

Purifying Elections.

There is in one direction in which it would seem that Congress is doing good work. That is in the purifying of elections. The Senate has reported favorably the resolution making it a crime for corporations to contribute to election funds. Now of course the contribution of any amount to an election fund by anybody is wrong in principle and ought to be suppressed. But if nobody had any election fund, then the man with the biggest bank account would be able to go on the hustings and make the biggest show and get his ideas the better put before the people. So people who have a personal or an ethical interest in a candidate contribute to help him in his campaign. Then the other side, seeing that there is money being spent, starts out to collect money for its candidate and it ends in the party in power, which naturally has the whip hand, landing more contributions than the other side and presumably continuing its candidate in office. But the anti-contribution bill just reported is designed to change this. It prohibits national banks, corporations, engaged in interstate and foreign commerce and corporations organized under federal laws from contributing funds to any election. The penalty in the case of a corporation is fixed at not more than \$5,000 and in the case of individuals who include the officers, directors and stockholders of the company, a fine of not more than \$1000 and a jail sentence. That is the thing that will hurt the individual who might not be touched by a mere fine. Unfortunately the corporation cannot be subjected to a jail sentence. It has no body to be kicked and no soul to be damned, so it can escape with a fine. But of course the corporations are not opposing the new law. They have been blackmailed by campaign collectors often enough in the past and they are glad to subscribe to any law that will prevent raids on their treasury. But how the reformatory law will be enforced is a question.

Cigarette Smoking.

Cigarette smoking is no longer simply a moral question. The great business world has taken it up as a deadly enemy of advancement, of achievement. Leading business firms all over the country have put the cigarette on the prohibited list. Reports from all over the country show the sentiment against the coffin nail. In Detroit alone sixty-nine merchants have agreed not to employ a cigarette user. In Chicago, Montgomery Ward & Co., Hibbard, Spencer & Bartlett, and some of the other large concerns have prohibited it among all employees under eighteen years of age. Marshall Field & Co. and the Morgan and Wright Tire Co., have this rule: "No cigarettes can be smoked by our employees." One of the questions on the application blanks at Wanamaker's reads: "Do you use tobacco or cigarettes?"

The superintendent of the Lindell St. Railway, of St. Louis, says: "Under no circumstances will I hire a man who smokes cigarettes. He is as dangerous on the front end of a motor as the man who drinks. If I find a car running badly, I immediately begin to investigate to find if the man uses cigarettes. Nine times out of ten he does, and then he goes for good."

The New York, New Haven, and Hartford, the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific, the Leigh Valley, the Burlington, and many others of the leading railroad companies of this country have issued orders positively forbidding the use of cigarettes by employees while on duty.

Shed's Bullets

The general opinion here is that Creffield got what he deserved. However one and all deprecate the way the act was done. If Mitchell had shot his victim in the face or through the heart from the front, all good people would have praised him as a hero; but to shoot even a dog from the rear savors of a lack of courage bordering on cowardice. Many of the admirers and sympathizers of John Wilkes Booth used to blush with shame when they remembered that the martyred Lincoln was shot in the back. However just the cause no one can be held blameless who shoots his enemy in the dark or attacks him from the rear.

Many women are weak and the weaker they are the more they should enlist our sympathy, and they have a natural and heaven born right to claim protection from those who have the bodies of kindred. The man who will not protect the honor and good name of his wife, mother or sister, has no principle of manhood in him, and we can only conclude as we began that the only regrettable thing in this holy and righteous killing was the manner in which it was done.

Mark McClain has been very sick for the past few days but is better now.

Dr. H. B. Stanley has turned his drug business over to John C. Davis, and Harvey W. Davis is fitting up a neat up-to-date drug store in the Springer cottage. As soon as ground and material can be procured these

gentlemen propose to build a business house that will be an ornament to the city. Already most of the arrangements have been completed and in a few weeks we expect to see the Davis pharmacy in new quarters.

Miss Irving, who is staying with R. R. agent Allen's folks, was serious on Sunday, but she is much better at this writing.

Will Bourne be borne up "Salt River" or will he be born again? If Bourne is born again and christened United States Senator what will be the cost of the accouchment, and who will be the godfather and godmother at the christening? If Bourne is christened United States Senator will the baptismal font ever be fit for use again? If Bourne be borne up "Salt River" will the craft that bore Bourne ever be seaworthy again? If Bourne be borne up "Salt River", will God still reign and the republic still live? Yea verily—to all the above.

John A. McBride has been in very poor health for a long time, but his many friends expect to see him well again soon. The better element of society cannot afford to see such men as Mr. McBride die before election any way.

John C. Davis has been sick for several days but is some better at this time. If John would rustle less and rest more he would get along much better.

Ben Lenth was indisposed the first of the week but is on deck again as fresh as ever.

If J. R. Davis, of the firm of Davis & Shedd, falls down on you, you may know it and you may not. If you live through the ordeal you will surely know something material is not far away. Mr. Davis tips the scales—well at—away over 300 pounds.

On the telephone: Hello, Dr. Stanley. Is this Dr. Stanley? Yes, what's wanting? Oh, nothing, only how is the health of the community? D-d-d-doggoned distressingly healthy, so far as I can learn. Thank you, good-bye.

Sam Jones says: "A glass of good whiskey is a good thing in its place; but its place is in hell." You are right, Sammy, but the man who blows a temperance horn on all occasions is a man who you will do well to watch. If that man ever takes to drink he will out-Herod Herod. A really temperate man is temperate in all things, even in agitating temperance.

Hi Farwell says there was never such a demand for heavy draft horses before in the history of Oregon; but thinks the time is coming when good driving and saddle horses will be worth big money. Shedd has been visited by three horse buyers the past week. All wanted big horses. Only think of it, five to eight hundred dollars for a span of big well matched horses and scarce at that.

Just for Vote.

One of the planks in the republican platform is in favor of statement number one. This is of course done for the benefit of Bourne, but everybody reading the newspapers knows that nearly all the republican papers of the state have opposed statement number one, as well as the politicians. The committee which makes a platform without authority had to have this in for a play on the feelings of the farmer who is particularly in favor of it. But it is exceedingly insincere, and is only in it for effect, it is declared without any intention of respecting it if any one but a republican shall be elected in June.

The State Treasurer.

The republicans claim to be in favor of loaning the money of the state in the hands of the treasurer for the benefit of the state, but they have been in power for years and have never done a thing yet to secure for the state interest on its money. Instead the state treasurer it is openly admitted has appropriated the interest for his own use, thus securing a handsome income, said to be quite large. The state treasurer is somewhat like the darky porter who gets a very small salary but makes a "heap lot" of money through tips, a part of the plan of Mr. Pullman, the same as the treasuryship is a part of the plan of previous state legislatures.

The World is all Akin.

The manner in which people of foreign countries are sending money to San Francisco to help the people in their misfortune, is very commendable. As much as has been given in the United States it is far short of what is needed. All the world, after all, is akin, and it is a good idea to appreciate this fact. As the shock of the earth at San Francisco registered its action on the seismograph at Albany, N. Y., so the heart aches of the people there have registered in the hearts of people of Europe and they wish to respond in a manner which gives emphasis to their feelings. They should be permitted to just as liberally as they wish.

Not Much of a Mixer

Nearly all of Mr. Bourne's addresses are by mail. He doesn't seem to be much of a mixer when it comes to getting out among the people, for some reason or other. He probably has the old style of recommendation for the office, money. But this is the recommendation that is sought to be done away with by the modern method of submitting his election to a vote of the people. Will the people see that the Bourne kind of a man is not elected.

Made in Albany is not a bad thing to suggest occasionally, when it comes to business. Certainly Albany institutions are entitled to the preference from Red Crown flour down to the Evening Democrat. The Red Crown is a splendid flour, and the Democrat—well, it isn't as big as the Portland papers, but it is decidedly Albany and as big as the field justifies. Loyalty to a home town and its institutions is a good thing for a city, and is what has made great cities out of many places that had no more promise than has Albany.

The Democrats Organize

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.] PORTLAND, May 10.—The Democratic State Central Committee met yesterday afternoon and perfected a reorganization by the reelection of Judge Alex Sweek chairman and authorizing him to appoint a secretary and an executive committee. Chairman Sweek appointed John B. Ryan, the present incumbent, secretary, and named the following executive committee:

S. M. Garland of Linn; J. O. Booth of Josephine; N. A. Peery of Multnomah; J. R. Raley of Umatilla; Sam E. Van Vactor of Morrow, and I. M. Hall of Washington county. It was decided that a congressional committee be appointed from each of the two congressional districts.

The Democratic County Central committee of Multnomah county met at last night and mapped out a complete plan of campaign. All the precincts were represented and a strong plan of organization was made.

With these two meetings all the preliminaries of the campaign have been made and nothing remains to be done except the hard work of the campaign.

Prominent and conservative leaders were present today from nearly every county in the state. The consensus of opinion was that the chances for the election of a democratic ticket were brighter than ever. More and more the feeling seems to grow that it is best for the people of Oregon to put the man before the party and to leave the old time corrupt republican machine in the rear. A strong feeling is growing that all interests can be served by having a non partisan judiciary and the chances for the election of Judge Thomas G. Hailey are very bright. Judge Hailey is making an excellent record and the best people of both parties desire to keep at least one democrat on the Supreme Bench.

It is almost the unanimous opinion of the voters to abide by "Statement No. 1" and regardless of the frantic disclaimers of the old republican bosses, it is given up that the next legislature will vote for the people's choice for United States Senator. This means that either Senator Gearin or Jonathan Bourne will be Oregon's next Senator. When one comes to size up the two men it is difficult to believe that the people will prefer Bourne. Senator Gearin is making a splendid record at Washington and it is novel and refreshing to have a senator in Congress that is respected and honored by the administration and by his colleagues. Too many republicans have the interests of the Commonwealth at heart and have too much to ask from the general government to desire to return to the old condition of living in a state without representation in Congress.

Hundreds of republicans in this state have had favors to ask from Washington and their requests have always been made through Senator Gearin. The opinion is growing that he is a good man for Oregon to keep at Washington.

The candidacy of Charles V. Galloway is being well and even enthusiastically received. Mr. Galloway is making a spirited campaign and from this point of view his chances to obtain a majority over Rev. Mr. Hawley seems good.

The conservative business element of Portland, will without regard to party support Hon. J. D. Matlock for State treasurer. So much scandal has been connected with this office that it seems safer to remove it as far as possible from the clutches of the old machine republican politicians.

M. S. Drabin of Benton county, went to Roseburg this afternoon to take a civil service examination for forest ranger.

Prof. Walker, of the famous Boeke-Walker Business College, Portland, is in the city on a visit the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schmitt.

Mrs. G. M. Payne went to Portland this morning to see Sara Bernhardt in Camille this afternoon.

Saturday Night Thoughts

The people of this part of the country have been greatly interested this week in the killing of Creffield, the Holy Roller, a man of notoriety on account of a peculiar belief and pretension of an enormous character. He was shot down in cold blood, and yet people generally have excused the shooting. It has brought up a question ethics of a very striking character. As a Holy Roller the man Creffield through his powers had led a number of persons off into his belief, or whatever you wish to call it, including practices undoubtedly of free love. Among others were two sisters of George Mitchell, a young man of twenty-three. Creffield was sent to the penitentiary for two years on the charge of a criminal relationship with one of them, though himself married to another woman. Upon leaving the penitentiary he again got his band of fanatics about him, including the same sister and another younger one. This made hot blood and young Mitchell never stopped until he had sent a bullet into the head of Creffield. Others would have considered it a privilege to have done the same thing. It would have been a splendid thing if Creffield could have been gotten out of the way at least personally through due process of the law, but the law seemed helpless and this Holy Rollerism had become intolerable, so another course was taken. From a strict ethical standpoint it is not a good thing to ever favor the killing of a person, except in actual defense. Was this a sufficient defense of one's own blood to justify this kind of an excuse for the act. If one can put one's self in the place of Mitchell it may be possible to look at it that way. Anyway the almost universal expression is that a good job was done.

A Russian parliament has been convened this week with a short speech by the Czar of only about three minutes. That was a pretty good length for a Czar, who has a way of chopping things off short, even heads. Just what a Russian parliament will amount to is a difficult thing to solve, in a country where the word of the Czar is law. It is doubtful if the people are given any of the rights they have been demanding.

Congress has continued to putter with the rate bill and a few other things. This star bill of the present session seems to be some distance from a vote, though promised before this. There has been considerable obstruction to progress from political sources, where better things should have been looked for.

This week the Standard Oil Co. has again been shown up, but the people are used to it. Bribery, cheating and fraud are proven conclusively. It has been proven that as a practice the company is in the habit of selling three grades of oil from the same tank, that agents have been authorized to swindle their customers and that short measure has been a rule, in fact graft at every corner and along the sides. The octopus, though, will simply squirm a little and go on with its swindling, give another million or two to Chicago University, raise the price of oil again, and the people can whistle.

Frenzied Thoughts.

The Richmond, Va., preacher who told a New York audience that in a century there will be 100,000,000 negroes in this country, must have been determined to make the future look as black as possible.

After kissing all the babies in the sixth Alabama district, Richard P. Hobson is coming to Congress. It now remains to be seen what tactics he will adopt to get on the committee on naval affairs.

We should like a guessing contest as to where the President will break out next. Here is the chance of a lifetime for able guessers.

It is an exceptionally cold day when Tillman cannot find a new sensitive spot in a trust to stick a pin into.

There never will be a perfectly earthquake-proof building, until we have an earthquake-proof earth to build it on.

We should imagine that it would seem homelike to Castro if he went to Washington by way of Arkansas and stopped off to see Jeff Davis.

MISFITS.

Only until May 15 to register. Get a move on.

The welcome rain dropped down.

The people make the prosperity, not the party.

The best made in Oregon—strawberries.

Everything about the Standard Oil is slippery.

The wing maker is now at work on a pair for Jonathan Bourne.

In plain language the Standard Oil Co. is a cheat from top to bottom.

Sara Bernhardt is swooping down on Portland regardless of the theatrical trusts.

That dredge will please hurry up and dig. Albany wants an all-summer boat.

Mitchell should not be indicted even. The case is an extraordinary one that calls for an example.

To Mr. DEMOCRAT Man, from a republican man: Johnny Bourne took the Cake, but will he get the Pie? A VOTER.

The Japanese Buddhists have opened a temple in Portland for the conversion of Americans. We are more than getting even with them in their own country.

Only four days to register. Over a thousand Linn county voters don't seem to care who is elected.

The Eugene Guard says that another Eugene factory will have to close on account of excessive freight rates.

Reproduction of the San Francisco earthquake and fire are already being prepared for exhibition. Horrors!

According to the evidence John D. Rockefeller has been in the habit of selling three grades of coal oil from the same can. Trickey John.

The President of the United States has to be born in the United States. What's the matter of the governorship of Oregon.

Dr. Withycombe is defending himself on the statements of some of the papers that he was born in England and is a horse doctor!

An Albany lady left for Lebanon yesterday morning to assist in the campaign for one of our county candidates. She is all right. Traveller.

Mr. Hearst has caused a kick by claiming the credit of all the good done for the relief of San Francisco. Pretty good boy, but there are millions of others who took a hand in it.

It took the Czar only three minutes to deliver his message to his parliament. Our presidents will take notice. Some of them would do well to try the three minute plan.

The drug trust is now about to be broken into pieces, but the big meat trust and the big oil trust and the steel trust will continue to operate and control the government.

District Attorney John Manning of Portland, wishes to assist in defending George Mitchell, the slayer of Creffield, whose record he knows from a thorough investigation. He should be allowed to do so.

Edwin S. Greenfield, a trusted bank clerk is an example of what a young man can do with grit and determination. From an office boy he rose to be head clerk, in which position he was able to help himself to \$100,000 at times.

The election of Mr. Alex Sweek as state chairman of the democratic committee was the proper thing. Mr. Sweek has heretofore proven his efficiency as well as loyalty to the party and its candidates.

A Hundred Year Club has been organized in Portland. A specialty will be made of learning how to walk, stand, sit, lie down, eat, act, breathe, etc., that the members may live one hundred years.

A valley man who could have sold his hops for thirty cents two years ago kept them, recently selling for 6 or 7 cents. It is always well to jump at a good bargain regardless of the possibilities of something richer.

That \$1500 reward for the killing of Smith was pretty well split to pieces. Harry Draper received \$750, three men \$50 each, and the remaining \$800 was divided among 33 men in at the death of the outlaw.

District Attorney Deckers, of Seattle, claims to have evidence that Mitchell was paid by an organized company of Corvallis people to kill Creffield. Probably can't prove anything of the kind. The ruination of two sisters was enough alone.

The DEMOCRAT published an article on the Governor, after the words From the Salem Statesman, and now the Statesman kicks, declaring that the article was an advertisement. All the same it was From the Salem Statesman.

A first street man furnishes the following misfits:

When a man undertakes reform he is never out of a job.

Eternal hustle, coupled with honesty and integrity, is the just price of success.

The thought of work makes more men tired than the work itself.

Voters should study carefully the first question after the list of officers to be voted numbers 800 and 801: "Shall the appropriation money maintaining the insane asylum, penitentiary, deaf, mute, blind school, university agricultural college and normal schools be approved. This is the bill vetoed by the Governor because of the normal graft, and voters will do well to put a cross between the number and No.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Washington, May 9.—Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, is critically ill at his home in this city. He has not been in the senate for many months. Within the last few days he had a severe sinking spell and his life was despaired of.

PORTLAND, Or., May 10.—From her peering place on the rocks in the Columbia river near Reuben, half a mile south of Goble, where she is hung for more than a year, a fleet of tugs from Portland is engaged in raising the venerable steamer George W. Elder. The final effort will be made Saturday when assisted by tide and the annual spring rise of the river and it is expected to float the vessel.

For seventeen months the Elder has been pinioned on the rocks.

SEATTLE, May 10.—The District Attorney today received a letter from John Manning, Portland, offering to testify for George Mitchell. The offer has been refused. There is small chance of convicting Mitchell. Public opinion here justifies the act.

CHICAGO, May 10.—The evidence of the former Standard Oil manager of the Kansas district, before the investigating committee today lays bare the bribery of the railroad agents to secure information for the Standard Oil Co., also that three grades of oil were sold from the same tank.

PORTLAND, Or., May 11.—A limb sawed off an elm tree is the cause of a trial now proceeding in the Circuit court, in which more attorneys are engaged than in any case tried here for many months. Among the counsel being one United States senator, and two former United States senators. The alleged vandalism occurred two years ago and the law suit has been pending ever since.

The case on trial is that of Mrs. Emma W. Snow, against A. E. Moodie, A. N. Shannon, C. Annin, Andrew Johnson and Ellis R. Clary, Wallace McCamant, of the firm of Dolph, Malory, Simon and Gearin, and Williams, Wood and Linticum are attorneys for the plaintiff, the defendants attorneys are W. M. Davis, S. C. Spencer, Henry E. McGinn and Frank Schlegel.

The plaintiff sues for fifteen hundred dollars damages, caused by cutting a limb off the tree in order to move a house, the plaintiff claims that the operation killed the tree.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—This afternoon an earthquake gave a severe twist, which lasted about three seconds. There was no damage aside from the falling of a few weak walls.

PORTLAND, May 11.—Considerable dissatisfaction is reported at Canby and other points over the division of the reward for outlaw Smith. Some members claimed being at his death are not mentioned. A sensational rumor is that Smith was unconscious when shot by Draper.

PORTLAND, Or., May 11.—On a bench in the Union depot for nearly two days has sat Mable Hood, an Indian girl who has traveled across the entire continent alone and is apparently waiting for someone of her own race. She refuses to utter a sound except the characteristic Indian grunt when she is questioned. With racialistic child endures hunger, and repulses every effort of the women of the Travellers Aid committee to learn something of her story.

People Who Come and Go

C. D. Wise, Everett, Wash.
H. A. Brewer, Portland.
P. M. Hermans, Sublimity.
A. H. Lea, Portland.
A. M. Humphrey, Portland.
J. M. Woodruff, Salem.
F. N. Libby, Portland.
J. G. Cook,
G. E. Berry, Airline.
J. D. Bevens, St. Johns.
W. H. King, St. Johns.
J. F. Gilmore,
W. W. Pomady, Portland.
Justice Lovelee, Lebanon.
N. P. Biddle, Halsey.
R. R. Riggs and W. Dallas.
C. S. Pierce, Rochester.

J. C. Ferge, S. F.
Hayes Temple, Portland.
L. E. Post, Turner.
Chas. J. Weller, Pullman, Wash.
Judge Robert Eakin, La Grange.
Max Wise, Portland.
W. R. Taylor,
E. Mallory,
E. C. Davis,
H. Sullivan, Mill City.
The Johnson, Portland.
J. E. Dawson, Corvallis.
J. V. Smith, Linn.
Geo. J. Cook, Portland.
C. W. Albright,
Geo. Rudolph, Salom.
W. O. Munsell, Portland.
J. F. Ferguson,
Chas. Wesley, Seio.
Geo. H. Fitzgibbon and W. Portland.
Sam Goldsmith, Portland.
P. E. Thomason.

Letter List.

The following letters remain in the Albany, Ore., postoffice uncalled for May 9, 1906. Persons desiring any of these letters should call for advertised letters, giving the date:

Oscar Ballou, Virgie Baldwin, Robbie Boyle, E. D. Bogan, Miss Ida Cooper, J. G. Denny, Miss Ruth Elliott, Mrs. N. A. Fulkerson, A. B. Farrier, J. H. Grande, Bertha Graser, Harry Hansen, F. E. Hume, Thomas S. Holloway, J. N. Jackson, G. N. Kelley, Alice and Helly Kirk, L. T. Everett, Mrs. H. R. Miller (2), Miss Sis Miller, Roy Price, L. M. Rusk, Mrs. F. E. Roth, Mrs. John Reid, D. B. Rhodes, Charley Skinner, Mrs. Alice Sheiton, J. B. Savage, Miss Winnie Scott, D. A. Terhune, J. W. Wells.

S. S. TRAIN, P. M.

Brownsville Times: Mrs. Fannie Blackburn came up from Albany Saturday evening and visited with her mother until Monday evening when she went to Eugene, returning to this city this morning.