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What song is well sung without sorrow?
What triumph well won without pain?
What virtue shall be, and not borrow
Bright luster from many a stain?
What birth has there been without travail?
What battle well won without blood?
What good shall earth see without evil
Ingarned, like chaff, with the good?
—Joaquin Miller.

THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

The Outlook for Saturday, May 21, publishes such a comprehensive and impartial review of the political situation that now confronts the democratic party, that the East Oregonian takes pleasure in presenting the article to its readers, entire.

The review is written by Hamilton W. Mabie, editor of the Outlook, and is as follows:

"Most of the talk as to Judge Alton B. Parker's being the inevitable choice of the democratic national convention for president has ceased, and it is now admitted even by advocates of his nomination, that he will not only fail to have the necessary two-thirds of the delegates on the first ballot, but that he will fall short of having a majority.

Thus it will be possible for a combination against him to organize the convention.

If the territories and dependencies are allowed six votes each, as is expected, the convention will consist of 3,360 delegates.

There seems to be no thought of an attempt to abrogate the historical two-thirds rule, which has prevailed in the national democratic conventions since 1832, and the candidate who wins must have 667 votes.

The state conventions which have been held so far, indicate a strong sentiment in the party in favor of conservatism.

The "swing" and impulse of the party is away from the policy of Bryan, and the defeat of Hearst in Indiana last week, indicates that he cannot be nominated.

But a glance over the results of the state and territorial conventions which have already acted, fails to reveal that the election of conservative delegates means Parker, any more than a failure to instruct for Parker means Bryanism.

The delegates now elected are divided up as follows: Parker, 128; Hearst, 94; Gorman, 12; Olney, 25; unconstructed, 118. This would mean that the nomination will be made at St. Louis, not by men who are instructed for some particular candidate, but by those who are left free to make their own choice after they get on the ground.

Much will depend on the result of the state conventions in the South. Between May 25 and June 23 the states of Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Virginia, Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas and North Carolina will hold their conventions in the order given. Efforts are being made to get a candidate on whom the delegates can unite.

The nomination and election of George B. McClellan to the mayoralty of New York City, were a preparation to give Tammany a controlling influence in nominating a democratic candidate. \* \* \* Perhaps to press upon the convention the name of Mr. McClellan himself—a name still popular in the North and not unpopular in the South.

At the proper moment, when the convention has reached an apparently hopeless tangle, it would not be

surprising to see such an orator as Bourke Cockran rise to propose the name of George B. McClellan, amid a storm of huzzas.

McClellan would be popular in the South, because his father fought the South with great consideration for its feelings; he would be popular with the old-line democracy, because his father was the candidate of that party and he would be popular with the new democracy, because he has never attacked Bryanism. This seems to be the program of Tammany and we should not be surprised to see it succeed.

The success of the wool sales in this city yesterday, should be an inducement for the woolgrowers to stand by their organization. The top notch of the sales yesterday was 14 1/2 cents per pound, and the general average of the sales was over 13 cents, while the wool sold by individual growers before the sales went for 12 1/2 cents and some of it as low as 10 cents per pound, proving conclusively the helplessness of the unorganized woolgrower against the organized buyer. The woolgrowers should determine after this sale, to stand by this organization, no matter what the emergency. Pendleton banks will tide over any responsible sheepman, until the regular wool sales. There is no reason for breaking the sales agreement. Wool is in demand and the buyers are making every effort to gather up every clip. Instead of selling early and breaking the wool sales agreement and giving a demoralized aspect to the market, the growers should hold their organization sacred. The success of the buyers in the field is due altogether to their complete organization. The same doctrine is good when applied to the wool producer.

Here's a newspaper sermon from the Salem Journal, which should be preached to every commercial association and push club in the state, at least once each week. It fits any subject at any time: "Let those who want to see anything done about a railroad to Dallas and about another \$2000 state fair purse, attend the city hall to hear the propositions, and act. Let us drop long-winded ragchewing. If Salem capitalists and business men do not want to take up these matters, well and good. Let us say to the world, and quit holding out the idea that we are prepared to consider such things. Newspaper talk and speech-making are at a discount unless we back them up with action. The less talk and the more action the better. Money talks, and nothing else will build railroads or run horse races."

J. N. Williamson has accomplished so little in congress that even the Tribune has forgotten that he represents this district. If any of his recommendations were observed, it was an oversight on the part of the president, and the administration stands ready to apologize for such action, judging from the general condition of the atmosphere at Washington.

If some people in this town would give their boys and girls as much attention as they do their cows, which they secure by staking out in sight of home, the prospects for a lot of young people going to the bad would not be so brilliant says the Newburg Graphic. Girls in the foolish and giddy stage who imagine themselves young ladies are allowed to roam the streets day and night with empty



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ated young cigarette fiends, loaf in the postoffice and other public places, and put themselves in a questionable light before the public. If dire results do not follow, it will be more from chance than from the guiding and restraining influence of parents who are criminally negligent of their duty. This may sound rather harsh, but such words are better uttered now than after something happens.

The state of California paid a high compliment to her favorite son, W. R. Hearst, in giving him the democratic endorsement for president. This action of the California democrats made several hundred votes for Mr. Hearst in the coming convention.

THE GREAT GOD, CHANCE.

Betting on horse races has, as a rule a demoralizing effect and has ruined many men and women. In one instance, however, it has brought together two souls with but a single thought; two hearts that beat as one and the announcement of the happy event is being eagerly anticipated.

A young couple is employed in one of the newspaper offices in the city and Cupid's arrow has pierced the heart of each. Neither is blessed with much of this world's wealth and at the beginning of the racing season they decided to make a bet of "two bits" each on a combination.

If they won they would each retain the "two bits" and go on betting with the winnings till the end of the season. Then if the result was at all favorable they would look upon it as a happy omen of their future.

Both were keenly anxious on the closing day of the racing season. All their hopes centered on the horse J. V. Kirby, an outsider in the last race. If that horse won they would be each \$150 to the good on the season's betting, and if it lost they would be left just as they had started.

The horse won and now they are buying furniture. Wreckage from the steamer Corwin, which left Seattle last Monday, May 16, for Nome, has been found on the west coast of Vancouver Island. She left Seattle overloaded and unseaworthy, it is alleged, and seamen along the coast say she could not make the trip. She carried 89 passengers.

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