THE INDEPENDENT. $\frac{\text { BATURDAY, APRII. 19, } 1884}{\text { A Registry Law. }}$
Politica has become a trade. Many
profigate persons follow it for a vocs-profigate persons follow it for a voca-
tion. The system of bying votes has
been brought to a science that baffles the purity of elections, Millicens of from the hundred thouscands of office from the hundred thousands of ofice
tolders, to be osed in the close and
doubtful States, at each recurring quadgre bought by the hundreds and thou
sands in luyge cities. Repeaters and ptrikers are hired and paid for that
special purpose. In States where the thoy are here in Oregon, repeating at without detection. At the last elec tion many names appeared upon the
poll books of rarious precincts along the line of railroods, who never resided never be aeen there again. How ofton
and under what different nes many of them voted, will probably never be
known. Who they are and where they came from will remain a mystery.
To prevent this system of outrage noeds and requires a judicions registry is entilled and desires to exerciso the preeinct. This preeinct. This question has been agi
tated for a long sion we, in commen with many othe journals thronghout the State, urged
the importance of this measure. The party in the majority in both branches
of the legislature, tagos their party has derived from time to time by the fraads which have beo
perpotrated under the prosent nefigrourd and refused to to allow an a registry
law to be pacsod. We do not cluin that a registry law will be adequate to prevent all bribery ond frands in elec-
tions, but experience has demonstrated
thrt it is the yent repereating at the polls, and is try it here in Oregon. The people in their legislative capac-
$j$ ty hare the right to regulate freights and fares on railroads. The question
of right has been fully detarmined by decisons of the Supreme courts of the
varions States where the question has been mooted, and also by the decisiens
of the Suprenie court of the Uvitod States, 1 f any mooted question has
been sottled by an anbroken line of was a line of roads that needed regncontrol of the grasping corporate power ingon and Califernia lime, which has been in operation between thish place
and Portlund for some eleven or twelve years, and study the fate of all enter-
prises swich have depended upon this
roed road for carrying their goods to market;
atudy the methods of discri inination which the corporation lhs resorted to in the same bysiness along the line of
the road. Take the fate of farmers whom the road was supposed to have benefitted, who have been lured by this
mode of transportation to grain raising nnd bountifal burvests and then go to
the clerk's office and examine the mort. gaga records and see the burdens there fustoned upon these broad acres; study
the grain markets of the world during the same period, and ask yourself why
ti is the farmer who depends upon agri-
culture is unable to keep out of debt. If you are then unable to solve the problem, take your pencil and figure
what parcentago of the crop has been
taken to pay the freight on this line of ood, together with wharfage and port age, which is 2 part of the same sys-
lem. Then go to your afsessment rol road with that of the lands upon which the wheat was grown during this pe iod, and say whether freights and fure aro too high in Oregon.
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Sthe legislators have the right and it in froights and farees and to so so regrint corporations and just to the thir poglo, tho
This question was entirply ignored
by' tho Republican mity hauese of our legisiature during the last session, and will be ignored by
them an oparty neanure if thoy shootd
gasain succeed in the coming election. It is a party question and will be an
issua, The Republican party has al-
ready placed themzelves on reord on ready placeed themmeglves on record on
the side of corporate power and against the side of corporate power and agains
the peoplo. Whatever may be their
declarations in the coning canvass they will not bo found wanting when the
interesests of corporate power is in dininterests of corporate power is in dina-
ger of an overthrow.

$\qquad$ Our Finanges.
$\begin{gathered}\text { A reduction of the revenues of the } \\ \text { country is the great problem for the }\end{gathered}$ American statesmen of to day. Th
blind policy of protection in order th
build ap individual industries at the build np individual industries at $t$, great bulk of the money used in carrg
ing on our commerce, in the treasury
raults. There was on the first of the raults. There was on the first of th
present month cash in the treasury
$\$ 122,875,211$; gold certificates, $\$ 104$ 236,400 ; silver cartificates, $\$ 116,40$, 161; certificates on deposit, $\$ 100,475$,
00 ; refundiag cortificates, $\$ 305,40$ legal tenders, $\$ 344,681,016$; fraction
litreney, $\$ 6,984,315 ;$ making of $\$ 1,077,965,502$ of the money of the
country locked up and doing no one any good, while we are paying interet
on a much larger sum. It would ne bo considered good fpancial policy f
au individual to keep his money locke up in a safo while he was paying inte
ast on a larger sum. It would much botter for the people to pay o
the national debt and place the niene in circulation. The rich drones wh
are drawing thenr coupons from t
treasury would invest this nioney legitimate business. This would stin
ulate trade and create emf 1 logment $f$ the dependent. Such a poliey wou
put an end to labor spirikes and que
mob violence mere effectually than the military can ever do. This questio
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