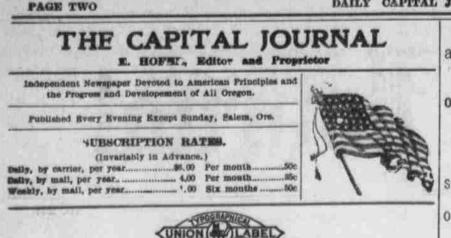
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OUR PERFECT OREGON FALL.

The late cool spring makes a late warm fall very delightful.

It is a delight to all-this perfect Indian summer weather. All fruit was later ripening, with plenty of time to harvest.

Fall pasture is coming on fine, and so is the late cabbage. The pumpkin crop is immense, and there will be plenty of

vegetables. The supply of pumpkin pies and the pack of sauer kraut

will be large.

The potato crop will be abundant and there will be thousands of fat turkeys.

Oh, where! oh, where do the people live better than in Oregon?

With plenty of everything, with good prices for all crops, with plenty of fine fall weather, what have the people of Oregon to kick about ?

THE ISSUE IN NEW YORK.

The burning political issue in New York is the direct primary law

Tariff, finance, corporation regulation and taxation are minor matters.

President Shurman of Cornell university takes the opposition view.

Hedged by privileges , living on a big salary, inflated with the residuary spoils of empire state machine politics, he distrusts the people.

He admits that conventions can be bought and corruptly influenced, but the people might do worse, in his opinion.

In Oregon the direct primary is no longer an open question.

No one seriously proposes to repeal the law. All efforts to even amend it was voted down or timorously

defended.

It works perfectly in producing good county officials.

It is generally conceded that Marion county has a better county government under the direct primary.

It is not denied that the fittest men have been chosen for nearly every office.

When so nominated they are elected almost without expense or opposition.

Wherever fairly given trial the direct primary becomes popular.

The severest test put upon the law is nomination of United States senator.

Corrupt politicians in the past have looked upon that office as a prize to be purchased.

It has been an office far removed from the common peo-

Under the direct primary the people nominate and elect and the legislature merely ratifies . It issues a certificate of election to the popular choice.

There is no purchase of votes with money or promises of office.

The go-betweens of the interests are put out of business. The senator makes up his record direct to the people. Among other go-betweens the convention is abolished.

The official under the direct primary assumes direct reponsibility to the electorate.

The Oregon direct primary law could only be improved in one respect-by providing asecond choice. That has been done in the Idaho and Washington direct

primary law.

A second choice reflects the cooler, maturer, better judgment of the average voter.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

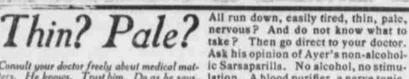
There's nothing small about the aldermen from the seventh ward, except their feet. Although they feel that Fairmount Park was killed by the conservative citizens who live around Wilson Park, they are both loyal to the proposition of spending about \$5,000 a year the next two years to improve Wilson Park.

Kind reader, at some spare hour this beautiful fall wander up on Fairmount hill and revel in the glories of the scenery and the delightful atmosphere. See the mist on the mountain, the glorious landscape and the colored foliage, and the wonderful view of the city, with the snov peaks glittering on the horizon. Then think of the small-hearted politicians who in the interest of penny-wise economy and the tax-dodgers generally fought having the city acquire that delightful spot for a public park. Ye gods, but our community is infested with some specimens of the non-progressivmus Patagoniensis that makes one's heart ache clear to one's toes! What nature intended as one beautiful spot for a public park they were able to veto.

The Salem Gesang Verein made a fine record for themselves at that Portland celebration. Prof. Von Jessen's "farmers" sang quite up to the standard of their more highly trained city cousins of the Arion society and were recalled and recalled. The German singing society will be in demand on many occasions where good music is desired.

The plan to have a "got-together" banquet by the Salem Business Men's League is a good one. It is productive of friendly relations that are beneficial for a long time to come and exert an influence on the mazuma end of the conscience.

The Beans Are "Buggy."-| mytseriously they will begin to dance "Admiral" Clarke, one of the cus- and jump about like a young steer todians at the state capitol, has in attacked by a Jersey mosquito. The his possesion three tiny beans beans are called "Mexican Jumping which are attracting much attention. Beans." and a tiny larva confined in GOUT Mr. Clarke will hold the little beans the center of the bean causes it to out in his hand, and suddenly and jump about.



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