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We originate—others imitate.

Secretary Shaws Presidential boom is hardly able to walk alone.

While men have often been so honored, but few monuments have been erected in the United States to commemorate the virtue of women. The first of the kind was to glorify Margaret, the "bread woman," who in times of stress and pestilence came to the rescue of the poor and destitute, and through a long life of devotion and self sacrifice greatly endeared herself to the people. The second monument in honor of a woman was placed in Statuary Hall in Washington by the State of Illinois, to commemorate Frances Willard, the beloved leader of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Still another will be seen at the Portland Exhibition to commemorate the humble Indian woman who in 1803-4 piloted Lewis and Clark over the Rocky Mountains during their memorable exploring trip to Columbia river, this Shoshone woman was of great service to the explorers, and it is well that her name should be recalled to the millions now living in the Northwest, whose incorporation in the Union was due to the expedition in which she bore so important a part.

R. T. Street who resigned his position as book-keeper for the Western Cooperaage Company and accepted a position with an agricultural implement house at Colfax, Washington was brutally attacked last Saturday night by a saloon thug armed with a knife. Street sustained a severe scalp wound, his nose was cut almost in two and his knee cap received a severe gash. Street who was well known here is a strong advocate of prohibition, and through his efforts the saloons of Colfax were closed and a forfeiture of their license was to be asked for by Street. Street caused the arrest of four saloon keepers who plead guilty to keeping open on Sunday and they were fined \$52.50 each. Threats were made against Street's life and he purchased a revolver. He was arrested and fined \$52.50. We are sorry to hear of Street getting into trouble with the saloon element, but it is an unlawful business and where more than one saloon exists it is impossible to locate blame for violation of laws. The same trouble is brewing in Columbia county. It has been asserted by one of the saloon keepers of this Co. that it might require "drastic measures to cause the Newspapers," meaning the Register and the Oregon Mist "to let up their attacks." Sunday is said to be the best day a saloon has, because it is a day when the working man can be invited into these vile dens and his money taken by foul or fair means. The Register is opposed to all violations of law; no matter whether it be laws regulating saloons or schools or churches. Every member of the Town Council who voted for the license of those four saloons in Colfax which were the indirect cause of this brutal attack upon Street are guilty of perjury for allowing the saloons to keep open on Sunday, and should Street die from effects of wounds, are morally accessors before the fact to his murder.

One S. B. Huston, a Village Hampton, of Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, a "lightning change" artist in the local political world, has discovered himself; and lest he waste all his statesmanship on the desert atmosphere, announces himself a candidate for Congress. In an unguarded moment his insults become disarranged, the political lightning hit him and his anaemic boom is booming. While the aspirant makes his announcement early in the season, he desires it to be universally understood that he does so with reluctance, not hastened because of any political aphid buzzing in his tam-o-shanter, but because the people, in these dark days of governmental rottenness, demand a Tribune who is not only a heavy weight, but one whose integrity and consistency is unimpeachable and proverbial and who will not trim his sails to catch every varying breath of the political breeze. So? We have been told and have reason to believe that when Huston came to Hillsboro, as a republican, and finding the late Thomas H. Tongue the recognized leader of the republican party of Washington county, he (Huston) thereafter affiliated with, and became the leader of, the democratic forces, and was one time elected State Senator, as a democrat. In 1896 he again flopped to the republicans, thereby saving the integrity of the nation. And this is the inimitable trimmer whose consistent, persistent and insistent pursuit of office is a perennial source of wonder to the few who know him. He stands in the same category as W. J. Furnish, Sanderson Reed, Our own Emanuel H. Flagg and others whose cerebrums are filled to overflowing with office holding bacilli. It is to be hoped that Mr. Huston's little boomlet will "die a bornin." Political floppers are seldom guided by the maxim that "A public office is a public trust" and their motives are usually inimical to good government. God knows and it is to be hoped the people will remember, how much Oregon has suffered and still suffers, from the flopper pest.

The greatest cause operating to make men sober are not moral, but of purely a business nature. Large employers are becoming more and more strict on the subject, and it is practically impossible for drinking men to get employment in many lines, especially with railroads, in the great department stores of cities, manufacturing concerns and scores of others. As bearing on this vitally interesting question, it is interesting to know that investigation made by the Department of Labor into the attitude of large corporations on liquor questions have recently been made public. Circulars were addressed to large employers of labor throughout the country. Many circulars, as usually happens, were unanswered; but more than 7,000 establishments, employing 1,700,000 persons, took the trouble to reply. In transportation lines alone 713 employers replied, representing 558,000 employes. Of those who answered the specific inquiry regarding liquor 5,336 reported that means were taken to ascertain the habits of employes and 1,794 stated that they prohibited, either in whole or in part, the use of intoxicating drinks by their employes.

Luther Burbank should try his skill at a yellow-feverless mosquito, and become immortal in New Orleans.

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