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The Oregonian in a recent issue, said: "It is probable the legislature may consider the propriety of confining registration to incorporated towns and cities. In the country where everybody knows everybody, there can be little illegal voting."

A cotemporary takes up the proposition and says to abolish the registration law or to make it inoperative in any part of the state would be a step backward. It would open the way to illegal voting and invite repeating. If only voters in incorporated towns and cities were required to register there would be little safeguard against the registered voter of the city after having voted in the place where he was registered, going into the rural precincts and voting as often as he desired. Of course, the honest voter would not do this, neither would he attempt to vote without he had a right to whether registered or not. But it is not the honest voter that the registration or other election laws are intended to guard against. It is the dishonest voter, the one who casts a ballot for a consideration. To give him any more latitude than is now extended would be dangerous. Instead of modifying the law so as to invite frauds, the legislature would better make the requirements more stringent so as to more effectually prevent frauds.

Portland is to have a large packing house to be erected and operated by the stockmen who are organized to fight the beef trust with the end in view of getting actual value for their cattle. This is a move that means much to the producers of the country, and their future will depend greatly upon the success of the independent packing company. The Dalles Times-Mountaineer comes to the logical conclusion that aside from this good result, a large packing establishment in Portland means much to the entire northwest. It is the creation of an industry that has long been needed. It will furnish a ready market for the meats raised on the coast, and will do away with the shipping of live stock to Chicago or Kansas City to have it butchered and sent back to us as cured meats, by which process the producers and consumers pay freight two ways half way across the continent.

In the opinion of one of our exchanges one of the unexplainable things about the recent election was the vote on the amendment to the constitution authorizing the legislature to fix the salary of the state printer. This was one of the most important things to be determined by the people of the state, yet out of the 98,608 who voted for supreme judge, only 59,365 voted for or against the amendment. It was a measure which had it carried would have saved the taxpayers about \$20,000 a year, but voters as a rule gave it no consideration, and for some unaccountable reason 14,031 voted against it. The result shows that they were giving more attention to the personal interests of office seekers than to their own welfare.

The man who used to explain how impossible it was to run water for any distance through a ditch in this sand now sits on the ditch bank 15 miles from the headgate, with the water flowing past at the rate of 15 or 20 cubic feet per second, and tries to explain his explanation. Some men never will admit they were mistaken. Oregon Irrigator.

The Massachusetts prohibitionists, at their state convention, made a departure from custom when they placed a woman on their state ticket by nominating Mrs. Fannie J. Clary of Wil-

liamsburg for secretary of state. Dr. Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton was named for governor. The nomination of Mrs. Clary was made after the only contest of the convention.

Young John D. recently said to his bible class: "A man who is proud and puffed up is sure to fall." True. And a man who climbs too high on a slender pole is likely to break it off and run it in to himself.

A Milwaukee cotemporary says that "the man with a small income is passing through a trying time." The trouble is that so many never get through, but get stuck.

"In these days," said Prof. Burleigh, "too many society women bring up a child in the way the nurse girl says it shall go—when they bring them up at all."

The eighteen miles between Nanshan hill and Port Arthur is generally recognized as the longest eighteen miles in all Asia.

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