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### PRESIDENT ENDORSES CHAMBERLAIN.

President Wilson has formally endorsed George E. Chamberlain as one of the senators he desires to see re-elected. This was to be expected, because the Oregon man has become one of the most valuable members of the upper house, and his six years' experience has won for him the most important committee places, among these being the chairmanship of the military committee, which is probably next in importance to the foreign relations committee in this time of world-wide stress. A further evidence of his close relations to the administration may be noted in the fact that Chamberlain was chosen to father the Alaskan railway bill, and engineered the passage of this progressive bill in remarkably short time. This fact was probably due in some measure to the senator's personal popularity among his colleagues, his faculty for making and retaining friends being as marked in the national capital as it has been for years in his home state. This quality, coupled with excellent mental ability and industry, has had much to do with his successful public career.

It has been urged by the political opponents of Senator Chamberlain that the president would withhold his endorsement of his candidacy because the senator has a time or two opposed administration measures, but this view was held by few persons who have studied the president's career. They are well aware that he is not anxious to fill the senate with mere puppets, but rather prefers strong men, independent in thought and action, and amenable only to sound argument. Chamberlain is of this type, and the president knows it as well as anybody else. He has never hesitated to stand for what he considered his duty to his constituents, whether it was party doctrine or not, and has never been accused of holding office for sake of personal gain to himself or his friends. As governor and senator, Chamberlain having proven himself one of the strongest men Oregon has ever produced, his tens of thousands of friends, regardless of their political affiliations, will be pleased to know that President Wilson recognizes his ability and integrity and his usefulness to the nation at large.

### THE LINEN PROBLEM.

The matter of growing flax in the Willamette valley has been broached twice in the past two or three years, and both times it has been "killed with kindness." The last time it was proposed to raise \$150,000 or some such sum for the purpose of manufacturing the fiber. This could not be done. With the paralyzing of the manufacture of the flax products in Belgium and a bad crippling of the same industry in Ireland, the time seems opportune to again take the matter up. It should be borne in mind, however, that we must creep before we can walk, and the first thing to do is to get a goodly area planted to flax, and enough machinery secured to get it in the shape of fiber. This, at the start, should be sent east and worked up there. So soon as it is practically demonstrated that we can grow the very finest fiber here, which we can, there will be plenty of money available for plants for manufacturing at this place.

The Commercial club can make no more important move than getting this industry started, and now is the time to begin. Arrangements should be made with enough farmers to plant an acre or two each, to furnish a quantity sufficient to justify getting such machinery as will put the crop in shape for shipping, and at the same time some man should be secured who is familiar with flax culture to explain just what is needed to those planting it.

There never was such a chance for starting the industry as now. For some years all flax products will command high prices and will enable the industry to pass through the experimental phase and settle down into one of our leading businesses.

There is at our doors almost unlimited water power now wasting and with something here to manufacture this could be set at work and made to earn good money. Why not set it at work making Salem the Belfast of America and the linen center of the world? Why not have one of the largest payrolls in the state?

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It looks as though the question of who can win in the European war is answered by the question: Which side can longest stand the losses? With equal the determination, and the allies having more than double the number to start with, there can be but one answer if the losses are practically equal. When one-half the fighting forces of the Russians, French and British have been killed off, there would be not a German left. The processes of attrition would leave the allies conquerors. As England, France and Germany at least feel their existence depends on the result of the war, it will probably be carried to that point where further resistance becomes impossible from sheer exhaustion. Looked at from this viewpoint, there seems but little hope of victory for the Germans. They are putting up a desperate fight with indomitable bravery and unequalled courage, but mathematics says they cannot win, unless there is a backing down on the part of the allies.

The tariff is a safe subject to discuss, because any kind of an assertion can be made about it, and though it may be false, it takes time to run it down, and by that time another assertion equally false can be started. This is why, for one reason, the tariff is always dug up at election times to fool the voters. It is a different thing when one goes to writing editorials with eggs as the subject. Everybody knows eggs, even china ones, and, besides, from the nature of the cases in which nature packs this hen product, they must necessarily be handled carefully or they will some of them break and make a mess of things, really or politically. It took some time for the Oregonian to discover this, but having mistaken some real eggs for the china variety and tramped on them too hard, the results were such the egg editor has gone into temporary retirement while the mess is being cleaned away.

One of the mysteries of the European war is where all the ammunition is coming from. With several million men banging away day and night, it looks as though the cold storage stock should be exhausted by this time, and it further seems impossible for all the factories to make the ammunition as fast as it is used. However, the factories are working overtime and somehow manage to keep a sufficient stock on hand.

Germany has never had a square deal on the news questions regarding the present war—that is admitted by all newspapers—because the allies control all the sources of news. The papers are simply printing what they are able to get and hoping it is somewhere near the truth.

The prune crop is light and many of the prunes are cracked, but still the boarding house keepers need not repine; there will be enough to keep the boarders from complaining.

### THE ROUND-UP

Up to last Friday the rainfall at Bandon had been nearly eight inches, or almost double the highest previous September record. The ten-year average has been 2.92 inches.

The Methodist church at Sumpter, after being without a pastor for more than two years, is to be served by the Rev. Robert C. Lee, who has been stationed at Huntington.

The extraordinary disproportion in the Hillsboro high school of 80 boys and 60 girls is reported by the Independent, which calls it "a surprising and unusual circumstance."

"The aeroplane has proved, as was expected," says the Enterprise Record Chief, "the novel and striking attraction of the county fair. It was the first ever brought into the county."

The Ione Journal announces with pleasure that its effort to get Sunday mail service out of Ione has been crowned with success. This gives the Ione business man the same service that Heppner has had for some time.

North Bend Harbor: What is probably the largest salmon brought to Coos Bay for a number of years was exhibited by fishermen several days ago. It was claimed to weigh 50 pounds. It was a beautiful specimen and would have been fine to exhibit as a product of Coos Bay.

T. L. Dugger, who has been publishing the Tribune at Sweet Home for about a year, has decided to move the paper to Seilo and continue its publication there. This will give Seilo two papers. Mr. Dugger was publisher of the Seilo News for several years before going to Lebanon.

### MAY HAVE INNING IN CRIMINAL COURT

Portland, Ore., Oct. 1.—Portland authorities today issued a warrant for Fischer Frank Arclines of the Sacramento Mission team of the Pacific Coast baseball league, charging a statutory offense against a fourteen-year-old Portland girl. The warrant was telegraphed to Los Angeles to be served on the ball player.

The issuance of the warrant follows the arrest yesterday of Robert Davis and Elmer Lober of the Portland team on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl.

Detectives who arrested the Portland players yesterday charge that a number of young men about town had preyed upon the infatuation the girl had for heroes of the stage and the diamond. Two other young men, one an actor and one a jeweler, are under arrest in connection with the same case.

Before giving advice prepare to stand from under.

### The Old Girls

When man grows old and muscle-bound, and crippled by the loads he's carried, it's pleasant then to look around, and see the girls he might have married. Some chances, that once conveyed a smart, prevented this or t'other wedding; ah, then he had a broken heart, and found his life but weary sledding. But now, grown old, he casts his gaze on many a dismal female relic, that he adored in other days, and thought enchanting and angelic. That matron with the shrewish tongue, who keeps her neighborhood excited—she was a peach when she was young, and once with her my truth was plighted. And that old maid who loves her cat, and has of singing birds a covet, and who has grown absurdly fat—ah, once I called her "Lovey Dovey!" And remember suffragist so grim, whose purpose is poor man's abasement; long since I sang a lover's layman, on summer eve, beneath her easement! I think the destiny that shaped my course when I was young and giddy! Ah me, the perils I escaped, when I pursued the maid and widdy! I see old sweethearts in the town, and here I raise my Ebenezer, and thank them that they turned me down, and handed me the ice cream freezer.



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### JACKSON COUNTY WINS 18 OUT OF 19

J. A. Westerlund, state representative from Jackson county, believes in boosting the resources of the county as well as trying to make it prosperous by law. Acting on this he made nineteen exhibits of fruit from his county, at the state fair and carried away 18 prizes. This is a pretty good showing from a section that politically is ignored by the balance of the state having neither state nor federal officers of any kind. If its men size up with its fruit it should be furnishing the larger part of those officials too. Mr. Westerlund won the first prize for the best general display of fruit grown by one person and also for the best packed box of Yellow Newtowns. He won besides 14 firsts on state exhibits and second on the display of five boxes.

### WEST SALEM.

Mr. Joseph Sedall, of King's Valley, is a guest at the J. H. Eaton home. Mrs. C. C. Garfield, a sister of Mrs. Fred Smith, of Kingswood Park, passed away at her home in DuVall, Cal., on Wednesday. Mrs. Garfield was a pioneer resident of West Salem, and two short months ago was here to attend the funeral of her father, Mr. J. H. Wilson. Among the many relatives and friends left to mourn her loss are a husband and two small children. Little Ethel Thomas is ill with typhoid fever. Rev. T. D. Yarnes and family have moved into the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Yarnes has been preaching in Brooks for the past four years, but was appointed here by Bishop Cooke at the conference just closed in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Moore have moved from the D. K. Brannon place and are camping at the tented city. F. L. Wood and Crawford Moore are serving as special policemen at the fair this week. Mrs. Arthur Rex, who underwent an operation at the hospital recently, is recovering and gaining in strength as well as could be expected. Mr. D. K. Brannon and Mrs. Mary Smith were quietly married by the Rev. Mr. Elliot Sunday evening and on Monday went to Seattle to visit friends. Mrs. J. M. Brown is selling her household furniture preparatory to leaving for Nebraska, where she will join her husband, who was called there several weeks since on account of the death of his father.

### CHAMBERLAIN IS ENDORSED BY WILSON

Washington, Oct. 2.—Declaring that Senator George E. Chamberlain "has rendered conspicuous service" in the senate, President Wilson has given unequivocal expression to the hope that Chamberlain will be re-elected. This utterance was contained in a letter to Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, who had informed the president of the efforts being made in Oregon to create the belief that the re-election of Senator Chamberlain was not desired at the White House. The following letter from Senator Owen is self-explanatory: "Hon. George E. Chamberlain, United States Senate—My Dear George: Having received a letter from friends in Oregon stating that it was being represented in Oregon against you that President Wilson was in different to your election, I spoke to him about it, and sent him the letter I had received. I enclose his reply for your information. "I think the state should know the truth, and suggest you advise your friends of the president's letter. The people of Oregon should know that you not only are greatly honored and esteemed in the senate, but that the president sincerely hopes for your election. Yours very sincerely, "ROBERT L. OWEN." The president's letter follows: "The White House, Washington, Sept. 30, 1914.—My Dear Senator: Replying to your conversation of the other day, I want to say to you again how sincerely I hope for the re-election of Senator Chamberlain. The maintenance of the Democratic majority in the senate is of the utmost importance to the country if the present policies and program of the government are to be sustained and continued, and I take it for granted that voters everywhere will feel the force of that motive. "Senator Chamberlain has rendered conspicuous services to the party and I am sure they will be recognized in the result at the polls. Cordially and sincerely yours, "WOODROW WILSON." "Hon. Robert L. Owen, "United States Senate."

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Mrs. Will Lashaway, who has been the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Shields, has gone to Portland. Mrs. Geo. Frazier is recovering nicely from her recent illness. At the council meeting Monday evening the sewer bonds were sold to a local party and the sewer committee in-