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CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4000



LAST YEAR'S GIFT ENTERPRISES.

As has been figured out by the compilers of Appleton's Annual Cyclopaedia, the aggregate known value of gifts and bequests for public purposes in this country in 1902 reached the astonishing total of \$85,000,000.

Great as they were, the gifts of 1902 did not aggregate as much as those of the preceding year. But the number of modest givers—if a \$5000 giver can come under the head—was larger.

GOOD PRACTICE.

If it continues to kill bills at the pace it set yesterday, the Montana House of Representatives will win an enviable reputation as a slaughter house.

The Oregon Legislature might take some lessons, with profit to the people of this state.

IT IS INCREDIBLE.

Some five years ago the Legislature of Oregon elected one of its own members, the presiding officer of the Senate, to the Senate of the United States.

At that time the chief executive was a party affiliate of the majority in the Legislature, as well as of the successful candidate. The presiding officer of the joint convention was the United States Senator-elect himself.

The present situation is, however, quite dissimilar to that of five years ago. While it is true that, by adroit political management, the foremost

the joint convention, the executive authority of the state is now vested in one who will not be found in the camp of the conspirators, nor can it be believed, will permit the violation of the plain terms of that organic law which he has just sworn to support.

The Constitution makes him the executive head of the state, "commander-in-chief of its military and naval forces," and requires him (see art. 5, sec. 10), "to take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

Indeed, every member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives is subject to the same disqualification for appointment to any civil office under the authority of the United States "during the time for which he was elected."

But we are told that no man is larger than the Republican party. Good doctrine—but a few legislators who have plans of their own—who do not now like the Mays law because "it has not worked as we expected it would"

Let him get who has the power. Let him keep who can. It seems incredible that this noble Roman, goaded by his unreined ambition, should so basely repudiate by his actions the noble sentiments of his better moments.

THE BIBLE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Within a short time it is expected that the fierce tribes that inhabit portions of the Philippine Islands will know the softening and civilizing influence of the Bible.

Rev. Jay C. Goodrich has this work in charge and he has secured the service of a competent corps of interpreters. He began the task about one year after the capture of Manila.

REMEMBER THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

Seeking to justify the bolt of two years ago, led by Mr. Fulton, against Corbett's election to the Senate, the friends of the man from Clatsop urge that "there was then a determined purpose to defeat Mr. Corbett on the part of an opposing political faction."

This sounds well, but what was in the way of Mr. Corbett two years ago that does not now lie against Mr. Fulton? Can any one say? The bolt from Mr. Corbett is now justified because "an opposing political faction was determined to defeat him."

And now Mr. Fulton would like to have a caucus himself!

Mr. Geer represents every principle and purpose of the Republican party, always has, and besides, has to his credit the support for the Senatorship of 45,000 Republicans given at the polls under a law provided by Mr. Fulton.

The only safe refuge in this contest is behind that vote of the people. Any other outcome will place the Republican party on sinking sand.

"ONLY ADVISORY."

Mr. Eddy, in his speech in the joint convention, attacked the Mays law because it did not change the National Constitution, and therefore, did not deprive the Legislature of the right to elect whom it chooses United States Senator.

Correct, but did Mr. Eddy suppose two years ago when he voted for that law that he was voting to change the National Constitution?

He also asserted that the popular vote was not binding—"only advisory." Correct again. But did he suppose when he voted for that law two years ago that the vote taken under it was going to be binding?

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SAYS THE ASTORIA NEWS.

"No party can be said to exist unless a majority of the delegates of the party in convention, or in any representative body, shall govern the action of all."

Well said. This is what Mr. Fulton said when he advocated the Mays law. He and his friends urged that this matter should be left to the people then and removed it from the Legislature. There is where you will get a caucus that speaks from the fountain head.

Every mention of a caucus since the people were invited to vote on this question, and have voted, is an insult to them and their judgment and their right to be heard.

Gentlemen, the Statesman but gives you good advice when it suggests that the time to heed the people is now.

What a piece of work is man and by what strange and unheroic means he seeks to undo himself. Take the case of Jasper Cunningham, farmer, of Rockport, Ky. Jasper had all Grandmother Eve's fondness for apples.

It seems incredible that any Senator or Representative will stand up in the joint convention and assert that he does not believe that Mr. Geer is the choice of his people for Senator, when he received more votes in that particular county or district than did the member himself.

Mr. Eddy is sure that Mr. Geer is not the choice of a majority of his constituents. How does he know? The only test is at the ballot box.

SPEER BROS.' BEST PRICES

SALEM—AUMSVILLE—MEHAMA

We kindly ask you to read this ad, save it, and use it as a guide in buying. If you will do this you will save money. In the next issue our list alphabetically will be "L."

- Kitchen knives, No. 1034, 10c each. Kitchen knives, 6 in., 25c each. Knives and forks, wood handles, No. 1152, wood handle, 10c. Knives, pocket, boys' Barlow, No. 141, wood handles, 15c. Knives, pocket, boys' Barlow, 2 blades, No. 27,526, 15c. Knives, pocket, Gents' Barlow, No. 143, 20c. Knives, pocket, Gents' Barlow, two blades, No. 2,461, 25c. Gents', two blades, No. 2,402, 25c. Gents', 2 blades, No. 27,545 1/2, 25c. Gents', 2 blades, No. 144, 30c. Gents', 2 blades, No. 240, 35c. Gents', 2 blades, No. 244, 35c. Gents', 2 blades, No. 2506, 45c. Gents', 2 blades, No. 2408, 45c. Gents', 2 blades, No. 2604, 50c. Gents' 1 blade, No. 145, 50c. Gents' 2 blades, No. 2410, 50c. Gents' 2 blades, No. 2612, 50c. Ladies' 2 blades, No. 9389, 50c. Knives, pocket, gents', 2 blades, No. 2620, stag handles, 60c. Knives, pocket, gents', 2 blades, No. 2421, ebony handle, 65c. Knives, pocket, gents', 2 blades, No. 2419, ebony handle, 65c. Knives, pocket, ladies', 2 blades, No. 6585, pearl handle, 65c. Knives, pocket, gents' 2 blades, No. 2635, stag handle, 70c. Gents' 2 blades, No. 294, 70c. Gents' 2 blades, No. 2637, 70c. Gents' 2 blades, No. 2424, 75c. Gents' 2 blades, No. 2638, 75c. Gents' 2 blades, No. 2632, 75c. Gents' 2 blades, No. 2735, 75c. Gents' 3 blades, No. 3422, 85c. Gents' 3 blades, No. 3832, 90c. Gents' 3 blades, No. 3624, 90c. Gents' 2 blades, No. 2575, 90c. Gents' 2 blades, No. 2955, 90c. Gents', No. 2972, \$1.00. Gents' 2 blades, No. 265, \$1.00. Gents' 3 blades, No. 3658, \$1.00. No. 3667, \$1.00. Gents' 3 blades, 3626, \$1.00. Gents' 4 blades, No. 4692, \$1.50. Gents' 3 blades, No. 3976, \$1.50. Gents', No. 3927, \$1.65. "King" men's shoes, kang. calf, lace, sizes 7 to 9, \$2.60. "K. C." baking powder, 15c size, 12c. "K. C." baking powder, 25c size, 20c. Kendall's Spavin Cure, small size, 40c. Kendall's Spavin Cure, large size, 75c. Kennedy's Rheumatic Liniment, 45c. Kennedy's Medical Discovery, \$1.25. Remarks—We carry the Hart Cutlery Co.'s "Razor Steel" pocket knives and we guarantee every knife from 25c up to give satisfaction. If they do not, we will pay you your money back at any time.

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The Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Co.

299 Commercial street, Opposite P. O. the great durbar at Delhi and says that Lord Curzon is a little English snob married to a rich American girl who would have been a governess had it not been for the big business done at her father's bargain counter. Realizing that it has been outclassed by his nephew's gun, Senator Tillman may conclude to shoot off his mouth less frequently.—Anacosta Standard. Legal Blanks, Statesman Office. 77 Legal Blanks, Statesman Office. 48

A Cough "I have made a most thorough trial of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and am prepared to say that for all diseases of the lungs it never disappoints."—J. E. Finley, Ironton, O. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral won't cure rheumatism; we never said it would. It won't cure dyspepsia; we never claimed it. But it will cure coughs and colds of all kinds. We first said this sixty years ago; we've been saying it ever since.