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From latest accounts Governor-elect Cosgrove is steadily improving and may be able to take the oath of office next month. The even temperature and beautiful surroundings that prevail at Paso Robles hot springs are an inspiration, making the sick well if anything in nature will.

The official count of the state of Washington gives Taft 106,310, Bryan 58,383, Debs 17,177, Higien 248, Chafin 4700. For governor: Cosgrove, republican, 110,190; Pattison, democrat, 58,126. This gives Taft 47,927 more votes than Bryan. Cosgrove leads Pattison by 52,064 votes.

Goodwin's Weekly thinks "the only show for the democratic party is for the Southern leaders to again assume control of the party, outline a declaration of principles containing something more than an indictment of the republican party, have their platform as broad as the Republic, and make their appeal to the best judgment and not the partisan prejudices of the people."

The people of New York are said to be "opera mad" and the whole country seems to have gone daft on football. A few years ago it was the prize ring. Young men go to college now apparently for the express purpose of playing football, not to obtain the higher education. Football is undoubtedly right in its place, but it should not be the whole thing. It is questionable whether it is the best form of athletic exercise.

The report of A. W. Perley, inspector of tracks and safety appliances, to the railroad commission of Washington, covering the period from April 1, 1907, to November 1, 1908, is a modest document, but in every line and on every page carries the meat or essence of the subject matter in hand. It is one that would bear repetition by other departments of the state government.

The Wenatchee Republic has a new editor, H. O. Stechhan, succeeding W. S. Trimble, who formerly lived in Colfax. The Republic is one of the live and up-to-date weekly papers of this state, published in a live and progressive community. Its 16 pages are filled with ads of every description, showing that things are doing in a business way. Wenatchee is a town about the size of Colfax. It has nothing like the rich farming country surrounding it that is seen everywhere throughout the Palouse, but by organization, push, advertising, publicity the sandy stretches along the Columbia river and the sage brush plains beyond are fast filling up with people and land values are climbing skywards. A newspaper is a reflex of the conditions that surround it, and The Republic is no exception to the rule. It is a pleasure to glance over its columns. The Republic is not only ably edited, but it is a typographical gem. The Wenatchee spirit is manifest.

Lester P. Edge, a young sprig of the law which has taken root at Spokane, elected to the legislature at the last election, announces that he will introduce a bill giving Spokane another superior judge. Bills to make several more superior judges as well as to create new counties may be looked for as usual. That seems to be the main purpose of the average politician seeking a seat in the legislature. If Mr. Edge was a wise legislator and had the good of the people at heart he would seek to simplify our judicial procedure, so as to lessen litigation and make the need of more judges unnecessary. Spokane now has four superior judges, which would seem to be luxury enough for a community of her size.

Considerable is being said in the local press anent the prosperity that attends our sister city Pullman and the causes leading up to it. The "wet" and the "dry" are the usual reasons given, but it seems to us that the Pullman News hits the bull's eye when it says: "We owe our growth and prosperous condition to the same causes exactly that are building up the entire state—our resources. The greatest one cause for our phenomenal growth, however, is the fact that the state of Washington has placed within our gates the State College. The very able manner in which this institution is being conducted has brought to Pullman hundreds of people. This is the greatest reason for Pullman's growth and the sooner it is recognized and admitted the better."

The Root-Gordon scandal continues to fill considerable space in the press of the state. That it should be so is not to be wondered at. From the tone of the press the people will not be satisfied with the semi-official investigation being made by the State Bar Association. It is an official investigation that is demanded, one that will probe to the bottom of the case and lay bare the whole details. If Judge Root has done no wrong, as he says, he has nothing to fear; his future depends on the facts being known. The legislature, when it meets in January, will undoubtedly order an investigation. It will have power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and, let us hope, there will be no star chamber sittings allowed. An investigation that investigates is what is wanted.

Women Superintendents.

Seventeen of the 37 school superintendents elected at the last election are women. As Uncle Jasper would say, "The world do move." Following are the names of the 17 elected:

Asotin county, Mary Brannan; Benton county, Annie Goff; Clallam county, Annette Trumbull; Cowlitz county, Carrie Burcham; Ferry county, Helena R. Smithson; Franklin county, Mrs. E. C. Nagal; Garfield county, Elizabeth McCoy; Island county, Alicenia B. Engle; Kittitas county, Mrs. Geneva L. Barkley; Mason county, Mrs. Mary M. Knight; Pacific county, Lottie Bode; Skamania county, Lillie Miller; Snohomish county, Eva B. Bailey; Stevens county, Daisy Hard; Wabkiakum county, Elvira C. Marsh; Walla Walla county, Josephine Preston; Whatcom county, Mary P. Carpenter.

The number of women superintendents elected this year is exactly the same as two years ago. In Asotin, Benton, Cowlitz, Franklin, Mason, Snohomish, Stevens, Wabkiakum and Whatcom counties, nine in all, the present women incumbents have been re-elected for a second term. Women have been elected to succeed women in Clallam, Ferry, Garfield, Island and Pacific counties, five in all.

Three counties—Columbia, Lincoln and San Juan—have elected men to succeed women, but three other counties—Kittitas, Skamania and Walla Walla—have elected women to succeed men.

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It would seem that something should be done in Portland to put a check to the crime of murder. The killing of Fisher is the latest. Of the killing, in cold blood, there is no question. The defence, what will that be? We may look for the usual delays and appeals on technicalities, which only add disgust to the whole proceedings. The Oregonian sums up the situation by saying that "the crime of 'Jim' Finch ends the next to the last chapter of a life of unthrift, worthlessness, drunkenness, and general unsavorniness in the calling of a politician, lobbyist, newspaper man and lawyer."

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Tom L. Johnson's Extreme Poverty.
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The Law's Delays.

Attorney General Bonaparte adds his testimony as to the inefficiency of criminal law administration to that of Mr. Taft and many others. He finds its most conspicuous defect to be its endless delays. "Why," he asks, "need there be a foretaste of eternity between arrest and indictment, another between indictment and trial, and yet another between trial and actual punishment?" Mr. Bonaparte answers this question by averring that the delays are due to dilatory and frivolous proceedings on the part of counsel for the defense, which are tolerated because of the latitude given to the constitutional prerogative of the accused.

But the old danger that an innocent man might be convicted has largely passed away. It is, as Mr. Bonaparte says, almost chimerical, and we are today suffering from the opposite danger, that the guilty may be declared innocent, to such an extent that the attorney general suggests the revolutionary idea of an appeal from a verdict of acquittal. He thinks the constitutional provision against "double jeopardy" operates to the great advantage of lawbreakers, and sets up an arbitrary rule that might be very well done away with. However this may be, it is not likely to be repealed in our day and generation. We can reform the criminal law without abandoning that great landmark in the progress of human liberty. The trouble is not so much with the want of right to appeal from verdicts of acquittal as it is in the extraordinary ease and freedom with which appeals may be taken from verdicts of guilty. If there were no appeal at all from jury verdicts, the efficacy of our courts of law would be wonderfully increased.

The country has recently been astonished by the arrest, trial and conviction of a self-confessed forger and swindler, all in a single afternoon. But this remarkable spectacle was not at all due to the efficiency of our judicial machinery. It happened only because the accused voluntarily consented, for reasons of his own, to plead guilty and accept the penalty imposed by the court. If he had chosen to fight his case, in spite of his guilt, we have no doubt he could have been kept out of prison for an indefinite period by methods perfectly familiar to every lawyer and entirely within the bounds of proper legal practice as permitted by the statutes and the courts. Mr. Taft has strongly advocated the radical reform of our judicial procedure, even to the total abolition of the right of appeal in criminal cases. Mr. Bonaparte would give the government right of appeal in acquittals. We judge it would be practically impossible to carry criminal law reform to either of these extremes, but there is a middle ground upon which all can unite, and that is on the limitation of the right of appeal. It is a reform which belongs especially to the province of state legislatures, though something may be accomplished in congress by way of setting an example.—Washington (D. C.) Herald.

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