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In the parlance of the gambling fraternity, which it is aiding and abetting, the Oregonian has exposed its hole card in the Senatorial matter. In the first place it was a conspiracy on the part of the machine politicians to get rid of the direct primary and thus re-establish machine rule. When it was found that the people did not want Senator Fulton to represent them any longer in the Senate, then he with the other members of the machine mustered their forces and defeated a good man and clean republican in order that they might try to buy off enough members of the legislature to defeat the will of the people and thus set the tide of public opinion against any reform legislation. Without the aid of Fulton and the machine forces, Chamberlain could never have been elected. This fact is amply proven by an examination of the vote cast for Senator at the June election. Where Fulton's forces were strongest, there Chamberlain has the largest pluralities. Without the vote of Portland and Astoria, Mr. Cake would have come out ahead. A good clean man who is not a tool of the machine, cannot carry the republican vote of either of these two cities, from the fact that both are controlled by the saloon element. The floating population of those two cities, which is composed of the riffraff of creation, is sufficient to throw any ordinary election in this state. That this population is controlled by the saloon is well known to any one at all familiar with that element in the city. Are the people of this state to submit tamely to being flimflamed every two years by the criminal element? It is time we had a tax paying qualification placed against electors in this state and that qualification should be something more tangible than the tax collector's receipt, which is very easy to get on the eve of election. Would it not be well for the Oregonian to pause in its advocacy of criminal legislation and consider whether it is not pursuing a very unwise course? The time may come when the principles it is advocating now may become a boomerang and be the means of its downfall. It should take heed of the conditions that obtained not many days ago in San Francisco, when the people became aroused at the attempted assassination of Mr. Heney. The Examiner barricaded its doors in anticipation of an attack from the mob, but the mob did not materialize, largely from the fact that the assassin's bullet did not do the work it was intended it should. The Examiner has been following a course of sneering at the law and its

advocates. The Oregonian sneers and jeers at the laws made by the people and at the people themselves, but the time may come when the worm will turn. When it does, God pity the poor fools who now imagine they are made of finer clay than the common herd. The handwriting on the wall is easily interpreted to read that at no distant day a change must come or there will be an outburst of wrath on the part of the great middle class, before which constitutions and supreme courts will melt as with fervid heat. The conditions leading to this end are being largely fostered by such papers as the Oregonian, advocating disregard of the law and for the peoples wishes. The Oregonian's arguments may be, in large part, technically correct, but the people are tired of technicalities—the criminal's refuge—and want more facts with right and justice back of them.

Before another issue of the Herald we believe some action will have been taken looking to a solution of the water supply problem. That it must be met and a solution had is true and the citizens of this town should make it a part of their individual business to see that something is done before another spring. Fire protection must be had as a matter of self preservation as well as a financial investment. Monmouth as a municipality could not make a better investment, from a financial point of view, than to bond itself for a sufficient sum to put in a firstclass water and sewage system. The Herald is carrying insurance for but one-fourth its value, from the fact that the rate is almost prohibitive. We would gladly double it if the rate were reasonable, but one might as well lose by fire as to pay out all the profits of his business for insurance. However we are hopeful that a solution may be arrived at in the near future and that it will be but a short time until this city shall have one of the best water systems on the coast.

Many Languages of Mexico.

During the festa of Christmas or the week of All Souls and All Saints, when the Indians swarm down from the mountains with their holiday wares for sale, visitors in the City of Mexico may notice the strange language that the vendors use in addressing each other. Even when they turn to serve the purchaser their Spanish is neither Castilian nor Mexican, but is frequently broken by peculiar syllables and accents. This is merely an illustration of the fact that the Indian languages of old Mexico have not been entirely submerged by the conquering Spanish, and in some of the most remote districts of the republic various and distinct languages handed down from the pre-Columbian era are still spoken in their pristine purity by many tribe members.—Mexican Herald.

Easy House Moving.

House moving is an easy task among the Lakas, a tribe living near the Lagone river, in the French Kongo, Africa. This tribe, which is one of the most superb examples of the savage black race, lives in conical shaped huts constructed of plaits of tough straw. When a change in location is desired, both the women and the men put their shoulders to the task and carry the roofs of their homes to the new site, sometimes many miles distant. The circular walls of the huts are rebuilt.

Who Whips?

The clergyman's little son was telling the small son of a parishioner of the dreadful fights which he and his sister indulged in.
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"Oh, yes."
"Who whips?"
"Mamma."—Exchange.

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