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SENATORIAL CANDIDATES.

At this time, with the election but a few days distant, the question of whom to vote for to represent Oregon in the upper house of congress must be met.

Of five candidates running—Selling, Bourne, Lane, Clarke and Paget—it seems there is one place to put the fight and that is between Selling and Bourne. Clarke will have some strength but not enough to be in the forefront of the battle; Lane did have strength, but since the attitude assumed by Chamberlain and other prominent Democrats toward Bourne the Lane strength has split and Bourne is receiving plenty of Democrats to insure Lane a sure loser.

Now the fight rests between Selling and Bourne—the one a real friend of the people and the other an alleged friend for office only. A comparison of these two candidates seems unnecessary. All remember Bourne as the child of fortune; of his entry into Oregon politics; of his holdup legislature; of his cry for purity thus riding into office by a small plurality six years ago. The life Jonathan Bourne has led should not be mentioned in the same breath as that of Ben Selling, when you get down to facts, Mr. Voter.

Ben Selling as the citizen; as the husband and father; as the business man—a man among men. His charity work alone should put him high in the minds of the people that they would not think of him when they thought of Bourne. And that work of charity is not for publication. Only those who know Ben Selling intimately know of his great work for those who have not been so

fortunate as himself in this world's success. The room in the hospital he maintains, the room in the Old Folks home, the many direct donations this man makes constantly coupled with the extraordinary charity by Mrs. Selling makes those who have personal acquaintance warm friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Selling.

Bourne has nothing to commend him along the lines of Oregon citizenship. He is only technically a resident. His property interests are elsewhere and there is nothing to indicate his wish to stay in Oregon except to be United States senator.

Will the people of this state turn down a man who is a decided factor in the commercial and social development of Oregon for the political adventurer from Massachusetts?

BOOKKEEPING ON THE FARM.

Teaching the farmers the necessity of accurate bookkeeping methods is another step the government is taking in trying to make the farms in this country spell efficiency plus.

For this purpose a bulletin is being sent out from the department of agriculture, dealing with the necessity of making the farm pay from a business standpoint.

Farmers are asked to consider what it costs to produce farm products, and then asked to find out for themselves what profit is made on them by selling at market prices.

The following statement is significant:

"The problem of the farmer is to meet conditions on his own farm in a way which will give him the greatest net returns for his labor and the use of his capital. He should receive interest on his capital as well as wages for his labor, but owing to the lack of proper records few farmers know what wages they actually receive. There is reason to believe that the majority of farmers are really living on the interest of their investments rather than on the profits of their farms."

Three valuable suggestions are offered. These are:

1. Consider as one unit all that may be termed real estate, as land, farm buildings, fences, ditches etc., whether the farm is rented or owned by the operator.

2. Do not consider that the farmer or his family receive anything for their labor unless they are paid in

cash the same as hired labor. If there is a surplus at the end of the year it is their compensation. In this way the accounts will not be confused with items not strictly cash.

3. Farm products used by the household should not be credited to the farm in the cash account along with the products sold but should be taken care of separately.

When farmers learn to keep accounts carefully, and when they see that their wives are given their full due in wages or in share of the profits, it is easy to predict a much greater desire to go "back to the farm." The trouble in the past has been that farmers have become land crazy and have invested all the money received in land, instead of seeing that they and their wives and children had a living commensurate with what they, as co-laborers, should have received. The farmer's wife especially, has never been deemed worthy of her hire.

PIERCE ON SINGLE TAX.

Hot Lake, Ore., Oct. 31.—(To the Editor)—The voters of Oregon are called on to vote upon many measures at this election but in my opinion no measure is so dangerous as the one generally known as the "Single Tax" or "Land Tax" measure. This bill is but the entering wedge by which all lands will be practically confiscated. As the bill now reads it seems to attack the large land owner only, but it is not difficult to see that the burden will soon fall upon the owner as well, as it is evident that the land must bear the burden of the government and as soon as the large holdings are broken up the smaller tracts must pay the tax. The very foundation of government is endangered by this proposed bill, because all government is based upon the rights of property and when we take away this privilege we destroy that element so essential to our continuation as a nation. There can be no question as to the intention of the framers of this bill as Henry George, himself, in his book Progress and Poverty, page 356 gives utterance to the following statement: "The private ownership of land is a hold, bare enormous wrong like unto that of chattel slavery." Do you wish to follow the teachings of such a dreamer? If you wish to defeat this measure vote 365 No., when you enter the booth election day.

Another proposed bill which is deserving of your consideration is the one calculated to restore to the constitution of the state the words "Taxation shall be equal and uniform throughout the state." These words were by implication repealed two years ago. This is a most important measure. Vote Yes, No. 308.

I therefore advise my friends to vote 365 No., and 308, Yes. The injustice of the one and the justice of the other will certainly appeal to every thinking voter. Read the measures carefully.

Yours very Respectfully, WALTER M. PIERCE.

Only a Count Tolstoi could adequately dramatize the dark age revelations of the Rosenthal case in New York.

While a guest at a Chicago hotel was in the bathtub his clothes were stolen. Doubtless the more up-to-date hotels there furnish barrels.

It is sometimes a bit difficult to remember whether it is Gov. Wilson or Col. Bryan who is really the candidate.

Man in Washington who has never heard of W. J. Bryan has been admitted to citizenship. Probably he is deaf.

An Iowa man has been convicted of having six wives at one time. The high cost of living must be a joke to that man.

PHOTOPLAY OFFERINGS...

News of the "movies"—

Gossip of the pictures—

Newest photodramas and—

Comedies of the screen.

Where to Go in La Grande.

Program at the Arcade Today.

- 1.—The Best Man Wins. Comedy drama.
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Sulphur is on sale at all drug stores (50 cents and \$1 per bottle) and each bottle is accompanied by a booklet.

Likes Imbler Review.

Imbler, Nov. 1.—(To the Editor)—Being a subscriber and reader of your valuable paper I have read with much interest and gratification your article on the Imbler-Alcol Fruit distillery.

I herewith send you a sketch of my orchard and it would please me very much to see the same published, although I shall not feel hurt if you do not see fit to do so. My orchard is situated adjoining the Thomson Fruit Co.'s 100 acre orchard on the north and facing the county road on the west and the railroad on the east consisting of 40 acres of commercial apple trees, to-wit:

Brown Beauty, Yellow Newtown and York Imperial. I bought the land

five years ago this fall and the following spring planted the trees which have put on an excellent growth and being just across the road east from the Dornberger orchard, I have received much valuable information from him in regards to pruning and shaping the trees. My 40 acres is noted for being a very choice piece of land. I intend to build a concrete packing and storage plant on the East end of my land as there is a railroad siding there, and by so doing would cut down the expense in handling the crop and enhance the value of the land greatly.

Yours very resp., J. P. LARSEN.

Politics and Politicians.

The Progressives and Democrats of Rhode Island have combined to wrest control of the legislature from the Republicans, with a view of preventing the election of a Republican United States senator.

Key Pittman, who has been named as the choice of the Democrats of Nevada for United States senator, is a grand-nephew of Francis Scott Key, who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner."

In the coming election in Connecticut the Socialist party will have candidates in every one of the 35 senatorial districts in the state and candidates for representatives in 75 towns and cities. Candidates for Congress and for all state offices also have been named.

Miss Anna Agnes Maloy of Everett is the candidate of the Socialist party for governor of the state of Washington in the coming election. Miss Maloy is believed to be the only woman ever nominated for the office of chief executive of any of the states.

By no means all the men of twenty one in the country are qualified voters. Practically every state bars convicts

and as there are about 100,000 convicts in the prisons of the country, the election day on Nov. 5 will mean nothing to a whole army of them. In addition to convicts some of the states deny the right of suffrage to the insane to non-taxpayers, paupers and United States soldiers and sailors.

Rev. Aaron Sherman Watkins, the Prohibition party candidate for vice-president of the United States, was born 49 years ago in Rushsylvania, Ohio. After graduating from Taylor University, Upland, Ind., he became in turn a school teacher a clergyman, a lawyer and a college professor. He was the Prohibition candidate for vice president four years ago, running with Eugene W. Chafin.

ED MITCHELL HURT.

Laborer in Local Yards Injured This Morning; Now in Hospital.

Having sustained scalp wounds, an injured foot and an injured leg, Ed Mitchell, an O.-W. R. & N. yard laborer, is in the Grande Ronde hospital this afternoon. That he will recover speedily is assured as the injuries were not really serious, it is believed.

HUNTERS KILL DEER.

Big Six-Point Buck Slain by Two Local Hunters This Week.

Don McLachlin and Constable M. I. Faulk, are home from a hunting trip on Beaver Creek water sheds, bringing home with them a six-point buck deer. Snow bothered the men considerably they say, in getting through the thick timber.

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