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POLITICS AND BUSINESS.

While in the East, Ed. Kiddle, the Republican nominee for state senator on the Republican ticket, met many men from all over the United States. He attended a convention of millmen and each state was represented. He talked freely about the future outlook for business and in every instance the calamity howler was absent, he said. It means that the business world is getting over the idea that brakes must be put on when a presidential campaign is brewing. It means that people are reaching that happy stage when politics is not the paramount issue; when strife and trouble in political parties does not mean as much as it once did.

This is a condition that everyone should welcome for in the past all realize what a nuisance to business a presidential election has been. And very often the ills were imaginary. People imagine they were going to be hurt worse than was possible.

In Oregon business is going on, also. But Oregon is confronted with a state measure that is of more importance than any candidate to this state. That issue is Single Tax and should it carry look out for the future.

Mr. Kiddle was well pleased with general conditions as he found them and he is a man who is a splendid judge of what business conditions are.

IS THE CHILD TO BLAME?

Judge Gatens of Portland delivered a center shot on the moral question a few days ago when he called the parents of the country to task for the lax moral conditions that prevail. He cited the easy avenue for the children that has been opened in the last 20 years where sign boards have been torn down and such a thing as rigid restriction is almost unknown.

The judge's remarks apply to La Grande, as well as to Portland. People rave about the moral condition, but many of them do not pay the strict attention to their own children they should. Few demand to know the whereabouts of the boy or girl who goes down in town after supper. Few parents will raise the disturbance they should when they find a pool room owner has been letting the boy under age play pool; few parents will call the daughter to task and demand to know who brought her home the night before.

This being true, what is to be expected. If you fail to train the vine it grows very crooked; if you fail to train the child its nature and habits will become a tangled mass, just as the vine becomes.

The place for teaching morality

and right is in the home.

What a pleasure to turn back to the days when girls and boys in their teens really knelt at mother's knee; really felt that inward tenderness for home, for relatives and respected old age.

Everything is going at a rapid rate nowadays. All must admit that, but the pace can be endured in everything but the rearing of the child. Put on the brakes there if you don't feel like doing it elsewhere, for the coming generation is all there is of consequence in the world.

REVOLUTION BOUND TO COME.

Few political writers have a better chance to become acquainted with the general conditions than has Samuel Blythe of the Saturday Evening Post, and in view of that fact it is interesting to note his summary of the present campaign, which follows:

As a result of his investigations, Mr. Blythe has reached these conclusions:

First—Mr. Roosevelt's nomination makes the defeat of Mr. Taft almost certain.

Second—Mr. Roosevelt's nomination makes the election of Mr. Wilson probable.

Third—Mr. Roosevelt in many of the states mentioned will get more votes than Mr. Taft, the percentage running about 60 per cent of the old Republican vote for Roosevelt and 40 per cent or less for Taft.

Fourth—The reason Mr. Taft's vote may be less than 40 per cent is found in the fact that many old-line Republicans who ordinarily would vote the Republican ticket will vote for Wilson on the ground that this will be a whole vote against Roosevelt instead of half a vote, as would be the case if they voted for Taft.

Fifth—The only apparent defections from the normal Democratic vote, in favor of either of the other candidates, are defections that will favor Mr. Taft because of religious and racial influences. Just how far these will go is uncertain, though great pressure is being brought by the persons who control these influences.

The election of Mr. Roosevelt, or sufficient success on his part to throw the presidential election into congress is not at all improbable.

Seventh—Now, at this writing, Mr. Taft is the strongest in Utah, Wyoming and Michigan; Mr. Roosevelt is the strongest in California, Nevada, Idaho and the Dakotas; and it is a fight between Wilson and Roosevelt in the other states, with Wilson having the lead, except perhaps in Washington, owing to the split in the Republican vote, and the apparent solidarity of the Democratic party.

The apparent situation is, as this is written that Wilson must hold what he seems to have in order to win, and Roosevelt must make gains in various states if he is to win in this section of the country. This conclusion seems simple and justifiable and logical.

The very simplicity of it and the obvious logic of it are what make it merely an assumption at this time. As I have pointed out in this and in my previous articles, there is absolutely no basis for any political logic in this campaign. New conditions exist. A revolution is under way. You

cannot measure this thing with a try-square or test it with a plumbline. Millions—a good many millions—of men in his country are going to the polls on Tuesday, November fifth next, to vote not from party obligation or at party behest, but for personal, independent, individual, constructive reasons. Many Republicans—it is too early yet to say how many, but thousands of them—will vote the Democratic ticket for the first time in their lives. Many Democrats will vote for either Taft or Roosevelt. Many—a great many—former Republicans will vote for a third-party ticket, a ticket that already means the death of the old Republican party as such.

There is no basis for judgment except one. That is this: The demand for a change in existing conditions is widespread. It is insistent. There will be a change—there is no doubt of that. What sort of a change it will be depends on the ultimate decision of the voters as to whether the machinery to help bring that change about shall be given over to the Democrat, Wilson, or the Progressive candidate, Roosevelt.

PERILS OF LAUGHTER.

If there is any lesson to be drawn from Wilma Wade's experience it would seem to be that laughter is dangerous, says the Portland Oregonian. While she was indulging in a hearty outburst the other day she sucked a safety pin down into her bronchial tubes. The surgeons succeeded in removing it, fortunately, but the operation required apparatus with terrific names and an amount of deftness which it appalls one to try to conceive it. If Miss Wade had been taught not to laugh, but only to smile, she never would have found herself in this perilous dilemma.

Preceptresses of young ladies' boarding schools are agreed upon the precept that laughter is vulgar. They permit nothing more strenuous than a smile and even that must be managed worked upon cautiously by enunciating "Papa, potatoes, prunes, prisms, with infinite discretion. It should be peonies" slowly and softly. By this process the lips are elegantly persuaded to assume the aspect of a ladylike smile.

Laughter is not only unlady-like, but it is cruel. At any rate its origin is cruel. Philosophers are a unit in telling us that it began in racial history with that stretch of the lips and show of teeth which a warrior exhibits when he smites a foe. If the foe falls the warrior emits a brutal cackle in harmony with the expression of his features. We are most inclined to laugh when we witness the misfortunes of our neighbors. A fat man who slips on a banana peel causes laughter in all the bystanders. The loss of a stove pipe hat in a gust of wind invariably brings forth guffaws. We never laugh at a humorous story because humor is pervaded with the milk of human kindness, but a witticise anecdote, particularly if the wit is bold and obvious, makes one croak like a chameleon.

BAKER MINES COMING BACK

PAY STUFF RETURNS TO OLD TIME FORM.
Old Virtue District Coming Into Its Own Again.

Mining in Baker county is coming back. That is the general opinion and it is a fact that more legitimate mining is being done in that county than has been done for years. The Mormon Basin is producing gold every day. The Sumpter country is starting mines that have been idle since the dreamy wildcat days.

But one of the important districts—a district that has made fortunes for many—is the old Virtue country east of Baker. It is coming back, too.

George Cullen, for years the head of the White Swan mine, was here Sunday attending the Knights of Columbus banquet, and he told a reporter for the Observer that Spokane capital had bought the Swan, made final payments and the decks were being cleared ready to mine gold again.

When George Cullen makes a statement like that it is true, for George is not a mining man who wears yellow boots and plays poker; he is the

substantial mining man of the kind which will bring Eastern Oregon mines into their own. For years he has stuck to the dry hills when all other eyes were turned elsewhere. He has been faithful to the Swan and Virtue country and day by day and month by month he has held on when many another man would have sought the electric lights and other pleasures of life.

But Mr. Cullen had faith in the hills. He knew if they ever got rid of the fake promoter and the hills were given a fair chance they would make good. He is now about to prove to everyone that he was not mistaken. If there is a man in this world whom the Observer would like to see make a million dollars from mining that man is George Cullen. He never gave a newspaper a fake mining story in all his life, and never misrepresented a property.

Out in the Cornucopia country there is also mining activity. Robert Betts, of the Union Companion mine, has developed great quantities of the rich Cornucopia ore and now the mill, which is being erected by Walter L. Reid of the Smuggler-Union mine of Telluride, Colorado, is almost completed. This improvement will probably cost near a hundred thousand dollars but Mr. Betts has the money in the ore waiting to get a chance to balance the ledger for the improvement. With the new mill erected by Mr. Reid, the values will be saved on the ground whereas in the past it has been necessary to ship the concentrates to Tacoma for treatment.

Everything considered, there is little doubt that Baker is to be once more the buzzing mining town of old. But when this new era arrives it will be permanent for the mining now in progress in Baker is not being made for the purpose of selling stock to the shop girl and the elevator boy. It is mining on commercial lines—the only kind that pays.

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the teams.
Just before the game McGraw decided not to use Mathewson, after he had so announced and substituted Tesreau.
New York—Devore lf, Double 2b, Snodgrass cf, Murray rf, Merkle 1b, Herzog 3b, Meyers c, Fletcher ss, Tesreau p.
Umpire Klem was the official behind the bat, and Evans at the bases.
The Lineup Today.
The introductory lineup for the two contesting teams today was:
Boston—Hooper rf, Yerkes 2b, Speaker cf, Lewis lf, Gardner 3b; Stahl 1b, Wagner ss, Cady c, Wood p.
New York—Devore lf, Double 2b, Snodgrass cf, Murray rf, Merkle 1b, Herzog 3b, Meyers c, Fletcher ss, Tesreau p.
Umpires—For National league, Klem and Rigler; for American league, Evans and O'Loughlin.

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La Grande must grow--it's location and resources give assurance that within a short time it will be the Spokane of Oregon. At its present rate of increase and growth it will soon double its population and its payroll. When it reaches that stage in its career Connordale will be practically the center of town for this city must grow down Washington Avenue and cut into the valley. Values will then be out of sight. They are low now. Go down and see for yourself.

