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DIVISION OF THE PIE

Just now the Oregon political stage is set for the division of the political pie. Republicans have only one hope of grabbing any of the federal jobs and that hope entails the re-establishing of political friendship between Ralph Williams, national committeeman, and Jonathan Bourne, the defeated senator, who claims he is no longer a Republican.

Whether Jonathan will come across and line up for Williams's wishes remains to be seen. It is a certainty that Williams represents President Taft and what he says the president will do in Oregon. But Bourne has been in bad at the white house as well as at home and whether he will think it is worth while to turn the federal pie to Republicans or to wait and let his Democratic friends have full swing at the jobs is also a question.

There is one thing the Democrats should remember that the great break in the Republican party can be traced directly to the spoils system. That is the sole reason for the national committee stealing the nomination last summer which in turn brought defeat in the late election.

"THIS IS MY 71ST BIRTHDAY."

Gen. E. Burd Grubb, a distinguished veteran of the civil war, was born in Burlington, N. J., Nov. 13, 1841. He enlisted in the federal army in 1861 in response to Lincoln's call for troops, receiving the commission of second lieutenant. He was in the first battle of Bull Run, and when

General Kearney took command of the first brigade of New Jersey General Grubb was promoted to first lieutenant. His rise throughout the war was steady, and merited, his comrades say, by service in the field. In 1865 he was made brevet brigadier general as a badge of distinction for services. After the war he succeeded his father in the management of iron mines and works in Pennsylvania and Virginia. General Grubb was the Republican nominee for governor of New Jersey in 1889 and subsequently he served as United States minister to Spain. About a year ago, in response to a request from his old comrades, General Grubb gave up the case of private life and accepted a post as commandant of the New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

- November 13,
1761—Sir John Moore who conducted the memorable British retreat to Corunna, born. Died January 16, 1809.
1775—American force of invasion under Benedict Arnold arrived before Quebec.
1792—City of Trenton N. J. incorporated.
1813—The junta, under the name of the National Assembly, declared the independence of Mexico.
1833—Remarkable display of meteoric stars seen over a large part of North America.
1889—Opening of the Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C.
1900—United States cruiser Yosemite wrecked at Guam by a typhoon.

Yes, La Grande ladies will be able to vote at the municipal election next month. Attorney General Crawford says that the governor's proclamation is not even necessary to put the law in force, which is a hard decision for the governor to agree with probably.

Dr. Lane only spent \$490 in his campaign. Cheap enough.

ALEXANDER FURGASON DEAD.

The Close of a Long and Eventful Career. One of Union county's oldest pioneers died at the home of his son, Lee in this city, Friday, Nov. 8, after only a few days of critical illness. Mr. Furgason was well known in the county, and was a familiar figure on our streets. Coming west in 1862, he with his family settled in Grande Ronde Valley and his daughter

Sale of Women's Suits Continued ALL THIS WEEK

Many Women and Misses have taken advantage of this big saving on New Suits for Fall and Winter, and we want to give all our Customers an opportunity to profit by the unusual offer.

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Enough Said--You know what a sale at West's Means.

New Ruffings Just Received

WEST'S The Quality Store.

Thanksgiving Linens at Special Prices this Week.

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RUBBER AND HUMOR.

A Closely Clinging Garment and a Laughable Request.

In 1839 Professor Emmet of the University of Virginia visited in New York with his family and while there received from abroad a pair of india rubber cloth boots. His son, Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, in his book, "Incidents of My Life," says that his distinguished father was happier in his new possessions than a child with a new toy and spent most of his time standing like a heron in the water to test them.

Their shape was not such as would have fascinated Puckolan, the famous bootmaker. They were made like a long stocking of coarse canvas, with a leather sole, and over all was smeared a paste of rubber which might have answered in cold weather, but which was sticky and ill smelling under a moderately hot sun. In very few articles has there been more improvement than in rubber goods since they first came into use.

My father took back with him a "raincoat" as a present to our old negro coachman, but he could never be induced to wear it in the rain, and when expostulated with his answer was, "Does you tink I's gwine wear dis new coat in de rain?" He never wore it except in the bright sunshine and on a warm day, so that when he got off the box at the stable it was necessary to take with him the cushion and remove his trousers before he could get his coat off.

I recollect as a child the first "gum shoes" in use, which were hideous to look at and most uncomfortable over a shoe, but which to the bare feet of the old negroes were a joy and a comfort. The first rubber shoe was shaped like a large sausage, and from one end along the side a piece was removed to permit the introduction of the foot. After the foot was inserted the elastic substance shaped itself about it.

They were always called "gum shoes." While a medical student I was present at the opening of the Girard House in Philadelphia, and I remember that there were printed notices at each entrance with the request, "Please wipe your gums on the mat."

Quite Frank About It.

"So you are going to marry Tom?" "You saw the announcement, didn't you?" "Yes, but"-- "It wasn't a fake." "But, dearie—I never thought that Tom would be your choice." "Tom ain't my choice. He's my chance. Have you any other questions to ask, darling?" Darling decided she hadn't.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Energy of Will.

Energy of will is the soul of every great character. Where it is there is resolute character; where it is not there is faintness, with effeminacy, despondency, neglect of duty and failure. "The strong man and the waterfall," says a proverb, "channel their own path."

ter Ada, was the first white child born here. He was the first actual settler on the island, which is now known as Island City. All of the hardships and privations of the early settlers fell to his lot, but with that indomitable spirit of his fellow-pioneers, he set to work to build up a home and fortune in which he succeeded, as he well deserved to do. His friends were legion, as was attested by the care and kindness which surrounded him in his last days. "Uncle Alex" will long be remembered by these many friends. Mr. Furgason was born at Rous Point, New York, March 26, 1827; married to Miss Jenette L. Dovinell in 1857, and four children were born to them—George H., Ella, Leander and Ada. He was lovingly laid to rest Sunday, Nov. 10, 1912. "Good father, Good friend, farewell."

Big Rally Planned.

On November 20th in this city will be held the Eastern Oregon Sunday school rally and semi-annual meeting of the Oregon State Sunday School association executive committee. That La Grande should be chosen for this meeting is one more honor properly

placed. A strong program has been arranged by the state secretary and includes several well known Sunday school workers. Chief among the speakers will be the well known state general secretary, Rev. Charles A. Phipps of Portland and Mr. E. C. Knapp of Spokane. Workers from all of the Eastern Oregon counties will be present at these sessions.

Bride-to-Be Kills Mother.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 13.—Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers is dead, and the police are holding her daughter Gladys, aged 18, as the result of a shooting affray aboard a Pennsylvania railroad train this morning. The girl states that her mother awakened her suddenly last night, and thinking her a burglar, shot her parent. She was rushed to the hospital and died there. They were en route to New York to purchase a wedding trousseau for the girl.

After Beulah Violence.

Salmon, Idaho, Nov. 12.—During anarchistic tendencies, Etter resumed his witness stand in his own defense today. He denied he had ever counseled violence. "I believe," he said "that violence in an industrial struggle

gle brings harm. I am not an anarchist."

Wilson Gain Shown.

Los Angeles, Nov. 13.—Jefferson P. Chandler, a member of the local Democratic committee, claims that Wilson has gained 64 in the official count. "If the claim of irregularities had been allowed Wilson would get a gain of two hundred in the city alone," he stated.

Student Aviator Falls.

San Diego, Nov. 13.—Falling 200 feet, Elwin Williams, a pupil in the Curtis aviation school at North Island, is near death. He lost control of his machine.

Democrats Claim Lead.

San Francisco, Nov. 13.—The Democrats claim a state-wide lead of 136 over Roosevelt, as the result of available returns.

Railroad President Resigns.

Philadelphia, Nov. 13.—President McCrea of the Pennsylvania railroad, resigned today. His resignation is effective January 1. Vice President Samuel Rea was elected his successor.

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