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OUTLOOK IS PROMISING.

Eastern Oregon will give Jay Bowerman, Republican nominee for governor, a substantial majority according to reports brought to Salem yesterday by C. N. McArthur, who has just returned from a brief campaign tour of Morrow county, says the Salem Statesman. Mr. McArthur spoke at Ione and Heppner, and also visited Gilliam, Wasco and Hood River counties.

"Bowerman will carry Sherman, Wheeler and Morrow counties by a 2 to 1 vote over West; his majority in Gilliam county will be even larger," said Mr. McArthur last evening, "and unless all signs fail, the Republican nominee will carry eastern Oregon by a majority of not less than 4,000. The people of the great territory east of the Cascades have not had a man from their section of the state in the governor's chair since Hon. Zenas F. Moody of Wasco county, was elected in 1882, and regardless of party, they believe that unless Bowerman is chosen, eastern Oregon will not have proper recognition from the state administration. Heretofore eastern Oregon has been conceded the seat in congress from the second district, but now that Portland is to have the congressman, people of the eastern part of the state feel that their only hope for recognition and prestige lies in the election of Bowerman. Should the republican nominee be defeated by West, all members of the various boards that govern the state institutions, as well as the entire membership of the state and desert land boards and numerous other boards of which the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer are members will reside west of the Cascade mountains. The people of eastern Oregon against do not wish to array themselves against the rest of the state, or to array one section against another, but they do feel that they are justly entitled to the governorship this time. They contend that the Republican nominee is thoroughly equipped for the position to which he aspires and that by reason of his long residence in eastern Oregon and his general knowledge of irrigation and other subjects of vital importance to that section of the state, he is the best fitted to represent them and their interests and at the same time is big enough and broad enough to do justice to the whole state and be a governor for all the people.

"Reports of the 'triumphant tour' of Oswald West through eastern Oregon have been grossly exaggerated in

the Democratic press. In many places West spoke to slim crowds, notwithstanding the reports of 'large attendance and unbounded enthusiasm.' At Heppner for instance, he addressed an indifferent crowd of less than one hundred and fifty, but according to the Democratic organs it was "an 'enthusiastic meeting' and the opera house was crowded with more than three hundred citizens of Morrow county.

"During my visit to eastern Oregon I met and conversed with men of all political parties from ten or a dozen counties. I was surprised to learn of the prominent Democrats who will vote for Bowerman. I met and conversed with a number of such Democrats at Heppner, the Dalles and other places and heard of many more. In the counties which I visited, the Republicans are practically united for Bowerman and the remainder of the ticket, and I received encouraging reports from a number of other counties.

"A 'straw' vote on governor was taken on the Baker City-Portland local train between Hood River and Cascade Locks; the vote stood 39 for Bowerman and 17 for West; on the southbound train of the Heppner branch, the vote was 13 to 5 in favor of the Republican nominee. These figures show pretty clearly the position of eastern Oregon on the governorship."

NO CRIMINAL LAWS ANNULED.

The charge made by opponents to the Home Rule bill is that criminal laws of the state would be annuled by its passage. As a matter of fact the charge never had anything to back it but imagination, but nevertheless advocates of local option made many people believe it.

As a final and conclusive proof that state laws will not be annuled should the Home Rule bill carry the attorney general of the state has been called upon for an opinion and the following reply to a letter from H. C. McAllister certainly should be sufficient to settle all controversy on that point:

"Replying to yours of the 24th inst., requesting opinion of this office as to whether the proposed constitutional amendment of section 2 of article XI of the constitution of the state of Oregon, should it become a law, would have the effect of exempting cities and towns from the operation of the constitution and criminal laws of the state of Oregon, I beg to say that such amendment would not have that effect.

"It provides that the legal voters of every city and town are hereby granted power to enact and amend their municipal charters, subject to the constitution and criminal laws of the state of Oregon, and the exclusive power to license, regulate, control or to suppress, or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors therein is vested in such municipality, but such municipality shall within its limits be subject to the provisions of the local option law of the state of Oregon.

"That amendment vests the legal voters of every city or town with authority to amend their charters in any manner which does not violate the provisions of the constitution of the state or the criminal laws of the state. Then it vests in the city council, or in the people through the city council, the exclusive power to control and regulate, or prohibit, the sale of intoxicating liquors within the cor-

porate limits, but at the same time it gives the people of the municipality the right to vote local option within the municipality, at any time they please, and when the legal voters of the incorporation shall vote local option, then the power of the city council to grant licenses is suspended during the time that prohibition is in force within the city."

MR. WILSON'S CHARGE.

When B. F. Wilson, a candidate for county judge on the Democratic ticket, issued a small bulletin through the mails charging different officials with petty graft he offered an insult not only to the officials but to the general public. While his evident intent was to attempt to fasten a black mark on the career of Judge Henry, yet in his article he has gone farther and attacked County Clerk Ed. Wright making it appear that Mr. Wright and Mr. Henry were parties to a scheme to rob the county of some sixty odd dollars.

What does the general public think of Mr. Wilson who appears in such a light? Is there a feeling of confidence, a feeling that he is telling the truth? No, the integrity of Judge Henry and Ed. Wright is such in Union county that the public does not believe any such thrust. It is unfortunate that the laws of free permit such contemptible work.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Observer will be found a communication from Ed. Wright and signed by him, which not only explains the charges made against the county court by Wilson, but proves the evident intent of the latter to be unfair.

To any person who would like to go to the bottom of the Wilson charges it is earnestly requested that he visit the court house and go through every record pertaining to them. There is nothing but straightforward transactions to be found, and he who would claim otherwise is grossly ignorant or is attempting to practice deception in order to further a selfish motive. And no one can accuse Wilson of being ignorant.

POLITICS WARM IN CITY

PORTLAND LEADER CONFIDANT OF DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

Local Democrat Returns from Metropolis, Reporting Much Interest.

"Politics are hot in Portland," affirms Judge T. H. Crawford who returned from Portland this morning, where he spent several days combining football with business. While there he conversed with the Democrats who are posted on the state situation and he is confident the Democratic vote will be large. While in Portland he saw Turner Oliver, who is making a state-wide campaign for secretary of state and affirms that Mr. Oliver is wearing a confident smile following his visit to Southern Oregon. Mr. Oliver intends to spend the balance of campaign week in Portland and may not be home until later.

CUBA MOULDING ITS FUTURE DESTINY

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even if the present electoral struggle passes without serious disorder, the government will face a much more serious crisis in the presidential election of 1912.

Many American residents of Havana take an almost hopeless view of the situation and declare that the island will never prosper without a strong government which can only be guaranteed by the United States. It is true that office-holding and office-seeking is the principal occupation of a large portion of the adult male population of the island, and that agriculture and other industries are neglected by thousands and thousands of patriots who have time for nothing but politics.

Vain Mathematics.

Absentminded Professor—My tailor has put one button too many on my vest. I must cut it off. That's funny. Now there's a buttonhole too many. Where's the use of mathematics—8 miles

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What Did He Mean?
Mrs. H.—I see there's a man in France who has murdered three of his wives in succession. I'd like to see the man who would murder me.
Mr. H.—So would I, my dear.

Base envy withers at another's joy and hates the excellence it cannot reach.—Thomson.

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