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The coming legislature will certainly make a change in the present grand jury system. That is, give the prosecuting attorney additional powers—if not so great as was the case two years ago, then in some modified form. If every district had as fearless and as able a prosecuting attorney as there is in this district, the former system was admirable. It not only aided in the administration of justice, but it was such a financial saving to the county. Take Union county, especially, where, with the exception of the time the judge is holding court in Wallowa county, he is here; under the former law to take up petty criminal cases at any time, especially wherein the defendant was ready to enter a plea of guilty, thus saving the county the expense of boarding and guarding the prisoners, often for three months, to await, under the present system, the regular meeting of the grand jury. We recognize the fact that this power in the hands of incapable or grafting prosecuting attorneys, would result in some case of miscarriage of justice, but there should be some modification of the present system, whereby between terms of court the prosecuting attorney could file or dismiss indictments. We had an unusual instance of the abuse of the system a few days ago, when a poor ignorant foreigner was compelled to remain in jail for 40 days for the theft of one apple. The prosecuting attorney knew of this abortion, but his hands were tied—he had no power. We presume the circuit judge also knew about it, every one about the court house was aware of it for weeks, but nothing short of a report of the grand jury could release this man. There are many other reasons why a district attorney should have the power to enforce witnesses to make statements to him under oath, and to file indictments between terms of court.

Senator Oliver is a lawyer and his experience in court would undoubtedly enable him to draft a bill that would aid greatly in the administration of justice, over the present system. Let us have a grand jury with the same powers as at present, also a prosecuting attorney with power to act between sessions of circuit court.

The grand jury of Josephine county brought in several true bills against violators of the local option law, and the cases are now being tried. The courts in all sections of the state are working to the end to stamp out bootlegging. Judge Fitz Gerald, of Pendleton, last week fined several defendants \$500 each on two counts. When men begin to realize that for selling a few drinks or bottles at the most, that they will be called upon to pay such large sums of money in addition to jail sentences, this bootlegging business will be reduced to the minimum of other infractions of the law. The old saying that "liquor will be sold anyway," will not hold good many more years in this state, where local option is in effect. Be patient just a few years. The present change is too radical for a few fools in every community to realize its significance, but heavy fines and jail sentences will soon educate these law-breakers to the fact that the local option laws are as capable of enforcement as any other law on the statute books.

William R. Hearst seems to be having more amusement out of his campaign than any one. It is nip and tuck as to which of the old parties is the recipient of the most bouquets in the way of extracts from his scrap

book. Hearst, in his Saturday night address in Berkeley, before an audience of 3000, read letters which will undoubtedly cause United States Senator McLaurin of South Carolina, and Congressman Sibley of Pennsylvania, to explain. Honors were about even in this instance, politically. It all goes to show that the Standard Oil company is no respecter of parties. It works both whenever the opportunity presents itself, and Hearst's letters plainly shows that there are several in each party that were not immune.

The New York World (democratic), conceded the state of New York to Taft, but its figures indicate Hughes' defeat by nearly 200,000.

Those Missourians, "You will have to show me," were certainly accommodated for one day at least. Mr. Bryan having delivered 25 speeches.

GROWTH OF WEALTH PER CAPITA.

Doctrine that the Poor Are Growing Poorer Shown to Be False.

(From the Los Angeles Times.)

In 1820 the savings banks of the United States held \$1,138,576. This was a poor country then compared with now. The amount was only an average of 12 cents for the population of that time. That amount of average economy was very small.

Now the people of this country have \$3,690,878,945 in savings banks. This is an average for the whole population of this time of over \$42. The actual depositors have an average of \$120 to their credit. In 1820 only 4,635 persons in the country were rich enough to have a savings bank account. Now there are 5,300,311.

When James Buchanan, the last Democratic President in a long line, went into office, there was about \$100,000,000 in the savings banks of the United States. By 1870, after fighting out the great war, the people, under Republican rule for twenty years, had \$550,000,000 in the savings banks. When the next Democratic President took his seat in 1883, the savings of the people had passed the billion point. By 1898 the savings had doubled again.

So there it is. In 1820 there were only about 8,000 people rich enough to have a savings bank account. Now there are over 8,000,000. In 1820 the savings were 12 cents per capita; now they are over \$42.

That the poor grow poorer and the rich richer in this country is as true as any other Populistic notion.

Bryan.
 He talks in the morning and talks in the night.
 He talks when he's wrong and he talks when he's right;
 He talks in the office and talks in the hall,
 He talks in the church and he talks at the ball.
 He talks to the Senate and talks to the House,
 He talks to the people as poor common sense;
 He talks to the press and he talks to the crowd,
 He talks and he talks with a voice long and loud;
 Like an old clapper mill he'll sound to the end
 And die disappointed for office and friend!
 —John A. Joyce in Baltimore American.

Roosevelt on Taft.

I hope and believe that all far sighted citizens who wish to see this country prosperous in material things will support Mr. Taft, but above all I ask for support for him because he stands for the moral uplift of the nation, because his deeds have made good his words, and because the policies to which he is committed are of immeasurable consequence alike to the honor and interest of the whole American people.

Governor Hughes on Taft's Presidential Qualifications.

There is no man in the country better fitted properly to preside over and direct the varied business of the executive department than Mr. Taft. He already knows it thoroughly. He has rare executive ability. No one is better qualified than he to do the work which under the constitution the president is called upon to perform.

Secretary Root on the Guaranty of Deposits.

If the sound and honest banks of the country guarantee the debts of every bank, a well earned reputation for honesty and business judgment will no longer be necessary as a part of the banker's capital.

Bryan proposes to give a mule to the Democrat who does most for him in the campaign. He would have to give away about a million mules to do all the kicking his supporters will want to give themselves after the campaign over.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore., August 24, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that

JOHN H. BLUMENSTEIN,

of La Grande, Oregon, who, on October 23, 1901, made homestead entry No. 10744—Serial No. 01023, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and lot 7, section 6, township 2 south, range 33 E., W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver of the U. S. land office at La Grande, Oregon, on the 8th day of Oc-

tober, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Frank Belnhoff, Ambrose Wright, Ed Dial, M. A. Kaelin, all of La Grande, Ore. **F. C. BRAMWELL,** Register.

SERVIAN ADJUDGED INSANE.

Will Be Taken to Salem Tomorrow Morning, if Alive.

John Scott, the Servian who recently was given his liberty after serving 40 days in the county jail awaiting trial for stealing one apple, has been adjudged insane and will be taken to the asylum tomorrow morning. He is seriously ill. He was picked up Saturday night out in the valley, a raving maniac.

GEORGE PALMER, President W. H. BRENHOLTS Ass't Cashier
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