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#### BEGGING THE QUESTION.

The Oregonian, in replying to a remark of THE CHRONICLE, complains that "it seems to newspapers like THE CHRONICLE—and there are many of them in Oregon—perfectly incredible and incomprehensible that there should be, or can be, a newspaper entirely independent of men or factions, governing its own actions according, as in its judgment, public ends are to be served; criticising and opposing men at one time, and commending and supporting them at another, as issues change or as men's relations to them change."

It does not seem incredible to THE CHRONICLE that there can be newspapers with the utter independence which the Oregonian mentions, but the Oregonian is not among them. No ideal of journalism can be higher than that pictured above, and were the words applicable to the paper which printed them, the encomium would be a gratifying one. But the course of the Oregonian has shown time and again that it is not "independent of men or factions," but absolutely subservient to them. If this were not the case, why does the Oregonian support the Simon faction now, when it is known that Simon and his followers have broken the peace of the Republican party in Oregon and wrought havoc on the welfare of the state by their hold up of the legislature last winter? If the Oregonian is such a virtuous organ, why does it not rise superior to factions and condemn the methods used by both the Simon and Mitchell men, and say to the Republicans of the state, "Let us settle this fratricidal strife, and since it cannot be adjusted while Multnomah county is a factor, let the rest of the state make the party nominations and leave Multnomah county out until she learns how better to behave herself."

It is useless for the Oregonian to say that Simon is wholly right and Mitchell altogether wrong in this factional fight; it is useless for a Mitchell paper to say the reverse. Both have done things entirely reprehensible while trying to win the political struggle, and though each justified his action, to himself, from the exigencies of the situation, yet when it comes to fair speaking, both factions are much to blame.

If the Oregonian is such a paragon of independence, why does it not condemn this factional spirit and seek to heal the party's wounds. THE CHRONICLE is showing more independence in this one article than the Oregonian has exhibited in the last two years, or longer. And yet it wraps itself in the self-assumed virtue of being independent of all factions. The Oregonian's statements and its actions (if a newspaper has actions) are so inconsistent that fair-minded people place no reliance in either. Any yet the Oregonian could, if it would, be the greatest power in the state in bringing about the common good.

What has become of one David B. Hill of New York? Has he, too, joined the procession to Klondike? He has not even been heard to remark, of late, that he is still a Democrat.

Bryan is keeping up his determination to talk himself into the presidency. His last set speech was finished

at 2 a. m., though the dispatches do not say when he began. It will take more than Bryan's eloquence to convince the people that prosperity is not already here and promising to come in larger quantities.

When, by process of cremation, Durrant's remains are turned to ashes, it is to be hoped the San Francisco newspapers will let them rest in peace. The public has had a surfeit of the morbid details of these famous crimes, though the trial itself will always remain a notable one in legal annals.

The government customs receipts for Wednesday were \$889,024, the heaviest since the new tariff law went into effect. All the Dingley bill needs is a fair chance, and it will demonstrate to the country the merit of a moderate protective system.

Portland is making a record in convicting criminals. Those who seek to argue that juries fail to do their duty will have to seek elsewhere for examples than in Multnomah county just at present.

#### A COMMON MISQUOTATION.

Our Orators Should Read the Declaration of Independence Again.

Probably three out of four Fourth of July orators in their speeches this year quoted the Declaration of Independence as claiming that: "All men are created free and equal." The mistake has been common in the past and it is as prevalent now as ever. Presidents of the United States, members of congress, governors and a host of lesser lights have made the blunder, and to their number can be added editors and distinguished orators like the late Henry Ward Beecher. Nevertheless, the Declaration does not say that "all men are created free and equal," and it would not be true if it did. No person is created free. He or she is subject for years to the control of parents or guardians, and natural laws recognize this subjection as right. What the Declaration does say is that: "All men are created equal." There may be some dissent from that doctrine, as there is an evident difference among men in mental and physical endowment at birth. But while the Declaration of Independence is quoted as saying they are, it had better be quoted correctly.

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 M. S. EVANS,  
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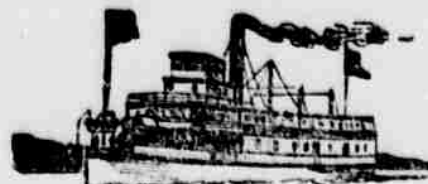
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