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There has never been an occupant of the jail at Phoenix. And many a good man has the courage of his wife's convictions.

Our idea of a good man is one who merely thinks his swear words. The more money you save the more respect your heirs may have for you.

Still, a man never seems anxious to marry a woman who isn't afraid of a mouse. It's better to face a woman with a caustic tongue than to turn your back on her.

THE ILLINOIS EXAMPLE.

ILLINOIS is at present furnishing a shining example of the benefits of machine rule in politics. Members of the legislature have confessed that they accepted bribes to vote for United States Senator Lorimer and the nauseating details of corruption are being made public.

A few years ago Delaware was without representation in the upper house because of similar corruption through the ambition of wealthy men to wear a toga.

Dozens of cases could be cited of legislative scandals over the election of senators in a score of states. It is the logical outcome of prevailing methods in politics.

It is to restore this condition—which Oregon broke away from when it adopted the direct primary law and made possible the selection of senators by a popular vote—that the Oregonian and the politicians are today entering their energies upon the creation of an assembly.

Voters of a state have a right to say who they will vote for. Where old methods obtain, they have nothing to say and are left to a choice between men selected for them by those who make politics a business.

Prejudice, ignorance and partisanship have ever been the willing servants of the few who seek to control legislation that will divert the earning of the many into the pockets of the few, and so in Oregon we again hear the same old appeal under the pretense of saving the party.

Purification of politics may remain an "iridescent" dream, but certainly politics in Oregon have been purer under the direct primary than they were under the old system and it is hardly probable that the people will want to restore conditions prevailing now in Illinois.

A USELESS OBSTACLE.

There seems to be no good reason why the Ament dam should continue to block the waters of the Rogue and stop the progress of the fish upstream, contrary to the express provisions of the laws of the state.

The Ament dam is useless and except for a few months last year when an attempt was made to utilize it for irrigation purposes, it has never served a useful purpose since its construction.

The dam was built, according to allegations filed by stockholders in court, as part of a get-rich-quick scheme out of money got from all parts of the country through advertising a fake mine.

The mine for which the dam was built long ago ceased operation. Since then the dam has been a useless obstruction, a monument to the confiding faith of innocent investors and the cupidity of promoters.

The property is in receiver's hands. The excuse is made that an adequate fish-way is not built on that account, but it would seem that the construction of a fish-way should be ordered as a first lien upon the property, or else the dam should be removed.

INDIAN WARS OF SOUTHERN OREGON

(From J. C. Walling's History of Southern Oregon.)

These men, however, more wisely than the first, drove over the hill, thus avoiding the ambush so carefully laid for them, and found safety in the barricade with the others.

In the afternoon Ben Wright appeared, and, taking in the situation at a glance, did not pause to communicate with the whites, but furiously charged the Modocs even in the midst of the tules, and attempted to cut them off from their boats.

The savages stampeded, and, making for the water, were mingled indiscriminately with Wright's men, who killed them almost without resistance. All along the bank of the lake the fight raged, the volunteers shooting and cutting with a ferocity suited to a combat with such cruel adversaries.

A three-month's campaign by Wright's company, with active scouting and a good deal of skirmishing with hostile parties, effectually protected the immigrant trains coming west.

Princes George, Edward and Albert Listening to Reading of King's Proclamation.



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company and McDermott's, reducing Wright's strength to enfeeble men. With them he determined on a campaign against the savages, the main body of whom were securely posted on an island in Tule lake.

BERLIN, June 1.—While the Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany was leading the Grenadier Guards in review today, Abraham Eireweiss, a Polish Jew, hurled a heavy missile at him.

UNDERTAKERS WANT NO SUNDRY FUNERALS

PORTLAND, Or., June 1.—In the hope of securing legislation abolishing Sunday funerals, the Undertakers' association, with the co-operation of ministers of Oregon, are circulating a petition for an initiative and referendum vote on such a measure.

The reasons assigned for the passage of prohibitive Sunday funeral law, undertakers, ministers, grave-diggers, sextons, hackdrivers and other persons necessarily connected with funerals desire to have Sunday as a day of rest.

THROW BEANS AT THE PRINCE

Polish Jew Hurls Zinc Pot of Porridge at Future King of Germany and Belgian Monarch While Leading Grenadier Guards.

The missile struck and seriously wounded a policeman. It was found to be a zinc pot containing boiled beans. Although the crown prince laughed when told of the nature of the weapon, his guards and attendants are still quaking in the knees.

TEACHERS ELECTED FOR YREKA SCHOOLS

YREKA, Cal., June 1.—The Yreka grammar school, after a very successful term, will close next Friday for the summer vacation, which will last until the middle of September.

A Hard-Working "Cunnell."

Seven Oaks orchard, owned and operated by Colonel George P. Mims, is one of the model ranches of the valley. The farm speaks volumes for the handiwork of the colonel, who has certainly got his ranch in an excellent state of cultivation.

GRADUATION FRIDAY EVE

Annual Commencement Exercises at High School June 3—Graduation Class Consists of Ten Members—Program Is Arranged.

The annual graduating exercises of the Medford high school are to be held in the auditorium of the high school building Friday evening, June 3, at 8 o'clock.

The graduating class consists this year of ten members. They are: Misses Cordelia Goffe, Josephine Riley, Estella Pfiester, Loretta Snyder, Leola Ewbank, Crystal McNary, Minnie Jackson and Messrs. Lester Meeker, Frank Farrell and Clifford Mizer.

The following program has been arranged: "La Promenade" (grand march)... High School Orchestra Invocation... Rev. Lucas Salutation... Leola Ewbank Selection, "In Beauty's Realm"...

All churches which united in the Oliver meetings will hold services in their own churches Wednesday and Thursday evenings. All members requested to attend and all converts invited to unite with the church of their choice and to attend these services.

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