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JULY 10

O DEATH, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 15:55, 57.

IS WILLIAM J. BRYAN A PASSING FIGURE?

The democratic convention now in session (Wednesday evening) has proved the longest drawn out, the most sensational, and in some respects the most bitter, ever held in the United States.

For twenty-eight years he has been a dominating power in the councils of his party. It was at the convention of 28 years ago that the fire, which had burst forth into its greatest fury within him, so kindled the hearts of the delegates to the Democratic convention that he won for himself the nomination of his party.

Thursday of last week, Bryan again attempted to swing the convention to his way of thinking through his wonderful oratory and the logic of his thoughts, but he failed.

What the ultimate outcome will be with respect to the great commoner, who is acclaimed as one of the greatest of all Americans, is somewhat problematical, yet it appears that he is passing from the political stage of his nation.

BAD YEAR FOR LAWGIVING

This election year, it appears, is unpropitious for the class of initiated bills known as repeaters. The old familiar single tax, the anti-capital punishment bill and the interest regulation bill, though put in the hands of name solicitors, failed to acquire the legal number of signatures.

Those who are interested in sober use of the initiative and referendum may be able to gain some comfort from the fact that whereas some measures obtained a sufficient number of signatures, four of the six that failed were of the repeater type.

The persistent resubmission of certain measures favored by tinkers and experimenters has not been wholesome in its effect upon public regard for the principle of direct legislation.

upon him by reason of their familiarity.—Morning Oregonian.

WHICH NOVEL TO READ

With the definite object of learning what he could from such a perilous undertaking someone has just read 1,000 novels. Contrary to what might be expected from this adventure our voracious reader apparently came through the ordeal in good health.

It will make us somewhat more charitable toward what this individual has to say in the matter of current fiction if we remember that when placed side by side as they are arranged on book shelves, 1,000 novels will take up nearly 120 feet of shelf. This amount of reading matter, particularly in modern fiction, could easily prove the undoing of the best of us.

Until there is more agreement than there is today on what books are worth reading, it is rash to say, as this critic did, that only ten out of 100 books are good reading.

The democratic delegates may not be broke, but it is a safe bet that most of them are badly bent.

Some of the carnivals parading through the country under the guise of a supposed stamp of approval from some super-organization are a good deal like the would-be doctors who have been practicing under diplomas granted by diploma factories.

It might be a good idea to put McAdoo and Smith into a squared ring and let them settle the draw.

Some of the Democratic delegates who opposed the abrogation of the two-thirds rule at the beginning of the convention have doubtless experienced a change of mind.

Time heals all wounds but it will have to work wonders if it cures all political injuries sustained in the New York convention before the November election.

Dawes "Hell an' Maria" Really Is "Helen-Maria"

NEW YORK, July 3.—"Hell an' Maria," heralded by the press as the picturesque invention of the picturesque inventor of Charles E. Dawes, Republican candidate for the Vice-Presidency, turns out not to be a cuss word after all.

It is nothing more devilish, it is learned, than an innocent, abbreviated contraction of the names of two charming sisters, the former Misses Helen and Maria Buell, who were campus belles back in Marietta College, Ohio, when the General was a freshman there.

"So at last the truth about Charlie Dawes' famous phrase has come out," said the former Miss Maria Buell, now Mrs. Donald P. Hart of New York.

Chapter III. LOST RIVER; PLENTY OF FISH; ALKALI VALLEY. As stated in my last article, we camped just above Lost river gap, on the banks of this, now historic stream.

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Lost river rises in Clear lake just across the border in California and flows north into Langell valley, Oregon, where it sinks. Hence its name. Its course thence is by subterranean channel for fifteen or twenty miles in a northerly direction, where it again comes to the surface in a large cluster of springs.

LIEUT. MAUGHN IS MODEST REGARDING EPOCHAL FLIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—Modesty is the greatest characteristic of Lieutenant Russell L. Maughan, whose sensational flight across the continent between dawn and dusk definitely revealed the possibilities of the airplane.

Maughan is hardly a handsome man: He bears a striking resemblance in the stamp of his features to the rawboned backwoods type popularized during the covered-wagon days and previous to those days by such men as Lincoln.

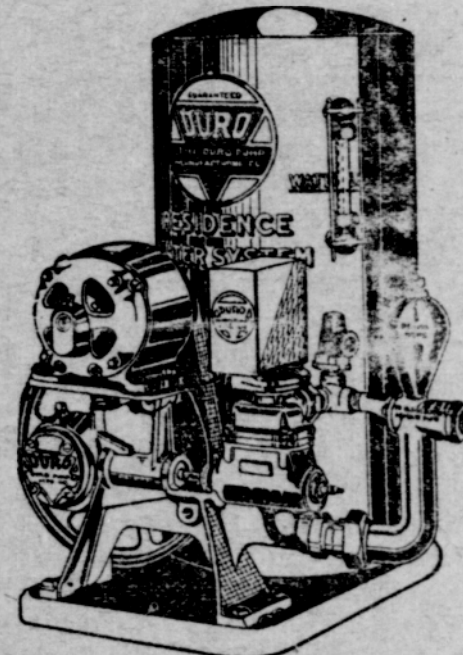
Our night passed without incident and the morning dawned beautifully. Night noises were hushed with the rising sun and breakfast and packing were soon accomplished; our horses rounded up and the days march begun.

Four or five miles from our camp we came into Alkali valley and there found more stock men already established. Uncle Billy Boberts, Ivan Applegate and the Shook Brothers had availed themselves of a beautiful tract of country. Splendid springs and an abundance of the finest meadow lands, destined to make them rich.

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BATES FOR GUARD RIFLE SHOOT ARE ANNOUNCED

SALEM, July 10.—Brigadier General White, head of the Oregon National Guard, has issued orders for the second state rifle and pistol competition since the world war to be held August 18 and continuing seven days at the Clackamas range.

The state championship for rifle and pistol will be decided as will be the best rifle team in Oregon. The 16 best shots will represent Oregon in the national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in September.

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