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"BRAVING PUBLIC OPINION."

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer says "at the election last June the people of Oregon determined that the Senator should be selected from among the ranks of the Republican party." True, and while they were doing that they determined who he should be, by overwhelmingly endorsing the only man in the state who was willing to submit his name to a decision of the popular vote.

If Eastern Oregon has a man who wants to be U. S. Senator he should have accepted the opportunity presented by the last Legislature and the public invitation of Governor Geer to leave the whole matter to the people at the ballot box. We have all been saying for years that we wanted the people given a chance to be heard on the choosing of U. S. Senators, and with a law on the statute books giving the people this change, Governor Geer was the only Republican in the state who was willing to risk his chances before the popular tribunal. This recognized the people as being worthy of consideration, and having received a majority of the votes of the state in a contest that was open to all aspirants, he is entitled to the fruits of the victory.

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VIRGINIA'S ANTI KISSING BILL.

Kissing, whether indulged in by husband and wife, lover and sweetheart, or any one else, will have to be done surreptitiously in Virginia, or those who kiss may be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of \$5 for each smack—that is, if a bill recently introduced in the Virginia Legislature becomes a law. The author of the unique measure in question is Dr. R. B. Ware, a physician in good standing, who, like many other doctors, is firmly convinced that osculation spreads disease. Briefly, the provisions of the bill require that persons who insist upon kissing shall obtain a physician's certificate pronouncing them free from all contagious and infectious maladies. The text of the bill as follows:

"Whereas, kissing has been decided by the medical profession to be a medium by which contagious diseases are transmitted from one person to another, and whereas, the prohibiting of such an offense will be a great preventive to the spreading of such diseases as pulmonary tuberculosis, diphtheria, and many other dangerous diseases; therefore,

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That it shall be unlawful for any person to kiss another unless he can prove by his family physician that he has not any contagious or infectious disease.

"2. If physician testifies that the defendant has weak lungs, he shall be

found guilty of a misdemeanor and the same penalty shall be imposed as if he had some contagious or infectious disease.

"3. Any person violating the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than \$1 nor more than \$5 for each offense."

Dr. Ware is no doubt sincere in his advocacy of the measure. But there are a great many people in Virginia who will be ready to remind him of cases of men to be found in all walks of life who have succeeded well by minding their own business.

THE CAUCUS—THEN AND NOW.

(Eugene Journal.)

The election of Hon. Charles W. Fulton to the Senate of the United States is now considered assured by his friends if they can bind the minority by the vote of a caucus, which they have heretofore refused to be bound by themselves when it was against them. Mr. Fulton's managers are not certain that he can secure a majority of all the votes in both houses of the Legislature, which is required to elect a Senator, but they believe he will have a majority of the Republican members of that body, and by holding a caucus of Republicans and forcing members who favor other candidates to come into their parlor, as the spider said to the fly, and vote for Fulton, he can be elected. The fact that those who are now supporting Fulton were a minority of the Republicans in the last Legislature, and refused to be bound by a caucus and bolted Corbett, the choice of a majority of the Republicans, and united with Democrats and elected Mitchell, the choice of the minority, and who had received no votes in caucus or elsewhere for Senator, does not seem to be "referred to with pride" as a shining example by them on the present occasion or referred to in any manner whatever. As Colonel John Kelsay used to remark, when arguing a tough case before a jury "may it please your honor," and confronted by adverse evidence, they just "skip it" and go on talking pleasantly as the spider did to the fly, and seem quite confident that they will catch the fly. And the fact that they passed a law authorizing the people to nominate U. S. Senators by popular vote, and then under their own law Governor T. T. Geer is now their regular party candidate by about 10,000 majority, is another party vote of immense magnitude which they do not intend to be bound by. They will "skip it" and go on smiling, feeling confident and talking confidentially and pleasantly to those who have been their victims before, like the spider did when he caught the fly, "Heads we win, tails you lose," is the motto by which they succeed. Two years ago they smashed the caucus, got away with the majority, and with the help of the Democrats, elected Mitchell a second time, having done the same thing once before. Two years ago they repudiated their own law and refuse to obey the instructions of a Republican majority of 10,000 votes at the polls, and demand that if their candidate had a few more votes in the Legislature than any other candidate on the first roundup—a mere drop in the bucket compared with the votes which they ignore—all other candidates shall be dropped, and everybody shall come in and help them pull their chestnuts out of the fire, and be quick about it, for they have important bills to pass and are in a hurry!

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ALL LIARS EXCEPT THEMSELVES

In the current North American Review Erving Winslow, secretary of the New England Anti-Imperialist League, sets forth the "faith" of that curious little group of persons. Most of the eight pages of his article are occupied with description of what the anti-imperialists tried to do to prevent an adjustment of the relations of Cuba with the United States and to keep rebellion going in the Philippines.

The facts of anti-imperialist activity in these directions are sufficiently well known. They are ineffably recorded by the graves of Lawton and hundreds of other sons of the Republic slain by Filipino rifles loaded and by Filipino knives sharpened by anti-imperialist hands. But on the last page are two statements of hopes which the anti-imperialists draw from their faith which seem worthy of public attention.

"The true method to atone," says to Cuba by wresting her from her relations with Spain is to repeal the Platt amendment," etc. That is to say, the anti-imperialists regret that Cuba was freed from Spanish oppression, and hope to see her restored to the rule of Spain.

"The anti-imperialists hope," says Winslow again, "that in Hawaii, where there is chaos, and in Porto Rico, where discontent is rapidly spreading, the conditions will so develop that these possessions may be alienated." That is to say, the anti-imperialists hope for disorder, lawlessness, and rebellion in Hawaii and Porto Rico.

That any group of men, in the name of peace and freedom, should agitate for disorder, rebellion, anarchy, tyranny, and should, through their accredited spokesman, openly confess such purposes, may be set down as the most astounding fact in the history of mental and moral delusion. That

such purposes are those of the anti-imperialists is further proved by Winslow's statement of the theory upon which their agitation was begun.

The anti-imperialist movement began, he says, at a meeting in Faneuil Hall, in Boston, on June 15, 1898, held by those who opposed the war with Spain, "believing the aggravation of the popular mind due to the alleged destruction of the Maine by an enemy was founded upon delusion."

"The evidence is now pretty clear," adds Winslow, "that the disaster to the Maine was caused by an internal explosion, confirming the circumstantial proof gathered at the time and corroborated by the refusal of the United States authorities to allow an impartial investigation."

The anti-imperialists started, Winslow admits, with the belief that Captain Sigbee and all the survivors of the Maine disaster were liars, that Admiral Sampson and all the distinguished officers who investigated the disaster and found that it was due to an external attack were liars, and that the martyred William McKinley was the biggest liar of all.

In this opinion that everybody disagreeing with them was and is a liar is the explanation of anti-imperialist conduct. That opinion is, in fact, the anti-imperialist faith. All except anti-imperialists among the 80,000,000 of the American people are liars!

AMERICA LEADS.

American ship designers are again leading the world and furnishing models for the imitation of the naval architects of Great Britain, the foremost maritime nation of Europe. Thus does history repeat itself.

Ninety years ago the victories of the Constellation, the United States, and the Constitution, proved that the American navy had frigates more than a match for the best vessels of their class in the French and British fleets. Leaving aside any comparison of men, the Yankees were admitted to have better guns and better ships and the British builders began to imitate them.

Fifty and sixty years ago the American builders came forward with merchant ships that could sail faster and carry more cargo at lower cost than those of any other nation. Again the designs of the Yankees were imitated abroad.

The rise of steam and the Civil War, coming together, swept away the American mercantile marine. In the long neglect of the navy from about 1865 to about 1884, the art of designing steam men-of-war, though ours had been among the best afloat from 1850 to 1865, and we had revolutionized naval warfare with the Monitor, seemed to have been almost forgotten in this country.

When the construction of the modern armored fleet began we were so short of men who knew how to build that kind of ships that we had to buy designs for some in England to begin with. But now the shoe is being put on the other foot.

The Chicago Inter Ocean reports that Philip Watts, the new director of naval construction of Great Britain, in the King Edward and Duke of Edinburgh classes of armored cruisers, is openly and avowedly copying American designs for the Tennessee, the Washington, and other vessels of the heavy cruiser class.

He is doing this because he recognizes and admits that American plans for gun protection and other points are better than those hitherto used by British builders. And so in naval construction the United States is again confessedly in the lead.

INSANITY AMONG IMMIGRANTS.

It has recently been announced by a member of the New York Lunacy Commission that half of the 24,000 inmates of the insane hospitals of that state are of foreign birth.

This is taken by many leading newspapers to mean that the immigration laws are being grossly violated by al-

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lowing idiots and insane persons to enter the country. It is now proposed to amend the laws so that any person who shall develop insanity within two years after landing in this country shall be presumed to have become such from causes existing prior to landing, unless the contrary be affirmatively shown. The amendment further provides for deportation within two years.

It might be difficult to make the latter provision work in practice. The countries whence such immigrants came might refuse to take back developed idiots or lunatics. The better remedy would seem to be strict supervision by immigration officers of those presenting themselves for admission to the United States.

But there is another phase of this question to be considered. It is not so sure that the prevalence of insanity among persons of foreign birth is due to laxity on the part of immigration officials. Investigations carried on for years by expert specialists indicate that insanity among newly arrived immigrants is not unusually due to causes existing prior to their departure from their native countries, but is caused by conditions in the United States.

The explanation is this: Many of these immigrants are of a very low and ignorant order of people. Their minds are almost entirely untrained. While quite sane, in the ordinary sense of the word, their intellect is deficient, their mental power to adjust themselves to new conditions of life is feeble. They land in this country, find themselves surrounded by strange people, speaking an unfamiliar language, with all circumstances entirely different from anything to which they have been accustomed. In addition, most of them are very poor, and the problem of making a livelihood stares them in the face. Under such circumstances it is not remarkable that in many instances their poor brains give way and they become candidates for lunatic asylums.

Undoubtedly this is a reasonable view of the case, and it is difficult to find and apply an adequate remedy.

A WORD AS TO "COMBINATIONS."

In a very readable editorial on the gambling situation in Portland the Oregonian sees no immediate relief for several reasons assigned, among which is that the present district attorney is a Democrat and that his successor will be a "member of the Chamberlain-Geer combination."

Passing by the fact that no evidence exists anywhere that there has been or is in any such combination, it may be remarked that if the particular Republicans who now profess such horror lest somebody has or will make a combination with Mr. Chamberlain, had not themselves made one with him, two years ago against the regular nominee for district attorney, he would not now be either district attorney with power to appoint his successor (if he does) or Governor-elect with power to make combinations of any kind in any direction, if he should.

With the kindest of feeling the Statesman wishes to remark that in extenuation of the above fear of some kind of combination, these fitful brothers quite naturally suspect others of doing the very same thing they themselves have so recently done with the same popular "good fellow."

It might be further remarked that, as a handy man for the purpose to be used on favorable occasions to spite the other side, Mr. Chamberlain has on divers occasions supplied a long felt want.

The Statesman was sorry to see him elected district attorney and did all it could to prevent his election to the Governorship, but with a majority of 5,000 in their favor, one wing of the Republican party made him district attorney and this, alone, made it possible for the other wing to make him Governor.

The Republicans of Multnomah county could have defeated him for either office, but, instead, have elected him to both. The effort to shift the responsibility for this regrettable result is calculated to make the angels weep—with laughter.

This latest wall of the Multnomah Republicans over the fact that we still have Mr. Chamberlain on our hands, although bearing a strong resemblance to the voice of Jacob, will be a flat failure because so strongly and plainly backed by the hand of Esau.

DEATH OF SOLOMON HIRSCH.

Hon. Solomon Hirsch died suddenly in Portland yesterday, of heart failure. The announcement of the death of Mr. Hirsch will carry sincere feelings of regret and sorrow far beyond the stricken family circle, where the grief and loss are the most bitter and severe. Mr. Hirsch has many friends in every part of Oregon, and all throughout the Northwest, where he was known as a business man of character and probity and as a friend who was always true and steadfast.

He represented his county often in the Legislature. He stood for the dignity and authority of his Government as Minister to Turkey. In every trust he was loyal and faithful.

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Notwithstanding we have added several sales people to our already efficient corps of willing workers this week's selling will be large and we would suggest that you come in the forenoon to avoid the usual afternoon rush.

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The Statesman said and believed so then. We say and believe so now. But it was not to be.

However, Mr. Hirsch was not embittered by defeat. His was a great and kind spirit and a noble nature.

In his death Oregon loses one of her foremost citizens and one who has contributed to her greatness in a thousand ways.

A fact worth noticing in recent political history is this: Every newspaper in the state that is now abusing Governor Geer and belittling his chances for United States Senator was just as strenuous in abuse of him before the June election, and so far as the influence of these papers could extend it was aimed to keep the people from voting for him for Senator; in fact, such influence was almost positive in advocacy of the Democratic candidate, C. E. S. Wood, in preference to Mr. Geer, yet the blame fool people of Oregon, to the number of 45,000 persisted in their determination to have Mr. Geer for Senator, and in giving him a majority of over 12,000 against the wishes of the wailing newspapers. And now these same newspapers are trying to reverse the verdict of the people, which they declare was all a joke.

Herbert W. Bowen, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Venezuela from the United States, who is attracting world wide attention at the present time, on account of the troublous times in that country in which he represents the power and authority of the United States of America, is a son of the late Henry C. Bowen, of New York, for a long time editor of the New York Independent, one of the leading religious papers of the country. The father of the present Minister to Venezuela was an eloquent speaker and a leader among the men of religious thought for a generation, and he enjoyed a very wide acquaintance. It is not to be wondered at that the son is a man of acumen.

The romancers are real pioneers. They draw pictures by their imagination and then civilization after a time lives up to them. Today, twenty or thirty years after Jules Verne wrote "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," the London Graphic informs us that "an enterprising millionaire has placed an order with a firm of shipbuilders for a submarine yacht," and more orders are looked for. Who this Captain Nemo is not stated, but that doubtless will be revealed in good time.—New York Sun.

Another right of married women has been "vindicated." A Newark man

grew weary of the conversational powers of his wife and asked a magistrate to restrain her. The magistrate rebuffed him and held that Mrs. Caudle can't be interfered with in her own home. There is her castle. There she can brawl, rail and scold to her liver's content, and nobody can stop her. Thus is another hook put into the jaws of Government by injunction, and freedom of speech is safe at its own fireside.

West Virginia will abolish all property taxes, real and personal, and make its income out of licenses. This is the indirect method of taxation, by which it is proposed in some quarters to raise in Oregon the \$500,000 for the 1905 Fair—the corporation and inheritance tax. If it is resorted to in this case, and for this purpose, as it is likely to be, the method will be retained on Oregon's statute-books, as a wise and beneficial piece of legislation. In time Oregon will come to the West Virginia standard.

Eugene Bosse, manager of the Pacific Coast Flax and Linen Co., says Salem is the future Belfast of America. And he is right. The conditions of soil and climate and water are here to make it so. It will come about sooner or later. In the course of time there will be more people working in flax manufacturing in Salem than there are now people here—yes a number of times more. And it may not be very far in the future.

There is to be another Greater Salem stake of \$2,000 for a trotting race at the next State Fair. Which is all right. It helps to make the Fair a success—brings the best horses and the people here. It therefore pays. But the last \$15,000 to finish paying the debt of Willamette University is still unpaid. It would pay the people of Salem to see to it that the debt is wiped out, and by the first of the year.

In case it shall be admitted to the Union, the people of the newest state in the sisterhood will have little difficulty in finding a song to match "My Maryland." "The Banks of the Wabash," and "Illinoi." That is to say, they can, if they choose, select "Home, Sweet Home—There's No Place Like Oklahoma."

It is, of course, a Chicago newspaper, the Inter Ocean, that is guilty of the following: "Another St. Louis millionaire has been sentenced to the Penitentiary. At this rate, there ought to be no shortage in the number of palaces that can be rented by World's

Long Hair

"About a year ago my hair was coming out very fast, so I bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It stopped the falling and made my hair grow very rapidly, until now it is 45 inches in length."—Mrs. A. Boydston, Atchison, Kans.

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