen: "Millions for defense, not one cent for tribute!"

On Corrupt Practices. Portland, Or., June 21.—To the Editor of The Journal.—It was with interest that I read your able editorial of June 17, concerning the disregard of the corrupt practices act in the recent election,

SMALL CHANGE Twilight; yesterday. Dawn; tomorrow. Will the weeds reveal and laugh all summer, as usual. Nearly all new brooms after July 1 in city government. Emperor William's actions, as a rule, have been wiser than his speech.

Some things are really unconstitutional that perhaps ought not to be. The man who has been very lucky is prone to say there is no such thing as luck. People who are holding lands at extravagant prices are Oregon's worst enemies.

Mr. Bryan would have made one of the world's greatest preachers; but isn't he? A woman in spanking her son caused a \$100,000 fine. The boy can easily deflect the moral.

Some automobilists are getting altogether too gay agitated a month or two on the rockpile would be good medicine for them. In many Oregon cities women were elected school directors, a position to which capable women may very properly aspire.

Senator La Follette hasn't had much to say for quite a while, but he is expected to come back in two or three weeks in the near future.

By Herbert Corey. There may be only 25 delegates from the eight southern states in the next national convention. At the last there were 172.

Republican politicians in Washington, when not engaged in acting like suffragettes in front of the Democratic show window, admit that if ever the supply of southern delegates is to be adjusted to the volume of southern votes, this is the time to do the adjusting.

Chairman Hillis will call the Republican national committee together within 60 days after the final adjournment of congress to consider this question. It is anticipated that a call will then be issued for a national convention to be held during the summer of 1914, and at which the matter of delegate apportionment shall be the one topic of discussion.

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It would give to the New England, the middle and north central states, exclusive of Wisconsin, control of the used to purchase a greater variety of food products to be used on their tables. In other words, the exchange is conducted for only one purpose, the benefit of the enlisted men.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS The Coquille Sentinel man boasts he is getting out the biggest weekly newspaper in Oregon outside of Portland—25 columns of local news per week.

"No more advertising on the front page," is the announcement with which the Roseburg Review signals its latest advance toward metropolitan journalism. Douglas Mullaugh, 18 years old and editor of the Redmond Enterprise, receives fraternal mention in the Madras Pioneer as "the youngest editor in the state," and probably in the United States.

The traction engine that has stood on Main street in front of the blacksmith shop for about 10 years was removed last Saturday, which helps the appearance of that part of the town very much. An Oregon City man whose parking slip is a small garden of roses, has this sign posted: "You may pick all the roses you want, but do not harm the bushes or burn them. This man, his garden and his sign, the Courier says: "We need more such signs in the city. We have carloads of roses, and visitors should be invited to help themselves."

Mirthful at the expense of those reactionaries who sneered at the anti-dog ordinance when it was enacted at Hillsboro and said it wasn't practical, the Argus now says: "Occasionally a farmer's dog strays into the city, but as often as a dozen yelping curs were always in evidence months ago, but Hillsboro is now truly and agreeably a dog-less town."

The "fraga festivo," given by the Esperanto club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooper at McMinnville, recently was attended by about 30 of the world language advocates. Strawberries (fresh) and cream were served from a table decorated with numerous green stars, the Esperanto emblem. More facile," says the Telephone-Register, "becomes the language as the members persist in using it."

convention by a narrow margin. In fact, they would have 373 votes, where 364 are needed. These figures are given as worked out by the originator of the plan, and are based upon the combined Republican and Progressive vote in a normal year. In detail, they are as follows:

NEW ENGLAND STATES. Maine 12 12. New Hampshire 8 8. Massachusetts 26 26. Connecticut 14 14. Rhode Island 4 4. Total 64 64.

MIDDLE STATES. New York 20 20. New Jersey 28 28. Pennsylvania 47 47. Total 95 95.

NORTH CENTRAL STATES. Ohio 22 22. Indiana 20 20. Illinois 44 44. Michigan 28 28. Wisconsin 28 28. Total 142 142.

WESTERN STATES. Minnesota 22 22. North Dakota 10 10. South Dakota 10 10. Montana 8 8. Iowa 26 26. Nebraska 14 14. Kansas 20 20. Louisiana 2 2. Wyoming 6 6. Utah 8 8. Arizona 4 4. New Mexico 6 6. Oklahoma 14 14. Total 176 176.

THE INDIAN BOY (Written for The Journal by Mabel Holmes Parsons, a student at the Oregon Agricultural College.)

Has sought his rest on the warm earth floor— Their huddled heads, proud moon-tipped town. Whence no enemy dared to creep, Ah! when ago upon the hill.

No more responds. Within the door He looks; his father lies there prone. Can he mistake? No, Pigeon's moan. Fair to the light he sees the men.

Heretofore some swaddled forms uprise To see what foe this youth defies; Some squat outside their tepid doors. And blink and grunt; and each one pours.

There's no show for the small boy who can't get into the circus. Once in a great while there is a political boss who gets away with it at home.

Many of the world's great men are unknown to fame. They are great because they share their pleasures with others and keep their troubles to themselves.

My Girl. Say, you order see my girl; Gee, but she's a dandy. She is just a regular pearl; Comes in awful handy.

When there's somethin' I want done, She's the one I allus ask; 'Fore you see me, she's a fun. She has gone and done the task.

Boys, I want yer all 't meet her. The kin never be another. Jest like her—come on an' greet her. Boys, allow me—meet my mother. —Warren Frederick Lewis.

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