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ROOSEVELT'S CAMPAIGN.

There is no denying the fact that Colonel Roosevelt's visit to Oregon did not bring out the expected Roosevelt enthusiasm. But there is also no denial of the fact that no speaker is bringing out enthusiasm this year. The day of the red fire and torchlight has passed in politics. People go to listen and hear facts and arguments nowadays. This is the way the people in Oregon listened to Roosevelt, and that counted for more than all the yelling that could have been done by the Umatilla Indians at the roundup. Political questions are of serious moment these days, and Roosevelt has given in his tour of the country plenty for the voter to consider.

So far as new parties are concerned in Oregon, there is not much consideration of that phase of the matter. The main reason for Roosevelt's strength in this state is because of the national committee and the national convention stealing the nomination from Roosevelt at Chicago and when analyzed the issue in Oregon is whether or not Roosevelt shall carry the state because of that steal.

For a time it seemed that Wilson would be Oregon's choice for president but in the last few weeks the Taft supporters have become confident and they will not vote for Wilson unless a change takes place here. This gives the Roosevelt people ample ground to work in the full belief that their candidate will be a winner here. Had the Taft people continued to half way support Wilson the fight for Roosevelt would have been much harder for those in charge.

TAKING OFF THE MASK.

Indications are that Jonathan Bourne is making every preparation to run for the senate again in Oregon. A personally directed delegation of his followers met in Portland and decided to "bring him out."

If the senator continues this program he has only proven the many charges lodged against him by his enemies that his has been an office-seeking career rather than based on the high plane he would have made the people believe. He will convince everyone that it is office he is after instead of assisting in reform measures and reform legislation.

It will be a case of stripping off the mask and standing before the people of Oregon, not as the man who upholds the primary law; not as the man who positively believes in the people rule; not as the man who would make any sacrifice that the Oregon principles might prevail—but as the cringing, selfish office-seeker whose claims to have arisen above bossism and machine politics are shattered before selfishness.

Bourne's entrance now will be a body blow to direct legislation. He has posed as a leader of it. Will the self-appointed leader repudiate his cause and throw down the people that to attempt gratification of his thirst for continuation of life at the public crib.

Will the senator do it?

According to Senator Polinder of Washington the Bull Moose is a national winter. His claim that Roose-

velt is strong in the East and in the South seems to have foundation which would mean that the middle West and West become fighting ground. At the beginning of the campaign just the reverse was expected. All conceded Roosevelt the West and middle West but looked for his defeat in the East and South. This is another indication that in this day when people largely as they choose no politician can catalogue the situation with any degree of accuracy.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

September 25.

1759—The British warship *Tilbury* was wrecked off Cape Breton, with a loss of 200 lives.

1775—British captured Col. Ethan Allen and 28 of his men near Montreal.

1806—Bonaparte left Paris to begin his campaign against Prussia.

1832—Cholera appeared in St. Louis, destroying about four per cent of the population within a month.

1839—Treaty between France and Texas concluded at Paris.

1843—Fremont's expedition reached the Columbia river.

1857—British force under Gen. Havelock marched to Lucknow and relieved the besieged residency.

1865—Alabama state convention met and annulled the ordinance of secession.

1898—The French cabinet ordered a revision of the Dreyfuss case.

"THIS IS MY 77TH BIRTHDAY."

Antonio A. Arrighi.

Rev. Antonio A. Arrighi, long noted for his missionary work among the foreign-born population of New York City, was born in Florence, Italy, on Sept. 25, 1835. In his youth he served as a drummer boy in the army that was fighting under Garibaldi for Italian independence. He came to America in 1855 and completed his education at Ohio Wesleyan university and Dickinson college. In 1869 he graduated from the Boston Theological seminary. For some years after he entered the ministry he was located in his native city of Florence as a missionary of the Methodist church. In 1880 he returned to New York and founded the famous mission for Italians at Five Points, of which institution he has since been the head.

IMBLER SCHOOL

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sult in the abandonment of the present school house, and virtually be a removal of the school house. And furthermore it is alleged that the owners of the lumber yard site demand the sum of two thousand dollars for the same, and that said sum is unreasonable.

Under the view I take of this case it is necessary to decide only one question raised by the answer, and that is the directors having given as one of their reasons for refusing to purchase the lumber yard site, that in their opinion the price asked for the site is unreasonable, can this court by issuing a peremptory writ of mandamus compel them to purchase the site. I do not believe that the court has any such right under the authorities of our own supreme court above cited. By so doing the court would be endeavoring to control the judgment and discretion of the board of directors which

it has no right to do. The legal voters of the district could at the election have named the price to be paid for the lumber yard site, and the board of directors would then have been obliged to carry out the will of the legal voters. Even if the defendant had introduced no testimony showing that the price demanded for the lumber yard site is unreasonable, I do not believe that the court would have any right to compel them to purchase the site. Until the legal voters set a price upon the land to be purchased the directors are clothed with a discretion in the matter, which no court can control. The testimony shows that the land known as the lumber yard site consists of five acres, and that the owners thereof demand four hundred dollars per acre or two thousand dollars for the same. There is considerable testimony in the record to the effect that the land is not worth to exceed two hundred dollars per acre, or one thousand dollars. But as stated above it is not for the court to say, what the real value of the land is.

For the above reasons the plaintiff will have judgment for the dismissal of the writ.

J.W. KNOWLES,
Circuit Judge.

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News of the "movies"—

Gossip of the pictures—

Newest photodramas and—

Comedies of the screen.

Where to Go in La Grande.

At Sherry's.

Four young college students find themselves with no money and a lot of debts. The way they recover and make good is cleverly told in the picture entitled "Saving an Audience," by the Vitagraph company. This with three other good pictures, "Her Adopted Father" by the Essanay company, "A Change of Spirit" by the Biograph company, and "Jealousy on the Ranch," Pathe, which shows clever roping, riding, branding and cowboy life all the way completes a well balanced program of pictures.

Local Picture at Arcade.

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3. Salmon Industry at Astoria.
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6. Cupid vs. Cigarettes—Comedy.
7. Winkley and Chapman—Music.

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MORE PAVING FOR VANCOUVER

This Rapidly Growing Washington City Sees the Value of Hard Surface Paving.

More evidence concerning the value and real economy to taxpayers in hard surfacing urban streets comes from Vancouver, Washington, where the city council of that city has just awarded another contract for bitulithic paving.

Vancouver has for a number of years been trying out the merits of hard surface pavement, mostly in the form of bitulithic. This provision for more of it to be laid this year, and preparations being made to lay more of it next year is an endorsement from the taxpayers concerning the

value in a general way of hard surfaced streets for cities and of the value in a specific way of bitulithic.

All the new pavements that are "just as good," so-called, are always thoroughly investigated by the Vancouver city council before making final choice for bitulithic. So far, as is apparent in this latest award, they have failed to find anything that equals bitulithic; a decision in which the taxpayers of Vancouver thoroughly concur.

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All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased Foster A. Day are required to present them with the proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof to the administratrix at her home at No. 80 Pennsylvania avenue, La Grande, Oregon.

Dated September 20, 1912.

MARTHA E. DAY,

Administratrix of the Estate

Foster A. Day, Deceased.

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