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### THE COMPROMISE.

The Mitchell Republicans have made a proposition of compromise with the Simon forces. To an ordinary observer the proposal seems fair, and is one which, in the interests of harmony, should be accepted. In this crisis, as in the struggle of two years ago, it is proposed that George H. Williams, ex attorneygeneral, shall act as arbiter, Judge Williams being the only Republican in Oregon, seemingly, who has not become biased one way or the other. The general outlines of the plan of compromise provide that only one county convention and one primary election shall be held, and that the call for the same shall be signed by the chairmen of the respective factions. Judge Williams is to act as temporary chairman of the county convention and appoint a committee consisting of the same number from each side, which committee, together with Judge Williams, shall pass upon the credentials. The communication is quite long and provides for many matters of detail.

The situation in Portland has been one of anxiety and regret to good Republicans throughout the state, and this offer to meet half way will be pleasing to the party generally. after be known as Dufur & Dufur, and Its refusal or acceptance by the Si-Our aim will be in the future, as it has mon wing will show whether that gentleman is willing to be reasonable satisfaction in all matters brought to us, and to treat each and everyone alike. or whether he wants it all. The party in the state is watching the matter, and the country delegates ance of the same with the new firm in will be prepared to vote intelligently when it comes to consider Multnomah county's troubles in the next state convention.

As a titled blackmailer the Prince of Monaco has no equal. He is in the same class in his particular line as is the gambling territory from which he derives his immense revenue. Half a million a year is the minimum sum the prince will accept for rent of his kingdom to the devotees of chance. Like the railroads, he is charging what the traffic will bear and is pressing the limit. Little by little the scamps of the old world are learning the tricks of the new. The prince would make a model captain of police for some of America's larger cities, where vice is virtually licensed and the people know nothing of it; where inspectors of great police systems are enabled to build mansions and invest in government bonds on a salary of a few thousand a year.-Spokesman-Review.

ing at Columbus to determine who purchases by selecting from a line such shall be United States senator. The friends of Mark Hanna are confident of novelties appropriate for the occasion of his election, and his opponents are and the best goods in general. equally sure he will be defeated. It is more than likely that the Ohio legislature will be thrown into a squabble, which will bring disgrace upon that state as the Oregon legislature did upon us. In the meantime the agitation for election of senators by 175 Second Street.

direct vote of the people goes on unceasingly.

DEATH DUE TO FALLING WIRES.

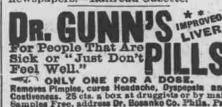
More Persons Killed by These Than by Railroad Accidents. We have recently had an opportunity to examine a batch of newspaper clippings giving accounts of accidents due to the falling of electric wires. These clippings cover the months from May to September, inclusive, but it is not to be supposed that we have found in them reports of all or nearly all the accidents of that character which have

dents of that character which have taken place. We have found enough, Improvements. however, to show that the matter is a very serious one. We find in the five months reports of

122 accidents due to falling trolley wires. In 11 of these accidents 12 persons were killed, and in 28 of them 31 persons were injured and in 18 of them 4 horses were killed. During the same five months we find reports of 40 accidents from falling electric light and telephone wires, showing that 9 persons were killed in 9 accidents and 27 were injured in 22 accidents, and 7 horses were killed.

The nature of the accidents is very familiar; that is, a broken live wire falls into the street and a passer-by steps on it or picks it up and gets a shock which is often fatal. We thus find, during this period, a total of 21 fatalities resulting from falling live wires of all kinds. At this rate of mortality, if it were kept up, 50 persons would be killed in the year. In 1895 there were . 38 passengers killed in train accidents on all the steam railroads of the United States, so far as we have been able to ascertain. It appears, therefore, that more persons are killed by live wire accidents than are passengers in railroad train accidents, and the difference might be still greater if complete statistics of the former were obtained.

There have been widespread and persistent efforts made by the public in various ways and for many years to minimize train accidents by legislation and by agitation in the press and by investigations and recommendations on the part of railroad commissions, but the serious mortality due to live wire accidents does not appear to have attracted much attention from the public. There are simple and obvious means, which we suppose are not very expensive, for preventing accidents of this class; but until the public realizes the seriousness of the situation and the practicability of remedying it probably little will be done. We suggest this subject as an interesting one for the daily newspapers.-Railroad Gazette.



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