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LET US ALL USE JUDGMENT

We see by the state press that a gentleman from Salem has entered the contest for national delegate to the Republican convention on the platform "Roosevelt."

There are many of us in Oregon who believe in Roosevelt thoroughly, but at this particular time we question the wisdom of placing Roosevelt delegates in the field.

This is a year when calm judgment must prevail or President Wilson will win with ease. It is not time for a Roosevelt man to begin making loud noises; but rather is it a time for deliberation of an earnest nature.

According to many Progressives Justice Hughes is the proper man to nominate this year. Hughes' nomination will not bring up the old fight, nor will it cause the conservatives to feel they are ostracized.

Very many Progressives are for Hughes, but should Colonel Roosevelt be named by the national convention after due deliberation, they will give him the most ardent support.

At the present time it is regrettable that the old fight should be brought up over Oregon's delegation to the national convention, and it is also regrettable that some of the conservatives have already filed on places in the delegation and refuse to see the light. So there you are. A very delicate situation. In fact a situation that may force a fight within the Republican ranks between Progressives and Conservatives, a thing which if possible to avoid with honor at this time should by all means be avoided.

THE STATE'S "DORMANT" CREDIT.

Percy A. Cupper, assistant state engineer, is credited in dispatches from Salem, with urging the "use of the state's dormant credit" to reclaim arid lands, drain marsh lands and establish a system of farm credits in Oregon.

Engineer Cupper's interview is an advance story of what may be expected from the Irrigation congress that meets in Salem on March 9th for the purpose of drafting an initiative bill to be put up to the people in November. For several weeks prominent Portland people have been working to formulate a bill which will permit the state to bond itself for the purpose of establishing credit for the improvements mentioned.

When we speak of our "dormant" credit we might leave out the word dormant. Credit is never dormant. To be unused, as Engineer Cupper puts it, only means that the state has a credit. Men who ask for no credit always have plenty but men who play with it continually are the men whose paper is considered questionable.

A very good way for this commonwealth to do is to use sparingly of the thing which she most needs to keep intact—credit. We are condemning no one for big ideas in the way of development; neither do we wish Oregon to be rated as a backwoods state, but we shrink from the plan so far outlined and seriously question the advisability of placing upon Oregon an indebtedness which will not be paid until the second and third generation. However, we will gladly hear more from the men who have this gigantic undertaking in charge.

CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS.

A searching investigation by a New York charities commissioner has borne out the statement frequently made by sociologists—that children cannot be reared advantageously in institutions, however well managed.

For the welfare of the infant, a mother's care is the most important factor. Of course, efficient institutional care is preferable to poor care in a home, but the best that an institution can provide falls far short of what can be done by intelligent parents, or foster parents.

In the formative years before adolescence an institution fails most lamentably. Children need constant personal supervision, with a keen eye for individual requirements. Beyond this, they require a measure of personal affection. Also, it is the child least capable of inspiring love who needs it most.

The state, and charity, face a big problem in providing for dependent children. The system of placing children in private homes as speedily as possible has been proved to be the best, and, although the initial expense of investigation and inspection is relatively heavy, in the long run the home system is cheaper.

PALMER COMPANY WAGE INCREASE.

In advancing the pay roll of its workmen over 11 per cent, the George Palmer Lumber company again convinces not only the employes but the general public, of its disposition to be fair and equitable in all its transactions. When business went on the

rocks months ago this company was one of the last to cut wages, and through the extremely dull times when lumber was a drug on the market by careful manipulation of what markets were left it managed to keep a goodly portion of its force at work. At times there is no doubt that the company would have been ahead financially if it had shut down its plant, but the desire to keep the wheels moving, to be ready for the business when it came, coupled with a wish to give what employment was possible to the men associated in the work of manufacturing lumber, kept the mills running, and although the wage scale was reduced that deduction was not as great as in some plants on the coast.

With a voluntary advance of over 11 per cent in the wage scale all around new life is bound to appear in the saw mill work here, and very likely other mills in Eastern Oregon will follow the example set by the Palmer people with a net result that hundreds of thousands of dollars more money will be expended for labor during the coming spring and summer.

La Grande rejoices today at the recent appearance of the business outlook, and that rejoicing is greatly amplified and accelerated by the wage increase just announced.

The University of Oregon has issued a bulletin on "Markets for Potatoes" which should be of interest to all potato raisers in Oregon. It is compiled by the school of commerce of the University and shows a systematic research system in arriving at the conclusions set forth. Another bulletin on Chinese eggs will tell one a great deal he did not know on the egg business. J. Frederic Thorne compiled this document. Send to the University and get these pamphlets. Use the great school at Eugene as much as you can. That is what it is there for.

Carl Shoemaker, the state game warden, has taken on the responsibility of editing the Oregon Sportsman in addition to his other duties. The last issue is a good one and should it have general circulation among the sportsmen of Oregon it in itself should do much good toward keeping the law enforced.

Ending of the conferences with Germany is announced for today, which must be some relief both to Germany and this country.

Endeavors Close Annual Convention

Grants Pass, Ore., Feb. 21.—The closing two days of the 25th annual convention of the Christian Endeavorers were exceedingly busy for the workers and committees. Yesterday morning the local pulpits were filled by speakers from among the delegates of the convention. During the afternoon the new officers were installed, the services being in charge of G. Everett Baker of Portland. The convention closed last evening with two services—the union young people's meeting, led by Lloyd Carrick of Portland, and the union church services, in charge of the Rev. C. T. Hurd of Klamath Falls and Paul Brown of Los Angeles.

The New officers are: Lloyd Carrick, Portland, president; E. Eary Felke, Portland; first vice president; Edna Whipple, Eugene, second vice president; Clara Calhoun, Grants Pass, third vice president; Mollie Fetting, Portland, treasurer; Elbert Crairman, Oregon City, secretary; extension superintendent, E. Earl Felke, Portland; junior superintendent, Opal Whitley, Cottage Grove; intermediate superintendent, Marjorie Hanson, Covallis; missionary superintendent, Estella Ford, Portland; Quiet Hour, 10th legion superintendent, Gertrude Eakin, Salem; Good Citizenship, A. H. Baker, Haysville; evangelism, Alva Patten, Hillsboro; efficiency, Willie McGee, Eugene.

Saturday evening Paul Brown of Los Angeles addressed the convention on "Soul Winning—the Final Test of an Efficient Christian Life." On Saturday night also a banquet was given the delegates, the Rev. C. T. Hurd acting as toastmaster.

M'GOWAN'S CAREER IS UNIQUE

Begin as Cabin Boy—Decorated for Bravery in Boer War.

James P. McGowan, producer of "The Girl and the Game," has had an interesting career. Born in South Australia he was very early apprenticed to a steamship line, freighting wool and tea between ports in Australia, China and England.

A roving disposition led him into military service. When the Boer war broke out he served throughout it in the Montgomery Scouts, receiving two medals for distinguished service. At the time of the fair in St. Louis he brought some trained horses from South Africa for exhibition in this country.

With the fair over he found himself in Jersey City instructing the mounted police of that city how to break and ride their horses. The money he made there he put into a ranch in Texas, but this did not prove as profitable an investment as he had anticipated. In an out-of-the-way place he joined Robert Mantell as drill master of the "supes" required for the



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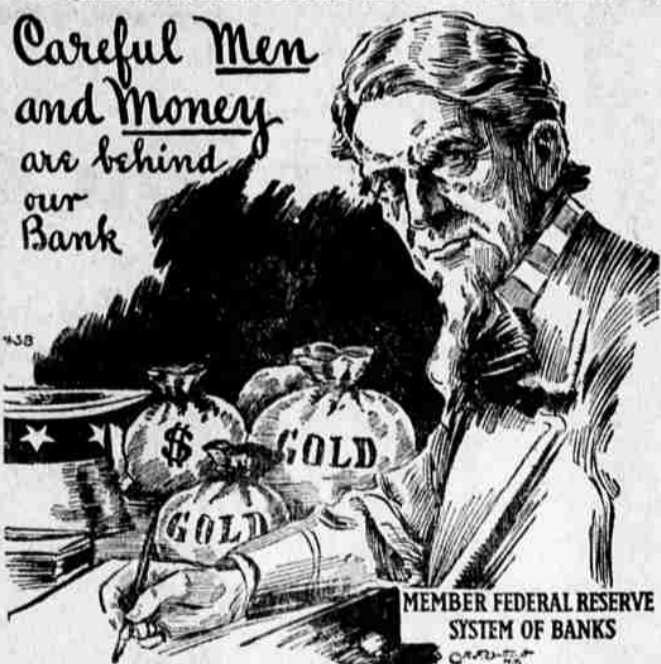
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troops in the first act of "Richard the Third."

Mr. Mantell was so pleased with the discipline exerted by his "desert prodigy" that Mr. McGowan was promoted to assistant stage manager. The dramatic appealed to the future motion picture producer. He joined William Faversham in "The Squaw Man," and later played "The Devil" throughout the Middle West under direction of Henry W. Savage.

As a motion picture producer, he has directed some of the biggest of the stars. His ability as a producer will be disclosed weekly at the Arcade theatre, where "The Girl and the Game" will appear. Every Wednesday and Thursday.

This picture is declared by critics to be the most thrill-filled offering thus far put upon the screen.

Wear Antiquated Headgear.

Amsterdam, Feb. 23.—On account of the lack of military equipment, German soldiers at Suderwick on the Dutch frontier now wear headgear dating back to 1813, which was worn by the Prussians who fought against Napoleon. This headgear is not far out of style as compared with the modern helmet. The Germans call them "Helmets of Victory."

Graceful Acknowledgement

"Well, if that Watson isn't the most conceited, self-satisfied self.—'Yas I've heard you say something of that kind before. What's started you off this time?'"

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