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THE ARGUMENT THEN AND NOW.

It would doubtless be a good thing to put the saloons out of business and send them to hell, where Rev. Billy Sunday says they belong, and where doubtless many of them do belong. But it cannot be done by violent and vulgar denunciation of the newspapers or by extravagant declamation about the traffic itself. Is it practical, or moral, or sensible, to abolish the saloon merely to substitute a worse evil and immeasurably worse liquor in bootlegging, in speak-easies and in the numerous illicit and criminal ways in which the traffic is in many places carried on under prohibition?

The practical question that confronts the people of Oregon is as to whether they desire to impose on the people of the state, prohibition that will not prohibit. The march of county prohibition has come to a standstill. Now it is proposed to include the remainder of the state, known to be opposed to prohibition, in one general law that will defeat and overrule the sentiment prevailing there, and make "dry" territory out of territory that will vote "wet."

Can prohibition be enforced in Multnomah county? No. Why not let Mult-

nomah county, then settle the problem for itself? Refusal to grant this privilege or right to Multnomah is utter and avowed abandonment of the entire argument for local option. The people who were behind county option six years ago, on the ground that every county should be permitted to determine the question for itself, are now actively supporting state-wide prohibition, on the ground that no county should be permitted to settle this question for itself.—Portland Oregonian.

The Oregonian should think twice before it urges county prohibition, or local option, on the people. Even the county unit seems to be too large to be satisfactory. This has been demonstrated in Union county. In the rural districts prohibition seems to work much better than in cities the size of La Grande, for here the law is not respected, and the sale of liquor is, according to the general opinion, continued.

LAFFERTY AND ORATORY.

A. W. Lafferty, who says he is a candidate for congress in the Second district, wants a speech-making campaign. He has challenged all comers and goes to debate him. But that is not all Lafferty has done. He stands on a high pedestal and demands that a congressman should be a good public speaker. This qualification, if enforced, might eliminate Mr. Lafferty from the race, but he does not seem to think of that. He takes a shot at Ellis on the "dignified silence" proposition and claims a congressman cannot get very far unless he is an orator. Maybe so, but we have known men in congress who seldom got into the newspapers, yet they were the power that directed legislation.

While everyone admires an orator, and offers applause, it is seldom that a polished orator is a good worker. He usually depends entirely on his power of speech. And, too, there once was an adage something like this: "Empty wagons do rattle." This is not applicable in the present campaign, and is merely to show that sometimes "public speakers" cease to be orators and become tedious.

GRANDE RONDE THINKS SO.

The time will probably come when the rainfall of winter will be properly conserved and distributed in irrigable sections of the Willamette Valley. Pastures, gardens and potato fields up and down the valley make parched protest against the vainglorious boast that irrigation is not necessary to the full fruitfulness of this productive region. There are sections today as dry as dust, and as brown as stubble, that could be made a living green by the proper conservation and distribution of the annual rainfall.—Portland Oregonian.

And the people of the Grande Ronde valley think that the time is about here when this valley will be irrigated with the water to be properly conserved in the mountains. At any rate they are arranging for an irrigation district that seems the best obtainable.

More water means more alfalfa, more alfalfa means more hogs and cattle, more hogs and cattle mean more money in the banks, etc. But it all hinges on the "more water."

John Manning is going to run for governor on the Democratic ticket. That is fine. With Oswald West already running and Manning starting at the quarter pole there should be some fun. But West is handicapped for Joan Manning has one of the best jockeys in Oregon on his side. We refer to our old friend, whom we always disagree with in politics, Samuel White. It has been said that Samuel White knows the game better than any other man in the state, and that work of his fine Italian hand was what helped Chamberlain over many rough places. White is Manning's law partner now, and look out for a horse race, if West does not withdraw.

Congressman Poindexter sees rebellion in the convention of governors at Salt Lake for the purpose of advocating proper conservation for the West. But there is no certainty that Poindexter could not see an octopus with a thousand arms just now, if it would help his popular campaign. Poindexter is a ranting sort of a fellow who may be elected, but he will never make a very solid reputation for his state in either the house or the senate.

California admits she is badly mixed over the new direct primary law. The trouble in California is, there is no Mr. U'Ren to explain and direct things. He lives in Oregon and as yet has not been able to cover both states.

But suppose T. R. does not wholly endorse President Taft's administration, that does not signify that Taft is not making good and accomplishing a great deal without any noise or spotlight.

Robert McClure, of Portland, arrived in La Grande this morning from Baker City. Mr. McClure will work in the Observer advertising alley and attend to the "make-up" of the paper.

Every prescription brought to us is compounded by a registered pharmacist of ample experience. Your physician will be pleased if we fill his prescriptions. NEWLIN DRUG CO.

Notice to Grangers.

The members of the Blue Mountain Grange are requested to meet at their hall at 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, August 20.

In the afternoon there will be a discussion on the Irrigation project, to which the public is cordially invited.

MATTIE H. GOLDEN, Secretary.

CHILDERS WILL RUN AGAIN

PRESENT SHERIFF HAS FILED HIS NOMINATING PETITION

Will Ask People's Endorsement by Election This Fall.

Sheriff Childers will be a candidate to succeed himself as sheriff of Union county at the coming election. He has filed his nominating petition and asks the people to give their endorsement of the present term he is finishing, by re-electing him to the office.

The sheriff is a democrat, and never tries to be anything else, but he was

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Political Announcements

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S. F. WILSON, Athens, Oregon, candidate for joint senator for Umatilla, Union, and Morrow counties subject to decision of republican primaries. "I firmly believe in the direct primary law, economy in the use of public funds, good roads, better schools, strict and prompt enforcement of law, the square deal and eternal progress of man and his institutions."

C. A. BARRETT, Athens, Oregon—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary.

nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability, favor the maintenance of the direct primary law and people's choice for senator and believe the people are as competent to nominate as they are to elect their officers. Very respectfully yours, C. A. BARRETT.

DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon.—The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election.

elect to the office by a good majority, indicating his personal strength. He has been accused of being a politician along the George E. Chamberlain line, which briefly stated, means a vote-getter. This Mr. Childers denies, always claiming he does not know the first fundamental principles of politics. Be that as it may, he has shown all republicans that they must get busy when he is harvesting the ballots, for he seems to get quite a bunch in the box where they count.

There is something strange about this eastern Oregon and the sheriff's office. Nearly every county is strongly republican, yet some democrat has grabbed the sheriff's office in most of them. Down in Umatilla county Till Taylor, a democrat, is elected sheriff any time he chooses to be. Over in Baker County Ed Rand, a democrat, says little but gets the votes. Up in Wallowa county Sheriff Marvin, a democrat, managed to pick the official plum with little effort. It would seem that the entire eastern Oregon country, has been playing democrats for that office.

Union county republicans assert this year they purpose breaking the precedent, however, and elect a republican.

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CHICKEN PIES WEDNESDAY

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB PLANNING ON FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Meals Will Suit the Most Fastidious Diner, at Fifty Cents

The ladies of the Neighborhood Club will serve a chicken-pie dinner on Wednesday, August 24, in the Odd Fellows' Hall.

The dinner will be served in order to raise the necessary funds to defray the expenses of the coming astor show at which there will be many prizes awarded for both yard and indoor displays.

The committee in charge have planned a most appetizing and substantial meal, that will appeal to the most fastidious taste. The hours of serving will be from 5:30 to 8 p. m. Price per plate, 50 cents.

The Golden Rule Co., are doing some extensive improvements in their dry goods department, enlarging the gallery for a millinery department, which Mrs. L. Smith will have supervision of during the coming season.

Classified Advertising

COOK WANTED—At Oregon Hotel.

WANTED—Sewing machines to repair, all makes, by a factory expert. Leave orders at F. D. Hasten's store. C. M. PACKER, Repairer.

TO TRADE—160 acres of timber land to trade for city property. Mac Wood, Golden Rule store.

EXPERIENCED SALESLADY—Wanted at once. Call at the Fair.

WANTED—Wqrk by day, by strong young woman. Charges \$1.50 per day. Phone Main 728.

FOR SALE—500 sheep. Water Glenn, R. F. D. No. 2.

WANTED—Pantry girl at Palace restaurant.

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FOR RENT—Barn suitable for three horses. Inquire at this office.

FOR RENT—Barn near track. Inquire of J. C. Gulling.

FOR SALE—Town lots close in, cement sidewalks, streets on city grade, cash, \$575. Phone Red 1141.

FOR RENT—9 furnished rooms suitable for lodging or housekeeping. Also one store room. Excellent location. Call 1208 Spring street.

FOR RENT—After August 27, a five-room furnished cottage. Apply of Mrs. J. T. Harvey, at 2103 First st. ft

FOUND—At the Isis theatre Tuesday evening, a pair of glasses. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for this add.

Fires in California.

Dunsmuir, Calif., Aug. 17.—With wires down, the fire in the Castle Rock district is burning fiercely, and Ranger Harris is directing backfiring operations. A large gang of men is fighting the fire, and hope to get it under control soon.

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