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BOWERMAN'S RECORD CLEAR.

The republican state committee has issued the following signed statement relative to the charges made against Jay Bowerman, republican candidate for governor:

"Unable to find anything in his public or private life to attack or criticize, the Bourne-Chamberlain-West forces are making the groundless charge that Jay Bowerman is a corporation man. Reference to the record of Mr. Bowerman as a member of the state senate during the last six years shows that in 1907 he actively participated in the enactment of a bill creating the Oregon Railroad Commission. At the 1909 session of the legislature it was none other than Mr. Bowerman, as president of the senate, who forced from a committee the measure providing for a constitutional amendment conferring on the state the authority to proceed with the construction of railroads deemed necessary to the state's development.

"In the present campaign Mr. Bowerman is advocating a public service commission which shall have regulation and control of all gas, water and electric light plants and street railway systems in the interest and for the protection of the general public. We submit to the voters of the state if this is such a record or the promised performance of a man tainted by corporation control or influence. Certainly these facts conclusively controvert the baseless allegations that were being made against the Republican nominee."

VILLAGE LIFE IN DISFAVOR.

Village life does not seem to be in favor with the American people. While urban growth in cities having a population of 50,000 and less is marked in the returns of the thirtieth census, the village of a few hundred or a thousand people no longer multiplies. The preference is for the city not exceeding 50,000 in population and for the rural districts, now so well served by postal delivery and trolley lines.

This is not to be regretted. While many of the best traditions of the country cluster around the village green, the village store, the village church and parsonage, and the village postoffice, village life is proverbially narrow, given to scandal and productive of idleness, especially among men and boys. These facts, together with petty scandals brewed by idleness and narrowness of view among women have justly brought village

life into disfavor. In other words, the American people have outgrown the village with its humdrum, its stagnation, its lack of incentive to action.

The cry "back to the country" has resounded far and wide. Its answer has passed the village by, leaving it to tradition and to memory. Rural free delivery has deprived it of the prestige of a postoffice; the trolley line passes through it, halting for a moment on its way, to the more attractive rural districts beyond. It offers nothing to enterprise, little in the way of educational opportunity or social pleasure. It is simply humdrum—therefore distinctly un-American in the restless, eager progressive interpretation of that term.

SENATOR DOLLIVER A "DOER"

In the death of Senator Dolliver of Iowa, the United States senate loses a valuable personage. He was a progressive but not radically so. He believed in progress but could scarcely be termed an insurgent.

Jonathan Prentice Dolliver, Republican, of Fort Dodge, was born near Kingwood, Preston County, Va. (now West Virginia), February 6, 1858; graduated from the University of West Virginia, was admitted to the bar in 1878; never held any political office till elected to the fifty-first Congress as a Representative from the Tenth Congressional district of Iowa; was a member of the House also on the Fifty-second, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth congresses. August 23, 1900, was appointed United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. J. H. Gear, and was elected January 21, 1902, to succeed himself, over John J. Seerley, Democrat, by a vote of 120 to 26. Re-elected in 1907. His term of service would have expired on March 3, 1913.

Out in Elgin there is a newspaper published called the Recorder which could be a vehicle of benefit for that community, but which unfortunately is not of much value. In its last issue it says many things about the Observer and its editor, one charge being that we have not yet become acclimated. If acclimation means to follow in the Recorder's footsteps deliver us from it. It would be libel on the pure air and bright sunshine to think that long residence in this valley would cause one to take on the Recorder's ways and methods. Our advice to the young man who carries the responsibility of being editor of the Recorder is to broaden out, cease running in the narrow groove, give the people of Elgin a live local paper they deserve and join the great move of advancement and progress that is now going on in this valley.

A. W. Lafferty, nominee for congress in this district, is to speak in Elgin Tuesday afternoon and in Union that evening. He has many things to tell the people from the progressive republican point of view and every resident of these districts should hear him. Lafferty has already shown his energy and enthusiasm by going out and winning the republican nomination in this district and a man who can do that as he did has ability.

It ill becomes Oswald West to raise the cry of corporation man against Bowerman when West is wholly satisfactory to the railroads of Oregon, although he has been their boss for



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some time past. This is one instance where the people will be fooled and all the polly-foxing known to the West machine will not accomplish it.

Flying across the Atlantic is a nice little stunt for those who want to try it. The democratic committee of New York should have offered Teddy a prize to take the trip.

Trapping Muskrats.

Numbers of mechanical traps to catch muskrats have been invented and tried, but none gives more satisfaction than the old floating barrel trap that has been in use for many years. Both ends are left closed, and a hole about eight by twelve inches square is sawed in the side. A strong cleat is nailed across each end, the cleats projecting six or eight inches beyond the barrel, and upon the cleats are nailed two boards, one on each side of the barrel and several inches longer. Water then is placed in the barrel so that it will float with the board platforms about on a level with the surface of the pond or stream. About one-third of the barrel remains above water. Apples, carrots and other delicacies that the muskrat likes are placed in the barrel. In their attempts to get the bait the animals fall into the barrel and are unable to get out.—Exchange.

Proving His Authority.

There was an Irish foreman of a gang of laborers who went to any lengths to show his men that he was the real boss. One morning this foreman found that his gang had put a handcar on the track without his orders.

"Who put that han-car-r on the track?" he asked. "We did, sor," one of the men answered respectfully.

"Well," he said shortly, "take it off ag'in."

The laborers did so with some difficulty. "Now," said the foreman, "put it on ag'in."

Dysentery is a dangerous disease but can be cured. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has been successfully used in nine epidemics of dysentery. It has never been known to fail. It is equally valuable for children and adults, and when reduced with water and sweetened, it is pleasant to take.

INSURGENT HAS SPEECH TOUR

LAFFERTY GOES TO JOSEPH TODAY AND RETURNS TUESDAY.

Concludes String of Twenty-one Speeches at Union Tuesday Night.

A. W. Lafferty, Republican candidate for congressional election in this district to succeed Judge Ellis, was in the city last night, stopping at the Foley, while on his way to complete an itinerary of speeches in Eastern Oregon. The insurgent will speak at Joseph tonight, at Elgin tomorrow at 2 o'clock, at Union tomorrow at 7:30, making a string of twenty-one which he will have delivered in Eastern Oregon.

He predicts the Republican ticket will be elected from top to bottom.

Another Meaning.

A traveler to the north on the Great Northern railway, having delivered his luggage to the care of an alert railway porter, proceeded to make himself comfortable in the corner of a first class smoking compartment. The porter, having performed his duty, came to the carriage to report, not without expectation of a respectable reward.

"Well," said the passenger, "I see by the letters 'G. N. R.' on your cap, 'Gratuities never received.'"

"Not quite that, sir," replied the porter, touching his cap peak. "It might mean 'gratuities never refused.' And the way that porter smiled when he left the carriage betokened his satisfaction at the material result of his smart answer and the service he had rendered.—London Mail.

First Potatoes in Scotland.

It is claimed by a correspondent that the first person to grow potatoes in the open field in Scotland was Thomas Prentice, a day laborer in the West Barony of the parish in Glasgow, near Chapel Green. That was in the year 1728. It was about four years after that date that he (Prentice) entered the market with them and was very successful with his experiment, as he made £300 of it, which he sank in double interest and died at Edinburgh in 1762.—Glasgow Herald.

The Trouble. "Do you find any trouble writing stories, Dawdly?" "None whatever. But I'd pay a man well that could sell them for me."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Winning Play. Old Friend—Your plan is a most excellent one. But do you think your wife will agree to it? Married Man—Oh, yes. I'll tell her some one else suggested it, and I'll call it an idiot's idea.

You can't order remembrance out of a man's mind.—Thackeray.

SPECIAL Announcement by Mme. Root



Reduced prices on all Hair Goods THIS WEEK Switches, Puffs, Curls, Jeunnes.

Ladies, Note This:

Mme. Root will be at West's store for a short time only. Don't fail to see her, if you are in need of hair goods. Free demonstration of her famous beauty preparations.

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Notice for Bids. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received up to five o'clock p. m. of Friday the 28th day of October 1910, by the District School Board of School District No. One of Union County, Oregon, for furnishing said District with furniture and supplies. Terms and particulars may be obtained from School Clerk. Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part of any bid. By order of School Board. ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS, School Clerk

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