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MAN OF THE HOUR—COCHRAN

LIVE WIRE COMMENTS EDITORIAL ON THE RACE.

Points Out Cochran's Policies on the Alaskan and Panama Affairs.

This newspaper has pointed out the importance of sending a man to congress from Eastern Oregon who knows the needs of this section from practical experience and who is qualified to meet those needs tact effectively. Says the Pendleton Live Wire editorially. It has called attention to the progressive stand on water, home-stead and other issues vital to this section of the state taken by George T. Cochran of La Grande who is the only one of the group of candidates who strikes the happy medium between standpatism and radicalism.

George T. Cochran is awake to Eastern Oregon's needs but he is not neglecting a few other matters of importance to the northwest and to the nation. Do you know that your representative makes the laws for Alaska? Not only those laws of national effect, but all its local laws are under his control. "Why," asks Mr. Cochran, "should the resources of Alaska be bottled up and their use by the present generation prevented?" There are 2200 claims now explored and known in the Alaska coal fields. Their development awaits only transportation. If this question is solved, then, to a large extent, the trust and monopoly question in regard to them is solved.

Our government is just now finishing the Panama canal. There is plenty of railroad and rolling stock on the isthmus to build and operate a government railroad into Alaskan coal fields. If this machinery and equipment is not used by the government it will be sold as junk. The railroad used by the government in the construction of the Panama canal is a five-foot railroad, while the standard gauge is only four feet, eight inches. This means that the equipment would be sold as junk.

Why not use business principles in the operation of government departments? Any other corporation constructing a large piece of work would be looking for some place to utilize all of this material. Why not put it into a government railroad to these coal fields?

These are only a few of Mr. Cochran's views. They show that he is alive to bigger problems than merely those which confront us locally and he certainly knows the needs of Eastern Oregon as well as any other man living, for his work has carried him over almost every foot of the great district. He should be the party's nominee at the primaries. The west needs him at Washington.

ABOUT PLANTING ASTER SEED.

(Contributed.)

Have a cold frame for planting the seed, if possible. The cold frame is built like the hot bed but has no manure and consequently the plants are not forced as fast.

Some authorities think aster seed or plants should not be forced. Use good garden soil in frames and plant very shallow, barely covering the seed. Keep the soil moist but not soggy. Have the frame a few inches higher at the back, slanting toward the south. It can be covered either with a glass sash or a canvas one.

Be sure and give them plenty of air by raising sash, morning and evening and don't neglect to give them plenty of water. After the plants start they should be kept growing or they will get stunted and have very inferior flowers. I seldom transplant mine but the once. I then put them in their permanent bed. After the plants show two true leaves they can be picked off and transplanted to another cold frame or box. That avoids stem rot and they make strong healthy plants. Transplant on a cloudy day. The plants root better if the soil is moist, not wet. Put plants in rows to facilitate hoeing. If in beds, ten to fifteen inches each way according to richness of the soil. Avoid planting where there has been stem lice or root lice. Asters do not object to partial shade. Weather permitting the seed should be planted between the 10th and 12th of April. If you have no cold frame plant in boxes in the garden. Plant same as in cold frame and water often. Do not use the hose to water but a sprinkler until after plants are well up. Do not let the roots come in contact with fresh manure. If you have to use it spade it well under.

The Soil.

To be successful with asters the first thing required is good soil. The ideal soil is a strong loam, well supplied with organic matter and plant food, and retentive of moisture. If the soil is not already rich enough, fertility can be furnished in the shape of well rotted manure. If not mellow it dries out quickly, but frequent and thorough tillage will put it in better mechanical condition.

A FINE TIMBER CLAIM—for some one who has not used their timber and stone right.

TAFT INSISTS ON AID TO FARMERS

Says Department of Agriculture Work Must Go On.

LABORS FOR CONSERVATION.

Farreaching Legislation Administered by Scientists of Rank Brings Good Results to Tillers of Soil—Food and Drugs Act Upheld to the Letter.

In his inaugural address President Taft called attention to the deficit then existing in the revenues and the consequent necessity for rigid economy in expenditures. However, the president singled out the department of agriculture as an exception. He said, to quote his exact words, "In the department of agriculture the use of scientific experiments on a large scale, and the spread of information derived from them for the improvement of general agriculture must go on." This view the president has steadily maintained, and repeatedly has urged appropriations for the work of the department.

In his comprehensive message on conservation President Taft said, "The feature that transcends all others, including woods, waters, minerals, is the soil of the country," and that all means at the government's disposal should be used to conserve the soils, adding, "a work of the utmost importance to inform and instruct the public on this chief branch of the conservation of our resources is being carried on successfully in the department of agriculture."

Reports made recently to Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture by the heads of his bureaus justify this solicitude on the part of the president for the department. In calling for these reports the secretary asked that they be brief and that they mention notable achievements of the last five years only, inasmuch as that period is really the period of fruition in the department, the period during which, owing to the broad foundations previously laid by the training and

grouping of the corps of scientific men, by securing far-reaching legislation, by gathering together masses of statistics and other information, by providing scientific and other equipment, it has been possible to produce most marvelous results for the common good of the people.

Taft For Conservation.

In his conservation message President Taft emphasized the importance of the maintenance of the forests and urged their scientific treatment "so that they shall be made to yield a large return in timber without really reducing the supply." and in other messages he pointed out the necessity of reforestation. In accordance with these views much available work has been done in protecting the national forests and by researches in the laboratory of the department at Madison, Wis., and in the past five years the work of reforestation burned over areas has proceeded at the rate of 15,000 to 30,000 acres a year. The department takes justifiable pride in its forest work, considering the administration of 100,000,000 acres of land protected and managed for the public benefit a great achievement.

Since Jan. 1, 1907, when the food and drugs act went into effect, more has been done to provide a good, clean food supply than in all the preceding life of the nation. A wonderful change has also been effected in the character of the drugs on sale. The department has a trained force of inspectors and chemists doing excellent work in all parts of the country in behalf of pure foods and pure drugs. This salutary law, however, needs amendment, as the supreme court held in May, 1911, that its provisions, to quote President Taft's words in his vigorous message to congress a month later, "Do not cover the knowingly false labeling of nostrums as to curative effect." The president added: "An evil which menaces the general health of the people strikes at the life of the nation. In my opinion the sale of dangerously adulterated drugs * * * constitutes such an evil and warrants me in calling the matter to the attention of the congress."

Work of Soil Mapping.

Of importance to the farmer has been the work carried on in the past five years of soil mapping and classification, so that now the area included is 407,000 square miles, or nearly 41,000,000 acres. The value of this work is incalculable.

Disseminating the valuable information acquired by the department has proved a wonderful work. Practically 200,000,000 publications have been distributed since Secretary Wilson assumed control of the department, and more than half (103,598,100) of that number have been distributed within the past five years.

Other work accomplished by the department includes a comprehensive system of weather warnings and forecasts, the meat inspection service in which 2,500 experts are employed, who see that every pound of meat sent interstate is fit for human food, protection of live stock, the checking of rodent pests, the destruction of noxious insects, the conservation of water supplies, the building and care of public roads and the policy for better farm-houses, so that every dollar expended in the prosecution of this work in its numerous phases has brought back a hundred fold to the people.

Platonic and Practical.

"They started in a purely platonic way to read 'Lucille' together."
"Well?"
"Now they are interested in a book that tells how to build a \$1,000 house."
—Kansas City Journal.

Tommy's Trouble.

When Tommy had the tummyache And the doctor came said he, "Are you in pain?" and Tommy sobbed, "No, sir; the pain's in me!"
—Lippincott's Magazine.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

In the matter of the guardianship of Ida May Thompson, an incapable person.

Now on this, the 11th day of April, 1912, this matter came before the court upon the petition of C. E. Cochran, guardian of the estate of Ida May Thompson, an incapable person, praying an order fixing the time and place when the next of kin and all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause, etc., said petition being duly verified and filed herein.

Based upon said petition.

It appears to the court from such petition that it is necessary and would be beneficial to the ward that the real estate described in the petition



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GEIBEL'S

should be sold, and the court being fully advised in the premises:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the court, that William Hassell, individually and as guardian of the person of Ida May Thompson, under appointment of the superior court of the state of Washington for the county of Yakima; Ira Thompson, a minor and Jesse B. Thompson, and all other persons interested in said estate, be and they are each required and directed to appear at the court house in La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday the 10th day of May, 1912, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. then and there to show cause, if any there be, why a license should not be granted for the sale of the real estate described in the petition, to-wit:

The west half of the southwest quarter; the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter and the southeast quarter of section 23; and the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 24, and the west half of the northwest quarter of section 25 and the west half of the northwest quarter of section 26, all in township 4 S. R. 38 E. W. M. in Union county, Oregon.

It is further ordered that this order be published at least three successive weeks in the La Grande Evening Observer,



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J. C. HENRY,
County Judge.

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