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THE BALLOT BOX SECRETS.

In almost every state in the union today the people have cast their ballots and at this hour the secrets of defeat or success are withheld by the ballot boxes, only to be revealed after the laborious process of counting the ballots, which in Oregon this year means a tremendous task.

The greatest of importance is the congressional ticket. Upon it depends whether business institutions will become alarmed, or whether they will be willing to continue in the same old way and pursue a course without serious or decided change.

We all live on from day to day whether it is Republicanism or Democracy that wins. We enjoy many privileges and blessings regardless of political complexion of congress and when there is no war clouds in sight this country can have her little internal quarrels over tariff and other mat-

ters, only to get right in the end and see everything advance and prosper. This is the great feature of the American people. They can differ earnestly but they get together at the critical time and patch up all sore spots.

If the congress goes heavily insurgent the eastern money centers may tighten up for a while. This will mean more or less temporary depression. But with the great wealth in the land, the produce that is on hand ready for market there is no chance of experiencing the hard times this country has seen in the past at different intervals.

A DANGEROUS SUGGESTION.

A recent proposal of Comptroller of the Currency Murray, that national banks be required to furnish the Treasury Department detailed information concerning the financial condition of large borrowers, will not only fail to find approval, but will meet with very positive resentment.

Nothing could be more demoralizing to the business interests of this country than for men and institutions of large affairs to put themselves in any degree at the mercy of politicians, and that is precisely what this move would amount to.

Comptroller Murray's suggestion is plausible enough on the surface. Apparently it is a proposition to put the Comptroller in possession of information which would enable him to advise the banks in regard to large lines of credit. It would be his prerogative under such an arrangement to suggest to a bank that a large line of credit be reduced, if, in his judgment it had grown disproportionate. Or, on the other hand, approve an increased line when, in his opinion, the financial condition of the borrower warranted such an increase.

Right here lies the opportunity for political manipulation, and an opportunity which would certainly not be overlooked when it became necessary to apply "pressure" to large institutions, in political campaigns. Nothing would be easier than for the managers of the party in power, through the possession of confidential information of this kind, to force extortionate political contributions out of large institutions which were dependent upon the great banks for accommodations, says the Inland Herald.

The danger even goes further than this, as is evidenced by the failure of the Westinghouse corporations in '07. Prior to the summer of that year the credit of the Westinghouse companies had been absolutely good everywhere. They could get from the New York banks whatever amount of money their requirements called for; and the financial standing of Mr. George Westinghouse was just as good as his personal standing in this country has always been. But in June of that year the New York banks withdrew credit from his institutions, and he was unable to meet his large maturing obligations. As a consequence his vast enterprises went into the hands of receivers. Subsequently, through the skillful manipulation in New York the control of the gigantic corporations, to which Mr. Westinghouse had given his genius and his life, passed into other hands and the dominant control of the Westinghouse companies is now Wall Street bankers, and not the man who made these institutions what they are.

Mr. Murray's suggestion is sophomoric and betrays a mind that is more

skillful in the technicalities of the office which he holds than in the far weightier matters which lie at the foundation of the American commercial system. It is probable that through the influence of older and more experienced business men, Mr. Murray will abandon this particular and exceedingly dangerous innovation.

Most business houses are willing to trust their banks with detailed and complete information concerning their financial conditions, but this is so far enough, and in view of the powerful political machines which are maintained at Washington, it would be a national calamity to require the great business houses of this country to place themselves, by any possibility, at the mercy of these politicians by making their credit in any measure subject to the control of a political office.

DON'T CALL HIM A LIAR.

We hope it will not become the custom to call the Colonel a liar every time he makes an assertion that lacks that degree of exactness which should always characterize the observations of one who loves the truth. We do not mean to say that the Colonel is a persistent lover of the truth. He is probably partial to it only when it suits his purposes, and when it does not he crushes it to earth so promptly that we are frequently left in doubt as to whether it can ever rise again in all the eternal years of God.—Houston Post.

Baker City held a city election yesterday which was for the purpose of naming men to fill the offices created by the commission form of city government recently adopted. The ticket named is composed of good men but they are men we do not grasp the great and important task of town building, and now if La Grande gets in the game with all of her might she can go still farther ahead of Baker.—Which has always been her good natured rival for the distinction of being the metropolis of Eastern Oregon.

How many people in this city appreciate the fact that La Grande is furnishing sugar for the coffee of a great many people and at the close of each day hundreds of pounds of sugar beets have been converted into a commercial product of great value. And the beets are raised in either Union or Wallowa counties. This is something not to overlook. If other cities had the sugar plant you would hear of it very often.

Really the rains during the past twenty-four hours would indicate that irrigation in the Grande Ronde at this time of year would be out of order.

COMMENTS BY THE AMERICA'S MASCOT.

My scat,
Where was I at?
Up in the air
And over the sea,
Which I wish to remark
It was no place for me.
There wasn't any fireside,
Nor rug nor anything,
Nor any backward to the craft
Where I could prowl and sing
They didn't even have a bird
That I could dream about
And wonder when I'd get a chance
To pull its feathers out.
And worse than that it was to learn,
Too late, that they forgot
To bring a mouse or two along
To cheer my lonely lot.
Oh, say,
A cat can't get gay,
On the Great Air Way—
There's so much atmosphere above,
There's so much wet below,
That nothing but a cat with wings
Can have the faintest show.
And my scat
I'm a wingless cat.
Wow!
Meow!
But just the same
I flew to fame
With those above the sea;
The valient men
May try again,
But never again for me!
Once more upon the solid earth,
Far from the track
Of danger, I am glad to know
The cat came back.
—W. J. Lampton in the New York Times.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is today the best known medicine in use for the relief and cure of bowel complaints. It cures griping, diarrhoea, dysentery, and should be taken at the first unnatural looseness of the bowels. It is equally valuable for children and adults. It always cures.

Classified Advertising

WANTED—Position by a man as cook and wife as helper. Camp preferred. Call at Observer office.

WANTED—Responsible party to take the agency of Union and Wallowa counties for the Phelps Carbine Feed Acetylene Generator for Individual home lighting. For further particulars write Oregon Acetylene Lighting Co., Inc. 230 1-2 Yamhill st. Portland, Ore. Oct. 20-21.

FOR SALE—Some choice Barred Plymouth Rock and Brown Ieghorn hens. E. C. Tuckey. Phone Red-3862.

WANTED—Woman to do general house work. Call Savoy hotel. Phone Main 713.

WANTED—Girl for housework. Enquire of Mrs. T. J. Scroggin. Wages \$5.00 per week.

LIQUID CURES ECZEMA

WHERE SALVES FAIL. In regard to skin diseases, medical authorities are now agreed on this: Don't imprison the disease germs in your skin by the use of greasy salves, and thus encourage them to multiply. A true cure of all eczematous can be brought about by using the healing agents in the form of a liquid.

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The Cookbook.

A nice way to serve creamed chicken is with a border of curried rice. Cakemakers sometimes use a knitting needle to loosen a cake from the side of a scalloped tin. A knife is likely to break or cut into the cake.

When about to make a pie that calls for a cover of crisscross strips of pastry, try, instead, covering the top with stars of the crust. It is pretty to look at and gives the openwork arrangement.

For "duchess potatoes" cut cold boiled potatoes into cubes, season them with salt and pepper, dip them into melted butter, sprinkle lightly with flour and bake on a plate fifteen minutes. Serve very hot.

Current Comment.

The fall of the throne of Portugal furnishes another opportunity to blame things on a woman.—Baltimore Sun.

A new department store opened in New York had 400,000 customers the first day. It advertised.—Boston Globe.

Now the sultan of Sulu says that one wife is a plenty. Thus he destroys his usefulness as a comic opera prop.—Chicago News.

A man has invented false teeth which give forth musical sounds. We shall have grand opera in every home pretty soon, and then the big singers will come down in their prices.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Short Stories.

Genuine amber is becoming scarcer every year. Sheep seem to be able to subsist on the poorest land of South America's farthest extremity. Successful efforts to reclaim waste marsh lands by raising celery are being made in Bermuda.

Tales of Cities.

The city of London uses about 225,500,000 gallons of water a day. The central plaza and several entire streets in Valparaiso, Chile, are being raised about forty inches. More than one-half of the buildings erected in New York city in the last seven years have gone on sites from where really good structures have been removed. In that time 11,254 buildings have been demolished.

In buying a cough medicine, don't be afraid to get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it, and relief is sure to follow. Especially recommended for coughs, colds and whooping cough.

The Fur Man will be here one day only THURSDAY, NOV. 10 An excellent opportunity for every lady in La Grande to see the most complete line of FURS ever shown in La Grande. DON'T MISS IT!! N.K. WEST THE QUALITY STORE

Notice to Publishers. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Recorder until Wednesday evening November 9th, 1910 for the printing and binding of five hundred city Charters, also give price on 1,000, the size and style of binding to be ascertained at the recorder's office. By orders of the City Council, November 2nd, 1910. D. E. COX, Recorder. Nov. 3 to 9.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Council of the city of La Grande on the 5th day of August, 1909, creating Improvement District No. 4 and designating Washington avenue as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 28th day of September, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve said portion of Washington avenue, in accordance with the improvement described, by laying thereon cement walk, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Washington avenue from the east curb line of First street, to the west curb line of Spruce street. Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefitted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$8061.35. That the Council will on the 9th day of November, 1910, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock at p. m. to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment. La Grande, Oregon, Oct. 26, 1910. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON. By D. E. COX, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon Oct 27 to Nov. 7

A Notable Cure.

Justis Warner, LaFayette, Ind., was completely cured after two years of suffering. "My kidneys and bladder bothered me severely for two years, making me suffer intensely. My kidneys were weak and sluggish while in my bladder there was constant misery. I was run down, tired very easily and appetite poor. Four bottles of Foley Kidney Pills cured me completely. My appetite is restored, I sleep restfully and feel stronger and healthier than ever before. I gladly recommend Foley Kidney Pills."—HPI's Drug store.

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