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THE MAN FOR GOVERNOR OF OREGON.

While this is not a gubernatorial year and our present governor will occupy the state house for some time yet, it is not bad judgment to begin to size up the field for a man who will make an able governor for this state two years hence.

No doubt there are many such men in the state, but the one who seems to be best fitted for this growing commonwealth in the opinion of the Observer, is "Bill" Hanley of Harney county.

In him Oregon would have a man made big and broad by large dealing, by extensive stock raising, by earnest battling for Oregon's development. We would have a man with pronounced character, a man capable of using mature business judgment on state affairs and at the same time refrain from seeking the handclap and the calcium rays.

"Bill" Hanley is well known—not

as a politician, not as a man who ever tried to do any politics, but as a farmer and a big broad-minded citizen. If the Farmers' union and grange, and Merchants' Protective association and Oregon Development league, and every Commercial club in the state really wants a big man for governor they can find him in "Bill" Hanley, provided he will take the job.

WHY DON'T YOU REGISTER?

The inconsistency of many voters is shown when they refuse to register and then have much to say about the way things are run in state and county. It is merely a repetition of old time days when mass primaries were held. Men refused to attend primaries and then screamed themselves hoarse because politics got into the hands of a machine made of men who did attend the mass primaries. As a matter of fact everyone had a square deal in those days to fight out their grievances at the precinct primary, but in most instances this opportunity was refused.

Now we have things changed so that a voter must register, and the great per cent will not even do that. But the yelling keeps up about machine rule and party bosses. Register and take a hand in affairs yourself. It is your duty as an American citizen and you will feel better by having done so.

Wild cat orchard schemes have begun to get their share of the censure from the public. In days gone by wild cat banking was used to fleece the sucker, then came wild cat mining and now wild cat orcharding is taking a turn at getting the easy money. Interspersed between these was wireless, Jovita Heights, etc. The people are really to blame, after all, for these get-rich-quick concerns. If there were no takers they could not sell, and if every man would go deep enough into investigation there would be no takers. It is the old story of the power of suggestion used by smooth salesmen who land their sucker before the sucker really wakes up.

This is one time when Colonel Roosevelt is more or less up a tree and hardly knows which course to take. For him to receive the nomination will require more skill than Platt ever used in returning himself to the senate from New York.

Local politics are beginning to stir. A. E. Lambert of North Powder, it is claimed, would represent this district in the legislature if the people so desire.

The acquittal of Wilde proves that apparent guilt sometimes can't be met with conviction.

Florida Will Speak First.

Palatka, Fla., Feb. 5.—This city is rapidly filling up with delegates to tomorrow's republican state convention which will elect six delegates at large and an equal number of alternates to the national convention to be held in Chicago next June. Florida republicans are believed to be a unit for President Taft, and it is expected the state delegation will be instructed for his renomination without a dissenting vote.

BATH TUB TRUST GOES ON TRIAL

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 5.—The government's criminal case against the 16 firms and 32 individuals in the so-called Bath tub trust, who are alleged to have obtained control of 85 per cent of the annual output of enamel ironware bathtubs, sinks, lavatories, etc., in the United States, will be called for trial in the federal court here Tuesday. The case, which has been pending in the courts for nearly two years, is regarded as one of the most important in the anti-trust campaign of Attorney General Wickersham.

The criminal proceedings grew out of a civil suit to dissolve the alleged combination, begun by the government in the federal court at Baltimore in 1910. The evidence adduced in the hearings of the civil suit was presented to the grand jury here by Edwin P. Grosvenor, special assistant to the attorney general, and indictments were handed down on December 6, 1910.

It is charged by the federal officials that as a result of a ten days' meeting at Mount Clemens, Mich., in April, 1910, a fund of \$7,000 was sufficient to set in motion a plan that resulted in giving to the defendants control of 16 manufacturers and nearly 400 jobbers, representing an output of approximately \$10,000,000 a year.

The indictments charge that the defendants compelled the jobbers to enter into uniform contracts, and that all the defendants refused to sell to any jobber unless he would sign such a contract. The government officials take the ground that the evidence in the civil suit showed that the defendants attempted to disguise their and licensing certain firms to use combination by the subterfuge of purchasing the patents on certain tools these tools.

The government places great weight on the testimony of Edwin L. Wayman of Pittsburg, who is described as the licensor of the alleged combination, and whose testimony in the civil suit has rendered him immune from being made a defendant in the criminal proceedings. The government charges that Wayman obtained \$7,000 from the People's State bank of Detroit by giving 100 shares of the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing company as security, and that, in using this fund to purchase several patents, \$5,000 went back to the Standard Manufacturing company for patents that it is alleged to have turned over to the combination. The government charges that Wayman collected \$5 per furnace per day from each of the 16 defendant firms, some of which had as many as 80 furnaces, and that after two months those firms that did not violate the agreement were to receive a rebate of 80 per cent of this contribution. Wayman's collections, it is alleged, ran as high as \$700 per day.

Full plans for the defense of the firms and individuals under indictment have been made at a conference here of attorneys interested in the case. The attorneys appear satisfied that they will be able to put up a strong defense of the indicted men. They contend that the case hinges on the exact classification of the Arrott patent, for the use of which licenses were issued to the 16 indicted firms, thus creating the alleged trust. The points involved being so finely technical, the attorneys say the defense still is surprised that the government attorneys talk of asking jail sentences for the indicted magnates if they succeed in convicting them of conspiring to restrain trade.

The individual defendants who will be placed on trial are as follows:

Theodore Ahrens, Francis J. Torrance, E. L. Dawes, and W. A. Hyler, officers of the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing company, of Pittsburg; C. M. Voegele and T. R. Barnes, president and secretary of the Barnes Manufacturing company of Mansfield, O.; Frank M. Caldwell and J. J. Mahony, president and vice president of the Cahill Iron Works, of Chattanooga; Jesse T. Duryea and D. O. Thiden, the president and secretary of the Colwell Lead company, New York City; W. G. Winfield and A. G. Ward, of the Day-Ward company, Warren, O.; S. M. Ford and Reid Carpenter, president and secretary of the Humphreys Manufacturing company, Mansfield, O.; J. A. Fruenel, of the Kerner Manufacturing company, Pittsburg; Jordan L. Mott and Max Goebel, of the Mott Iron Works, New York City; Thomas Walker and A. C. Walker of McVay

& Walker, Braddock, Pa.; L. C. McCrum and H. T. Gates, of the McCrum Howell company, New York City; F. G. Borden and D. W. Davis, of the National Sanitary Manufacturing company, Salem, O.; L. C. Huesman and E. V. Brigham, of the Union Sanitary Manufacturing company, Noblesville, Ind.; Charles F. Arrott and A. H. Cline, Jr., of the United States Sanitary Manufacturing company, Pittsburg; Anton Weiskittel, of A. Weiskittel & Sons company; Ludwig Wolff and Herman H. Hoelscher, of the L. Wolff Manufacturing company, Chicago; J. E. Wright and George W. Franzheim, of the Wheeling Enamelled Iron company, Wheeling, W. Va.

MAJOR BUTT IN BAD DILEMMA

Washington, Feb. 5.—(Special) — "Food, food, everywhere and not a bite to eat." This is the wall of Major "Archie" Butt, military aide to President Taft. His is the saddest plight of all Washington diners—because of an unruly stomach, backed up by a doctor's orders.

Banquets, dinners, luncheons, teas and feeding "fests" galore, Major Butt must attend—and not eat a bite or drink a drop. It is his business, as social attendant of the president, to attend the functions, sometimes three or four in an evening.

With all the rare viands and wines offered, Major Butt is a total abstainer. He can't take a mouthful of the "grub" nor drink a drop of the ancient vintages. Doctor's orders.

For Major Butt has been sick and is on a diet. It is a most austere diet, too, and the major is sticking to it rigorously. Because of his illness and operation for a nervous affection caused by poison resulting from rich viands, Major Butt eats only the plainest of food.

Here is the entire Butt bill of fare: White meat of chicken, without skin; dryest of dry toast; potatoes without butter; no meat; no beverages except water; a few vegetables, without butter; poached egg, without condiments.

As a result the major does not banquet at banquets. His menu is not included at most Washington functions.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(Special) — Speculation is rife at the war department as to whether an order, recently presented to Major General Leonard Wood, instructing militia men to go to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for four months' course of instruction in whatever branch of the service they are engaged, will meet with the approval of the chief of staff.

Much opposition is being made against the order by West Pointers who maintain that the outcome of such a course would be that the privates would know more concerning their business than do their officers.

The supporters of the bill retort: "Then send the officers to the school, too."

General Wood declines to make any statement concerning the order at the present time, saying that he has not had sufficient time to consider its provisions and probable effect upon the army. It is admitted by many, however, that its passage would have the effect of increasing the intellectual standing of the rank and file of the army, giving the men a better insight into the details of their work.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(Special) — To Commander W. A. Edgar, in charge of the gunboat Wilmington has been awarded the palm for the best work done by the elementary practice of

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the South Atlantic squadron during 1911. The Wilmington, according to official reports of the secretary of the navy just published, received a mark of 38,069 for merit, the cruiser Albany, Commander C. S. Williams, being second with 35,136. The Villalobos, one of the oldest ships in the line, was last with 0.200.

The Moccasin, Ensign E. L. McArthur commanding, led the submarines with an average of 55 hits per run, far outclassing the remainder of the fleet, the next one of which—the Salmon, Ensign W. D. Child—making only 20 hits per run. The Moccasin's work is considered remarkably fine.

Annie Adams, the mother of Maude Adams, has established a dramatic school in Salt Lake City.

Voting Machine Went Wrong.

Muncie, Ind., Feb. 5.—A peculiar case relating to election laws and the voting machines, is to be tried out in the suit of Jesse G. White against W. A. O'Harra, sheriff of Delaware county, which come up for trial in the circuit court here today. White, a democrat, is seeking to prove that he was elected sheriff in November, 1910 instead of O'Harra, his republican opponent. It is generally conceded that White actually was elected by a majority of 89 votes, a voting machine registering 100 more ballots for Mr. O'Harra than were cast. O'Harra is maintaining his right to the office on the ground that the Indiana law provides no method of going behind the returns indicated upon a voting device.

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