INDEPENDENT.

BATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1884

A Registry Law.

Politics has become a trade. Many profligate persons follow it for a vocation. The system of buying votes has been brought to a science that baffles the laws passed which are to preserve the purity of elections. Millions of money are collected in the interim, by assessments or forced contributions from the hundred thousands of office holders, to be used in the close and doubtful States, at each recurring quadrennial or presidential election. Votes are bought by the hundreds and thousands in large cities. Repeaters and strikers are hired and paid for that special purpose. In States where the election laws are as loosely framed as they are here in Oregon, repeating at elections can be carried on effectually, without detection. At the last election many names appeared upon the poll books of various precincts along the line of railroads, who never resided in these precincts and probably will never be seen there again. How often and under what different names many of them voted, will probably never be known. Who they are and where they from evil disposed spersons being persame from will remain a mystery.

upon the purity of the ballot this State needs and requires a judicious registry law, so framed as that each person who is entitled and desires to exercise the franchise, will have to do so in his own precinct. This question has been agitated for a long time in this State. When the last legislature was in session we, in common with many other journals throughout the State, urged the importance of this measure. The party in the majority in both branches of the legislature, knowing the advantages their party has derived from time to time by the frauds which have been perpetrated under the present mefficient laws, kept the matter in the background and refused to allow a registry law to be passed. We do not claim that a registry law will be adequate to large. Young people, you who have prevent all bribery and frauds in elections, but experience has demonstrated thrt it is the most effective way to preyent repeating at the polls, and is a move in the right direction. Let us try it here in Oregon.

Freights and Fares.

The people in their legislative capacity have the right to regulate freights and fares on railroads. The question of right has been fully determined by decisions of the Supreme courts of the various States where the question has been mooted, and also by the decisions of the Supreme court of the United build up individual industries at the been settled by an unbroken line of great bulk of the money used in carrylating it is those which are under the present month cash in the treasury control of the grasping corporate power \$402,875,211; gold certificates, \$104, If you are then unable to solve the of the two great political parties. problem, take your pencil and figure what percentage of the crop has been taken to pay the freight on this line of J. A. SMITH, road, together with wharfage and portage, which is a part of the same system. Then go to your afsessment roll NEW BAKERY and compare the assessed value of the road with that of the lands upon which the wheat was grown during this peried, and say whether freights and fares are too high in Oregon.

The legislators have the right and it is their duty to prevent discrimination in freights and fares and to so regulate changes that they will be beir to the

corporations and just to the people. This question was entirely ignored by the Republican majority in both houses of our legislature during the last session, and will be ignored by them as a party measure if they should again succeed in the coming election. It is a party question and will be an issue. The Republican party has already placed themselves on record on the side of corporate power and against the people. Whatever may be their declarations in the coming canvass they will not be found wanting when the interests of corporate power is in dan-

ger of an overthrow.

Marriage and Divorce-

Marriage is treated, in most places Jackson Street, in the United States, as a simple contract, which the parties may at any time rescind through the intervention of a divorce court. This view of the most sacred relation which it is possible for the sexes to sustain towards each other, and the ease and frequency with which the courts are resorted to Whiskies for a dissolution of the blighted vows that nothing but death should sever, is of the world. fast dismembering seciety, treaking up the family relations here in Oregon, degrading the morals of our people and placing a withering blight upon our commonwealth that generations cannot wipe away, even if we should be so for tunate as to escape the deserved fate of Sedom of Gomorrah. The resort to the law in many cases is the result of hasty and ill-advised marriages, where the vows are entered into from impulse or as matters of convenince, and without sanction from the divinity of love and pure affection. But it is more often the outgrowth of the times and the result of the sordid and disordered condition of society. Families are frequently broken up, the hearthstone left desolate, children turned upon the charities of a cold and friendless world mitted to enter the home circle and To prevent this system of outrage warm themselves by the family fireside. These whitened sepulchers will force themselves into happy homes and under the guise of friendship deposit the most deadly coya and when they leave they take the bright sunlight of joy with them and leave nothing but the shadow of discontent to fill the

> aching void their presence has made. These gossips will stop at nothing to satiate their morbid desires. They will approach the young and unsuspecting and under the guise of secrecy wring from them the most trivial family secrots, which they will magnify into mountains and retail them broadcast to the world. The family relation is the most sacred of all secret societies. Its joys and its sorrows belong to the holy compact and are not for the world at united your fortunes and are starting out in the world to try life's realities, beware of the gossips; they are backbiters and slanderers, a reeking mass of traveling corruption and contagion If you desire peace and happiness in your homes, keep them beyond its portals and you have no use for divorce

> > Our Finances.

A reduction of the revenues of the country is the great problem for the American statesmen of to-day. The blind policy of protection in order to States. If any mooted question has expense of the people, has placed the decisions it is this one. If there ever ing on our commerce, in the treasury was a line of roads that needed regn- vaults. There was on the first of the in the State of Oregon. Take the Or- 236,400; silver certificates, \$116,408, egen and California line, which has 161; certificates on deposit, \$100,475, been in operation between this place | 000; refunding certificates, \$305,400; and Portland for some eleven or twelve | legal tenders, \$346,681,016; fractional years, and study the fate of all enter- currency, \$6,984,315; making a total prises which have depended upon this of \$1,077,965,502 of the money of the road for carrying their goods to market; country locked up and doing no one study the methods of discrimination any good, while we are paying interest which the corporation has resorted to on a much larger sum. It would not for the purpose of building up one per- be considered good financial policy for son and crushing out another engaged au individual to keep his money locked in the same business along the line of up in a safe while he was paying interthe road. Take the fate of farmers est on a larger sum. It would be whom the road was supposed to have much better for the people to pay off benefitted, who have been lured by this | the national debt and place the money mode of transportation to grain-raising in circulation. The rich drones who as a business; look at their rich fields are drawing their coupons from the and bountiful harvests and then go to treasury would invest this money in the clerk's office and examine the mort. legitimate business. This would stimgage records and see the burdens there | ulate trade and create employment for fastened upon these broad acres; study the dependent. Such a policy would the grain markets of the world during put an end to labor strikes and quell the same period, and ask yourself why mob violence mere effectually than the it is the farmer who depends upon agri- military can ever do. This question culture is unable to keep out of debt. of finance is one of the dividing issues

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This summons is published by order of Hon. R. S. Bean, judge of said court, dated the 2d day of April, A. F. CAMPBELL,

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