#### The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

A GOOD THING.

It is complained that "we have too much politics;" that all this whooping and talking and explanation and charges and counter-charges has "a demoralizing effect on the people." Some whose writings we have recently noticed even think that we oughtn't to have elections so often; that it upsets the people, injures trade, encourages demagogueism, and they argue that as a nation we are going to the dogs because of the frequency of elections and political excitement. It is not to be denied that frequent elections may become fruitful sources of political evil; a man may have too much politics as he might have too much sleep, or work, or enjoyment, or anything else, good or bad, in this world. But those who claim that stagnation is the better

standpoint.

We Americans are a free people As a matter of business, apart from any sentiment, it pays to be free; we can live better, have more, be happier, act more independent, and have a better time all round by being "our own boss," than by being ruled by prince or potentate. It is for us to keep up the present system of getting along. We are doing well, but the machinery musn't get a chance to become rusty. The best way to keep this country free is to educate the voters. The most effective way to educate the voters is by political discussion. Take the present contest. There is at least \$20,000,000 spent in one way and another in this campaign. 'Tis a good round sum and sounds big. But it is money well spent. Can any way be devised better than the one now in vogue wherein that sum could be better applied to the political education of the people? As it is now there isn't a man in the Union, no matter how remote the corner in which he dwells, but has before him political history, living land" in the hands of every voter in thoughts of leading thinkers, the best and brightest ideas of the day and time. He goes to a Republican meeting and hears the speaker John party. Applications for ballets advocate his cause. If he hasn't op- are coming in from all over the state, portunity to go he reads the gist of and a package of 20,000 was sent out the speech in the newspaper. The to-day. The funds are limited, and next night a Democrat comes with the state committee have very little his side of the story. The matter is money at their disposal. St. John discussed, the chaff sifted, the grain will not visit Ohio again before the of truth discovered, the idea thought election. He held four meetings in over. That man is educated. He the state during September. goes to the polls and votes in accordance with his ideas. Whether he be right or wrong it is at least his idea and he expresses it. The matter of political education has cost money, but it is worth all it costs.

If ever danger comes to our counwill be in the clouds of uneducated impulse. There are currents in the streams of time and of national life which threaten to smother in hideous depths the fair growth of a century of National history. It is for education, the education of school, and political platform and newspaper discussion to cheek those foul streams and so guide the voter that the republic may live.

The political contest is a good thing: all these processions and cheers and political speeches are good things. They fill with fresh blood the arteries of our national life, and should stagnation come it would be more a subject for regret in place of congratulation.

Unquestionably, men are more apt to exert themselves to appear great in the eyes of the world than they are to merit the honor, through that deep and silent work which alone can properly prepare the soil from which true greatness springs, and is kept alive and vigorous. It is a most laudable ambition to be held in respectful regard by one's contemporaries, and to be held in honorable re membrance by posterity. It is, more over, an ambition in which much of even real heroism and some of the most effective efforts in the interests of humanity have had their source We would by no means decry it. On the contrary, it is because we strongly commend it, that we condemn the delusive means through which men so often aim to gratify it. Any greatness which has not its origin in worth —the result of factitious effort—is of the texture of the mushroom rather than of the oak, and is temporary and delusive. It either withers away on the withdrawal of its artificial pabulum, or ceases soon to appropriate the food on which it thrived, and dies of inanition. True worth seldom blushes unseen, or wastes its sweetness on the desert air. It will blossom under ever unpropitious skies, and needs not the artificial devices which are resorted to (frequently quite successfully, for a brief season to make its counterfeit pass current.

A New York dispatch says: Bet ting on the election is almost at a standstill. Offers of five to four an freely made that Cleveland will car ry the state, and the same is offered on Blaine on the general result.

YESTERDAY'S Oregonian gives an editorial opinion that Nevada's electoral vote will be cast for Cleveland Leading Nevada politicians write

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THERE is a beautiful story of an old elephant engaged in battle on the Plumbers Gas and Steam Fitters plains of India. He was a standardbearer, and carried on his huge back the royal ensign, the rallying point of the Poona host. At the beginning of Iron and Lead Pipe, Bath Tubs the fight he lost his master. The "mahout," or driver, had just given him the word to halt, when he received a fatal wound and fell to the ground, where he lay under a heap of the slain. The obedient elephant stood still while the battle closed around him and the standard he carried. He never stirred a foot, refusing to advance or retire as the conflict became hotter and fiercer, until the Mahrattas, seeing the standard still flying steadily in its place, refused to believe that they were being beaten, and rallied again and again around the colors. And all this while, smid the din of the battle, the patient animal stood straining its ears to catch the sound of that voice it would never hear again. At length the tide of conquest left the field deserted. The Mahrattas swept on in form of politics, reason from a wrong pursuit of the flying foe, but the elephant like a rock, stood there, with the dead and dying around and the ensign waving in its place. For three days and nights it had remained where its master had given the command to halt. No bribe or threat could move it. They then sent to a village, 100 miles away, and brought the mahout's little son. The noble hero seemed then to remember how the driver had sometimes given his authority to the little child, and im-

> quietly and slowly away. A CLEVELAND, Ohio, dispatch of the 30th ult., says: At the recent election the prohibitionists of Ohio polled 10,000 votes. They expect to poll fully twice that number at the November election. But few prohibitionests wiil vote for Blaine, but none will go over to Cleveland. The leaders of the St. John party are working quietly, and improving every opportunity. They will place a bal lot for "God, the home and native the state of Ohio. These ballots are being sent even into counties where there is no organization of the St

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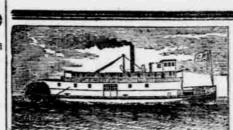
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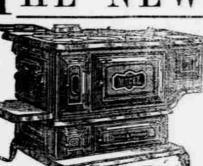
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