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THE POLITICAL RACE TRACK.

As final returns from the recent primary election are made it would seem that the game of politics becomes more of a gamble as the years advance. It is a race-track upon which the racer runs without chart or "dope" sheet, and men and women who do have "dope" sheets on the entries are only making guesses with little to guide their judgment.

For instance, in the race for Public Service Commissioner from the Eastern Oregon district, a Salem man wins. We say this with the full understanding that he is as much a bona fide resident of Salem as a man can be of any town who owns a home and schools his children in that town. This may not be anything to place against Mr. Corey and we do not wish it construed that way, for the point we are getting at is results of an election.

No one seems able to understand why Mr. Corey finally took first place in this race with six starters, five of whom actually lived, resided and bought his pork chops east of the mountains. Perhaps it was the system of personal letters Mr. Corey sent out to all voters as they registered. Perhaps it was the card showing the six Corey children. Perhaps it was the influence of having been the secretary of the commission for some time. Yet who can figure it out?

And as the results are analyzed in many cases the surprise does not lessen but continues to grow. Not the least of these surprises was the race for representative in the legislature wherein C. A. Small polled such a heavy vote. While having resided here for some time and bearing an excellent name Mr. Small was not prominent in public affairs and it was believed that few people outside of La Grande knew him. Yet he won by a very heavy vote.

The contest between Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Dixon was very close yet the political "dopsters" all had it figured that Mr. Dixon's extensive personal acquaintance in La Grande would make him an easy winner. He did receive a good vote in La Grande but the outside country supported Mr.

Kitchen to such extent that he finally won by a few votes.

Then there is the vote on Mr. Davidhizer and Mr. Ashley. Neither man is well known in Union county, yet Mr. Davidhizer has run before and his name was reasonably familiar to many of the voters. It will be seen that Mr. Ashley gathered winrows of votes in every part of the county, although practically unknown to many.

The vote on Daniel Boyd was no surprise in Union county. It was a vindication of his manly acts in 1912. Still, following that vindication of Boyd, comes a very strong vote for Charles H. Carey whose political acts in 1912 were so bad that they smelled to heaven.

Results on the secretary of state contest could surprise no one unless it was expected that Mr. Olcott would have had a larger majority than he received in this county. It seemed to be very generally understood from the time Olcott's opponent entered the race that there was but one side to the contest.

The Observer contends now as it has for many years that the political race-track is a slippery place and to all of our friends we will continue in the future as in the past, not to advise any one to get in a political contest with assurance of winning. It is a game in which one must catch as catch can.

WANTED—MORE HANDS.

The villain still pursues the sugar beet industry. Sometimes it's a leaf hopper; sometimes the melon aphid; sometimes the cutworm; sometimes the garden web-worm; sometimes the army worm. Three years ago it was the tariff which threatened to refuse its protection. Today it's a scarcity of labor.

Sugar beet farmers are complaining that it is almost impossible to secure laborers for their fields. In former years the supply was not so hard to obtain. Our foreign born residents, some of them farmers in the old country, used to flock to the farms for a summer more healthful, more independent and often more remunerative than could be found in the city. But this year there are few idle people, workers are receiving better wages than ever and the lures of the country has lost much of its strength. With tariff protection assured, the beet raisers look for an enormous harvest while the price of sugar is high, but their dreams of big profits will become nightmares if they cannot obtain the labor that is so necessary to the successful cultivation of the beet.

The unprecedented demand for labor is general. Ask any housewife how many men have come to the back door lately in search of "any odd job." Those waifs of the working world are scarcer than rainless days. For once there is work for everyone. It is a question whether we have undertaken more than we can do.

There is no doubt about Congressman McArthur's renomination in the Third district, a fact which is gratify-

ing. The entrance of Mr. Littlefield into the contest was unfair and has been so branded by the people of Multnomah county. His vote was light and he ran far behind ex-Congressman Lafferty which will forever put Mr. Littlefield out of the possibilities for that high office. McArthur should have the chance that the people are giving him.

Troops have revolted in Portugal and burned arsenals. Not being able to get to the great firing line they made one of their own.

There is a rumor that T. R. may write part of the G. O. P. platform; as chairman, presumably, of the Committee on the Punch.

There will be honor enough for all when the European war ends. The trouble will be to find if there is territory enough for all.

At last reports King Storm was still filling the Oro Dell canyon with his mutterings.

Who said anything about summer.

HEALTHOGRAMS.

By Dr. R. R. Daniels. Don't forget that honey, syrup, and all sweets are winter foods.

Greens of all kinds are the most valuable Spring foods.

Coffee drinkers are the first to have the backache.

Just a little care of the health during the Spring will make that season as healthful as any other.

A little care of the health from day to day is of more real value than all the health insurance.

Many of our Spring and Summer disorders are due to a winter diet in warm weather.

Spring fever or that tired feeling means too much heavy food at a time when the warm weather makes its utilization in the body impossible.

Tuberculosis is more prevalent among non-meat-eating people and among those who eat considerable meat.

SLAPPING THE WOUNDED. Union county politicians—those who failed, particularly—don't appreciate the kindness of the Observer's disposition, we bet. Now, over at Pendleton the Weakly Bulldogger comes out once a week, and this week it is particularly vicious. What's more it picks on those who fell by the wayside in last week's primary. Over here, in Union county, wounded politicians are treated with consideration due one who ran his best, albeit he failed. But not so across the big hill. The proof is appended herewith from said Bulldogger:

Somebody was so unkind as to remark that Treasurer Bradley must have been an advocate of the road bonds because he ran right along with them. We don't mind seeing a man licked but after he's licked he ought to be allowed to recuperate in peace. We make this remark apropos a certain demonstration on the street last Saturday morning when Jack Robinson, the father of the road bonds, came down town for the first time since the murder of his child. A lot of those malefactors of big farms formed their six-cylinders in a parade and slowly followed Jack down the street honking their diabolical horns the while. And last week was "Be-Kind-to-Animals Week," too.

Ralph Folsom says he has one advantage over the other defeated candidates. Being an undertaker he can hold his own post mortem and conduct his own funeral.

"Saling Up Salt Creek" is the epithet County Clerk Frank Saling says he wants carved on his political tombstone.

Said Watts of his rival, R. Keator. He's a novice and rank second-rater. But for all his shots. The scalp of H. Watts. Now dangles from Roscoe's equator.

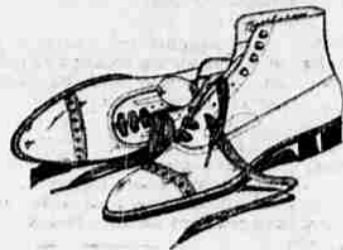
Word comes from Stanfield that Mayor Jim Kyle has less confidence in the judgment of the people than he used to have.

The Earth Trembled. Glen Sturdivant was reading of the earthquakes that were felt in Boise. "It must be a queer sensation," he said, "to feel the earth move under your legs and to see everything rock and sway." "It is," solemnly assured a friend who was just recovering from a bootlegger booze jag.

Posters Warn London's Poor. London, May 19.—Government bill posters, who have plastered London with enormous signs urging the people to economize, have no respect for localities. In one of the most squalid and poverty stricken districts of London the following advice appears in letters five feet high:

"Don't use a motor car for pleasure. Don't buy superfluous clothing. Don't employ more servants than you need." In fashionable West End districts the posters are conspicuous for their absence. Trafalgar Square, near the heart of the official district, however, is liberally splashed with the warnings.

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MARRIAGE BARGAIN ASKED.

Lowest Rates for License, Ceremony and Honeymoon Sought.

Fort Madison, Ia., May 18.—Wanted—Best rates on marriage licenses and the lowest prices on officiating at weddings from ministers or justices. Also wish advices on hotel rates. Lowest bidders will be given preference.

County Clerk O. R. Johnson ripped upon an unimposing envelope addressed in a scrawled hand the other morning. A glance at the letter it contained proved that missive had been penned under extremely nervous conditions. Possibly the writer was afflicted with the seasonable attack of love sickness, bethought the official, and the letter bore out his beliefs.

It proved to be a communication from a resident of Keokuk who first advised the clerk that he was contemplating matrimony. He also explained that he was attempting the step with economy in view. He was seeking bargain rates in the acquiring of a wife, the letter inferred.

He inquired the lowest price on a marriage license. He also wanted to know just how much the Fort Madison ministers or justices would take for tying the knot. He also stated that he might wish to put up at a local hotel and requested rates from those institutions. Altogether it was a matter of business with him.

In answer the clerk stated that the regular price of a marriage license was \$1. Much as he would like to mark it down to 98 cents, the clerk could not possibly do it. He also gave him some valuable information on hotel rates and marriage fees. It appears as if bargain hunting is not altogether confined to the female species of our race.

Avoid Spring Colds.

Sudden changes, high winds, shifting seasons cause colds and grippe, and these spring colds are annoying and dangerous and are likely to turn into a chronic summer cough. In such cases take a treatment of Dr. King's New Discovery, a pleasant Laxative Tar Syrup. It soothes the cough, checks the cold and helps break up an attack of grippe. Its already prepared, no mixing or fussing. Just ask your druggist for a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. Tested and tried for over 40 years.

Our Want Ads bring results.

Eastern Race Program.

The turf fixtures that will be run off are: Metropolitan Handicap, New York Steeplechase, Juvenile, Hollis, International Steeplechase, Bowquet, Amateur Cup, Withers, Toboggan, Grand National Steeplechase, Fashion Ladies, Belmont and Keene Memorial. The Metropolitan Handicap and the New York Steeplechase will be the features of the opening today. The Metropolitan this year will be worth \$3,000 \$500 more than its cash value last year. Such horses as Pelobers, Kilkenny Boy, High Rock View, Stromboli, Roamer, Iron Duke, The Finn, Charlestonian, Buckhorn, Magnet, Flying Fairy, Sharpshooter, Phosphor, Luke McLuke, The Masquerader and Buskin are eligible to start. Buskin won last year carrying 114 pounds. He ran the mile in 1:37 4-5. The Canadian racing season opened today and will close September 30, in both cases at Toronto. The dates are: Ontario Jockey Club, Woodbine, Toronto, May 20-27; Deserval Jockey Club, Montreal, May 29-June 5; Montreal Jockey Club, Blue Bonnets, June 6-13; Connaught Park Jockey Club, Ottawa, June 15-22; Hamilton Jockey Club, June 24-July 1; Niagara Racing Association, Fort Erie, July 4-11; Windsor Jockey Club, Windsor, September 23-30; Hamilton Jockey Club, July 26-August 2; Niagara

Wade, guardian for said Virgil C. Myers, defendants.

To Jesse Brooks, and G. M. Brooks, his wife, Willard S. Rinehart, Phillip C. Rinehart and Nellie Rinehart, his wife, and Virgil C. Myers, defendants above named:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six (6) weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will take decree against you foreclosing those mortgages upon the East half (1-2) of the Southwest quarter (1-4) of Section thirty-six (36) in township one (1) north of range thirty-eight (38) East of the Willamette Meridian in Union county, Oregon, dated July 31st, 1914, and July 29th, 1915, and recorded in Book 47 page 342 and Book 49 page 175, Record of Mortgages for said county, and barring you of all interest in the said real me.—James Ferguson, Philada, Pa. Sloan's Liniment kills pain. 25c at druggists.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union county. Anna A. Smith, plaintiff, vs. Jesse Brooks and G. M. Brooks, his wife, Russell Chase, Harvey C. Rinehart and Jennie E. Rinehart, his wife, Willard S. Rinehart, Jackson Carl Rinehart and Mary E. Rinehart, his wife, Harvey Earle Rinehart and Ella Rinehart, his wife, Phillip C. Rinehart and Nellie Rinehart, his wife, Virgil C. Myers, a minor, and Waitman T.

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This summons is published in compliance with an order duly given, made and entered on the 24th day of May, A. D., 1916, in the above entitled court and cause by the Honorable John W. Knowles, Judge of said court, prescribing the said time for your appearance and answer herein.

H. H. NORTHUP, GEO. W. GEARHART, Attorneys for plaintiff. Adv.—D.—5-24-31 6-7-14-21-28.

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