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WHAT ARE THEY?

(Baltimore News.)

It is characteristic of the curious

and illogical development of institu-

tions that this country is just coming to face a final decision as to what

is "republicanism" and what is de-

century the two great parties have

been called democratic and republi-

can. What do the two names mean?

What is the essential difference in

governmental ideals that the two

words connote? And do the people

of the the two parties really know to

what differences they subscribe when

The supreme court is going to de-

elde in the next few months, what is

a republican and what a democrasic

form of government. It will pass on

the appeal of a case from Oregon it

which the democratic governmental

system of that state, based on the

initiative, referendum and recall, is

involved. The initiative and refer-

andum provide democracy; of that

there can be no doubt. The people

may propose and pass their own

laws. But is that more than can be

done under a republican form of gov-

The constitution guarantees a "re-

publican form of government to all the states. Oregon is going to find

out from the supreme court whether,

n adopting the initiative and refer-

endum, it has overstepped the defini-

tion of "republican." The dictionary

meaning of the two words, common-

ly accepted as practically synony-

mous, makes them decidedly differ-

Oregon's plan, just now so popular in

all radical sections, has no chance at

cifically provided machinery to elim-

inate the representatives elected by

No more interesting case has come

to the supreme court in many years

than this one, and certainly few more

important. The initiative and refer-

endum movement is making progress

whose like is difficult to recall in

should declare that the whole plan

is unconstitutional, it would certainly

precipitate a crisis whose ultimate

significance few would dare to con-

FEBRUARY 17 IN HISTORY.

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Beautiful there at the gates . they sing

Lips of morning and throats of . spring. Creeping and creeping from day .

to day. The violet virgins have dreamt . of May,

And fair and warmer the blue • skies blend O'er the silver hills where the +

fairles wend;

Fair and warmer, the bluebirds . Fair and warmer, the clouds .

roll by: Secret messengers, to and fro, •

The little beastles come and go. 🔶 From woods and waters that . waking feel

The wings of the mystic o'er • them steal.

Down in the adamant hearts of . men,

Fair and warmer, it leaps again. ♦ The blood far tingling at touch + of sun

 In the dream of another dream begun,

With love by the beautiful gates • of rose To kiss back spring from her •

tomb of snows -Baltimore Sun.

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LOOK TO COMPETENCY.

employed by the state board just as



In the issue that has been raised

ver the Canadian reciprocity treaty the need of a tariff commission is hown once more. Whether or not the treate will be good thing and will be just to the American farmer a more than anything else a question facts. Of the real merits of the

reaty the average citizen cannot well idge for the reason that he has not afficient information at hand. It is afe to say that not one man in 1000

knows the full nature of the recipocity treaty. The cry has gone forth that the trenty if adopted will work an injusice upon the farmer-that the government will be providing free trade n farm products while protecting trust made goods. This argument,

gainst the treaty may be well foundd, or it may be a piece of chicanery. The opposition of the grange may ave been cunningly aroused by other nterests that will suffer by the treaty r instance by the timber trust or

he onner trust. It would be very atural for such interests as those to so the grange as a catspaw to pull their own chestnuts from the fire. mose who are defending the adminstration in its move to put through he reciprocity treaty hold that

all. The dictionary makes a repubthe farmer has more to fear from the Bean American trusts that control the agthrough elected representatives of the legitural products of this country people, not by the people at all. If han from the reciprocity treaty. This the dictionary gets literally vindicated. Oregon's plan will be in the way nav be true. of demolition.

With the tariff commission plan in peration there would be less opporunity than now for mistakes and for The commission would jobbery. sather complete and reliable data re-

gurding the different industries, Tarif schedules could then be fixed acording to the merits of the case and not in accordance with the political xigencies of the moment.

MR, TAYLOR'S LETTER.

In a communication to this paper esterday H. J. Taylor, president of the county good roads association,

the good roads legislation and about the grange and farmers' union lob. byists who worked against the meas-

A move is on to place the state ures. Being a prominent farmer printer on a flat salary. It is a pro- himself Mr, Taylor's views are of par-

It is the firm belief of the East

3000 for Havana. 1835-Five volcanoes burst forth simultaneously in Central Amerida, per move but the legislature should ticular interest. They show that all attended with tremendous earthquakes, which sunk three large towns go farther and abolish that office as the farmers of this county are not opbesides many villages.

1854-Two Russian squadrons mistaking each other for Turks, fought the state house janitor is employed. Oregonian that nine-tenths the farm- a battle near Klafat, with great loss Or else let the printing work out by ers of the county would favor the of life before the error was discov-

contract. It is a silly plan to have good roads bills as Mr. Taylor favors ered. 1864-Twenty-seven of the hundred the state printer an elective official, them if they fully understood the sit- federal officers who had " tunneled Let the board employ a man for his uation. The only way to get good out of Libby prison at Richmond, Va., eaching Washington. 1865-Louisiana ratified the constitutional amendment.



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1829-James Wallace, the English had some pointed things to say about tragedian, made his first American appearance at Washington. 1830-Fourteen hundred troops em-

## barked from Spain for Manila and

technical fitness and get the best man roads is by constructing them. The possible, no matter whether he is a good roads association had a systeresident of Oregon, Indiana or Ber- matic, business like and very equitlin. The rule of the survival of the able plan for carrying on road work.

fittest prevails in private business. It Had the legislation asked for been should also prevail in the public ser- granted we would have gotten results. vice.

an elective office. Let the printer be posed to the good roads bills.

Within the next two years the lob-By this same argument the state food and dairy commissioner should byists who worked against the good to kill Russian royal family at St. be changed from an elective to an roads bills will have an opportunity Petersburg. sppointive official. He should be se- to explain their actions to their peolected by the state board or by the ple. That some legislators who opstate board of health. He should be posed the good roads bill have alan expert and if when seeking a pro- ready heard from their constituents is per man for the place the board could already known from the fact that a not find a good man in Oregon then move is on in the house to ressurrect E. Mahdi sultan. they should go beyond the borders of the state aid bill. this state.

East Oregonian has criticised the

Huntington bill which looks to pro-

viding more supervision for rural

schools. Supervision for rural schools

mits that the first step towards pro-

sist in getting the most capable coun-

ty superintendents possible. Plainly

the best men cannot be obtained under the present method of election.

With Russia about to engage in

By this same argument county some sort of a war with China, with school superintendents should be emthe Mexican revolution on in full ployed, not elected. It is stilly for a blast and with a Haytian insurrection big county like Umatilla that has just being concluded it would seem something like 100 school districts that there is some need for the \$10,and spends hundreds of thousands of 000,000 peace fund recently offered

dollars maintaining schools, to have by Carnegie. to elect a superintendent from the people of this county. There may be That new high school should be a no competent man within the county first class structure that will be a credit to the city for many years. High who wishes the position. Then whoever comes forth has to be chosen, school work is advancing all the time The right way would be to elect coun- and the percentage of high school ty superintendents upon the same graduates increases each year. Penbasis city superintendents are chosen. dieton wants no building that will Employ men upon their qualifications soon be out of date.

as educators. It should not matter whether a man is from Umatilla ecunty, from Portland or from Ohio. lish. Maybe they will see the point It is competency that should count. later. With these sentiments in view the

We will have an angler's commisdon and the job of fish warden will case to be a political snap. Hooray.

One more day of lawmaking. How there should be. But this paper submany jokers will slip through during sir." the closing hours? viding such supervision should con-

> Evidently it is hard for the weather ureau to keep track of our climate.

## THEY BELIEVED HER.

Of course in opposition to the claim Husband (to wife, who has returnthat school superintendents, the state ed from party in tears)-My Dear printer and the food commissioner Ethel, what on earth is the matter? should be appointed and not elected Are you ill? Have they been rude to the argument will be made that such you? Musical Wife (sobbing-I never a change would take power away from was so unhappy in my life. Theythe people. Still there are some powers which the people should delegate they asked me to sing, and of ccourse I said I couldn't at f-first, and to others rather than exercise them -anddirectly. Only a demagogue will Husband-Well, dead, well? Musical Wife-And they b-b-blieved me!

> The pessimist always has the hardimest inck.

1865-General Sherman entered Columbia, S. C., and burned the city. 1874-Gladstone tendered his resignation as premier to Queen Victoria at Windsor and Disraeli summon-

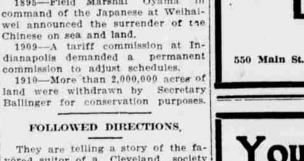
ed to form a new cabinet. 1880-Unsuccessful attempt made

1880-British house of commons defeated a bill to make franchise in Ireland equal to that in England and Scotland.

1884-General "Chinese" Gordon arrived at Khartoum and proclaimed

1895-Field Marshal Oyama in command of the Japanese at Weihaiwel announced the surrender of the

1909-A tariff commission at Indianapolis demanded a permanent commission to adjust schedules. 1919-More than 2,000,000 acres of land were withdrawn by Secretary Ballinger for conservation purposes.



vored suitor of a Cleveland society girl who called at the house of his inamorata recently and found a new parlor maid at the door, says the Cleveland "Plain Dealer." This is Mr "Is Miss Blank in?

Dash," he explained. The maid smiled brightly. "Oh.

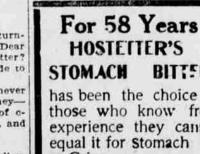
yes, sir," she replied and led him into the drawing room. Here he wast Champ Clark's little joke was evi- ed the better part of an hour, when dently not understood by the Eng- he finally summoned the maid again. "Did you forget-to tell Miss Blank that I was here?" he asked impatient-

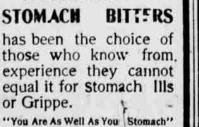
> "No, sir "answered the new maid. "Miss Blank hasn't got back from shopping yet." "But you told me positively that

> she was in?" "Yes, sir. She told me positively

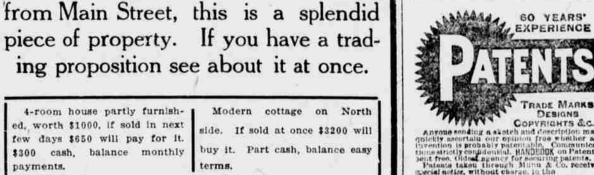
that she was always home to you,

County option seems to be one of the spirit of the times,





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maintain the contrary. However, the best argument for the changes proposed above is not so much that the selecting power would be