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In Goodwin's Weekly, of Salt Lake City, is found the following: "Special attention has been called to Oregon during the past year because of her Lewis and Clark exposition. Though almost within the sound of the waves of the Pacific breaking upon her coast, the exposition was an immense success, and thousands of people have now a clear idea of Oregon who but a few years ago could not have bounded the state to save their lives. And all their impressions are happy ones, for in stately timber, rich valleys, glorified rivers and scenery that is a perpetual delight, no state exceeds Oregon. No people are more prosperous than they; no people more country-loving. Oregon is one of the great states of the union in all the attributes that make a state great."

The Pendleton Tribune has published everything about C. A. Johns, the Baker City gubernatorial aspirant, with one exception. And that is his picture. The Oregonian has the "Trib." skinned a city block, for it has printed C. A.'s picture, and they do say that C. A. is satisfied to let it go as it is. "Big fish swallowing the little ones," you know. But then, Johns is in the race for a while at least.

Men may come and men may go but the Light Brigade keeps right on charging into the jaws of hades. Mary and her lamb have gone into innocuous desuetude. Old things are happily passing away. The boy doesn't any more stand on the burning deck, humming "Everybody works but father."

Senator La Follette was escorted to the speaker's stand by Senator Spooner, amid profound but silent enthusiasm. These men have long been personal enemies, but the civilizing amenities of the senate require such outward evidence of respect for good will as to suppress all bitterness. Thus the statesman led the fire-brand to the swearing in altar. It was a spectacular and edifying scene even though it didn't last long.

That German lieutenant who tried to break into the Busche family and fortune by eloping with the millionaire brewer's daughter must have concluded that a bird in the hand was worth two in the bush.

Walter Wellman has been ordered by the Chicago Record-Herald to build an airship and go find the un-

findable north pole. Walter is just the chap to send out on a perilous trip of that kind. Here's hoping he may succeed in his glorious enterprise. It will immortalize the Record-Herald if Wellman accomplishes this wonderful undertaking.

Humorist H. Rogers may have his little joke at the expense of Missouri in his little way, but when he gets down into big Missouri, he will have to show 'em. Then, too, Missourians don't deal in copper, and Mr. Rogers will have no opportunity of catching them short.

A battleship aground in New York Harbor? The Portland Oregonian always said New York was a schooner port. The only real harbor in the world is Puget Sound, where no vessel ever got to the bottom, for the reason that there is no bottom.

Boss Odell was gloriously defeated in the speakership contest in the New York legislature. One by one the bosses fall. One by one others take their places. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

UNMUZZLED PULPIT AGAIN.

(Oregonian.)

While the question of an unmuzzled pulpit is claiming attention of the public, it may well cast its glance in the direction of a modest church building that stands upon the corner of East Fifteenth and Morrison streets and harken to the sounds that issue from thence. The pulpit of this church is occupied—nay, more, it is "filled"—by Rev. H. C. Shaffer. A few weeks ago this minister proved his quality for boldness in speaking the truth as he saw it by requiring a total abstinence pledge from those who sought admission to his church. Opinions differ, of course, as to the necessity or expediency of such a test for church membership; but there is but one opinion in regard to the courage of the preacher in requiring it.

Now comes the same man, with Christian defence that borders on meekness, but with words that cannot be misunderstood, proclaiming that the "revival" meetings that were conducted in this city with such apparent fervor and earnestness a year ago were ruled by political caucus methods. Selfishness, he affirmed, triumphed in the management of the meetings, the advertising was immense, and, considering the spiritual power on hand, was greatly overdone; slates were in evidence in the assignments; pastors sat on the platform like a row of Egyptian mummies and prayed in turn; and the holy spirit was not given the right of way.

This fairly out-Hubbards Elbert Hubbard for plain speaking, while it is pervaded by a much more reverent spirit than that which is possessed by the renowned Roycrofters. Whatever else may be thought of the effort or "open letter" to Dr. Chapman, prince of machine revivalists in the United States, which was the form that Dr. Shaffer's presentment took, no one can doubt the courage or sincerity of the pastor of the United Brethren Church or the fact that this pulpit is an unmuzzled one.

PASSING OF THE "OREGON."

Scientific American.

And now it is the "Oregon" that has to go the way of all battleships, and pass from the first to the second line of defense, to the duty in home waters. This announcement will occasion not a little sentimental regret among the American people, who will ever bear in mind the long voyage of this battleship from the Pacific coast to Cuba, and the brilliant part which she played in the chase of the Spanish squadron on its flight from Santiago harbor. It seems but a few years ago that the ships of this class

("Oregon," "Indiana," and "Massachusetts") were heralded as the most powerfully armed and armored battleships afloat. The claim was well made; for not even the big British ships of that day could match the combination of four 13 inch and eight 18-inch guns and 18-inch face-hardened armor found in the "Oregon" class. Yet these vessels possessed inherent defects as naval design and construction advanced, which were bound to tell against them. Chief among these was the fact that this displacement of something over 10,000 tons was altogether too small to effectively carry such a powerful aggregation of offensive and defensive elements. For in order to float such guns and armor at all, it was necessary to keep down speed, coal supply, and the supply of ammunition, to a point which was bound ultimately to render these ships unable to remain in our first line of defense. The trend of later battleship design is in the direction of giving a ship high freeboard, large displacement, and a generous supply of ammunition and coal, and the increased displacement of about sixty per cent of such a vessel as the battleship "Connecticut" over the "Oregon" has been given mainly to these features. The main battery of the "Connecticut" in numbers and weight is no greater than that of the "Oregon," consisting of four 12's and eight 8's as against four 13's and eight 8's. In the secondary battery there is an increase from four 6 inch to twelve 7-inch guns. The vastly great power of the broadside is mainly due to the great increase in velocity, range, rapidity of fire, and energy of the gun. The length of the ships has gone up from 348 to 450 feet; the breadth from 69 1-3 to 76 2-3 feet, while the depth, on the other hand, has been reduced from 25 to 26 1-4 feet, a most important advantage for the latter ships. Displacement has increased from 10,288 tons to 16,000 tons, and the speed has risen from 16 to 18 knots. The normal coal supply has risen from 400 tons to 2,000; and although the "Oregon" is credited with a bunker capacity of 1,450 tons as against 2,200 tons for the "Connecticut," she cannot take on that amount without practically submerging the whole of her water line armor. In the second line of defense, however, for service in home waters, the "Oregon" still has a useful life of many years' service before her, and in the naval annals of the country she is destined to be placed high on the roll of honor.

RESCUE FROM ODELLISM.

(New York Sun.)

Better by all means not to celebrate until the day is won; but it is always in order to take account of position. Sometimes there is no indiscretion in awarding a few medals on the field itself. In a spirit of hopefulness not less than gratitude, it is proper to mention the eminent services recently rendered to the cause of honest politics in this state by the following interferences—and beautiful interference it has been: Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, otherwise known as the president of all the people of all the states. Elihu Root, of New York, whose length of vision enables him unerringly to distinguish a henhawk from an eagle. George Bruce Cortelyou, of New York, who is awake most hours of the 24 and rarely talks in his sleep, but has no reason for apprehension when that does occur. Frank Walandy Higgins, of New York, governor and grower. It will be observed that the governor is in good company, politically and morally speaking. Indeed, it is probable that politically and morally speaking he was never before in company so good.

BUILDING A COLLEGE.

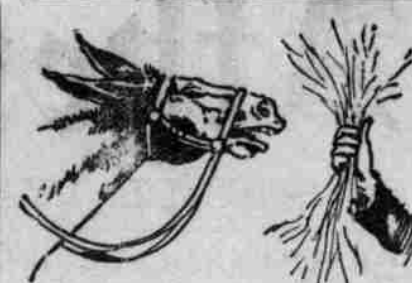
New York Evening Post.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—University of Chicago athletic authorities made one of the richest hauls of prize athletes in the history of Western athletics yesterday, with the opening of the Winter quarter. Seven of the most talented men in this section of the country registered their names as students of the university. The new acquisitions are Prince, formerly captain of the Shattuck Military Academy, who weighs 210 pounds and who is declared to be a combination of a Slaker and a Bezdek; Taylor, who weighs 200 pounds, formerly a star all-round athlete at Des Moines, and is a fullback strongly heralded; Madigan, the 203 pound guard and all-round athlete from Englewood High School; Moody, a star baseball, football and track man from the University of Maine; Dickinson, a pitcher from Tufts; Cramstock, a half-miler from Princeton, formerly a star at Hyde Park High School, and Rudolph, a pole vaulter from Crown Point, and an interscholastic champion.

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