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THE PUBLIC PULSE IN OREGON.

Portland, March 7.—Just now there is a searching demand by candidates for office in Oregon to know how the public pulse is beating.

In the national arena since Mr. Roosevelt "tossed his Stetson in the ring" there has developed a surprise so far as the state of Oregon is concerned.

against President Taft. Men as a anything, from the fight of two school children to the presidency, hence the feeling toward the ex-president. No one doubts his republicanism, no one doubts his loyalty to party, but there is a very large element of men in Oregon who will not stand for the former idol.

In senatorial matters there has been also more or less of a surprise development. Those who were under the belief that Senator Bourne was invincible are coming to realize that the senator's strength has been largely imaginary and that in fact the sturdy, thinking people of Oregon have never been for Bourne but for what he advocated.

Sentiment in Portland is for him and from every section of the state comes the word that Selling has more strength than anyone would have believed. It looks very much like Bourne's platform will be retained by Oregon in her next senator but that the people are going to choose a much better and more able man to carry out those principles than Mr. Bourne.

Democrats of Oregon begin to see their mistake in not coming out firmly for W. J. Bryan for their leader this year. His visit to the state has caused a revival of the old time admiration and he has welded again those chains of friendship which made him so popular in years gone by.

Profound J. B. REPLIES.

La Grande March 7.—(To Editor Observer).—I would like to say to Brother Norris that he should not take a little opposition so seriously to heart, especially since he says it does not amount to much anyway.

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their party is founded. So after summing up the regrets and the pleas for harmony we find the poet's effusions are a joke, the oracle's abulations are wasted on the desert air, and the socialists' affiliations are impossible.

But even if there were some violent or serious opposition to contend with why should there be any regret? Isn't it a fact that any meritorious movement succeeds in proportion to the kind of opposition that it is capable of arousing? From the discussion of a question, wherein the light is thrown upon it from every possible angle, there should arise the truth laid bare in all its nakedness.

J. B. STODDARD.

All in the Name. "Funny thing about names," says Noah Count of Chiggerite. "Now, there was my old friend Yule B. Sick. He started in the drug business and plastered all over town: 'Take Our Drugs, Yule B. Sick, The Busy Corner.' Well, he didn't have any more trade than a rabbit. So one day he takes a squint at that sign and sees what's the matter. Had a sudden inspiration and ran for a sign painter. The next day all over town was 'Take Our Drugs, Y. B. Sick, The Busy Corner.' And now he's the richest man in this here town."—Kansas City Star

They Were Orphans. "What a mendacious duffer you are, Phibbs," said Dibbs. "You said this was an orphan asylum, instead of which it is an old men's home." "Well, you go in and look for an old man who isn't an orphan. You won't find him."

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