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It may be realized by purchasers of diamond tiaras and the like that styles in setting change almost as frequently as in a woman's hat and every other year at least must see the precious diamen rebuilt. This adds to original cost, for no self-respecting jeweler changes the setting of a costly piece of jewelry without adding a few stones to the first amount, thereby increasing its value. Of course famous crowns, with association attached, that have recently come into the possession of very rich Americans remain as first designed, for even an American shows some sentiment when it costs him a fortune to indulge in rich historic jewels, but otherwise diamond and pearl and emerald tiaras are constantly made over.

Russia is stealthy and tireless. Even while its armies were being defeated in Manchuria and its throne was shaken by revolt, it was secretly fastening a firmer grip on the Chinese empire. The fact that Russia has a line of military posts across the northern part of the Chinese empire has been kept a secret from the world. It was revealed by an indiscreet publication in a Russian provincial newspaper. Russia's purpose, beyond the satisfaction of its old lust for dominion, cannot be determined. Whatever it is the powers interested in maintaining China's territorial integrity are directly affected.

Just why Fred Mulkey desired the election of United States Senator for a term not exceeding 90 days is not apparent, unless for advertising pur poses. It might help his legal practice to be reocgnized as Ex-Senator and he may have some hopes for the future. Ex-Senator Tabor of Colorado paid more than \$100,000 for a sixty-day term and it cost McCounell of Idaho all his fortune for a term of equal duration. Besides the empty honor Mulkey's victory seems most barren except that a man sceing for divorce might gain some prestige by employing a United States Senator.

court as witnesses against accused parties. Such impressions then gained might never leave a child's mind and general public policy seems to be against the practice.

The victory of Will S. Dunniway is overwhelming for State printer as he has carried nearly every precinct in the State. This may be considered as stern rebuke to the "grafts" in the office. However it will be remember-

ed that Mr. Dunniway's pledges for future reform are vague. Mr. Scott is the only candidate who is pledged to direct and simple honesty.

Pres. Aitkin of the Oregon Commercial Company and of the Huntington Bank, should have known that the Portland bankers never would consent to allow the \$1,000,000 of Oregon's surplus to be deposited anywhere but in Portland. It becomes necessary ouce in a while to trim down these outside bankers and Mr. Aitkin "got

his. "

The best man at a wedding is sometimes hard to pick out-of course the bride may consider him the bridegroom, but the maid of honor would speak for the handsome usher, and the bride's mother for the rich uncle who gave the handsome gift, and the bride's little brother for the caterer, so there you are.

A big snapping turtle bearing upon its back the initials of Daniel Webster was caught in Buzzard's Bay a few days ago. This will no doubt be encouraging to people who seek to win fame by whittling their initials on everything that comes handy for such a purpose.

By the way, what did Gorky do with his wife and children before he left Russia? Before the hysterical people of this country go crazy over him, they had better tind out whether the lady accompanying him is his wife or only an "understudy."

GEARIN ITS LOGICAL CHOICE.

(Portland Journal) It is an appalling picture which the

Oregonian draws of the perils which would threaten the nation in the event that John M. Gearin should be returned to Washington for six years more as senator from Oregon. "The Demo-

there is not some law to abolish, and special interests to receive such special that is in bringing little children into, favor and protection. The situation at San Francisco strips the pretense from the system. Why should 'protective' duties be suspended at San Francisco? Because the situation there shows and proves that the system is oppressive. But it, is not the earthquake and fire that makes it oppressive. It is oppressive through its own nature and operation. The system en-ables one sort, class, set or description of citizen to make profits out of others. Hence our enormous and ever increasing purse-proud aristocracy. Let the foreign materials, then into San Francisco free. Such a lesson it would be against the trust combination in our country, under cover of protection, which piles up fortunes for individuals and increases year by year the crop of millionaires and plutocrats."

Holding these views, the one logical course for the Oregonian is to support John M. Gearin for United States senator. Every one knows that if Senator Gearin had it in his power to "decide the fate of the Republican policy" of a high protective tarifl, he would do his utmost, by his vote and his influence to overthrow it.

PRINTER'S INK DID IT

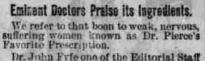
Weston Leader. The result of a skilful and exten-

sive advertising are seen in the victory of Jonathan Bourne. It must be due to advertising since Jonathan has but little to recommend him to the discerning voter. His record is that of a political juggler and corruptionist. He has bought votes and bribed legislators. These facts are not denied. They are excused on the ground that such methods were tormerly essential in Oregon politics. The repentant sinner will be a saint hereafter, the leopard spotless, we have been told by apologists.

Bourne is a sagacious "trimmer." When the free silver craze seized Ore gon he was for free silver-the loudest, frothiest spouter of them all. Now that "Statement No. 1" is regarded as the sole road to the nation's salvation, with Oregon to point the way, he has spent thousands of dollars in proclaiming himself as the champion of this doctrine. He has made himself solid with the proletariat by arts known to the demagogne. Cake represents the conservative element in the republican party and Bourne the extremist -verging almost into socialism.

No Oregon Legislature would have elected Bourne to the United States Senate. He could not have wheedled or bought his seat at Salem. Yet he is or will be the "choice of the people," since in all likelihood he will beat John M. Gearin in June. Mr. Gearin is a better, abler, stronger man, and a credit to the state in Congress, but will have to win over too many republican votes to defeat Bonrne, whose boom is by no means a bubble, from all appearances.

Printer's ink has accomplished wonders. Whether it has power to make cratic senator may at any time have a statesman of a mountebank, remains it within his power to decide absolute. to be seen. We hope so, for the sake of Oregon's good name, but doubt its efficacy. Printer's ink cannot make a valuable specific of whiskey and opium or an allwool garment of a piece of shoddy.





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The scientist who have discovered that you can't discover the soul with a microscope, is informed that neither can you discover mind, speech nor love that way. Still he keeps on using microscopes.

Whatever view may be held of divorce, there is one feature of divorce

ly the fate of any given Republican party and thus himself defeat the whole purpose for which the Republican party is maintained" is the gloomy prediction of the Oregonian this morning, and it proceeds with a disquisi tion on the "grave consequences of electing a Democratic senator and a Democratic governor at a time when issues of profound moment are to be decided by the nation."

The greatest issue now before the na-tion, is the tariff. The Republican party is the exponent of the theory of high tariff, while one of the fundamental principles of the Democartic party is tariff. for the revenue only. Senator Gearin stands with his party in earnestly advocating a reduction of the oppressive duties under which the nation groans.

Only three days ago, in an editorial discussing the proposal to remit all duties on building materials destined for San Francisco, the Oregonian made these statements: "The highest interests of all demaud aud' require trials which is repulsive to all people that nobody should receive the special of good feeling which it is a pity favor of 'protection' of government

For Sale.-A second hand stove, almost as good as new; large oven, six covers, nice reservoir. Apply at this

For Sale.

The desirable piece of real estate on Main street known as the Carden property is now offered for sale. For price, apply to Charles Norris, Athena, Oregon.

