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## ON TRIAL.

EVERY person in the state should be, and no doubt many are interested in, the outcome of the trial now on before the U. S. supreme court, wherein the constitutionality of the Initiation and Referendum features of the Oregon state constitution are being attacked. The suit is the outcome of an initiative law passed three years ago proposing to tax certain corporations, as telephone, telegraph, and express companies, on their gross earnings. It is evident to everyone that such corporations do not pay their proportion of the taxation relative to the personal and real property in evidence, and the incomes received. An express company could easily do a million dollar business annually on a few thousand investment. If they are taxed only on the real or personal property in sight they would fall far below paying their just portion of taxation relative to the incomes as compared with any business requiring a fixed location, buildings and extensive outlays for plants. It was to meet this weakness in the law that the initiative bills were passed. Now comes the Pacific States Telephone Co. with the contention that the measures are discriminatory and unconstitutional. The state is ably represented by attorneys from home and several from eastern cities.

## SPIDER WATCHES.

THIS is an old one but it will bear repeating: "When Mark Twain was editor of a Missouri paper, a subscriber wrote to him saying that he had found a spider in his paper, and asking him whether that was a sign of good luck or bad. Mark Twain answered: Finding a spider in your paper was neither good luck or bad luck for you. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant is not advertising, so that he can go to that store, spin his web across the door and live a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

There is one good thing about that new counterfeit \$100 bill; the average man will never get stung by it.

Dear Miss Lillian Russell, says "the nose is an ornament." It is a sly way Miss Russell has of flattering J. Pierpont Morgan.

No one can question that Uncle Joe Cannon possesses in a high degree the vocabulary equipment for a beginner in golf.

The balloting on reciprocity looked like an early Canadian snowstorm.

## FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Concerning the construction of a freight depot by the Southern Pacific Company on the East Side, there would appear to be no difference of opinion between business men and the railroad company as to its advisability and necessity.—Peoples' Press.

Gas must be getting very high these days. Almost every night we see autos flying around, between 8 and 9 o'clock, without light of any kind—Pacific Outlook.

Sellwood to the rescue! The Bee has claimed that Sellwood is the banner place in number of babies, but recent reports from Pasadena, California, the home of millionaires and multi-millionaires, make that city a close second if not first place as to births. Sixteen births in hospitals and a dozen in private families within 48 hours. This is a birth record not to be sneezed at, and one which should induce Sellwoodites to look well to their laurels. Pasadena doctors are alarmed, fearing an overproduction, 15 of the sixteen babies born in the hospitals are girls.—Sellwood Bee.

Did you ever notice, when a man comes into a community with a flash and a flourish, and begins to butt in, in season and out, that sooner or later his wave of popularity has spent its force and he becomes just an ordinary person like the rest of us, except that his dash across the horizon usually leaves a lot of mournful creditors who can ill afford to lose their money.—Mt. Scott Bulletin.

The former editor of the Mt. Scott Herald, defunct, has been experiencing considerable difficulty lately with different furniture houses on account of action taken to replevy furniture which had not been paid for. Verily, the path of a newspaper editor is not strewn with roses.—Bulletin.

For some years, Harry Murphy's cartoons have been among the most interesting features of my big contemporary, the Oregonian; they have helped the editorial department elect friends or smash enemies, and pleasantly and good-naturedly have illustrated and illuminated the day's news. But Mr. Murphy won't make any more cartoons for the Oregonian; he resigned a few days ago. I understand that somebody on the Oregonian, who cannot tell a display "ad" from a cartoon, and who had not been receiving a great deal of deference from Harry Murphy, suggested that the paper could save a salary by cutting out the cartoon; Mr. Murphy got wind of the proposed retrenchment, and resigned.—Spectator.

## "OFFICIAL BUSINESS."

While President Taft is traveling over the country making political speeches, his press bureau in Washington is working overtime sending out copies of these speeches to the newspapers under the President's official frank. On the upper left hand corner of the envelopes in which these speeches are mailed is this inscription: "White House—Official Business. Penalty for private use, \$300."

Not only has Postmaster General Hitchcock let down the postal bars in this particular, but the White House virtually has been turned into a political headquarters. Clerks are busy sending out advance copies of speeches delivered and yet to be delivered by the President, while others see to it that the various press bureaus are supplied with all sorts of literature designed to help the President in his campaign for renomination.

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