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By the vote of 237 to 39 in the house of representatives, Congress completed the preliminaries for submitting to the States for adoption an amendment to the Federal constitution providing for the election of the Federal senate by the people instead of the legislatures of the several states. Federal supervision of the senatorial elections is provided for. As adopted by both houses the amendatory resolution reads as follows:

"That in the lieu of the first paragraph of Section 3 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States, and in lieu of so much of paragraph 2 of the same Section as relates to the filling of vacancies the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States: The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislature. When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate the Executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies, provided that the legislature of any State may empower the Executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct. This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution."

Mr. A. M. Johnson is pleased to learn that the Umatilla County Pioneers Association of Weston has taken steps to organize the Sons and Daughters of Pioneers into an association to hereafter affiliate with the parent organization. Mr. Johnson is proposing the organization did so without knowledge of anything having been done at Weston, and he is as much interested in the welfare of the new Pioneers' auxiliary, now that its organization is an assured fact, as though he held the honor of organizing it personally. That the home of the Sons and Daughters of Umatilla County Pioneers belongs to Weston no one will question, in view of the fact that the parent organization is established there, and there is no question of doubt that Mr. Johnson and other sons and daughters of pioneers residing in this vicinity will be as pleased to meet at Weston once a year as they would at any other place in the county. Mr. Johnson's interest was manifested zealously in an unselfish cause. The Weston Leader takes up the matter and says: "The movement toward organizing a society of the sons and daughters of pioneers was inaugurated a year ago by J. M. O'Hara, then president-elect and retiring secretary of the pioneers' association. At the recent reunion he brought the movement to a head, and preliminary organization of the auxiliary was effected. There was never any thought then or now of having the headquarters of the new society at any other point than Weston, the home of the parent association for twenty years. The Leader is charitable enough to believe that the Athena people who are promoting a similar society are doing so in ignorance of what has already been accomplished. If so, they will now co-operate cheerfully in the only movement which has official sanction. The home of the Sons and Daughters of Umatilla County Pioneers belongs at Weston. Not otherwise may parent and offspring work together in full sympathy and understanding. It is a matter above and beyond conflicting community interests—it is local here."

Dealers in firecrackers, rockets, toy pistols and other dangerous things complained last year that they had made contracts and were forced to face losses by the official and popular demand for a "safe and sane Fourth." If this year they failed to be guided by what happened in 1911 and by action already taken to keep down the 1912 list of slain and maimed they have only themselves to blame. The suggestion that New York city provide millions of lights and let them

shine in celebration of the signing of the Declaration has caused municipalities in all parts of the country to decide to "blaze forth gloriously" in commemoration of the birth of the republic. Predictions have been made that before many years pass the explosives that cause sudden death, make cripples, wreck nerves and are responsible for heavy fire losses will be in evidence only in glass cases in museums with other relics of an unenlightened past.

When President Taft compelled the people of Arizona to strike the judicial Recall out of their proposed Constitution as a condition to their admission to statehood, he set them a thinking farther. The result is that the Arizona legislature has not only placed before the people of their State a proposal to re-insert the judicial Recall for State judges but has enacted an Advisory Recall for Federal judges. The latter is unique. Yet the people of other states may find it worth adopting as a check upon the Presidential creation of judicial gymnasts like Judge Hanford.

The new homestead law which President Taft signed last week, was passed by congress on the theory that it would operate to check the exodus of Americans to the Canadian northwest. It permits entrymen on public lands to prove their claims at the end of three instead of five years, allowing five months' absence from a claim each year, and reducing the acreage to be cultivated on large claims from 80 to 40 acres.

The Stars and Stripes will glisten at the Swedish capital, in the Olympic games. American prestige and American fame will rise as the international contests for the glory of athletic supremacy go on.

STRANGE CASE OF ALAN EDMINTON

Murder Mystery That Was Solved In a Roundabout Way.

In 189— I became interested in reading newspaper reports of the Edminton-Blake murder case. Alan Edminton and Edna Blake were lovers. Mr. Blake, Edna's father, opposed the marriage. One night he was murdered in the vestibule of his residence. His daughter was out and returned a few minutes after the murder must have been committed. Neither she nor Edminton could account for where they had been during the evening. A singular feature was that they did not try to establish an alibi. They simply let the matter go by default. There was no circumstantial evidence against Miss Blake, and the only circumstantial evidence against Edminton was Mr. Blake's opposition to his marriage with Edna, taken in connection with Edminton's inability to account for his whereabouts at the time of the murder. Edminton was convicted, but owing to the weakness of the testimony against him was let off with twenty years' imprisonment.

One morning about ten years later my friend Carl Strelitz came into my office, evidently with something of importance on his mind. He said: "I have just come in from yachting and wish to consult you about a matter of importance that has fallen into my hands. We were cruising off Newport. I was sitting on deck smoking when I saw a bottle in the water. I fished it out and, drawing the cork, took out this paper." He handed it to me, and I read:

Ship Albatross,
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RALPH HARDING.
"I don't like being mixed up in such affairs," said Strelitz. "What would you do?"

"Go and see what it means, of course. I will go with you if you like." The offer was accepted, and we went to the place designated. We found a building of questionable character—saloon below and furnished rooms above. We acquainted the owner with our mission, and with his consent, taking a carpenter, we went to the room described and lifted several boards in the center of the floor. Between two joists we found a bundle wrapped in brown paper.

What it contained filled me with surprise and a satisfaction I have never felt before or since. Calling a carriage, Strelitz and I took the bundle to the chief of police. Then, hunting in the directory for the address of Miss Edna Blake, we drove to her house. We found a young woman of thirty who looked nearer forty. I gave her the facts concerning the bottle and the finding of the bundle. Then I said to her:

"Miss Blake, Mr. Edminton is innocent of the murder of your father."

"I know it."
"By papers found today it appears that one Jorbert, alias 'Slippery Jim,' followed your father into the vestibule of his house, killed him and took from his pocket \$10,000 in United States bonds. Not daring to dispose of them, he hid them under the floor, and, being shot to death while housebreaking, before dying he communicated his secret to his pal, Harding. The papers and the bonds are in the hands of the police, but they belong to you."

Miss Blake uttered never a word, but, going to a sofa, buried her face in a pillow. When she became composed she entered the carriage with us, and we drove to the depot and in a few hours were at the prison where Edminton was confined. I had resolved at the time of this

man's incarceration never again to become interested in a murder case. Now that I witnessed the announcement of Edna Blake to him that the true murderer was known, they were vindicated and he would soon be a free man I felt that there may be a bright side even to a murder case.

Soon after Edminton's release Strelitz and I were invited to witness a quiet marriage between him and Miss Blake. Indeed, we were the only guests present, for those who had been near to them had thrown them both over upon Edminton's conviction.

After the ceremony Edminton said to me: "You gentlemen have been the instruments through whom we have been saved from further suffering, and to you, and you alone, I will confide the secret of where we were on the night of the murder. We were then ten years younger than now and more imprudent. We went to a hotel to be married. I went out to find a minister and had poor success. When I returned Edna persuaded me to defer the matter. I took her home and left her at the lowest step of the door of her house."

"When I was arrested for the murder it at once occurred to me that to prove an alibi I should have to acknowledge that Edna and I had been to a hotel together. No one would have believed that we had gone there for an innocent purpose. Edna's good name would have been ruined. She begged me to confess to our whereabouts, but I resolutely declined."

"He preferred imprisonment," said his wife. The gratitude, the reverence expressed in her eyes was worth the sacrifice.

There is very little influence where there is not great sympathy.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

—OF THE—

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No. 4516.

—AT—

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—AT THE—

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$345,861.15
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	3,668.71
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Rents, securities, etc.	2,022.50
Banking-house furniture, fixtures	10,000.00
Due from Nat. Banks, not reserve agents	3,728.92
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks	223.68
Due from approved reserve agents, Checks and other cash items	90,633.76
Notes of other National Banks	455.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	148.87
Specie	12,845.10
Red'm'n fund with U. S. Treasurer	625.00
(% per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$500,912.78

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$20,000.00
Surplus fund	60,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,571.70
National bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	1,236.88
Individual deposits subject to check	223,978.79
Demand certificates of deposit	109,633.32
Certified checks	100.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	5.00
Total	\$500,912.78

State of Oregon,
County of Umatilla, ss
I, F. S. LeGrow, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
F. S. LeGrow, Cashier.

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