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ASTORIA, OREGON:

CHOOSING A PRESIDENT.

SINCE 1868 the discussion of the North American Review for February, five different writers discuss this subject of electing the national execunotice. The writers are President Barnard, of Columbia college, William Purcell, the Rochester journalist, Boger A. Pryor, the eminent attorney and Senators Dawes and

In the preparation of their respective papers it is evident that these writers traversed the same ground, but widely varying conclusions were reached. President Barnard, for instance, holds that the electoral college, "useless as it has become as a piece of machinery, is at least har mless; and an amendment that should stop with its abolit ion would do nothing to avert those grave evils and even serious dangers which, as experience has proved to us, are of unavoidable recurrence under our present system, in every closely contended presidential struggle." Among the events cited by him are the long continued agitation and excitement, and the practice of making "deals" by which a manager or "bose" accepts one candidate for the sake of aiding another.

Finally President Barnard says: "I am compelled to avow it as my most profound conviction that the only assured security for the future, possible to as against the formidable dangers that surround the question. is to be found in a return to the plan of placing the election of the president in the hands of the national legislature, which commended itself so strongly to the wisdom of the fathers." This plan he discusses at length with consummate ability.

Mr. Purcell, on the other hand, holds that "the ground upon which VALENTINES! VALENTINES! the electoral system was based having long since crumbled away, the system itself should now follow." Having shown that the conditions that existed in 1787 have changed, that the electoral college itself is and has always been an enigma to the masses of the people, and that it now simply does over again what the people have already done, he says. "The electoral college is not only without utility or value, to the end for which it was created, but it is a dangerous piece of machinery." He also points out that it is superfluous, dangerous and obviously imperfect, for no positive qualifications are required for an elector, "who may be a citizen or an In All Colors and at All Prices. alien, a man or a woman, an Indian or a Chinaman." Furthermore the elector is required to vote by ballot, "and this," he says, "is an anti-Democratic provision, which may cause a blunder and could easily be used to cover a crime."

The next paper is by Senator Dawes and takes the contrary position. He declares that a vote directly by the people for president would be full of danger. He would, how ever, have an amendment adopted, which would permit of an election by a plurality instead of an absolute majority of the electoral college.

Roger A. Pryor substantially agrees with the views set forth in Mr. Purand expedient mode of choosing a chief magistrate of the nation is by the popular vote of the nation. As an officer of a distinct and independent government, his appointment should not be contingent upon the will or action of the states"

Senator Vance, on the other hand regards the system devised by the fathers, as, on the whole, the best. He also says: "I believe it highly possible that our future may produce oceasion for the interposition of the independent powers of dispassionate electors to prevent anarchy or despotism. From the closing of a fierce presidential contest, to the time of meeting of the chosen electors, there always comes a great calm, a blessed cooling time. At such a moment reason and political issue would have opportunity to rally and do their saving work, should the republic be in danger.'

We have thus summarized the general positions taken by these distinguished writers on a question of very grave importance. I he opinions will be widely read, and from their dispassionate consideration much good to the American people may accrue in the future.

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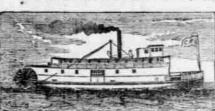
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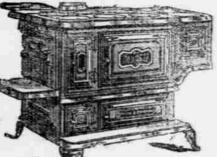
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