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WILL ENGLAND BE A REPUBLIC?

The death of King Edward which occurred last evening has thrown England into an unsettled condition politically and may cause a move on the part of those opposed to royalty to try and force the United Kingdom into a republican form of government.

There is one thing against such a move—death. Hardly ever does a nation make a great change when the death angel hovers over the seat of government. At that time men lose their desire, temporarily, to avenge what seems to them a wrong and they submit to the higher power with bowed heads and hearts full of tenderest sympathy.

This may be the case with England. Without doubt the sentiment in that country is for a change. This has been demonstrated by the continuous mutterings from the populace of late, and also from the spectacular work of the suffragettes. While the latter element will not succeed in any of their demands, they may add to the agitation when the time arrives and aid in supplanting the monarchy with a republican form of government.

The political situation in the mother country is such that strictest attention will be directed that way for some time to come.

WHY BE A REPUBLICAN?

A prominent citizen said to the editor of this paper yesterday, "why be a republican? I have quit party lines entirely and I vote for the man." We admit that this is the popular thing to do at this time. We admit that the country has gone rampant over party obliteration. But we wish to say that in our judgment the country will not remain in that condition politically for long. There is only one successful way to run a government like that of the United States. It is through political parties. That irrepressible Roosevelt is largely responsible for party lines being broken. He is the greatest politician the country has ever seen, yet he will not admit it. By breaking down parties he has made himself very strong. But when he passed as a republican leader then the party suffers.

There are many good reasons for being a republican, not but what we have the most respect for a democrat's views, a socialist's views or an old time populist's views. But the republican party is right in more way than it is wrong. Under its administration the country has prospered, while under democratic rule the country has met with reverses. These might have been co-incidents and they might not. But the fact remains that republican successes in the nation has invariably been followed with a revival of business.

Corruption has existed in the republican party and lots of it. But who would dare say that a church is bad because it has a number of scoundrel members? The same is true of a political party. Because a man used political prestige for graft is not the fault of the party as a whole. Neither is the party to be blamed because some crooked United States senator worked a crooked game.

We know not what condition the republican party of Union county is in, but we favor a republican revival—a camp meeting if necessary. The time will not return soon when flambeau clubs and long political processions will mark political campaigns but there will come a time when people will study to political situation more seriously than they are doing at the present time.

The danger in "voting for the man" occurs when men are nominated of whom you know nothing. In county matters it is possible to know your candidates personally. Not so in state affairs. What does the man in Union county know about the man from Klamath Falls who wants to be state treasurer, if that man runs on an independent ticket?

Give us a political party every time but make that party as clean and free from graft as human beings can do. If by some fluke a noted rascal receives a nomination, do not vote for him, but first see that no rascals are nominated. When the American people firmly decide that the place to lay the foundation of government at the primary rather than at the election, then the problem is solved and not until then.

"LOOK OUT FOR LA GRANDE"

Another man has come forth with a slogan for this city. George Lamoreau, whose experience in the middle and western states is large and he has seen many towns rise and flourish, suggests.

"Look Out for La Grande."

The suggestion is not a bad one by any means. It carries with it that catchy suggestion of "look out" which will always be a phrase to make one sit up and take notice. At least it will be so long as railroads use, "look out for the cars" on railroad crossings. Besides that it gives La Grande the prominence of the last word of the phrase and is not a hard phrase to articulate.

Are there not others who will use their brain a little for the sake of the city that is good to them? Let the women of La Grande get in on this. It is a mistaken idea, if any such ever prevailed that a woman has no good suggestions about booming a town. Some of the best efforts ever recorded came from the feminine side of the house and in this contest, as we have said before, it is an open one.

AN APOLOGY.

Last evening the make-up man on the Observer made a grievous error in the editorial captioned, "Mother's Day," and regretful as we were that an editorial on that subject should, above everything else suffer distortion it was unavoidable after the paper was on the press. We give the editorial

below as it should have appeared last night.

Governor Frank Benson has fallen for the "mother's day" proposal. It is but natural for him to do so, for where is there a man who could turn down anything with the sacred name of mother attached?

The reason for May 8 being selected might properly be explained. It is because a senator from Nebraska, not knowing what else to do, introduced a resolution in the senate asking everyone to wear a white carnation on that day.

We believe that every day should be mother's day and that no one day should be set apart for the worship of the dearest friend a man ever has. And if that mother is living let the boy or girl do something each day to show the respect and love for her. She will never overlook any kindness—no mother ever does from her children. And if she has passed to the great beyond let not a man close his eyes in sleep without thinking of the dearest face he ever saw; of the tender care she gave him; of the sacrifices she made for him.

We will all follow Governor Benson's order to observe May 8th as mother's day, but a proclamation from the state house at Salem urging the people of Oregon to make every day a "mother's day" would not be out of order.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants

Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants issued on General Fund of La Grande City, up to and including No. 8066, endorsed Dec. 17, 1918.

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La Grande, Oregon, May 4th, 1910.

RAY W. LOGAN,

City Treasurer.

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ON PROPOSED BOND ISSUE FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Several are Opposing the Issue of \$50,000 For the Schools.

Union, May 7.—(Special)—The bond election is on this afternoon and by 7 o'clock this evening the people will know whether this school district will have \$50,000 with which to build a new schoolhouse and improve the present building, or whether the measure is defeated.

Harmony does not prevail entirely. There are some who oppose the bond issue bitterly but the general sentiment this afternoon is that it will carry by a good majority.

Last evening a rally was held here. The band was out and children carried banners urging everyone to support the bond issue. One of the banners read, "Must we go to La Grande to school?" while another in answer said, "We guess not." Still another banner spoke of La Grande's recent bond issue for school purposes and urged Union to get in line.

According to reports those who oppose the measure are chiefly large property owners who have no children to educate.

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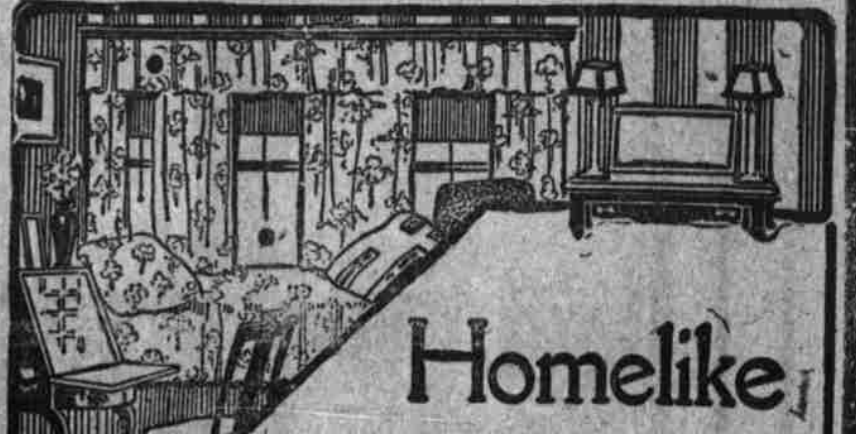
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