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CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

If city subscribers fail to secure
their paper they will confer a favor if
they will call up Main 500 and enter
their complaints.

AMENDMENTS TO ELECTION LAW

While the election laws are fairly satis-
factory, experience shows several de-
fects that ought to be remedied by
amendment. In nearly all the precincts
in this city the ballots were called off by
numbers, the names being omitted. The
law expressly provides that the surname
of the candidate shall also be called. It
is easier for the wrong call of a number
to escape notice than of a name. Since
the election officers will not follow this
law, the remedy is to have all numbers
left off the ballot.

There is another reason for leaving off
numbers. Cards containing only num-
bers are circulated among voters with
headings intended to deceive the voters.
In this election a card was circulated
headed "Citizens' Ticket," with the num-
bers of the straight Republican ticket
printed thereon. Numbers serve no good
purpose. They do serve several bad pur-
poses.

The method of identifying unregistered
voters should be changed. Such a voter
must procure the affidavit of six freehold-
ers that they are personally acquainted
with him, but their affidavit is not re-
quired to state that they are freeholders.
Numbers of such affidavits were made by
persons who were not freeholders.

Affidavits were also made in blank and
filled in afterwards by the "workers."
Of course this is an evasion of the law.
The remedy is to require the oath to be
administered by the judges themselves.
This would doubtless be some inconve-
nience, but it would supply a motive to
register, which is the object aimed at.

The freeholder is required only to state
that he is personally acquainted with the
voter and his residence. He does this in
practice upon an introduction at the mo-
ment. His affidavit should be required
to state a personal acquaintance during
some specified time, at least as long as
the time of residence required in order to
be qualified to vote—say 30 days. Un-
less this amendment be made the abuses
will grow and unregistered voters will
come to be a reliance of wardheelers in
close contests.

These suggestions are not theoretical,
but grow out of actual experience in the
recent election. It is not too early for
public opinion to demand the reform.

THE LABOR VOTE.

The labor vote which was supposed to
be six or seven thousand strong, and a
solid quantity was scarcely appreciable
in the returns. Both parties solicited it,
by naming union men on the tickets, but
their own candidates on the two tickets,
though officially endorsed by the union,
did not receive their united support. On
the other hand, Mr. Nottingham, who
refused to vote for some labor measures
in the Legislature, leads his ticket. Mr.
Barries, who is on their blacklist, has
beat Mr. Hewitt, who was regarded by
them with favor. Mr. Driscoll, who voted
with them on every proposition in the
Legislature, was not rewarded by any
vote of gratitude to speak of.

These are the simple facts and are not
written in a spirit of criticism or com-
plaint. They do, however, convey les-
sons. One is to political managers, who
are thereby taught that it is usually safer
to appeal to the average general senti-
ment and interests of the whole people
than to blocks of voters representing only
one interest. The other lesson is to the
unions themselves to keep out of pol-
itics. As individuals they ought to exer-
cise their franchises and with intelligent
regard to their own interests, but it is
a detriment to their industrial cause to
be grouped politically.

The very even vote for the Citizens'
ticket showed the solidarity of the move-
ment. The variations arising from the
personal equation were fewer than usual.
The close vote in a county so largely
Republican as this is in itself a "rebuke."
To fall from 6000 to 200 contains an ex-
cellent piece of advice to the next con-
vention.

While the Multnomah delegation still
hold their tongues, probably out of a
campaign habit, there are rumors afoot.
One is that if Judge McGinn cannot suc-
ceed in landing Mr. Scott he will him-
self accept the Senatorial toga. But per-
haps the most disquieting whisper is to

the effect that in the turmoil of the fight
Hon. George McBride has been quietly
laying his plans for re-election. That
of course would superinduce a storm, but
the success of the plan would only be a
repetition of history. Again, as once be-
fore, the event could be described in a
paraphrase of the old nursery rhyme:
"A lion and a unicorn fighting for the
crown—
Up jumps a little George and knocks
them both down."

The Columbia River is the most im-
portant proposition to Oregon. An open
river is a condition precedent to Port-
land's supremacy as a port. But it is of
larger scope, for it bears intimately upon
the industrial prosperity of a vast coun-
try. This improvement is discussed bi-
ennially in the sweet month of May, but
it is a subject for popular interest in the
intervals. There need be no complaint
of any dissection on the part of our
members in Congress, who no
doubt have labored hard to procure the
necessary appropriations. But the busi-
ness men of this city can greatly aid our
forces at Washington by active efforts.
These must be unremitting, for if Port-
land ever fall to second place she will
not easily recover. Commercial history
is making fast and Portland cannot be
down.

Mr. Mitchell expresses regret at the
election of George Chamberlain because
he is a Democrat. If the Senator will
throw himself into a reminiscent mood,
his regret may be tempered. Twice out
of four times he has been elected by the
aid of Democratic votes. When the ma-
jority of his own party in 1888 repudiated
him, he secured seventeen Democratic
votes to fill up the Republican deflection.
In 1900, it took eleven Democratic votes
to give him the majority of one by which
he is now able, as a Republican Senator,
to bewail the election of a single Demo-
crat in the whole state administration.
Penitents forgot, and friends remembered
not.

The Oregonian's scythe has been mow-
ing Senatorial aspirants, real or fancied,
right and left. But it struck a rock.
Though one day it put up Malcolm
Moody as a possible dark horse, to be
named by Mr. Simon, the next day it dis-
covered, without any apparent cause,
that Mr. Moody was a very good man
and not a Simon man at all. These vary-
ing estimates within 24 hours are not
explicable upon any other theory than
that on the first estimate, Mr. Moody's
Eastern Oregon friends in the Legislature
were forgotten and on the next day they
were remembered.

Nobody expects that Senator Mays, the
author of the bill, or his colleagues, will
pay any attention to the popular vote for
U. S. Senator. The law was only
passed for convenience. Catch any of that
group of gentlemen submitting the choice
of Senator to the people when they can
so much more effectively submit it to a
few men of their own choosing!

Since the ability to say "No" was urged
as a qualification for the Governorship,
we shall see whether a Senator's qualifi-
cations are to be measured by his ability
to say "Yes."

Mr. Tongue in his letter already pub-
lished in this paper, does not agree with
the Portland Board of Trade in desiring
freer trade with the Philippines. But if
we are not to be permitted to develop our



WITH THE JOKERS.

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arousing the people."
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"Well I guess yes," said the traveller.
"Why, the blamed thing is so soft I can
actually bite a piece out of it without
breaking my teeth." —Chicago Tribune.

OUR PROPHETIC VISION.

At yesterday's meeting of the T. F. A.,
Will A. Ryan of Indiana, who more than
once showed his ability as an eloquent
orator during the convention, presented
an original poem, dedicated by him to
Alexander Kunz of the entertainment
committee. It was entitled "Our Prophe-
tic Vision," entitled Mr. Ryan to recognition
as a poet of no mean ability, and is
as follows:
A land of promise full of hope,
The future seen through horoscopes,
Out across the Great Divides,
Ocean-washed and beautified,
Oregon.

Its silver'd hills and babbling brooks,
Majestic streams, inviting nooks,
Moss-crowned mountains, flowery vales,
Our garden spot of hills and dales,
Oregon.

Awakened by this paragon,
Comes human tide now sweeping on,
Seeking homes and health and strength,
This mecca will be found at length,
Oregon.

Again we see where Nature smiles,
Touched by labor's hand erstwhile,
And made to blossom as the rose,
While laden riches outward goes,
Oregon.

Here in busy haunts of men,
Mark the growth of fortunes then,
And every mountain, hill and dell,
Of many happy homes will tell,
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Mr. Ryan was given a vote of thanks
when the poem had been read to the con-
vention.

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USED WRONG DECOY.
That Camden, N. J., is as wide awake
as the rest of the world is shown by an
incident which occurred a few days ago
in that town. The woman of the house
was called to the door and found a man
there, with whom she held the following
conversation:
"Madam, I have called for the suit of
clothes to be pressed and brushed."
"Your husband's Sunday suit. He called
at the shop going down this morn-
ing."
"Did he say to let you have it?"
"Yes, ma'am."
"Did he appear in good health and
spirits?"
"Why, certainly."
"And look and act naturally?"
"Of course; but why do you ask?"
"Because my husband has been dead
for 15 years, and I had some curiosity on
the subject."
"Perhaps I've made a mistake."
"Perhaps you have. The man you saw
going out of here this morning is my
brother. Good morning."
And the man left.

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To-Logeion Society.

The Impromptu, "Our Next Governor,"
was given yesterday afternoon by David
Goodell. Leo Lobner gave a humorous
declamation. The lecture on the man-
ufacture of steel pens was given by Albert
Young. The debate was "Resolved that
Labor Unions are a Benefit to the Peo-
ple." This subject was very interesting,
as we of this city are now having some
experience with them. Loyd Magnus the
first speaker on the affirmative main-
tained that labor unions helped all the
people and cited as a proof the coal min-
ers. Albert Newsome on the negative
brought forth the argument that unions
cause great trouble. Langford, the second
speaker on the affirmative, made his
maiden speech in the society. It was very
well given. The main points of his speech
were that trades unions were beneficial
to workingmen and that they do not ad-
vocate strikes, but arbitration. Hender-
son, on the negative, used the argument
that trade unions are working for selfish
purposes. Bellinger affirmed in a clear
speech that unions are advantageous both
morally and educationally. Hampton, the
last speaker on the negative, gave an
impromptu speech which contained many
good points. Magnus gave the rebuttal.
The affirmative won the decision. The
attendance was greatly increased by the
Philolexians who adjourned in order to
hear Professor Babcock's address to the
To-Logeion Society. Professor
Babcock's address was upon leading a
strenuous life.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Examinations in English composition
for entrance to Stanford University are
being held at the High School. One was
held today and one will be held on each
of the next two Saturdays.
Professor Babcock of the University of
California is paying the High School an
official visit. He is examining the school
to see whether it will be put on the ac-
credited list. If the High School is placed
on the accredited list, graduates may en-
ter the University without entrance ex-
aminations.

Falling School.

The pupils of Miss Porter's room have
made such friends of the birds in the
vicinity through recent study that a
"cedar waxwing" has come to her school-
room and seems to enjoy the prattling
of the children and listens with the great-
est interest to the daily recitations. Miss
Porter had the bird posed on Thursday
afternoon and her class draw it. The
pupils then took up the bird for study
and learned everything about it, and
especially its rich dress, gentleness of
disposition and politeness of manner. The
little feathered friend seemed to realize
that something was going on out of the
usual, for it looked at the class with a
mark of intelligence.

Chapman School.

The entertainment which took place in
this school last Saturday for the bene-
fit of the school library was a great suc-
cess financially. The program was as
follows: The violets, the bouquets, callis-
thenes drill, winter lullaby, May-pole
dance, forget-me-nots, farmer's chorus,
a scene from "A Bird's Xmas Carol"
solo by Miss Greer, minuet, flag drill,
newboys' chorus, and the combination
drill was pronounced a great success by
the large audience which filled the hall.
In giving 10 statements about Wash-
ington, one pupil said: "Washington was
the son of Martha Washington," and
they passed on without noticing it.
The graduating class is busy deciding
about their pins and colors. Enamel pins
seem to be the most desired.

June Class Cardinal.

The "June Class Cardinal" will be out
next Friday. The paper will contain thir-
ty-two pages of reading matter and seven
pages of half-tones. On account of the
expense of getting out the paper, the
price has been increased to 25 cents. The
paper is under the management of Wm
Dill, editor in chief. Curtis Sargent, busi-
ness manager, and Will Shesky, assist-

ant business manager.

The stories and
articles, which are excellent, have been
contributed by different members of the
class. The merchants of Portland have
been very generous in helping us by in-
serting their advertisements.

Williams Avenue.

The memorial exercises held at this
school were largely attended.
One of the most interesting features of
these exercises was a dialogue, "To the
Unknown Dead," in which Miss Amanda
Lewis, Jennie Hagedorn, Edna Peterson,
Maggie McHenry, Norma Willauer, Er-
mie Allison, Eva Fanning and Jessie
Lewis participated.
An address of welcome to the veterans
of the Indian Wars, the Civil War, and
the Spanish-American War was delivered
by Miss Dorcas Hedlin.
Winnifred Cautley, Anna Tooney, and
Irene Graas, of the Seventh "B," were
absent because of sickness, but have re-
turned.
Thomas Jackson, of the Seventh "B,"
is absent.

Couch School News.

Voting contests were carried on in
several rooms on election day with vary-
ing results.
Alma Michelson and Mary McArthur
carried off the palm in scholarship in
the eighth B list month. Alma ranks
first for the term.
Miss Peterson, a teacher in the Russel-
ville school, visited the fifth grade Wed-
nesday.

Basket Ball.

The final game of the series between
the Sunnyside and the Albina Boys' Tri-
angle basketball was played last evening at
the Albina hall. The Rogers boys, Lock-
wood, and McKinley were the stars of
the evening, throwing most of the goals for
Sunnyside. This game, won by a score
of 24 to 2, gives the Sunnyside two out
of the three games.

Stephens School.

Miss Peck's room received the banner
for the highest percentage of attendance
last month.
The Decoration Day exercises of
Stephens School were very fine, especially
the song of "The Blue and the Gray," by
seventeen little boys. We are sure it was
appreciated by all.
George Delaney of the 7 B class has
been absent for the past week on account
of diphtheria in the family.
Clara Haslam, who is overtaxed from
studying, has stopped school. She was
in the 7 B and had a possibility of pass-
ing but she was too worn out. We are
sure she will be missed.

Alumni Election.

At the annual meeting of the High
School alumni held last night the fol-
lowing officers were elected: President,
Dr. Robert F. Wendling, June '99; vice-
president, Miss Marguerite O'Connor,
February, '02; secretary, Miss Verdi Mon-
roe, February, '02; treasurer, Tom West,
June 1900. Miss Parthenia Dukehart and
Raymond Steed were elected members of
the executive committee.