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GENERAL NEWS.

The democratic national central committee is in session at Washington, the democratic members of congress attending.

James H. Batty, a famous naturalist and collector and one of the world's greatest travelers, was killed in Mexico lately by the accidental discharge of his gun.

From sources of information very near to the pope, it is learned that he is suffering from a heart trouble complicated with asthma and gout. It is current belief in newspaper and official and religious circles in Rome that he cannot long survive.

The right of a state to compel railroads to place cars on tracks designated by state authorities is decided adversely to the state in a decision of the supreme court in the case of the North Carolina railroad commission vs. the Southern Railway company.

According to a parliamentary paper issued May 25, there was a decrease last year of 474,838 tons of British shipping passing through the Suez canal as compared with 1904, while for the same period the tonnage of German vessels passing through the canal increased 143,592 tons.

Rich Marshall John Campbell, of Chicago, has been removed from office by Mayor Dunne. It is alleged that the mayor ordered Chief Campbell to change the specifications for bids for fire engines so as to allow all companies to enter bids and that the fire chief failed to do so.

Thomas Condon shot himself twice in the head with a suicidal intent at Los Angeles. He left a confession stating that the shooting was done with the same pistol with which he killed a man named Finlay, at Oxnard City, Kan. Condon was taken to a hospital, and may recover, though he bears continually for a knife or gun with which to finish the job.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

A bunch of Coeur d'Alene saloon-keepers have been run in by internal revenue collectors and fined \$500 for "reducing" their liquors below revenue bonded tests, and then advertising them as "full proof."

At Redding, Cal., Clinton Parish, a French Canadian, deliberately put a stick of giant powder on top of his head, lit the fuse, put on his hat and pulled it down over his ears. His head was blown completely in fragments.

Mrs. J. S. Smith, of Pulla, took laudanum, crept into bed beside her husband, and was dead when he awoke in the morning. No reason is assigned except temporary aberration of mind from grieving over the death of her father, to whom she was deeply attached.

David Schenker was killed at Flat Creek dam, near St. Maries, Idaho, by a snake used in manipulating one of the gates of the dam. The sweep slipped from his hand while a heavy pressure of water was behind the gate, and his face and head were so badly crushed by the blow that death ensued in a short time.

The Yellowstone Park season re-opens June 30. As last year's travel to the park exceeded any previous year's record, so it is probable that

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ANSWERS PROTEST

SUFFRAGE STATES ARE MAKING RAPID STRIDES.

Oregon Equal Suffrage Association Shows That Oregon Pays Her Wage Earners Less, Has Developed Less and Has Received Less Settlers Than Any of the Four Equal Suffrage States.

In denial of the silly and false statement made by the handful of millionaire brewers of Portland that equal suffrage will retard the industrial development of Oregon and check railroad building, the Oregon Equal Suffrage association has issued the following statistics of the industrial conditions of the equal suffrage states:

The Oregon Equal Suffrage association intended to appeal for your vote simply because it is right and just that women should vote. However, in a recent protest the corporate interests and brewers, acting with a few multi-millionaire women, have arrayed themselves against the equal suffrage amendment. This is a direct blow to the wage-earners of Oregon.

The most powerful defense of the people in the initiative and referendum, and in the letter asking for signers to this protest, these ill-advised women attacked the initiative and referendum, for it is the increased vote of the laboring citizens that the millionaire classes fear.

The protest was designed to frighten the average voter upon the ground that equal suffrage would hurt the business interests of Oregon, limit railroad building and scare timid investors.

In denial, we submit to the common sense of Oregon men the following facts, taken from the United States census, showing that in all the states where women vote, wages have advanced, population increased, agricultural and manufacturing interests grow rapidly. The per cent of increase is as follows:

	Pop.	Mfg.	Ag.
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Colorado	30	142	151
Wyoming	49	81	431
Utah	32	137	237
Idaho	38	187	269
Oregon	30	11	100

From the above it will be seen that if the opponents to equal suffrage desire to hide their selfish greed and prejudice under the guise of an appeal for Oregon's prosperity, they have used a boomerang which will give to equal suffrage a large majority vote June 4.

Business men, working men and farmers can study these conditions to advantage. In the four equal suffrage states the value of manufactures has risen per capita, while in Oregon, during the same period, it has fallen from \$122 to \$112, an average loss of \$20 to each person in the state.

Manufacturing value increased for each person:

Colorado	\$87.00
Wyoming	8.00
Utah	34.00
Idaho	8.00
Oregon	20.00

The average earnings are greater in equal suffrage states. The average annual earnings are:

Colorado	\$612.61
Idaho	583.68
Wyoming	618.54
Utah	512.27
Oregon	483.49

FIRE IN VAULTS.

Safes Closed for Weeks Burst Into Flames When Opened.

In San Francisco some vaults were opened without causing fire to break out among their contents, but in other cases fires did start. One case was particularly interesting. The vault was left closed for five weeks after the destruction of the building. During the last two weeks it was daily wet down, and every particle of heat seemed to have disappeared. When it was opened a chemical engine was brought to the scene to aid in the event of fire appearing, but, notwithstanding all these precautions, everything was destroyed.

The vault was a large one containing a vast quantity of records. So soon as the doors were thrown back, flames broke out so furiously that the chemical engine could not hold them in check and there was nothing left of the contents.

It is apparent the fire was smoldering among the papers all the time. The first effect of the heat was to char all exposed paper; then sparks of fire appeared, and these continued to creep about over the charred material until the air was admitted, when all the contents burst into flame in an instant. The oxygen in the vault had been sufficient to char most of the contents and it needed only the draft of air that came when the doors were opened to finish the work.

BULL MOVEMENT IN WOOL.

Idaho Growers Are Developing More Confidence.

That the Idaho woolgrowers are justified in asking the prices for which they are holding their wools is shown by some very interesting figures that have been furnished a reporter for the Boise Statesman by one of the most prominent growers in the state. Believing they are justified in this the growers state they do not purpose permitting buyers or middlemen, whom the growers believe have formed a combine to hold the price of wool down, to reap more than a legitimate commission off their product.

Probably they will not permit them to handle their wools at all, since it has been announced that a meeting of the Idaho Woolgrowers' association will be held in Boise on the morning of June 4 for the purpose of making

arrangements to ship their wool directly east themselves.

"Wool is purchased in the eastern markets," stated the woolgrower mentioned, "at what is called 'scoured value.' The average Idaho wool shrinks 65 per cent. The present scoured value of the average Idaho wool, according to the latest Boston market quotations is 72 cents a pound on a Boston 'grease value' of 25.20 cents a pound.

"The freight rate to Boston is 2.12 1/2 cents and commission charges are 1.25 cents, which includes all cost of handling the wool and profits, which make a total of 3.37 1/2 cents. Deducting that amount from the Boston grease value of 25.20 cents and you have left 21.83 1/2 cents, which is the present net value of the average Idaho wool at Idaho points.

"When we know that the figures are practically right why should the Idaho woolgrowers consider 16 and 18 cents that the buyers want to pay for Idaho wools. The actual expense of selling wool in Boston is not to exceed 90 cents per 100 pounds. If the growers establish their own commission firm the total cost of handling wool including all freight, drayage and selling charges, (except interest on money advanced on wool at the time of shipment) would not exceed 3.02 1/2 cents per 100 pounds, making an average net price to growers of 22.17 cents per pound. Money for advances to be made on consigned wools can be borrowed in Boston on warehouse receipts at the rate of from 4 to 6 per cent per annum."

DO WOMEN LACK SENSE?

Dr. Brougher Makes a Point for Equal Suffrage.

Last Sunday Rev. Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, of Portland, preached on the temptation of Adam and Eve, and discussed the question whether women or men are the greater fools. He said in part:

"In the coming contest for equal suffrage, some men and women seem to believe that the women would be greater fools than the men when it comes to voting. A woman might have sense enough to be the man's wife, run his home, raise his children, manage the schools and fill a thousand and one positions of responsibility, but if you should put a ballot in her hand you would make a fool of her at once."

There is a town in Peru called Palta where it is said, there has not been a drop of rain in 13 years. When the country begins to look dry and dusty this summer, think of Palta. —From "In the Trail of the Traveler," in Four-Track News for June.

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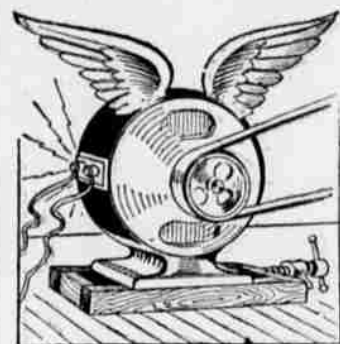
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