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SUPPORT THE COLONEL.

Colonel Roosevelt will likely survive the assassin's bullet. Every supporter of his has for the last forty-eight hours almost held their breath for fear the revolver in the hands of a crank had stopped the life of the most prominent man in the world today.

A strong physical nature, a courageous heart and a desire to see his battle through have all combined to bring the colonel sufficient strength to overcome the loss of blood which followed the attempted murder.

His life now is worth more to this nation than ever before. He has encountered personally a phase of our society which in time must be considered carefully. Roosevelt is the man to do the considering, just as he was the man to start the Panama canal, to regulate the civil service, to clean up the postoffice department, to stop many governmental grafts, to prosecute illegal trusts. He is the man who has felt the assassin's bullet and still lives? Then why should he not be the man to deal with this class of citizens?

In fact, when the situation is analyzed, even the opponents to Theodore Roosevelt must admit there is no man in the whole world who has had the varied experiences; who knows the people at every angle so well; who has had relations with as many foreign countries; who is equipped with knowledge of different subjects of the state and nation, as Colonel Roosevelt.

Coming out from under this attack on his life on the eve of election, adds another important feature to the career of this great citizen. Support the colonel. It is far better for the most conservative citizen to have Colonel Roosevelt in the White House than any other of the candidates who are now running.

WHAT WILL HEIRESSSES SAY?

A plea for early marriages has been made by Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard college, in a talk to the freshmen of that famous university.

Dr. Elliot advises all students to marry before the age of 30 if possible, or at least while they are young enough to become grandfathers and be proud of it. If this one fact alone is not sufficient to make the freshmen eager and anxious to wed right away, he adds another reason which is enough to furnish food for thought for some time. He says:

"It is one excuse to say that you wish to give a girl the luxury that she

has had in her parents home. If the girl has been brought up in too much luxury, the sooner she is given a chance to live differently, the better." Dear old Dr. Elliot, with his fine appreciation of the most beautiful qualities of womanhood, and his utter unworldliness and lack of discernment of modern conditions.

This places matrimony on a high plane, but it is doubtful if the ordinary heiress whom the freshman John meets at the occasional "hops" is made of the stern stuff out of which heroines are made. It is doubtful if the girls who aspire to wear college fraternity pins on their shirt waists would care, to give up their costly gowns, their Parisian hats, their daily visits to the mauseur, the manicurist, their corsage bouquets of violets, fresh every morning, for the sake of scrubbing floors in a tiny flat just built for two.

We may be doing the heiresses of the country a great injustice. Dr. Elliot may possess a wisdom on these subjects beyond our ken. The suggestion, at least, is a valuable one and all the college freshmen need to do, in order to prove the theory, is to start proposing right and left and see how many signatures they can secure to a petition to start life as their fathers and mothers did, possessing a wealth of love, but no motor cars or other luxuries.

In theory no one can dispute the wisdom of Dr. Elliot's advice. But in practice it is such a very different thing.

BOURNE AND THE ROOSEVELT LETTERS.

The letters from Roosevelt to Senator Bourne, demanding that the Oregon senator cease in his persistent activity as intermediary for the Standard Oil company, were written in February and July, 1908, over four years ago. The first intimation Oregon people had that Bourne was serving as the representative of the Rockefeller corporation came in September, 1912, less than two months ago, when Colonel Roosevelt caused his two letters to Bourne to be published in connection with the Standard Oil controversy.

Even then Oregon's "Coal Oil Johnnie" senator did not give a satisfactory explanation. Neither did he undertake to explain until after C. W. Fulton, ex-United States senator, in a public address in Portland two weeks ago, directly charged Bourne with becoming a representative of the Standard Oil interests before he had been in the senate a year. And then Senator Bourne spoke.

Bourne said that in forming intimate relations with the Standard Oil company, he was undertaking to prevent a panic. Sounds good? Yes, but remember Bourne was carrying on these negotiations in 1908. The only "panic" with which this country was threatened since 1892-3 had come and passed away nearly a year before Roosevelt wrote the letters to Bourne.

But if Bourne was actually striving to "prevent a panic," why this belated admission? Why did he wait four years before, taking the people into his confidence and telling them of the service he was rendering? Bourne has never been charged with diffidence in acquainting the people with his work as senator, when that publicity would redound to his credit. But why this long silence? We have Bourne's own word for it that he was hobnobbing with Archbold and other Standard Oil officials in order to avert an impending "panic."

In the last four years, Senator Bourne has sent thousands of letters and printed addresses to Oregon voters. In the same period he has caused to be published many magazine articles. But all reference to the Roosevelt letters and to Bourne's service as intermediary for the Standard Oil were omitted from his communications to the voters and his magazine contributions. If he was truly engaged trying to stop a "panic" why did he not frankly let the people know?

LA GRANDE Y. M. C. A. DEPARTMENT.

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The Indians.

Last Saturday the Indians took their second hike. The membership had increased from eight to twenty-four in one week. Twenty-one of that number took the hike to Morgan Lake. During their Pow-wow on their last trip these Indians decided to call themselves the La Grande tribe of the Grande Ronde Indians. It is their hope that Island City and other Union county towns will call together similar tribes which shall make up a part of the Grande Ronde Indians and that during Chautauqua next summer they may all come together for a big camp-fire gathering.

It might be well to explain a little concerning this body. The chief requirements for membership are that each boy shall be at least nine years of age and not more than eleven; that he shall be a member in good standing of some Sunday school; that he shall obey the commands of his superiors. The main purpose for calling the boys together is that they may obtain outdoor recreation under proper direction. Any boy who is able to fulfill these conditions is entitled to join.

Next Saturday we are planning a hike up the Devil's Slide. The Island City boys will go with us on this trip and thus be admitted to the Grande Ronde Indians. Do you want to join us?

Scouts.

On Oct. 16, the Scouts' Fly-killing campaign closed with a grand total of over 12,000,000 flies killed. The prizes which were offered by the city will be awarded to the winners at the postponed general Scout meeting Friday, Oct. 25.

Since the boys were divided into three troops some weeks ago each troop has been growing quite steadily. That the Scout movement in La Grande is doing good work there is no doubt.

The "Gym."

In making up the Y. M. C. A. budget no provision was made for a gymnasium. Therefore it is necessary that enough men join the gymnasium at \$3 for six months to cover this extra cost. Are you one of the 100 men who will take out a \$3 membership for the gymnasium work this winter. Call at the Y. M. C. A. at once and secure a ticket. The classes will be profitable in better fitting you for your daily tasks. Get your ticket before next Monday and be prepared to enter upon the first class Monday evening.

The Y. M. C. A. Office.

The new Y. M. C. A. office is located at number 8 Depot street. With a room 16x50 ample provision for a good evening home for young men is provided. The young ladies of the club which was under the direction of Dr. Dora Underwood last winter have donated their payments on a piano contract and thus made the piano a part of our Y. M. C. A. office equipment.

A Y. M. C. A. Building.

Are there any men in this city who will aid us in answering the question which is put daily to us "When are you going to have a Y. M. C. A. building in La Grande?"

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