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FOLK AND THE ASSEMBLY.

When Joseph Folk was in La Grande he had several conversations with men of this city and the subject of some of those conversations is very interesting.

In speaking of the initiative and referendum for the state of Missouri, Mr. Folk said it was only intended to be used as a brake in the legislature, and not for the formation of new laws. This is all well and good and if the initiative and referendum could be held to that groove, it would be an instrument for great good.

Another thing that Mr. Folk stated which is of interest to Oregon at this time, is the need of political organization. He said it is out of the question to think of handling politics without an organization of some kind.

That is the very problem that Oregon is up against at the present time. Concerted action in the shape of a gathering known as the assembly, has been called for, and while the purpose of it is very clear yet there are many who believe it is a step backward.

Editor Hofer of the Salem Journal, who is a candidate for governor because he wants to be, was given a thorough grilling in Saturday's Oregonian by a man named Moores. There were things stated in the article which, if true, make Mr. Hofer wholly unfit for the office of governor.

People of the Grande Ronde valley must not lose sight of the irrigation meeting that is to be held here next Saturday. Something must be done toward irrigating this valley. The present condition makes that imperative, and on Saturday a meeting has been called to discuss this condition and see what the people wish to do.

Jeffries and Johnson never can raise again the enthusiasm displayed before the Reno fight. Jeffries is down and out but finds it hard to admit the facts. The negro will wax fat for some time only to run against some one who will prove that the black race is inferior to the white.

Republicans in Multnomah county have an opportunity to play fairly in the matter of governor, and they have the power to play unfairly. Portland already has two senators and some of the state officers, and it is hardly likely that the keen judgment of men who have been republicans all of their lives will insist that the governor come from Portland.

In reducing the fare to five cents for transportation to the Chautauqua grounds, the management hit a popular chord and the result has been satisfactory.

FARM HANDS ORGANIZE.

Difficulties Encountered by Promoter However, In His Efforts.

Spokane, Wash., July 11.—Special.—Taking advantage of the shortage of harvest laborers in the Pacific Northwest, where the grain crop this season is estimated at more than 100,000,000 bushels, several organizers, not affiliated with any of the recognized labor bodies, are working in eastern Washington and Oregon to form a Farm Hands' Union.

Efforts are being made by ranchers and orchardists to bring men into the country from eastern, central and southern states, and in addition to these it is likely that students from a dozen or more colleges in various parts of the country can be enlisted to assist in harvesting the grain, grass and fruit crops.

Several attempts have been made in Washington and Oregon to organize farm laborers, but so far they have not been successful. However, the farmers admit that if such an organization could be formed they would have to pay almost any price demanded by the men.

Frank Trader who appears at the head of the organizers, says it is proposed to form a local union in every grain district in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. He declares that the present scale, ranging from \$2.50 to \$7.00 a day, is not high enough. "Especially," he adds, at a time when

the farmers will be glad to pay more rather than leave their crops in the field. Fifty cents is the initiation fee and we have enough members at the start to see the thing through. The members won't work with those not identified with the organization."

BOUTELL, CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN, IN HARD FIGHT.

Must Win Primary Nomination From Chicago Insurgents and Then Defeat J. Hamilton Lewis.

The fight for the seat in congress from the Ninth Illinois district, which is in Chicago, bids fair to be one of the most spectacular of the many combats planned by the administration and "insurgent" factions of the Republicans for the coming fall elections. The target of the latter element is the present incumbent, Henry Sherman Boutell, now serving his seventh term in the lower house and known the nation over as a wheelhorse of the party.

The primaries, held under state supervision, will decide his fate, and a determined opposition has crystallized since the defeat of Speaker Cannon, of whom he is a staunch supporter. A victory in the primaries will be hard won, but the fight will have just begun



Photo by American Press Association.

VETERAN REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN AND DEMOCRAT WHO MAY OPPOSE HIM

for him, as Colonel James Hamilton Lewis, noted the country over for his eloquence and whiskers, will probably be his Democratic opponent.

Colonel Lewis first attained fame when a congressman from Washington while practicing law in Seattle. Since then he has been corporation counsel of Chicago and made former Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson know he had been in a race in the Illinois gubernatorial primaries of 1908. "Jim Ham," as he is popularly known, is a lawyer of ability and a favorite subject for cartoonists, his penchant for stylish cut clothes to harmonize with his auburn whiskers making him easy prey.

In a recent speech before the Illinois Press association Colonel Lewis said "the abstract right or wrong to society at large is lost to all consideration in the mad strife to govern our country in groups by specially directed laws" and blamed Roosevelt and Bryan, saying:

"If I am correct in my fear of the surrounding danger I must charge much of its existence to Editor Bryan of the Commonwealth and Editor Roosevelt of the Outlook, each of whom in his sincere desire to promote a reform in the injustice of local institutions has inaugurated in his political following a greater danger in the spirit of legislation against a neighbor or opponent for retaliation or vengeance."

RACE IN NIAGARA RAPIDS.

Motorboat Men Plan Perilous Journey For Glory and Coin.

In a tiny power boat going more than a mile a minute Joshua Hudson, a Haverhill (Mass.) leather manufacturer, is to brave death in an effort to

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Five-year-old an Orator.

At the memorial exercises held at Newman, O., Chester Rummins, aged five, was the principal orator. The subject of the child's address was "The Duty of the Children Toward Their Country," and he spoke fifteen minutes.

MANY RULERS ARE SMOKERS.

Cigarettes Lead in Devotees, but Pipe Has Followers.

The late King Edward was a great cigar smoker, but in the privacy of his workroom at Buckingham palace and Sandringham he liked a pipe. King George is also a cigar smoker, but he does not disdain a pipe, for which he formed a liking when he was an active naval officer.

The czar of Russia contents himself with cigarettes. Formerly the kaiser was an inveterate cigar and pipe smoker, but on the advice of his doctors he has almost given up the habit. In spite of his eighty years the Austrian emperor is fond of a pipe, and smoking does not affect his health.

King George of Greece smokes quantities of cigarettes, which he usually throws away half consumed. King Victor Emmanuel is a moderate smoker of cigars and cigarettes. King Peter of Servia prefers a pipe, a habit he contracted when he was at the military school of St. Cyr.

King Alfonso manages to get through a fair quantity of cigars and cigarettes. His neighbor, King Manuel of Portugal, has not yet learned to appreciate a cigar, contenting himself with the cigarette.

Scrap Book

Names For the Four.

Just after the battle of Perryville, in October, 1862, Dr. Savage, a strong Union man, was at one of his appointments in a southern city to baptize some children. There was a large crowd, and a sturdy southern matron brought her four children to the altar. "Name this child," said the Union preacher, laying his hand on the boy's head. "Simon Bolivar Buckner," was the reply, which caused a smile to come over the congregation, but the brave preacher went on with his duty.

"Name this child," taking the next in order. "Pierre Gustave Tourent Beauregard." And the smile grew into a snicker, while Dr. Savage became red in the face. He baptized the young namesake of the soldier and went on with the ceremony.

"Name this one," he gasped, reaching for the third. "Albert Sidney Johnston," came the answer. The smile became audible and the preacher apoplectic.

Heaving a sigh of relief, he took the fourth child, a little girl, whose gender he fondly supposed would preclude a continuation of heroic reproduction and said, "Name this child." "Mary Stonewall Jackson Lee," came the response that set the congregation in a roar, while the Union parson thought he had held in his arms the whole southern confederacy.

Forbearance.

Hast thou named all the birds without a gun. Loved the wood rose and left it on its stalk. At rich men's tables eaten bread and pulse. Unharm'd, faced danger with a heart of trust. And loved so well a high behavior in man or maid that thou from speech refrained. Nobility more nobly to repay? Oh, be my friend and teach me to be thine!

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

KING GETS ALL STURGEON.

Welsh Captain Followed Old Custom With George V.

The Welsh captain who caught a sturgeon in Pwllheli harbor and offered it to King George was doing no more than his duty. His majesty is entitled to every sturgeon landed in the United Kingdom, and one of them, caught in the Thames, graced the festive board at Queen Victoria's wedding banquet. The king also has the right by statute to the head of every whale caught on the coasts of his kingdom.

The tail of the whale is Queen Mary's perquisite, the object of this curious division being that her majesty shall always be well supplied with whalebone, although singularly enough the whalebone is the king's half. Among other things which the king is entitled to receive are a pair of white doves, a pound of cummin seed, a pair of scarlet hose and a silver needle from his tailor.

Long Wharf at Los Angeles.

One of the longest wharfs in the world, almost a mile in length, or, to be exact, 4,700 feet, is at Port Los Angeles, Cal. It extends into the Pacific in a long serpentine curve. The reason for this construction is that it offers better resistance to the strong currents and the buffetings of the waves than if it were perfectly straight. Until the nearby harbor of San Pedro was developed by the federal government the big wharf at Port Los Angeles was a very busy place.

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