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POPULAR ELECTION OF SENATORS.

The Ohio senatorial contest strongly emphasizes the demand that United States senators shall be elected by the direct vote of the people.

The result of the election bound the republican members of the legislature, by every consideration of political honor and of party loyalty, to support of the senatorial candidate endorsed by the state convention and by the popular vote.

The situation is not extraordinary so far as it illustrates the possibility of defeating the popular will inherent in the present system of electing United States senators.

There are a great many people who believe that Theodore Durrant was an innocent man and they will be strengthened in this conviction by his declaration of innocence on the scaffold.

There is one of the celebrated cases in criminal annals and we recall none that attracted more general attention.

Perhaps no American industry has received greater benefit from the new tariff than that of wool.

The railway postal clerks are again pressing before congress the reclassification bill which passed the senate during the Fifty-fourth congress, but which failed in the house.

In view of the fact that there were enormous importations of wool before the present tariff went into effect, estimated to amount to a two years' supply, the large demand for the domestic product at advanced prices is somewhat surprising.

Undoubtedly this great change for the better in the sheep and wool-growing industry will stimulate its growth, so that the prices of last year may not be maintained this year.

INCONSISTENT CRITICS.

The success of the Transmississippi Exposition was long ago fully assumed, and commendation of almost the entire press of the country.

The paper edited by Lieutenant Governor Parrott, whose term of office expires next week, referring to Iowa exhibition at the exposition, says that "asking half as much as was appropriated for the World's fair (Chicago) looks as though somebody was overdoing the business."

But the objection most often urged to the exposition on the part of Iowa critics is that it "will be very largely a local affair, for the benefit of Omaha more than anything else."

Nebraska has for the first time in its history a supreme court consisting of five justices, the first time in the history of different political faiths.

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contract he had entered into to knife Governor Hildreth, whose candidacy he was pretending to support by selling editorial space in a republican candidate for the significant sum of \$750.

The Denver Republican calls upon the people of Colorado to get ready for a fine exhibit of the state at the Transmississippi Exposition.

The \$10,000 legislative suffrage committee finds fault because the supreme court reports are not cut up into more volumes at so much per volume to every lawyer who keeps a set.

An application to the Nebraska supreme court for a new trial for a boy convicted of murder rests on the ground that the attorney who defended the prisoner was nothing but a horse doctor.

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Internal revenue service and in the custodian serve in the public buildings throughout the country. The secretary further makes certain minor suggestions in regard to the power of transfer and appointment.

Strangely enough, in spite of the fact that these recommendations are made in direct response to the request of the senate, certain enemies of the system inactively assigned the secretaries for appealing to congress for relief.

FOREIGN DEMAND FOR CORN. Steady Increase in the Quantity Sent Abroad. Chicago Tribune. The Tribune made mention yesterday of the heavy shipments of corn to Europe last year and expressed the confident hope that the present year will increase rapidly in the near future.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

If Japan could only get the big war ships which are now in process of construction for her in various European and American shipyards, she would doubtless make a much better stand against the aggression of land-grabbing powers, eastern Asia.

Russia is now at a stand. It seems that the Indian rebellion is not so formidable as she had hoped, and it seems that she must wait another opportunity.

France wisely regards with complacency the increasing strength of the movement in Germany, headed by the emperor, which aims to make the German fleet one of the greatest in the world.

Major Quincy of Boston reiterates in his annual message the assertion that the two-house congress council is a huge failure.

Now Rhode Island threatens to revive its constitution and incidentally abolish one of the staples in the United States.

Every Tammanyite going into office proclaims himself a reformer in public. Privately he checks and muzzles. This "ere reform" is a gross prettifying.

That \$1,500 salary which the Chicago aldermen voted ostensibly for secretaries is reaching the spot intended.

Governor Lowndes of Maryland has established a remarkable precedent. He has withdrawn as a candidate for senator, lest he might be accused of using the patronage of his office to further his ambition.

The city of Brooklyn made a very handsome deal in consenting to union with New York. A neat deficit of \$5,000,000 was worked out.

Meahaden Oil Men Combine. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The efforts that have been made during the last three weeks to bring about a combination of Meahaden oil men have been successful.

water-logged and dismantled vessel in so exhausted condition that his rescuers had to haul his clothing; but he had strength enough to beg them to look out and not lose his cent.

Paul Peiky of Filmore, Mo., is still living and is 102 years old. He took sick and died forty years ago, was buried in a grave, and was placed in a coffin in an upstairs room at his home.

Mr. John Howard of Bowdick, Morgan county, Ga., died under peculiar circumstances on the night of December 12.

It is love is blind, as we have read. There's a saying of old times, "Love is blind." There's no such thing as "love on sight."

It only takes a curfew. "When you've written '97, it's no more than the clock. It only takes a curfew. To change it to an X."

He is deaf in one ear, but he seems not to care. His nose is still careful and gay. When his neighbors embark on a tear, He sleeps with his head ear that way.

All across over! Where's your manners, Reddy Burke? Throw out that cud! Spitting on the floor's forbidden— Try it, you'll know how it's done!

Against the practice of giving tea and coffee to children, we cannot speak too strongly. Childhood is the period when the nervous system is at its greatest.

Do not be satisfied by answering "No," when asked as to his use, but let us teach the families with whom we come in contact that such practice is evil.

The supreme importance of proper food in pills of drugs is not generally understood, but the success of child or adult depends largely upon proper sustenance for the body.