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The Oregonian lets out another howl in its Sunday edition, against the primary law and this time it seems it has struck the keynote when it says in effect that the primary law is but a stepping stone to the abolishment of party politics and in making this purely a government of the people. So long as we elect delegates and they elect other delegates to represent, or misrepresent us, as the case may be, just so long will we be but tools in the hands designing politicians. The Oregonian does not want the old system destroyed for it is bread and butter for it; always for sale to the highest bidder it is now making a fight against the primary law evidently at the behest of the deposed ring politicians. It is too bad that a paper otherwise reliable should be so radically opposed to the welfare of the people, especially when it has such a large circulation, but that it is so is not new to those who have been familiar with the methods of the paper during the past fifteen or twenty years. We know of but one time when that paper took up the fight of the people against the grafters and that was from purely personal reasons on the part of the editor because of the fact that the only successful opponent it has yet had in the newspaper field was championing the other side. We dare say that the Oregonian has done more harm to the republican party than any other element that has ever assailed it. The Initiative and Referendum, the Direct Primary Law, Statement No. 1 and the popular election of United States senator are without doubt republican measures in this state for the Oregonian says that the state is nominally 47,000 republican and yet these measures are an eyesore to said paper. If Harvey ever was gifted with any of the milk of human kindness it turned to clabber when he was young and his naturally warm disposition curdled it and he has been getting rid of the whey ever since coming to the head of the Oregonian.

In an editorial Sunday's Oregonian speaking of the Oro Fino gold fields displays about as much knowledge of that mining section as it does in many other cases where the interests of others are involved. From reading it one would naturally infer that Oro Fino, Florence and Elk City were in the same township, when the facts are that each is a separate and distinct mining district and many miles apart, with an entirely different grade of gold. There are yet in this country men who have mined in all of these districts and no doubt some of them live in Portland, it is therefore a matter of gross carelessness, or worse, when such misleading editorials creep

in. Had the matter been in the news columns there would have been allowance made for discrepancies, but editorials of that kind should get down to facts. Oro Fino is tributary to the North Fork of the Clearwater river while Elk City, fifty miles distant, is tributary to Middle Fork and South Fork of the same river, but Florence is tributary to Salmon river and nearly 100 miles from Oro Fino. It will be a matter of news to some of our readers who have been in that section during the early days to know that a great deal of development work is being done in all of those old "diggings".

Those sidewalks that are used considerably should be gone over now and a few nails driven into the loose boards and in some places a new one put in. There is a half block on Main street that is about as rickety as it is possible for a sidewalk to get and be at all passable. This matter should be called to the owners attention and if he doesn't fix it up at once, the city should do so and charge it to the property. Of course those that are not used a great deal can go awhile longer and when the rains come they will swell up and be good enough for another winter, next summer we won't have time to fix them, same as the Arkansaw Traveler's house.

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Reverend Clarence True Wilson throws some hot shot into the Portland council in last Sunday's sermon. He says he will invoke the recall on at least four of them if some of the organizations in the city do not before he gets back from the annual conference at Salem. It is to be hoped that he will make good his threat for the city would profit wonderfully by such a course. There's too much partisan politics in the city council for the good of the people.

The value of a thoroughly established good reputation, is hard to over estimate. In all parts of the country now when a locality wants to claim the highest possible quality for the apples it produces, it declares them equal to Hood River apples. There are some growers at Hood River who get mad every time they read one of these claims, and yet every time such a claim is published it gives Hood River apples one more free advertisement of the best possible kind. —Oregon Agriculturist.

The facts about the so-called Alaska wheat, as clearly shown

by statements from the Colorado, Washington and Oregon Agricultural Colleges are that it is not a new variety; that it is not milling wheat and is not a very heavy yielder. On the farm of Mr. Adams, of Idaho, who was said to have obtained fabulously large yields, the actual crop this year from 32 acres was 837 bushels, or 25 bushels per acre, which is quite a reduction from the alleged yield of 222 bushels per acre.

The Mustard Jar.

Oratory is merely talk with a frock coat on.

It's a poor fool that can't be worked both ways.

If at first you don't succeed, do it over; but don't overdo it. The fellow that falls in love at first sight deserves another look.

Putting up a sign "Post No Bills" won't keep them from coming through the mails.

What is the good of a cook-book when it doesn't tell us how to keep a cook.

The choir may sing "Peace on Earth," but that doesn't mean peace in the choir.

Some men were born great, some shrink, and others never find out how small they really are.

Chicken lice, like weeds, flourish in warm weather. For this reason the poultry, especially that kept in confinement, should be provided with boxes containing dust, sulphur and wood ashes, while the henhouse, nests and roosts should be given frequent applications of whitewash and coal oil and be frequently disinfected with sulphur fumes. Sickly and ailing chicks as well as dumpy and unprofitable flocks of hens are often the direct result of these louse and mite pests. During the present season we have noted localities where hundreds of chicks were killed off by them as if it were by a pestilence.

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