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ONE AGAINST MANY.

That "one should put a thousand to flight" was, in the days of old considered to be a wonderful thing. Modern times has shown it to be a thing of not uncommon occurrence. Especially has it been illustrated in our houses of congress. Senator White of California, in his speech before the senate, supporting a change in the rules providing that when a bill has been debated in the senate on different days, aggregating thirty, that it should be in order, without debate, to fix the time for taking a vote, illustrated this most clearly. He cited a case in the last congress, in which one member got his way by threatening to read a manuscript a foot and a half high containing a thousand pages. "Under our program," said Senator White, "a single voice neutralizes, nay vanquishes, eighty-seven." Sir Boyle Roche would have said: "One senator outnumbers eighty-seven." When you multiply these eighty-seven by the constituency that sent them there, the statement with which this article was commenced is far more than justified. "It was a common experience," he continued, "for the leader of the majority to be told that if such and such concessions were made, the majority would be 'allowed to proceed.' The rule securing unlimited deliberation did not even secure intelligent deliberation. Obstructing speeches emptied the benches. "We cannot overcome a single and determined opposing senator until, his physical powers having weakened, we march to roll-call over his prostrate and panting form. Such procedure is not dignified. Every effective assemblage in the civilized world is controlled by rules, which make the transaction of business by the majority always obtainable in a reasonable time. If we are here for work, let work be done. If it be better for our country that no legislation should be had, then let us meet only to adjourn. "I am afraid of majorities," says one. Very true; but I am afraid of minorities. If we cannot trust the majority, a fortiori, minorities cannot be trusted. The basis of our government is the recognition of the majority. When the people representing the majority cannot prevail within a reasonable time, the condition is menacing."

THE DALLES SHOULD BE THE CHOICE.

The request of The Dalles that she be honored by being chosen as the place of holding the next state Republican convention, has so far met with no disfavor. Several papers in Eastern Oregon have commented upon the subject with expressions favorable to The Dalles. We believe that if the matter be urged before the central committee by representatives from this section, aided by committeemen east of us, it would result in the selection of this city. Our transportation facilities are of the very best, our situation with regard to other sections of the state is central, and we will guarantee that nothing will be lacking in hospitality. The Walla Walla Gazette, while having no particular in-

terest in the politics of the state, has these kind words to say of The Dalles and its convention aspirations:

The Dalles wants the next Oregon Republican convention. In fairness to the eastern part of the Webfoot state, it would seem that The Dalles should have it. As the locks at the Cascades will by that time be completed, delegates could go from both ways by water. It would give a large number of citizens of the state an opportunity to observe the most important engineering feat on the Pacific coast.

DID NOT KISS THE BRIDE.

Sooner Than Cause a Scene the Constable Compromised for a Small Fee.

A marriage took place in the office of a justice of the peace in Columbus, O., a few days ago, and, while a most impressive ceremony to the contracting parties, it had a very humorous side to the spectators. The couple were evidently from the rural districts, says the Troy Times, and were both seemingly covered with confusion at their having to stand up before the four or five present. After the form had been read, the blushing pair standing hand in hand, the magistrate announced in a serious tone that, as it was the custom of the constable to kiss the bride, she would prepare herself for the osculation. The constable stepped boldly out, and, being a good-looking young fellow, the young woman seemed not averse to being kissed. All doubts of the propriety of the act were soon set at rest, for the husky groom stepped before her with an air of determination upon his face that showed it was life and death with him. He gave his hands an imaginary washing and said: "Squire, this yere lady b'longs to me now, an' what she did afore I took her ain't my business, but if this constable is willin', I'll give him \$1.50 to call it off." The server of writs signified his assent and the jealous countryman paid the amount, which found its way over the bar of the nearest saloon a few minutes after the newly-married pair departed.

A Wise Precaution.

The president of a large accident company tells this remarkable story and locates the occurrence in Brooklyn: "Some time ago a large policy holder in my company was run over by a trolley car and his right leg painfully crushed. He remained conscious after the shock for three minutes, during which time he pulled out his watch and called the attention of the crowd to the fact that it was just 15 minutes to 12 o'clock. His policy expired at noon, and his foresight was rewarded by the immediate payment of his weekly indemnity without controversy or litigation."

A Diplomatic Tutor.

From a French journal comes this little anecdote of a tutor and his royal pupil: The lesson was in Roman history and the prince was unprepared. "We come now to the Emperor Caligula. What do you know about him, prince?" The question was followed by a silence that was becoming awkward, when it was broken by the diplomatic tutor. "Your highness is right," he said, "perfectly right. The less said about this emperor the better."

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