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OTHER CLOSE ELECTIONS
THE long period of doubt over the election is unusual. For nearly a generation the verdict has been so pronounced that in most cases the result was known within a few hours after the polls closed.

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With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, and as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.—Abraham Lincoln in second inaugural address, March 4, 1865.

RELECTED.
T WAS a test of progressivism, and progressivism won. America did not turn backward. The people did not face about. The western farmers, who were a saving factor in the president's reelection, are looking steadily ahead.

Mr. Hughes was heir to all the forces opposed to change. He was heir to the support of all those who, through kinships in other lands, were disaffected with the president's handling of war complications. He was heir to the great army that is always opposed to those who are in power.

HOPE FOR IRELAND
SINCE the collapse of the rebellion in Dublin, and particularly since the execution of Sir Roger Casement, a great many lecturers from Ireland have visited the United States to tell about the wrongs and sorrows of their native land.

THE new agitation of which we speak is not like any of these. It is economic and, being so, it is free from all old hatreds. The fierce quarrels that have desolated Ireland for so many centuries and brought so many sorrows upon its people can find no lurking place in the new movement because it deals alike with the welfare of everybody, touches upon no ancient disputes and is concerned only with this world.

MEMORABLE TIME OF DOUBT
A memorable time of doubt was in 1884, when many days elapsed before the election of Cleveland was finally determined. The results were so close that the shifting tide of election returns kept the entire country in a constant state of suspense.

THE result is a signal repudiation of the contention of Governor Withycombe who has always claimed that the single item veto "is a two-edged sword" and that "it is dangerous." There never was any reason for informed persons who want good government to oppose the single item veto.

THE final announcement of Cleveland's election was the signal of a great outburst on one side and of expressed expectation of dire things to come as a result of it on the other side.

THE prisoners' magazine pleads that more employment is needed for the inmates of the penitentiary. It is unpardonable that some of them "are compelled to lie idle for several months of the year."

REPRESENTATIVES of foreign governments are turning their attention towards the possibilities of trade and commerce with the United States after the war has ended. Here in Portland they are looking over the field to find what we of Portland and the tributary country possess that their countries may need.

time become an agricultural model for the world. Strong through cooperative self-help, the farmers are tilling their land intelligently and receive for themselves, and not for any landlords, the full product of their toil.

FOR years, The Journal has appealed, argued and struggled for the single item veto for Oregon. In the overwhelming vote given the measure by the people in Tuesday's election, this newspaper feels a justifiable pride.

Letters From The People
[Communications sent to The Journal for publication should be brief and to the point. They should be on one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be accompanied by a return address. If the writer does not desire to have the name published he should so state.]

Proposes New Voting System.
Portland, Nov. 9.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The secret ballot and the crude system of voting and counting keep everyone anxious and in doubt about the result, which causes the most obtuse to imagine the possibility of fraud to defeat the will of the people.

LIME AND THE PRISONERS
THE bright magazine, "Lend a Hand," published at the penitentiary, favors a state lime mill to be manned by prisoners. Since prisoners edit the magazine and supply its contributions we may take it for granted that their true wishes are expressed in its articles.

Mail for Persian Gulf.
Portland, Nov. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal.—By the way, the distance from Portland to the Persian gulf, E. I. What route does the mail go—from Portland to Australia, or by way of England, or by way of the Persian gulf? It is considered from England to the Persian gulf, E. I.

"Silver Threads."
From Detroit News.
Eben Eugene Rexford, who wrote "Silver Threads Among the Gold," died the other day in Green Bay, Wis., regretting that he had not written his name as coupled prominently with that pensive composition rather than with his serious and valuable works on gardening.

"Gentility" vs. Money.
From the Philadelphia Evening Ledger.
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Whose "Finish"?
From the Boston Globe.
"This war must be fought through to a finish," shouts the European, and the people of our nation fling up their hats and cheer.

After the war has ended and the lanes of commerce on sea and land are opened again great trade opportunities will come to Portland and to the Northwest. Oregon lumber will be in insistent demand from all of the warring lands which have been devastated by fighting armies.

Complete Address Wanted.
If "Mrs. Wells, Milwaukee," will send her full name and address to The Journal, she will be in the way of obtaining the poems for which she makes request.

Peace Keepers of the Future.
The resolution adopted by the Congress of the League of the Rights of Man, held in Paris, France, during the past week, embodies what most intelligent men and women are thinking about the world's future.

When ships come laden to the port and leave laden for the markets of the world, then Portland will have taken her place among the cities. Her market, as a seaport, lies over the water and into the land.

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It does not, therefore, require a great effort of the imagination to carry forward this tendency to a point at which the position of neutrals may be made intolerable, not merely by the arrogant selfishness of belligerents, but by the selfishness of neutrals.

Salvaging a Metropolis.
From the New York Evening Post.
Real estate in New York city shopping center is steadily emerging from the pall of adversity which fell upon it with the sudden rush of retailers and manufacturers.

Phrases That Make History.
"Utah" in Philadelphia Ledger.
When Lincoln exclaimed, "A house divided against itself cannot stand, I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF
SMALL CHANGE
Maine was a sample that it was found impossible to match. And the west decides it. Westward the course of empire takes its way!

THE Fossil Journal asserts that the "Maggie" was not a strike but a strike won. The contest for the position of "Maggie" Hughes man" hasn't been given up.

THE new era in Harney county is thus welcomed by the Burns Times-Herald: "The Times-Herald learns that George Hatt of the Anderson valley section has recently shipped out a carload of wheat to Payette, Idaho, secured \$1.70 per bushel, and a board car at Crane. This is history for Harney county and will be remembered as the first time that a car of grain ever exported. Mr. Hatt is to be congratulated and when you see now slaves in those far off days than it is now.

THE CONSCRIPTION OF NATIONS
From the Springfield Republican.
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THE lesson to be drawn, however, is not that all the remaining neutrals should in a panic enlist under one flag or the other for fear of being ill treated by both sides, but that they should make up their minds to stand by their efforts to put off indefinitely a recurrence of the present disaster.

THE promise of "Obey."
From the Pittsburgh Post.
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Rag Tag and Bobtail
Stories From Everywhere.
[To this column all readers of The Journal are invited to contribute original matter. In prose or in philosophical observation, in verse or in jest, in fact or in fiction, contributions of exceptional merit will be paid for at the editor's appraisal.]

THE Temperamental Revolution.
A LITTLE thing can make a great change in a fellow's life. Bass Terrell was one of those fellows who men—just had and nothing else. You could tell he was bad by the way he wore his hat.

EXCHANGED Compliments.
"Here, boy, gimme a paper," called the man in the street and the young fellow, seated in a luxurious auto.

THEIR Own With Usury.
MARSHAL Epperson caught two young fellows throwing planks and trash into the gutter and arrested them.

THE Gland Hand in Alaska.
RESPONDING to the dramatic call of Skagway Alaskan, a popular and talented young lady of Batavia, Illinois, has jumped midway across the American continent.

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