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MORE INSURGENCY.

The victory of Pointdexter in the state of Washington only adds to the handwriting on the wall that has been plainly visible for several weeks. If there is a state in this whole Union that has been enjoying the blessings of prosperity it is the state of Washington. Everything the state produces has been abnormally high, the people all have money, banks are loaded with cash, and wheat, the chief product, commands a high price.

Yet with all this the wave of insurgency struck Washington square in the face and carried her off her feet. The people have chosen a gallery performer, a man who, Roosevelt-like, loves the spotlight and will have it regardless of whom or what he hurts. But the decision was so tremendous, the majority so great that it seems to mean but one thing. Insurgency must be tried out before the country is satisfied. Business must again be paralyzed, and extreme must overtake the nation before anything else will be accepted.

Almost every one remembers the memorable campaign of 1896 when the country was all upheaved and it seemed apparent that the president's chair would be filled by Mr. Bryan. It was then from out of the army of business men of the nation stepped one Mark Hanna who conducted a campaign of education such as the world had never seen before and saved the nation from a period of depression.

We are not pessimistic enough to believe that a repetition of the times of the nineties is upon us, or that it will come soon, but insurgency is the best conductor of such events that we know of. The great work will be to find a second Marcus A. Hanna.

A SHORT CATECHISM.

(Portland Oregonian.)

What is insurgency?
A sort of an epidemic which has spread all over the United States.
For what object?
To split the Republican party into two factions.
What is the result?
Thus far, the election of Democratic Congressmen in districts that have always been safely republican.
Is the disease spreading?
Read the returns from Maine. "As Maine goes, so goes the Union."
What is the remedy?
There is none. The democrats are playing both ends against the middle. That party presents a solid front.
Will the next congress be demo-

cratic?

Maybe two to one.
What about Oregon?

The worst duck in the puddle. The partnership heretofore existing between the free-silver-Populist-sore-head republican wing of the dominant party and the unbroken democratic party, whose fruits are Bourne and Chamberlain, has not been dissolved. The firm is still doing business at the old stand.

Will Oregon elect a democratic governor in November.

Possibly. That party's candidate is likely to poll more votes than the assembly candidate or the anti-assembly candidate. Up to Monday night 4911 electors in Multnomah had registered as Democrats. Watch that number multiplied by two and a half or three at the November election. Bourne has publicly declared that he would vote for a democrat against an assembly candidate for any office!

How about congressmen?

We are worried. But what's the use?

Then is the republican party of Oregon, numerically twice as strong as the democratic party, to have no voice in national affairs.

There is no republican party for Oregon.

What has become of the party that elected Taft?

Ask Roosevelt.

Honestly, do you think the jury drank the evidence in the Townsend case? Once upon a time a man was being tried for selling beer in a dry town. The prosecuting witness was a physician and he was placed on the stand to give expert testimony. Upon cross examination attorney for the defense asked if the doctor knew it was beer he had drank and received an affirmative reply. "You may state doctor," said the attorney, "your experience with beer as a beverage." The physician thought for a moment and then replied, "I drank a glass of beer in 1865, just after the civil war. I drank another glass in 1873 and I just drank some of this beer on exhibit." A smile went around the court room and the attorney said, "well, doctor, it seems to me that it has been a long time between drinks with you." And it may have been a long time between drinks with the jurymen, provided, of course, that the jurymen did drink the contents of the evidence bottle in the Townsend case, and did not throw it into the sewer, as some have stated might have been the case.

By the way, where does E. Hofer, editor of a little country newspaper at Salem, get the title of "Colonel?" There is no record of his having served in either the civil or Spanish-American war, and a search of the army roster does not reveal him as a member of the regular army. He is not a Kentuckian and therefore is not entitled to the southern title. If it is a self-styled handle why did he not call himself "general" or "major general?" Listen, from across the Iowa prairies comes a faint voice which says, "he is entitled to the handle for he was once an auctioneer and every man who has cried three sales is then entitled to be called "colonel." That is sufficient, let the game go on.

Thus far no one has heard the snort of Col. E. Hofer's automobile. Let us hope we will have a few days more of quiet before the ordeal comes.

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BOOSTERS SEE
PROMISE

FAIR PROMOTERS FROM ENTERPRISE RETURN HOME.

Confident La Grande Will Send Large Delegation to Enterprise Fair.

A dozen prominent business men returned to their homes in Enterprise this morning after having spent twelve busy hours here working up enthusiasm for the Union county excursion to Enterprise during the fair. The men are enthusiastic boomers and went home feeling that La Grande looks kindly toward the Enterprise fair and that the city of La Grande will send a large delegation to Enterprise when the special is run late this month. The visitors were prominent business men of that county, but dropped in unannounced, and the only meeting which resulted from the visit, was a conference with the local fair people.

La Grande and all Union county is planning on attending the Enterprise fair and in return hope to see a large delegation from Wallowa county when La Grande holds its fair.

The men in the delegation from the sister county included.

NEW BUILDING
GOING UP

S. A. GARDNER PAYS SIX THOUSAND FOR TWO LOTS.

Theatre and Store Room to be Built on the Site at Once.

Rapid increase in realty values is represented in a deal closed last night when S. A. Gardiner purchased two lots each 30x110 from Mrs. Gangloff, paying \$6,000 for the property. It is located just west of the postoffice building between the present building and the government building site, and a modern vaudeville house is to be running in an \$8,000 building within forty days. In addition to providing theatre facilities, the place will give a store room facility of 20x110.

Contractor Slater is drawing the plans for a modern theatre building provided with comfortable seating capacity and a gallery. The firm now working on the new school house is computing the cost of brickwork on

the place. Mr. Gardiner will join the Fisher circuit in vaudeville, drawing artists that now make Ogden Salt Lake, Boise and Portland.

Pushing Work on School House.
Wallowa, Oregon, Sept. 15.—Special.—The work on the new school house is progressing rapidly and Mr. Holst, contractor for the brick work, is leaving nothing undone to have the building completed at an early date as possible. It will be, when finished, one of the best buildings in eastern Oregon. Bay & Zweifel, of La Grande, have the plumbing contract.

COUNCIL MEETS
SPECIALLY

MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS ARE CARED FOR.

Traction Engines Must Keep off Pavement Unless Using Long Planks.

All councilmen were attending last evening when Mayor Myers called the special meeting of the council to order to run through a big grist of important business matters. The meeting started off with reading of reports.

Commissioners reported that the estimated cost of improving Jefferson from Fir to Greenwood with sidewalks and gutters would be, \$1,563 and that the sidewalk improvements of Pennsylvania from Fourth to Washington would cost about \$1440.

Metallic signs will be purchased and on them will be printed a summary of the important ordinances in La Grande now effective. They will be posted at important places so that no one can plead ignorance of the law.

Only one town, Pendleton, has responded to the letter of inquiry sent out to own now having paved streets, to learn the nature of ordinances dealing with traction engines and the like in the paved districts. In Pendleton no team is allowed to stand in one place longer than necessary to unload passengers or merchandise. The chief of police was instructed to keep teams off the streets when standing idle, until an ordinance could be framed up.

Residents of the block bounded by Washington, Fir, Greenwood and Adams, prayed the council to enlarge the sewer pipes from eight to ten inches in the alley of that block. The matter was referred to the proper committee.

The Batley tract of land near the river has been made into a city garbage dump. The land cost \$699 but Mr. Batley is meeting a part of the

Political Announcements

This column is open to any candidate regardless of Faction or Party and is paid advertising

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. I 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.

DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT, Enterprise, Oregon—I wish to announce my

candidacy for joint representative for the 24th representative district subject to the voters of the republican party at the primary nominating election to be held in said representative district, September 24, 1910. CLYDE T. HOCKETT.

An Open Letter—Rusk to Hockett.
Joseph, Oregon, Sept. 1, 1910.
To Dr. C. T. Hockett, Enterprise, Ore.
Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as you were a delegate to the late republican assembly at Portland, and as you state in your announcement for the republican nomination for joint representative, Union and Wallowa counties, that you favor holding assemblies in this state, I as a candidate against you and pledged to uphold the Primary Law, Statement No. 1, and opposed to assemblies, do hereby challenge you to publicly discuss the assembly proposition before the voters of our district, you may fix the times and places during the primary campaign and defend while I shall oppose the assembly scheme.

I also invite you to discuss adversely, if you please, my record last session or any part of it.
No "pussy footed" campaign for me. Let us see if the people deem themselves capable of choosing their own officials.

Respectfully,
JOHN P. RUSK.
Republican candidate for renomination joint-representative Union and Wallowa counties.
Paid advertisement.

expense in having the cribbing put in and excavations made as it will benefit his property. Hence the contract was awarded to John Wilson at a cost which will amount to about \$90 per year for a period of five years. This is considered cheap dumping facilities. The land is available to dump garbage on now, but it must be done with system and Mr. Batley will be given authority to instruct the public how to use the facilities at hand.

Several important ordinances were read the third time and passed, and several contracts were entered into. One was in compliance with the action taken at the last meeting that Mr. Wilson, a Sutherland official, be named inspector to see that the sewer system is built right and John Slater was selected to look after the correct building of the septic tank.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Mayor

and Council of the City of La Grande, at the office of the City Recorder, until 4 o'clock p. m. September 21st, 1910, or the construction of a cement walk five foot wide along the North side of the west half of Lot 5, Block 1 of Grady's addition to the City of La Grande, said walk to be constructed according to plans and specifications on file in this office. Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Certified check of five per cent of the bid required.
La Grande, Oregon, September 15th, 1910.

D. E. COX,
Recorder of the City of La Grande.
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