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**CAMPAIGN OF PERSONALITIES.**

The present campaign in Oregon is a purely personal matter. Candidates come forth with statements as to what they stand for and what they will do, yet the average voter pays little heed to the talk and dismisses the matter with the thought that they will do about as other officers have done. E. Hofer makes claims of virtue and honesty which are disputed by his fellowtownsmen. Mr. Abraham makes a tour of the state boosting himself for governor and comes to the conclusion that the most important thing to be reformed in the state is the jail condition. He has concluded that prisoners are basely treated in this state.

Grant B. Dimick and Jay Bowerman are about the only two candidates who are in any measure holding to a dignified and manly position in the race for governor. They are not belittling themselves or each other, and the campaign issue between them is plain.

Bowerman believes in party organization and the right of republicans to assemble and recommend candidates to be considered in this race, although Hofer will poll quite a vote and Abraham will have his friends.

But the personalities indulged in count for little. This country lived under the personal reign of Roosevelt and seemed to like it, but there is only one Roosevelt. Because he made good in many ways with monarchical form of government is no reason why Abraham or Hofer could follow the same policy in Oregon and make good. It is much better to have a party alignment adopt platforms and make the campaigns on those platforms than it is to take the views and opinions of any one man for state government.

Another thing, personalities become odious to everyone. When the senate was trying to oust Senator Reed Smoot from office all will remember what a muss it stirred up. Smoot was charged with plural marriage and some of those who were keenest to oust him were shown up to have several common wives in semi-secluded manner. Elbert Hubbard said when the Smoot affair was at its high point, "personalities are dangerous, look at what is going on in Washington. For pity's sake open the window and give us fresh air."

**SPECIAL EDITION PRAISED.**

A few days ago the La Grande Observer issued its Annual Industrial Edition and the publisher, Bruce Dennis, certainly has a right to be proud of the work. A casual glance through the paper shows that it is very neat, that it is attractive, and presents a handsome appearance. Upon reading the articles we find that a comprehensive survey of all the industries in Union and Wallowa counties are set forth in an interesting and bright manner. The schools, churches, climate resources and manufacturing industries are well handled and the business men of La Grande and neighboring towns have given the edition a liberal patronage so that it is thoroughly representative of the district, and its excellence is in harmony with the fine country which it represents.—Baker City Herald.

**Missouri Banker Marries.**

St. Louis Sept. 21—Breckrenridge Jones, president of the Missouri Valley Trust Company, was married here today to Mrs. Sarah Brant Volwell, formerly wife of Capt. John Charles Colwell, whose services in the Spanish-American war distinguished him. Mr. Jones has recently been in trouble with the Supreme Court of New York, because of his failure to appear as a witness in the United States independent Telephone case.

**HUGE PROBLEMS CONFRONT THE GOVERNMENT**

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fight under such adverse circumstances.

For this reason the fortifications must be so placed that the coast guns can stand off a fleet at sufficient distance to allow another fleet to pass through and form in battle line for its own defense before coming in range. As the range of the coast gun and the modern big gun of battle ships are approximately the same, it will be necessary to mount batteries in fortifications on islands commanding the entrance of the canal.

Fortunately no artificial islands need be built to obtain this end. On the Panama side there are several admirably situated. On the Colon side there is one which will serve the purpose. From these positions the batteries or mortars and big guns will command a stretch of water large enough for the fleet to maneuver on.

The guarding of the canal at interior points is not so difficult a problem. A garrison will be maintained within the zone which can patrol the route. The vulnerable points will be the locks which could be easily disabled by the explosion of a stick of dynamite and serious damage might be done in the same way at one of the dams.

Precautions will also be taken in time of war between any nations to prevent the sinking of a ship in the channel to obstruct the passage of a fleet.

There is little doubt of the ability of the United States to fortify the canal effectively. Whether or not it has the right to do so according to the agreement with Great Britain is a more involved question.

Apart from treaty considerations the right of the United States cannot be questioned. The United States controls the ten-mile strip through which the canal runs as much as it controls the Philippine Islands. This country spent hundreds of millions of dollars to dig the canal. The right of the United States to erect what fortifications it pleases within its own territory and to defend its own possession, cannot be questioned.

Those who object to the fortification are either the "Militant advocates of universal peace notably Gen. J. Warren Kelfer, of Ohio, whose reasons were based on anti-war sentiment, or persons who hold that it is contrary to the spirit of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty with Great Britain.

Against the peace advocates there is only one argument—whether it is wise or foolish to promote the cause of universal peace by exposing to the attacks of a belligerent country or the machinations of an individual with a stick of dynamite, the waterway which has cost hundreds of millions and which will be of incalculable value to the commerce of the world.

This being the case army and navy experts point out, it is not only the privilege but the obligation of the United States to fortify the canal in order that its provisions may be guaranteed and that the provisions of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty may be strictly observed.

The plans of the board of fortifications are now before President Taft. Congress will take them up at its next session and the question will be decided once for all.

**FAIR AND ENTERTAINMENT.**

**Latter Day Saints Will Conduct Fair and Bazar at Their Hall.**

The La Grande Ward of the Latter Day Saints, will have a fair and bazar at the Amusement hall, commencing Friday, September 23rd, 1910, to which the public is respectfully invited. Articles will be on exhibit and for sale during Friday and Saturday, and lunches and refreshments will be served during this time. On Friday evening there will be a program rendered which is free to all. There will be no charges for admittance into the building except on Saturday evening there will be a grand ball to which each lady will bring her lunch basket which will be shared by the fortunate gentleman partner. The proceeds of this fair and entertainment will go to the Latter Day Saints' church.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invariably bring relief to women suffering from chronic constipation, headache, nervousness, dizziness, salivaceousness of the mouth and dyspepsia.

**TAFT ATTACKS PORKBARRELING.**

Favors Improvement of Rivers But Not on Piecemeal Plan.

Cincinnati Sept. 21—Favoring the river and harbor improvements but attacking the pork barrel method of making appropriations for such work, President Taft today made the principal address at the opening of the Ohio dam and said he saw no reason why steamships could not run on schedule like trains.

He said he considered piecemeal river improvements inadequate as such systems encouraged other sections to make unnecessary demands for appropriations. He severely censured the methods of congressmen who get together to trade votes for river improvements which will benefit only a small section of the country but spend money put up by the whole.

**Michigan Jobbers in Session.**  
Saginaw, Mich., Sept. 21—Two hundred delegates representing the various unions throughout the state, met here today at the annual convention of the Michigan Jobbers Association. Topics effecting their interests and the election of officers will supply discussion.

**Satisfied With Officials.**

Enterprise, Ore., Sept. 21—Special—As evidence that people of Wallowa county are thoroughly satisfied with the present sheriff and county clerk no names were filed for opponents against them. Sheriff Marvin and Clerk Boatmen feel the compliment and express appreciation of the confidence imposed by the public of their county. Friends of these men say they are so popular that no one cared to take a chance against them.

**Signal System Suit.**

New York, Sept. 21—Alleging that the signal system installed in the new Pennsylvania and Long Island tunnels is an infringement of their patent, the Kinsman Block System Company today applied for an injunction against the Pennsylvania Tunnel and Terminal Company and the Union Switch & Signal Company.

**Michigan Mayors Meet.**

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 21—Mayors and other officials from nearly all the cities of Michigan arrived today to take part in the convention of State League Municipalities. A business session was held this afternoon, and the visitors will be given a theatre party tonight. A clam bake will be tomorrow's feature. The session will close Friday.

**BANKERS TO LOS ANGELES.**

Cashier Myers and Assistant Cashier Coolidge to Attend.

La Grande will be well represented at the national convention of bankers in Los Angeles this month. Ed. Coolidge, of the U. S. National who with Mrs. Coolidge are now in Atlantic, Ga., will be on hand when the money jinglers convene, and Cashier F. L. Myers of the La Grande National will also be on hand. Mr. and Mrs. Myers leave Friday night for Portland, from there they go by boat to San Francisco and then to Los Angeles, intending to visit other cities and places of prominence in California before returning home.

**Twenty-five Killed.**

Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 21—Twenty five were killed in a head-on collision between two Wabash Valley traction cars this afternoon near Bingoland and a number was injured. Among the known dead are Dell Locke and Seymour Robinson, prominent democratic politicians of Indiana.

**Mother and Children Killed.**

Phoenixville, Pa., Sept. 21—Posses are seeking Tom Baker, accused of slaying Mrs. John Saus and her three babies, Mary, aged 4, May 1 and Charles 5. Today the dead bodies were found in their home with their heads crushed and a bloody club nearby. Robbery is supposed to be the motive. The children's bank containing \$45 and a bank book showing \$800 deposits are missing.

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We started with a business much larger than expected, and our driver was unable to reach everyone.

In order to more promptly handle the business, we will add another new wagon to our delivery service on Monday.

Monday we will again start our REPAIRING DEPARTMENT for single men.

**CHERRY'S NEW LAUNDRY**

**JOSEPH HAS A MOVING PICTURE SHOW**

**DUGGER OPENS A PLAYHOUSE IN HOTEL BUILDING AFTER MANY REQUESTS.**

**Real Estate Changing Hands Rapidly in City at End of the Line.**

Joseph, Ore., Sept. 21—Special—After many requests from the leading people of Joseph, C. C. Dugger has opened a moving picture playhouse in his hotel building. This will not in any way interfere with the hotel as

he has made it an entirely separate institution. He has procured one of the best outfits obtainable and has an experienced operator. It is Mr. Dugger's intention to give Joseph people a first class entertainment.

Real estate in Joseph is changing hands rapidly. Frank Bowman, the "easy money" man, has purchased a number of city lots and is playing Joseph for rapid growth. All who know Bowman realize he is seldom wrong in his guess, and it is common talk that he can sit on the curbstone and make more money with his head than many can with head and hands combined. He intends to erect a fine home for his own use.

**Iowa Municipal League.**  
Waterloo, Ia., Sept. 21—To improve and beautify the cities of Iowa, while

at the same time effecting economies in the cost of government, is the object of the Iowa League of municipalities, which convened in annual session today. Mayors and other officials to the number of more than a hundred are in attendance.

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