

PRIMARY ELECTION REFORMS

No effort for good government is wholly lost. If the result on election day is disastrous...

An ideal primary law is not to be expected, if for no other reason than that none is in existence...

It has probably never dawned upon the mind of the Oregonian editor that the purpose of participating in a primary election...

Some of the details of the Union League bill have already been changed, and other changes are being made almost daily...

The Portland Tribune has discovered why it is that cotton manufacturing has made such rapid advance in the South...

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encouraged cotton manufacturing in the South were the demands of the times. Cotton was raised in that locality and cotton cloths were used more universally there than in the North...

ARE THEY ALL FOOLS? Possibly the kindest thing the Oregonian has yet been able to say of advocates of the free coinage of silver is that they are all idiots and fools...

AN UNPATRIOTIC PLUTOCRAT Senator Stephen B. Elkins, the man whose postoffice address is Elkins, Ohio, who has no fixed abode, yet has for several years misrepresented West Virginia in the United States senate...

THE NATION'S DUTY. Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, would have America kiss the hand that smites her, especially if the hand be that of a king or queen, but fortunately there are no kings or queens in public life...

EDUCATIONAL NOTES. A complete union of the silver forces—democrats, populists and silver republicans—has been effected in Linn, Marion and Lane counties...

AN EMERGENCY PROPOSITION. San Francisco firm Ready to Build Warships on Short Notice...

THE BAY CITY IS SAFE. San Francisco Well Protected by Land Batteries From Attack by War Vessels...

A Destructive Blaze. A Great Number of Lives lost in a Chicago Fire. CHICAGO, March 16.—The worst fire that has occurred in Chicago since the cold storage warehouse holocaust...

THE EMERSON PLANO COMPANY OCCUPIED. The Emerson Plano Company occupied the second, second and third stories of the building, among the other tenants were the Presbyterian board of publications and the Sweet & Wallace Company...

SPAIN DOES NOT LIKE IT. Warlike Preparations Making in America Viewed With Disfavor at Madrid. WASHINGTON, March 15.—The war preparations being made by the United States...

THE UNION FORCES OF MARION COUNTY PLEDGE THEIR CANDIDATES TO REDUCE county expenses \$5000 a year if elected. The pledge is no doubt made in good faith...

THE CLATSOP COUNTY JURY BEFOR whom the defaulting county treasurer Ward was tried returned a verdict of not guilty last Saturday...

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IS WELL PROVIDED. Abundance of Food in the Klondike Region. SKEAGWAY, Alaska, March 12.—(Via Seattle, March 17.)—Ben Atwater arrived here from Circle City and Dawson, N. W. T., bringing 100 pounds of mail from the above places. Atwater's former home was in Morrison, Ill. He went to the Yukon country in 1886, and has resided there last the present population two years. As a consequence of the food scare the output of the mines will be curtailed. He estimates it at about \$5,000,000. He says there are but few cases of scurvy in Dawson. The hospital contains but 45 inmates, and these have other mat with accidents or are suffering from chronic diseases. The general health of the people is good. The weather here for the past week has been mild and springlike, and the warm south wind and the sun are playing havoc with the winter trail, which follows the river for a distance of eight miles. Hundreds of people are making their way over the divide, however, undeterred by wind or weather. The snow has entirely disappeared from the streets, which are now muddy beyond conception.

NEW YORK, March 16.—A Herald dispatch from Manila says: The Philippine rebels surrounded the cable station at Bolinao on March 7, and 33 Spanish soldiers were killed. A steamer which was sent on March 8, to relieve the garrison, was obliged to return, owing to a renewal of the full-scale. Four priests at the garrison from neighboring towns were massacred. Bolinao was subsequently relieved by General Moret. The insurgent loss was heavy. Good Coming From Australia. SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—The Oceanic Steamship Company steamer Alameda, now on her way from Australia to San Francisco, has on board \$3,500,000 in gold. This is the largest amount of treasure ever brought into this port by a single vessel.