

State Press Flashlights.

There is a mistaken idea that it is editors' business to gather news. It is his business—but, it is the business of every one interested in the local paper and the home community to render such assistance as they can. Many items of importance must escape him unless you call his attention to them.—Willamina Times.

The preacher roasted the Times and the ladies are offended 'cause we said the beautiful silk quilt was to be raffled. 'Tis to be auctioned. Well, that rules us out and every other fellow who is "busted". In a raffle every poor cuss would have an even chance. In an auction only a bloated bond-holder can have a show.—Willamina Times.

It is reported that Governor West will represent the Daily Journal of Portland at the next legislature of Oregon. Should he do this, it is predicted that republican hopes will be blighted and the session will be one of remarkable calm. Hon. Lair Thompson, whom West has designated as the "Swamp Angel of Klamath County," is said to be among the most concerned.—Telephone Register.

We once knew a man who used to sit on his counter and with doleful face and voice, and with pencil and paper in hand writ down how little money he had taken in during the day and week. That man never advertised which fact accounted for his poor luck. The man who bought him out made a big success of the business, partly because he had more of the business instinct, and partly because he advertised freely in the local paper and had the goods to back up his statements.—News Reporter.

Keep your eyes on the fellow that is always finding fault with and curses the newspaper. Its very much more than likely he is crooked and is only making a sort of a grand stand protection play for fear his sins will reach the public gaze in cold type. Men of brains, intelligence and good standing at all times have a good and kindly word to say for the Press, the power that makes men greater and better and assist in exposing and reducing the rogue and rascal to level his conduct merits.—Yaquina Bay news.

The brewers and saloonkeepers of the country are in a controversy as to which shall pay the war tax on beer. The brewers are endeavoring to pass the tax along to the retail dealers, setting forth the claim that they cannot bear the additional expense, but the retailers strenuously object. The general public has little interest in which side pays the additional tax on beer, but it does have an interest in the general results, especially as there is a likelihood of the brown beverage that smelleth of the hop being served in smaller doses.—Polk County Observer.

The Review wishes harm to no one, but we hope the victims of the increased number of cases of murder and rapine, which we believe are certain to follow, will be persons who voted to abolish the death penalty. When mawkish sentiment is substituted in lieu of common sense, evil will be the result. We expect to see Oregon overrun with desperate characters who have no fear of a prison sentence and see the mob violence supersede court trials, for there are crimes for which the people will mete out death when the law refuses to do so.—Jefferson Review.

Prior to the present tariff reduction sugar paid a duty of approximately \$60,000,000 a year. It is now practically free, yet the people are paying more for sugar than when the government was receiving the benefit from its importation. And besides paying more for sugar and other commodities than they did before the tariff reduction the people are called upon to pay an additional tax in the way of internal revenue to make up the loss. It may be called an emergency revenue war tax to give it a sugar coating but it will be more correctly known as an unjustifiable extravagance blunder.—Sheridan Sun.

Dr. George Parrish asks why if there were so many obvious forgeries in the late city recall petition the election was ever held at an expense to the taxpayers of \$25,000? On the face of it it looks like a reasonable inquiry, but the fact that the Circuit Court of Multnomah has held that the question of forgery of names in such cases cuts no figure; the face of the petitions must be accepted and the matter initiated must nevertheless go before the people. Dr. Parrish's inquiry is reasonable nevertheless, but if this is the law or the construction placed upon it is obvious that the thing for the coming Legislature to do is to amend the law that forged petitions not only be accepted at their

face but that those who forge them be punished as they deserve, notwithstanding no election, is held.—Telegram.

Modesty forbids the Independent from tossing too many boquets in its own direction, so it only remarks in passing that after an inspiration of its exchanges it finds it was practically the only Oregon county newspaper to print a table giving the vote of its county by precincts. The uninitiated have little idea of the work involved in the completion of a table of this kind, to say nothing of preparing it for printing. But a large part of the circulation of these newspapers goes to those who subscribe that they may receive county news such as court and elections and it is the newspaper's business to deliver what it is paid for.—Independent. The Independent is not the only pebble on the beach by a long way, for the Headlight and a large number of other exchanges printed a table giving the vote in each precinct.

The Democrats did not expect such reverses as they sustained in the recent elections and the Republicans did not expect victories as they achieved. Such is the surprising result of the election. Look at the results squarely. In the House of Representatives the strong Democratic majority of 141 has been cut to the slim margin of 23. Everywhere the Democratic vote has been cut down while the Republican vote has swelled. The turnover has been larger in the east, but decided all along the line. The progressives have, for the moment at least, returned to the Republican party. We have had times of reduced prosperity and hard times are a serious measure to the party in power. Yet the results are not a slap at the Wilson administration because the president was elected by a popular vote more than a million less than a majority. For the first time in the history of the United States a group of senators, 32 in number, have been elected by a direct vote of the people.—News Reporter.

The San Francisco News letter in a recent leader takes up "The Unconstitutionality of Prohibition" and avers, "that the brewers of Washington and Oregon will unquestionably sue the respective state governments for damages." It further asserts that "As early as 1855 Prohibition was decreed in New York, but it was promptly declared unconstitutional, and consequently never enforced." The editorial says that Prohibition is an infringement upon our constitutional rights and cites the text of the amendment XIV Section 1 of the constitution of the United States. The real gist of the editorial is that the brewers are entitled to compensation for the loss coming to them since they cannot remove their buildings, and that their machinery and other portable property must suffer some damage through handling and jarring in transit; also that new sites must be purchased and new buildings erected in new locations and that the cost of transportation is in itself a heavy expense. All this may yet furnish an astute and technical lawyer a case with a big fee.—News Reporter.

This special number of the University of Oregon Press Bulletin is issued in courtesy of the state Commonwealth Conference, which is to hold on the campus of the state University a special session to consider three matters of legislative import. The Commonwealth Conference is a volunteer body, without officers, without membership requirement, and without dues or other source of revenue, called to meet periodically at the State University for state service. The Press Bulletin is therefore its spokesman upon this occasion to make possible the announcement of the purpose of the special conference. A non-political volunteer body of mass meeting character, the Commonwealth Conference is made up annually of persons representing all walks of life, all interests, and all activities in the state; and its conclusions have so far born the stamp of non-partisanship, and have been drawn only after very careful investigation. The conference had its beginning in the impulse of a large number of persons who with the process and welfare of Oregon deeply at heart desired to contribute what they could by investigation and an annual comparing of notes to promote such progress and welfare.—Press Bulletin.

The recent campaign has witnessed the passing of another political party, at least in the state of Oregon. The one-time powerful progressive party has dwindled until it is a negligible quantity and like the Prohibition, People's party and Greenbackers, and others that have gone the same way, it has ceased for all time to trouble the old line parties. Conceived in spite and nursed to hero-worship, the party was doomed to a short life and an early death. While it represents cer-

tain great principles, yet they were those principles which the Democratic party had already espoused, and the very fact that the leaders did not come over to that party indicated the insincerity of the entire propaganda. Not that individual members of the party were not sincere, for they were. Yet they followed blindly where their self-interested leaders took them, and when the fever of their zeal wore off the greater part of them slid back whence they came. There is today no progressive party in Oregon, but there is a party representing progress and alive with the palpitating life and vigor of the common people. That party never dies. Administrations may come and administrations may go; issues change; adversity may pile mountain high, but the Democratic party lives forever.—Polk County Observer.

In another column will be found an article from the pen of the mayor of this city, in which he asks for the co-operation of parents in checking certain tendencies for loitering among the youth of the community. Growing with increasing years, the harmless pranks of children, when not looked after and checked, grow and develop into unbridled license that can only end at the police court or reform school. When the boys, or girls, of eight and ten years are allowed the streets at will and return when they choose, it is infinitely harder to have them comprehend and grasp the fact that they are subject to discipline when they add a few more years to their age. No home however humble, but feels the stigma of disgrace when the boy or girl of the family is brought before a correctional tribunal. The heart to heart talk of the mayor is a direct appeal to the parents to better the home conditions, to make that a sphere of influence of such a predominating nature that it will keep the child, and later the youth, from coming in close contact with those things that harden the nature to that point where admonition and advice fail to longer have any effect. The article of the mayor is timely and forceful, and if the kindly advice and admonition is heeded in many quarters where needed, it will result in better, happier homes and a higher standard among the youth of the city.—Umpqua Valley News.

NATION SAVED BY BOYS. Union Army in Civil War Made up of Two Million Boys.

News from the seat of war in Europe tell of mere boys being engaged in the fighting. During the recent G. A. R. Encampment at this city, Henry M. Morgan, of Portland, Ore., who was in Battery G., 1st N. Y. Artillery, handed us a leaflet showing the number of youths who enlisted in the Union army during the Civil War, which is interesting just now. The total number of enlistment was 2,778,309, and the total number of different men in the service was about 2,250,000. The following is as correct a statement as is possible to obtain of ages of Union soldiers and the number enlisted:

10 years and under	25
11 years and under	38
12 years and under	225
13 years and under	300
14 years and under	1,523
15 years and under	104,987
16 years and under	231,051
17 years and under	844,891
18 years and under	1,154,438
21 years and under	2,159,798
22 years and over	618,511
25 years and over	46,626
44 years and over	16,071

From this list it will be noted that considerably more than two million were mere boys. On Memorial Day, attention may well be called to the patriotic spirit of the young manhood of the land. Of the above numbers 67,058 were killed in action, 43,012 died of wounds received in action, 224,586 died of disease, over 9,000 of accidents, while various causes bring the total deaths to 359,528. Included in this list are 30,218 who died in captivity.

As an interesting sidelight we learn that 211,411 Union soldiers were captured, 16,668 of whom were paroled on the field. In 1910 it was estimated that less than 600,000 of our gallant "boys in blue" were still living. Since then many more have marched on to "Heaven's Eternal Camping Ground." All honor to our hero boys in blue.

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Collier's Caustic Criticism. Twenty ostriches sold for \$1.25 apiece at an auction in South Africa because the war has killed the market for ostrich feathers also fashion has decreased many other ornaments. Carranza and Villa may both resign their designs on the presidency for that matter, but now there is an entirely new set of presidents. Traveling public has fresh recollections. Certain American hotels are beginning to stick their labels on the guest's grip-sacks. In Tennysons' prophetic peesy he saw: Earth at last a warless world, a single race, a single tongue—I have seen her far away—for is not earth as yet so young? Every tiger madness muzzled, ever serpent passion killed. Every grim ravine a garden, every blazing desert tilled. And yet they have only got so far as to seek to muzzle the tiger madness.

Prohibition is a tenet of the Progressives, which doesn't seem to disconcert the people of California, who elected Hiram Johnson and went wet simultaneously. Remarks the Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Gernany fears a shortage of potatoes. It is not as joyless as it sounds, however, the shortage should discourage the making of potato salad." Speak not of cahtoffel saIOD so disparagingly. It is one of the thirty-nine agreeable ways of making potatoes edible? Nothing but second rate comets have been seen for many years. Only small runty comets appear to be bred. All kinds of revolutions have overturned dynasties; but we have yet to see the vodka revolution. Hoof and mouth disease among the kine, cholera among the swine. Waiter, bring me a reindeer steak. Parties are arranging themselves so that winning candidates will have majorities instead of pluralities—in every way more satisfactory.

Parkway fight is still so stiff that no one offers to compromise on two blocks of parkway opposite Union Station. Politics is either not worth all the attention given it or it is worth more. Even the poorest of us may own a European war bond if these are to be so many; though what then becomes of liquid capital? Johnson's election is another proof that California is a law unto her self save when she gets into trouble with Japan, and then Uncle Sam has to fetch both the law and the authority. In the new flats, the beds go with the house; in the old flats the gas fixtures used to sometimes go with the tenants. Much different are these Turks from those that Byron wrote of; and we suspect Byron was a little imaginative.

After an inspection of the Lindell entrance of Forest Park on a Sunday afternoon we should say two isles of safety would never do. It needs a whole archipelago.

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