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There is cause for general congratulation that the bill to free denaturalized alcohol from the revenue tax has been favorably reported by the ways and means committee in the house of representatives. Presumably it will pass the house, but the question is will it pass the senate? The Standard Oil company does not control the manufacture of alcohol. It does control kerosene and gasoline and if denaturalized alcohol is freed from tax it will very materially interfere with the kerosene and gasoline business. The Standard Oil company has some very influential and close friends in the senate who are very kind in the matter of taking care of corporations and corporate interests. The bill is in the interest of the people. That much is certain and perhaps therein it differs from the United States senate. The vote on the measure in that body will be closely scrutinized to discover the men who respond to that influence.

Again it is announced that Edison's storage battery has been perfected and will be put on the market at once. This battery is expected to revolutionize the automobile business in establishing machines to travel long distances by the use of electrical power, whereas now they can run only about 25 miles without requiring to be recharged. That Edison will eventually succeed in developing a battery of high power and light weight need not be doubted, but his success has been so many times reported that the public will prefer to witness its performance ere it applauds the "wizard's" achievement.

No one can pick the winning day of a hall team. There are too many elements of chance to be contended with in national sport for any one to call the turn on the winning team. Sunday's game at Walla Walla is an instance of this fact. There was not a person who went from here but was sure that with Butler in the box the Yellow Kids would have a walkover and win. Butler was not in form, the Kids lost the game they expected to win and gloom, thick and dark, settled over Athena fandom.

In a coal strike are involved the operators, the strikers and the consumers, dragged in against their will. The operators say there is no reason for a raise in the price of coal, but they are mistaken. There are too many who "need the money."

Primary day, April 20, has been declared a legal holiday, so that the elector may devote his entire time to the consideration of the qualifications of the candidate multitude.

## JAPANESE IMMIGRATION.

Portland Journal.  
In the interest of American labor and our social system, should not some restriction be placed on Japanese immigration? The Japanese are good people, worthy of great commendation; but is it wise to allow hundreds of thousands and millions of them to flock to this coast, as they will within the next few years under present laws?  
Japan is a tremendously overcrowded country. It has 45,000,000 people in 145,000 square miles of territory. They are thrifty breeders, and millions of them must get out. Should we let them in? The Japanese subsist on a very few cents a day—have to. Do our people want them in great numbers for active, immediate competitors?

According to the report of the Japanese commissioners to the exposition in St. Louis, the following are prevailing wages in Japan, reduced to American money:  
Farm laborers, average, 16 cents per day.  
Laborers in silk culture, average, 16 1-2 cents per day.  
Operatives for reeling silk, average, 10 cents per day.  
Farm laborers by the year, male, \$16.  
Farm laborers by the year, female, \$8.50  
Metal miners, average, 13 1-2 cents per day.  
Coal miners, average, 12 cents per day.  
Timbermen, average, 8 1-2 cents per day.  
Smelters, average, 10 cents per day.  
Factory employes, male, 15 cents per day.  
Factory employes, female, 10 cents per day.  
Tobacco factory employes, female, 10 cents per day; male, 22 1-2 per day.  
Machine shops, 2 1-2 cents per day.  
Carpenters and plasterers, 29 cents per day.  
Stone masons, 33 cents per day.  
Shoemakers, 25 cents per day.  
Tailors, Japanese clothes, 23 cents per day.  
Tailors, foreign clothes, 25 cents per day.  
Skilled artisans, 50 cents per day.  
These laborers live on rice and fish. When they come over here they live a little better, but they are still, if coming in great numbers, as they will if not restrained, becoming dangerous competitors of the American workingman, who cannot live and work on any such diet and wages.

## MUCH OF NAVY ASHORE.

Cleveland Leader.  
"Not enough officers" has of late been the constant complaint of the navy department. So much is the want felt that it had a great influence in the naval academy hazing investigations. High officials in dealing with the result of severity in dealing with the cadets. Congress has been appealed to for relief. But Congressman Loudenlager, of the house naval committee, has injected a new idea into the discussion. He takes the ground that too many commissioned officers are kept on shore duty at tasks which civilians could perform fully as well as they. He asked for a list of officers on shore duty, and was shown 14 solidly printed pages of the naval register, containing their names. There are 165 officers on duty in the naval department in Washington alone, and 138 in the New York navy yard. This affords some idea of the diverse duties that are performed by officers on shore. Mr. Loudenlager's proposal is that all of these not required for technical work be released for sea duty and their places filled by civilians. He already has a bill pending to bring about a reorganization for this purpose. The suggestion, to laudman, seems exceedingly sensible and to promise the relief of the department needs. Naval methods, when they are of long standing, seem to acquire a sanctity. That does not necessarily mean that they are the best. The officers would not lose dignity or prestige by turning routine work they have been doing for years over to civilians. The service apparently would be the gainer by the change, and it could be made quickly.

## HIGH CRIME.

Andrew D. White, ex-president of the Cornell University, ex-ambassador to Germany—scholar, publicist, humanitarian—said wholesome words to the Cornell students a few weeks ago on the problem of "High Crime in the United States." The basis of his address was the fact that more murders are committed every year in the United States than in any other country.  
"It is said society has no right to put murderers to death. In my opinion society must fall back on the law of self-preservation. It should cut through and make war, in my opinion, for its life. Life imprisonment is not possible, because there is no life imprisonment."  
"In the next year 9,000 people will be murdered. As I stand here today I tell you that 9,000 are doomed to death with all the cruelty of the human heart, and with no regard for home and families, and two-thirds will be due to the maudlin sentiment sometimes called mercy."  
"I have no sympathy for the criminal. My sympathy is for those who will be murdered, for their families and for their children."  
"This sham humanitarianism has become a stench. The cry now is for righteousness. The past generation has abolished human slavery. It is for the present to deal with the problems of the future and among them this problem of crime. Young men, like Jerome, like Folk and Hughes, resolve never to be servants of criminals, but to do your best to punish crime as it should be punished."

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**For Representative.**  
To the republicans of Umatilla county: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate before the republican primaries for nomination as member of the legislature from Umatilla county, and I respectfully ask the support of all members of the party.  
Athena, Ore., March 14, 1906.  
C. A. Barrett.

## Candidate for Treasurer.

To the voters of Umatilla county: I hereby announce myself as a republican candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to decision of the primary election. Respectfully,  
G. W. Bradley,  
Athena, Oregon.

## For Representative.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of representative from this county, at the primary election to be held April 20th, subject to the will of the party. C. W. Steen, Milton, Ore.

## F. H. Shoemaker for Recorder.

To the voters of Umatilla county: I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of recorder, subject to the will of the voters in the direct primary election.  
Fred H. Shoemaker.  
Pendleton.

## For Sheriff.

To the voters of Umatilla county: I hereby announce myself as a republican candidate for the office of sheriff, subject to the wish of the voters in the direct primary election.  
E. J. Sommerville.

## For Sheriff.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the democratic nomination for sheriff of Umatilla county subject to the will of the voters at the direct primary election April 20.  
T. D. Taylor.

## For State Senator.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for state senator from Umatilla county, subject to the pleasure of the suffragists.  
Geo. W. Proebstel.

## For State Senator.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the state senate, subject to the votes of republicans under the direct primary law.  
T. J. Kirk.

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