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NOT FROM EASTERN OREGON

For cold, clammy, chilly nerve Will R. King is the high card. He once was one of Eastern Oregon's prominent Democratic sons. That was when he lived in Ontario. But he shook the dust of our country from his feet and removed to Walla Walla where he had stationery printed and took up his residence. A vacancy occurred on the Supreme bench and Governor Chamberlain yanked King across the state line long enough to whisper in his ear that there was "an office open." No further tip was necessary for the wily William. An interview appeared wherein he swore his allegiance to "Oregon, my Oregon" and he was rewarded with a seat on the cushions of the Supreme bench. Then came the non-partisan judiciary campaign inspired and handled by King. But the pup did not know its mammy and refused to imbibe of the lactical fluid. King was a down and outer. He wandered over the state doing a little politics now and then and secured the national committeemanship of his party. Then came the success of Wilson. In the meantime through the people's laws Mr. Easterly was named national committeeman, the place occupied by King, but the latter refused to move his corpulent self from the trough. He knew Democratic victory meant the carving of the pie and he stuck tighter than a marrying widow. King dispensed the pie—a part of it at least. All of these things mentioned might have been transgression of the Golden Rule of politics, but that was not the worst, not by any means. For now comes William, who in the meantime has been provided with a swell job wherein he can do as he pleases and visit New York as often as he chooses, and says, "I am a resi-

dent of Eastern Oregon and I am going to run as a delegate from the Eastern Oregon district to the Democratic national convention." Ever hear anything like it. A resident of Eastern Oregon. Oh, no, William you are not. You haven't had your washing done in this district for 10, these many years, and there is no record of your having paid any water rent or light bills, or bought any beef-steak or soup bones, all of which determine a man's residence. You are a wandering Democrat, William, looking out for yourself all the time and grabbing all the embroidery that the success of the Wilson administration has bestowed to Oregon. You are a jolly, fine fellow, but not of this part of the earth. Of course it is a row among Democrats and no one can tell how quickly such a war will be patched up. That is a way the Democrats have. But, anyway, if there is any justice in Democracy and any fairness left in the party of Bryan, Cleveland and Wilson, the Democratic brethren of Eastern Oregon will make Willie attend the national convention as a mere spectator and not clad with an Eastern Oregon badge.

ABOUT THE NEW WAR SECRETARY.

The New York Times tells a few things about the new war secretary that will be interesting. Among other things the Times says:

Baker has been called a dreamer, and would probably be about the last one to deny the impeachment. But he has had the savage grace of being able to make his dreams come true.

He was elected Mayor in 1911, largely on the promise that he would build a great municipal electric-light plant to compete with the local lighting monopoly. His friends said he could not do it. He did it, however, and the plant is today so well established that no party would suggest either its sale or abandonment.

Home rule for cities was a dream of Baker, Johnson, and others. Johnson would probably never have been able to get through his work for years constituted a broad foundation on which his followers have built.

This man who drives his own Ford car, who sits on his foot, and smokes a small, black brier is the friend of every one. He is never too busy to stop on the street for a chat. He probably calls more men by their given names than any other man in Ohio, and no one so hailed ever considers it mere familiarity.

The frivolous side of Washington life will have no appeal to the Bakers. Mr. Baker became somewhat familiar with official circles as secretary to Postmaster-General Wilson, but he prefers the quiet home-circle. Mrs. Baker is Miss Elizabeth Leopold, of Pottstown, Pa. The couple were married in 1902, and have three small children—Jack, Peggy, and Betty—whose very names suggest the har-

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This wash silk is not all silk and that is a good reason why it washes good. Can be had in variety of stripes and floral designs—will be used a great deal for dresses, waists, also men's shirts. 27-inch floral design. Priced 35c. 36 inches in combination stripes 50c yard. 36-inch and 27-inch soft taffetas in plain checks and stripes, plaids, etc. Priced \$1.00 to \$2.00 yard.

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Shepherd checks are going to be extremely popular this season. Fashion magazines say Shepherd checks will be used for Suits, Skirts, Dresses and Coats. We show a big assortment of Shepherd check dress goods. Priced 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 yard

Women's and Misses' SHOES

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You want shoes that will go well with your new Easter outfit—then come to West's for the shoes

For good straight forward shoe satisfaction we are prepared to please you and our new Spring Styles are especially attractive. 2 of the new styles are illustrated and are of the new "Soap Kid" leather—the lace styles are priced at \$5.00 and \$6.00 and the button styles \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00

New Pumps for Spring are now on display at the shoe department and they are sure clever, dashing styles, The last word in style, made at Patents and Soft Kids. Priced \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00

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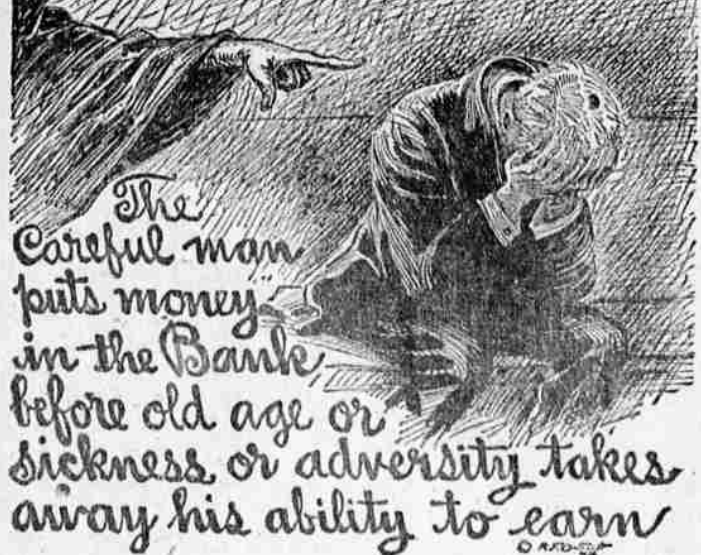
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mony and simplicity of the Baker household.

Mrs. Baker, who will become one of the Cabinet hostesses, is a woman of much force and charm. She is greatly interested in civic matters. At the moment when official word came from Washington that her husband had been named Secretary of War, and when Mr. Baker himself was engaged in a lawsuit in another court, Mrs. Baker was appearing in the police court in a case against a grocer charged with selling rotten eggs.

He will fold one leg under the other when he sits down in that leather chair behind the great desk in the War Department. Also, he will smoke a small, straight-stemmed black pipe. These two policies settled in advance, such matters as army-organization, the strengthening of our national defenses, and the administration of our colonial possessions may be considered later, as office routine.

TRUTH SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

From Pittsburg comes to our desk the Alleghenian. "The paper that dares print the truth." We confess to having our suspicion aroused whenever a paper brags thus about its courage in veracity. Not infrequently the boast conceals some ulterior purpose. We do not charge that this is so in the present instance; but the truth usually speaks for itself, and the public is able to discover very soon whether a newspaper is courageous and sincere in its utterances. Moreover truth is relative. No man and no newspaper, however brave, is free from that human bias which gives truth its manifold appearance. The responsible newspaper tries much harder to get the facts and to adhere to them than the average individual, but it finds it wiser and more becoming not to boast too much of perfection in a domain where there is so much room for error.

Returning from Washington, D. C., George T. Cochran of La Grande, says the presidential talk is Hughes, first; Root, second; Roosevelt, third. However, since Mr. Cochran left the nation's capital Elihu Root and Roosevelt have met and shook each other's hand. That handshake may mean much to the Republican national convention, for two of the strongest characters this nation has did the handshaking. If Elihu Root and Theodore Roosevelt join hands and hearts to select a president the combination will be hard to overcome. Justice Hughes

seems to occupy the strongest position, as Mr. Cochran says, but let's wait and hear what comes from the handshake.

Edgar B. Piper, managing editor of the Oregonian, is to make a speech in Albany soon on preparedness. It is presumed that activity will at once be shown by those who think Mr. Piper is grooming himself for United States senator. However, it might be said right here that there is no indication of his desire to enter the senatorial race.

Pendleton's postmaster's salary has been raised another hundred. Bet he will vote for Woodrow with all his might.

Insomnia

Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less, and is often the cause of insomnia. Eat a light supper with little if any meat, and no milk; also take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and see if you do not rest much better. Obtainable everywhere.

A Colorado man has sent a live American eagle to the white house. That's all right, but why not send it to the house of representatives, where it is needed more?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Spring

Spring is looked upon by many as the most delightful season of the year, but this cannot be said of the rheumatic. The cold and damp weather brings on rheumatic pains which are anything but pleasant. They can be relieved, however, by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Obtainable everywhere.

Nearly all the high school girls are now graduating with the degree of M. F., which means mistress of fudge, but not one in a thousand knows how to build an edible biscuit.—New Orleans States.

The Aches of House Cleaning The pain and soreness caused by bruises, over-exertion and straining during house cleaning time are soothed away by Sloan's Liniment. No need to suffer this agony. Just apply Sloan's Liniment to the sore spots, rub only a little. In a short time the pain leaves, you rest comfortably and enjoy a refreshing sleep. One grateful user writes: "Sloan's Liniment is worth its weight in gold."

Keep a bottle on hand, use it against all Soreness, Neuralgia and Bruises. Kills pain. 25c at your druggist.—adv.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

There is a rush of business in nearly all the county offices at the present time. Two or three assistants are kept busy today in the sheriff's office making out tax receipts and there is no time to see what will be the amount of total receipts on the one-half instalments the time limit of which closes today.

A big spurt of business has occurred in Recorder Proctor's office the past two days. Yesterday there was received and placed on record 26 separate instruments. This is more than twice the normal amount of business for a day in that office.

The April term of county court convened today and the board proceeded at once with the examination of claims against the county.

Why Constipation Injures

The bowels are the natural sewerage system of the body. When they become obstructed by constipation a part of the poisonous matter which they should carry off is absorbed into the system, making you feel dull and stupid, and interfering with the digestion and assimilation of food. This condition is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Obtainable everywhere.

Pills Best For Liver

Because they contain the best liver medicines, no matter how bitter or nauseating for the sweet sugar coating hides the taste. Dr. King's New Life Pills contain ingredients that put the liver working, move the bowels freely. No gripe, no nausea, aid digestion. Just try a bottle of Dr. King's New Life Pills and notice how much better you feel. 25c at your druggist.—adv.

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Published daily, (except Sunday) at La Grande, Oregon for April 1, 1916. State of Oregon, County of Union, ss. Before me, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Bruce Dennis, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the publisher-owner of the La Grande Evening Observer, and that

the following is to the best of his belief a true statement of ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc. of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse side of this form, to-wit:

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2. That the owner is (give names and addresses of individual owners, or if a corporation, give its name and the names and addresses of the stockholders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of the total amount of stock.) Bruce Dennis, La Grande, Oregon.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of April, 1916. J. R. OLIVER, Notary Public for Oregon. By commission expires June 13, 1916.