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DEMOCRATIC JUDGMENT SEEMS POOR.

For a party that has been out of power almost a lifetime and then suddenly acquires full power of all departments of the nation, there should certainly be sufficient judgment used in filling federal positions that a feeling of disgust would not spread over the country. Some of the men slated for places in the northwest at the hands of the federal government are not entitled in any sense to Democratic recognition. Some also belong to that type of men who seldom do anything, inclined to be loafers and loiterers, lacking stamina, business ability or desire for accomplishing things of moment.

Yet the Wilson administration has announced that it is progressive, and so far as the president is concerned we are inclined to believe it his wish and intention to make the administration a progressive one. But he is being imposed upon by a lot of senators about the calibre of "Our George from Oregon." By the way, did it ever occur to you that this is the first time Senator Chamberlain was ever anything but a beneficiary in politics; that he eventually in the past has been champion of the bacon to put in George's smokehouse, while the rank and file of Democrats and stampede Republicans have been for "George, the commoner; George, the householder; and George, the fish, and that and the other?"

Now Senator Chamberlain has a chance to do something for the supporters who came through the high tide for him in years gone by; who marched up the hill carrying a Chamberlain banner every time a campaign was on. But that chance seems to worry this mighty politician, for he has ducked it when he could and when he could not he succeeded in several instances already mentioned by his friends, of considering some very weak timber for federal offices.

Now, if Senator Chamberlain was a man of high ideals politically he could make blunders that would be pardonable, but everyone knows he belongs to the old school of politics where fresh air and sunshine, politically speaking, were not desired, but rather the close air in a small office was preferable where a few could dictate to the many what they should do. The strange thing about the whole matter is that Chamberlain fooled Oregonians as long as he did.

EXCELLENT TRAIN SERVICE.

It seems that every change in the time card on the O. W. R. & N. railroad increases the efficiency of the train service in a local way throughout Eastern Oregon. Lately No. 17 which formerly arrived here at 3:36 in the morning has been changed to arrive at 8:10 in the morning. This gives the Union and Cove people, also the people from Hot Lake and Union Junction, an opportunity to make a quick trip to La Grande and return home the same forenoon. It has only been a very short time since it required all day and well into the night to make this trip. Then the local Baker was put on, which has been a great convenience and everyone is satisfied. But the late change makes a great opportunity for the busy man in the above named points to come to La Grande and get home quickly. An instance occurred this week where a number of people from Union came over on No. 17 to transact business at the land office. When they arrived the land office was ready for business, as it always is, and all entries and filings were made in time for the party to return on train No. 6 at 2:30 in the morning.

These quick connections increase the speed of commerce. They urge people on to quicker action and develop in every community that speed feature which builds cities and makes good business centers.

Is it extravagant or poor management to eat pig's feet at the present price?

TO FLY ACROSS THE OCEAN.

The whole world will watch with interest the attempt of Joseph Brucker, a German-American aeronaut, to fly across the Atlantic ocean in dirigible balloon.

Mr. Brucker expects to begin his voyage in about a week. He is now on his way to the Canary Islands from which he purposes making an aerial voyage that shall end either on one of the islands of the West Indies or on the northern coast of South America. He will take two assistants on his flight, and expects to make the journey in the air in from six to eight days.

Mr. Brucker's balloon, the Suchard II, is the largest in existence. Its diameter is 80 feet and its gas capacity 200,000 cubic feet. It is a non-rigid dirigible of the Parseval type, and will carry two engines of the type used in the Parseval. Each of them is 110 horse power and weighs 800 pounds.

It is planned to run the motors alternately 14 hours a day and to drift with the trade winds at night. The present plan is to make the trip at a height of from 500 to 600 feet. The dirigible will be steered by an ordinary varicella rudder. It is provided with large fins for rising and descending and for balancing.

The balloon has been coated with a special preparation that absorbs water from the atmosphere to counteract the effect of the sun's rays. She will use sea water for ballast, descending to pump it in and discharging it when required.

Under the gas bag is a gallery, and suspended below this will be a power boat, which is intended as the main living quarters of the balloon. The boat can be cut loose and used in case of accident.

The dirigible will carry an ordinary compass, and also a large supply of brilliant red aluminum plates. These will be dropped overboard every 15 minutes and used as signals by which to start a being followed. It will allow for the leeway of a dirigible as well as when steering by compass alone.

Being an experienced aeronaut, Mr. Brucker has taken every precaution for the safety of himself and his fellow passengers.

It is sincerely to be hoped that he will not meet, with the harrowing experiences that Walter Wellman encountered two years ago, when he attempted to fly across the ocean from Atlantic City.

Women will wear vests this year. They are evidently getting ready to carry the votes of their several wards in their vest pockets.

The plea that some of the office seekers in Washington are getting is hardly like the kind that mother used to make.

About the most difficult feature of the new administration for the public to admire will be Secretary Field's set of whiskers.

You can never tell by the horse power of a man's snore how much real rest he is getting.

PORTLAND PLUMBER LOCATES.

J. G. Durst Opens Shop at 303 Fir Street.

J. G. Durst, a Portland plumber who helped do the plumbing work on the Selling building, Yeon building, Multnomah hotel, Imperial hotel and St. Vincent's hospital, has located in La Grande and opened a shop on Fir street next door to F. D. Halsten's furniture store. He spent several days here before deciding to go into business and is well pleased with La Grande and her future prospects.

IT WAS NAPOLEON.

The Bey Finally Recognized Him and Won a Compliment.

One afternoon the bey of Tunis while visiting in Paris was conducted to the gallery of battle pictures. They first showed to him Philip Augustus at Bouvines.

"That's Napoleon I, isn't it?" said the bey.

"No," said M. de Nolhae, "that is not Napoleon I, but quite the same, a great warrior."

They passed to St. Louis, who, on the bridge of Taillebourg, was battling like the Archangel Michael himself.

"That's Napoleon I," queried the bey with a wink of the eye.

"No," said M. de Nolhae. They arrived at Henri IV, who was

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How Some Turks Tell Time.

Though comparatively few of the natives of Turkey own watches, yet they have an ingenious way of approximating the time, and some of them hit it with commendable accuracy. They have two certain points of the compass and then, holding their hands together in such a manner that the forefingers point upward and in opposite directions, they observe the shadow cast. In the morning or evening at certain known hours one finger or the other will point directly at the sun. A comparison of the two shadows will determine the hours between.

A Case For Sympathy.

"I have three children who are the very image of myself," said Jones enthusiastically. "I pity the youngest," returned Brown quietly. "Why?" asked Jones. "Because he is the one who will have to resemble you the longest," said Brown.—London Tit-Bits.

Both Satisfied.

"I should like to break it off, but I can't bear to give up this diamond ring." "Then why don't you tell him so?" he told me he'd be willing to lose the ring if he could get out of the engagement."

The Parting.

Aunt (to engaged niece)—So Henry went away yesterday, I hear. Parting is very painful, isn't it? Niece—I should say so. Every rib in my body is aching today.—Fleegende Blätter.

No, Joe.

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Notice to Contractors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed bids will be received by the city recorder of the city of La Grande for the construction of three concrete culverts, one on Fourth street, at the north property line of E avenue, containing approximately 60 cubic yards excavating, 31 cubic yards of concrete and 80 lineal feet of 1 1/2 inch galvanized iron pipe; one on Fourth street, at the south property line of H avenue, containing approximately 60 cubic yards excavating, 31 cubic yards concrete, and 80 lineal feet of 1 1/2 inch galvanized iron pipe; and on Second street, between Grandy avenue and Palmer avenue, containing approximately 35 cubic yards of excavating, 25 cubic yards concrete and 22 lineal feet of 1 1/2 inch galvanized iron pipe. All bids to be in by 8 o'clock p. m., April 16th, 1913, accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of

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CHECKER MATCH TONIGHT.

Island City Team to Compete With Local Checker Club Tonight.

The checker funds of Island City consisting of E. E. Arant, W. T. Beatty, Paul Young and Leo Crouter, will compete with a picked team of the checker club of the La Grande Y. M. C. A. this evening. This is the second inter town match this spring and the championship of the immediate vicinity is at stake this evening. The match with Alice which La Grande won, elicited much interest and the Y. M. C. A. headquarters will no doubt be filled with interested spectators this evening.

The Northwestern National Life being a Minnesota company, the insuring public wherever they may reside, are safeguarded by the above laws if they are carrying their insurance in the Northwestern National. During 1906 the governor of Minne-

sota was chosen to preside at a convention of governors, attorneys general, and insurance commissioners of the United States to consider the situation with reference to the laws of the various states on the subject of Life Insurance. The result was a committee of fifteen was appointed of which the Insurance commissioner of Minnesota was made chairman.

The committee adopted as a working basis the laws passed by the state of New York upon the recommendation of the Armstrong committee of that state. The result was a code of laws, including standard forms of policies and standard provisions, were recommended. Of seventeen separate measures recommended by this committee, fourteen, with very slight amendments, were enacted into law by the legislature of Minnesota during 1907.

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