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VOTE FOR SENATOR.

If the Oregon democracy will but adopt the proposal to allow the people to vote for their choice for United States senator next spring, it will be a district advantage. No logical argument may be offered to discount it. Furthermore, the principle of popular election of United States senators is held by more than one-half of the people. The masses are indeed, strenuously insisting that senators shall be elected by popular vote, and only the tenacity of those who profit by the existing plan prevents the wishes of the people from being enacted into the organic law of the land.

Although the constitutional changes may be delayed, the people have a remedy in their hands, and by voting for candidates of their choice in the primaries may accomplish their ends in spite of the obstructionary methods of those opposing the innovation. In Kentucky, the people vote for United States senators, and Oregon democrats may well inaugurate the plan here.

Incidentally, it will embarrass the republican organization, for in their present condition of savage quarreling over Simon for senator, they cannot be induced to adopt popular election as one of their campaign features.—East Oregonian.

TRADE EXPANSION.

A reasonable policy of trade expansion is what the Oregon democrats need, and is what the rank and file of the party desires. Indeed, the Coast democrats are not one whit less in favor of building up the commercial interests than the republicans, yet they are in a position of constructive opposition because of expressions by members of the party in the east. Indeed, with the majority party doing all that it can to legislate so as to hamper the development of commerce in the Pacific, it is by no means difficult for democrats to offer their policies in the face of the republican presentments. Even the powerful Portland Oregonian gives vent to rath, at the tariff policy now seeking expression through the prevailing party in congress, and voices the dissatisfaction felt by all citizens at the injustice wrought against the Pacific coast interests at Washington.

However the majority may juggle with commercial interests, the democracy need not do the same with their utterances, and liberality in treating those interests in platform promises, with genuine sincerity in the framing of conventional doctrines, will make for the upbuilding of the party in Oregon.—East Oregonian.

It is true in a sense, as Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, declares, that irrigation is no longer an experiment. That the intelligent application of water will make even the desert bloom, and that it will relieve the farmer in any situation of one great element of uncertainty in his business, are facts thoroughly demonstrated. But irrigation upon the vast scale proposed in the Newlands bill is an experiment in the sense that no man yet knows by experience the most effective and most economical ways of going at it. Every engineer has a theory, and with opportunity, no doubt, many engineers would be able to work out successful results; but nobody has ever yet done it practically. The government experts understand this, and that is why they wish to proceed upon an experimental basis rather than at first to go at the work upon a wholesale plan. It is easy for a member of congress who wants money for his district, and wants it quick, to pool-pool the cautious com-

sels of those who know more than he does about the physical problems in the path of irrigation enterprise, but he is not likely to help along the cause of irrigation by exhibitions of aggressive ignorance and selfishness.—Oregonian.

Gentle reader, don't get excited over the wild, frantic efforts of the real "yellow" newspapers, that pose as models of respectability and conservatism, to work you up to a point of frenzied indignation over the scrap a few days since between Senators Tillman and McLauren. These shocked journals invariably and repeatedly apply the adjective "disgraceful" to the incident. The word is not well chosen. Disgrace implies a great dishonor. To resent an insult is not dishonorable—and that is what Tillman did. The disgrace, if any, connected with the affair dates back to the notorious bargain and sale of federal patronage for senatorial votes to ratify the Paris treaty, which pledged this government to pay Spain \$20,000,000 for the Philippines, after we had whipped the decayed monarchy out of its boots.

You will also notice that these milk and water newspapers that pretend to consider a breach of decorum a crime, a "disgrace," aim all their venomous abuse at Tillman and overlook McLauren's alleged perfidy. That is because Tillman is a good hater, a hard fighter and delights in exposing the shame and frauds these papers always defend. The strong senator for South Carolina is not a pink tea ornament, put he stands pat and fights fair, in the open. That is his offence.

So far as this particular incident is concerned, he is no more to blame than are the intellectual giants of the past who have molded the destinies of this republic. Benton had his encounters on the floor of the senate with both Clay and Foote; Coaklin with Lamar and Jordan, Voorhees with Ingall. In the house there have been scores of equally reprehensible encounters, of mouths and fists, and no odium attaches to the names of the participants, many of whose memories are honored by the American people.—Sumpter Miner.

A special from Ontario to the Statesman says: Parties are arranging to put of a small line of little boats between Huntington and Caldwell on the Snake river. The movement was started here today. The traffic will be furnished by merchants who have freight that can be moved at leisure, the wool, hides and other freight which naturally gathers along the banks of the Snake, the early melons that can be raised in some of the warm coves a few miles above Ontario and which are now not accessible and the business incidental to the spring opening of the Big Bend country.

Something new in the field of politics was reported yesterday that pressure was being brought to bear on Mr. Harry S. New, of Indianapolis, to accept the position of First Assistant Postmaster-General, which he did not wish to accept. In at least 99 cases out of 100 the pressure comes from an expended in the opposite direction.—Telegram

A train wreck on the Southern Pacific near Sanderson, Tex., the other day, resulted in the deaths of 15 people and injuries to 28 more. The train was west bound and most of the victims, aside from the crew, were immigrants going to California. The wreck caught fire, and many of the passengers, pinned down in the broken coaches, were cremated. A broken rail caused the disaster.

If the Alaska boundary dispute is arbitrated, how are the fire-eating members of the Canadian parliament going to invade Washington?—E.

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