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HUGHES' PROSPECTS.

The Republican Publicity association, through its president, recently gave out the following statement at its Washington headquarters:

If the country votes at the presidential election this year as it voted at the Congressional election of 1914, Hughes will carry California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

These states have 286 votes in the electoral college, a majority of which is only 266.

In each of these states, two years ago, the Republican Congressional ticket received a clear plurality of votes. In these states combined the Republican candidates for congress received 4,075,157 votes, while the Democratic candidates for congress received only 3,132,568 votes—the total Republican plurality being 942,589.

In each of these states, in 1914, there was an organized Progressive campaign—except in Nevada, North Dakota, Utah and Wisconsin, although in Utah there was a Fusion ticket running in opposition to the Republicans. The total Progressive vote in these states was 746,341; and the combined Republican-Progressive plurality over the Democrats was 1,688,930.

Two years ago there were five states—Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Nebraska, and Ohio—which are fairly to be classed as normally Republican but where the Democratic Congressional ticket received a plurality of votes ranging from a beggarly 365 in Maine to an impressive 42,752 in Indiana.

But the Progressive vote in each of these five states was far in excess of the difference between the Republican and Democratic totals, and ranged from 3,111 in Nebraska to 90,040 in Indiana. In Kansas the Progressive vote in 1914 amounted to 74,441; in Ohio it was 47,981; and in Maine it was 17,985.

These five states will cast 63 votes in the electoral college. How will they vote this year?

Hopeful Democratic statisticians estimate the division of the former Progressive vote upon different proportions—in each instance, however, giving the long end of it to the Republicans and in no instance claiming that more than 30 per cent of the Bull Moose will support Wilson. Upon this extreme hypothesis, let us examine the vote of the five states where a Democratic plurality was found in the

Congressional elections of 1914. The Republican vote of Indiana in 1914 was 233,140, the Progressives casting 90,040 and the Democrats 275,892. Dividing the Bull Moose strength on the basis of seventy and thirty per cent, respectively, to the Republicans and the Democrats, the vote of Indiana this year should be: Republican, 296,162; Democratic, 302,904. The margin is too small for comfort on either side; and Indiana must remain as fighting territory until the votes are counted. The Progressives—aided, it is said, by Democratic funds—are maintaining an organization in that state; but competent observers believe that from 85 to 90 per cent of the Moose will vote for Hughes and that the number who will support Wilson are negligible. Upon this basis, Indiana should go for Hughes and Fairbanks by nearly 30,000.

The seventy-three division applied to Kansas would give that state to the Republicans by the following figures: Republican, 240,215; Democratic, 218,110. In Maine the result would be: Republican, 72,888; Democratic, 66,071. In Nebraska the figures should show: Republican, 113,376; Democratic, 113,820. This is another hairline of demarcation—but there is no Bull Moose ticket in Nebraska this year; and while the contest will be a hard one, the indications are that Hughes will carry the state.

The same division of the Progressive vote in Ohio would produce figures for 1916 in this wise: Republican, 511,038; Democratic, 498,653.

It is, therefore, a fair assumption that, in addition to retaining the states which disclosed a clear Republican plurality in 1914—and which assure a majority of the electoral college—the Republican ticket will this year gain Kansas, Maine and Ohio without question and get for Hughes and Fairbanks a total of 326 out of the 531 votes in the electoral college—with more than a fighting chance to add the 23 votes of Indiana and Nebraska to that number, making 349, or a majority of 167.

Hughes will not be a minority president.

The figures upon which the foregoing is based are taken from the "World Almanac."

Probably the highest explosive in Europe is Maximilian Harden.—New York Sun.

Hughes should abandon trying to be "human." He should be just natural.—Buffalo Enquirer.

Too bad there is no national convention to stop the favorite-son movement at Verdun.—Cleveland Leader.

Have primaries eliminated the wicked bosses or are the wicked bosses eliminating the primaries?—New York Sun.

One advantage a baseball-player has over a railroad man is that it takes three strikes to put him out.—Washington Post.

Agent Buying Munitions Here for Venezuela.—Headline. Probably merely preparing for a Presidential election.—New York World.

The shade of Moses must look down with keen interest upon the latest Sinai expedition that is followed by a line of water pipes.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

After these political orators finish the campaign and are all through telling the public what they really think of one another, they shouldn't complain if a lot of us fail to vote for any candidate.—New York Morning Telegraph.

LANGUAGE AND THE BIBLE.

The Book That Standardized All the Dialects of Britain.

Before the printing of the Bible there was no English language. It was the Bible that standardized all the dialects of Britain and that bound them together into a living speech, and it was the Bible that was the foundation of the education and culture of England. As the English historian Green says: "The English people became a people of a book, and that book was the Bible."

To a large degree the same is true of Germany, but it is not necessary to go back to the middle ages to find the Bible forming a nation's culture and fixing its language.

On many of the mission fields, especially in Africa, the language of the natives had never been reduced to writing until the missionary provided them with an alphabet in order that the Bible might be translated into their tongues. The Bible has then become both the language textbook and the spiritual guide of these African nations. In mission schools the world over the Bible is the language textbook. The people of the mission lands want their children to learn the western tongue, and they send them to the school. They learn the missionary's language, but in the learning they find the missionary's God.—Christian Herald.

EGGS IN HEATED RICE.

A Way the Chinese Have For Hatching Ducks and Chickens.

The Chinese method of hatching as many as 500 duck and chicken eggs in one sitting has not yet been adopted in this country.

Unhusked rice is used for the purpose, and when this has been roasted it is either cooled by a fanning process or the wind is allowed to blow through it until it is lukewarm.

The breeder then sprinkles a three inch layer of rice in the bottom of a wooden tub, and on this surface places about 100 eggs; another layer of rice about two inches thick is spread over them, and on this layer eggs are also placed, and the tub is filled in this way until there are six layers of rice and five of eggs, making 500 eggs in all in the tub.

Every twenty-four hours the rice has to be heated, and for this purpose the eggs have to be removed, the bottom layer this time being placed on top and the other layers one row lower down, the eggs that occupied the central position in the tub now being placed at the edges.

There is some difficulty in gauging the exact time at which the eggs will hatch, and unless care is taken some of the young ones are likely to be smothered. This is, of course, the point at which the ability of the expert is shown.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Economical.

A good story is related of an English theatrical manager who by thrift and hard work had amassed a fortune. Previous to the production of one play the stage carpenters had to repair a trap, and the head carpenter went to the manager and informed him that it could not be done in the dark.

"Well, lad, they won't have t' gas," answered the manager. "Here, tak' this and buy a candle."

And he handed him a halfpenny.

The carpenter pleaded that they wanted two in order to get sufficient light.

"How long will t' job take thee?" asked the manager.

"About ten minutes," was the reply.

"Then cut t' candle in two," was the answer. "They won't have any more money."

Milton and Aerial Warfare.

Milton had a prophetic vision of war aeroplanes and Zeppelins when he wrote:

The towers of heaven are filled With armed watch that renders all access Impregnable; oft on the bordering deep Encamp their legions, or with obscure wing Scout far and wide into the realm of night, Scouring surprise.

What if . . . this firmament Of hell should spout her cataracts of fire One day upon our heads?

Modern war is a very apt example of fitting after events to a prophecy.

The Chippewyan Woman.

Ideals may vary, but it seems that the Chippewyan Indians also had a well rounded conception of "woman's sphere." "Women were made to labor," an old chief told the traveler Hearne. "One of them can carry or haul as much as two men can do. They also patch our tents and make and mend our clothing—in fact, there is no such thing as traveling any considerable distance without their assistance."

A Change.

"We must economize," he said peremptorily. "I'm so glad," his wife exclaimed. "You take the announcement more good naturedly than usual."

"Yes; it's pleasant to hear you use the plural pronoun. Ordinarily when there is any economizing needed you expect me to do it all."

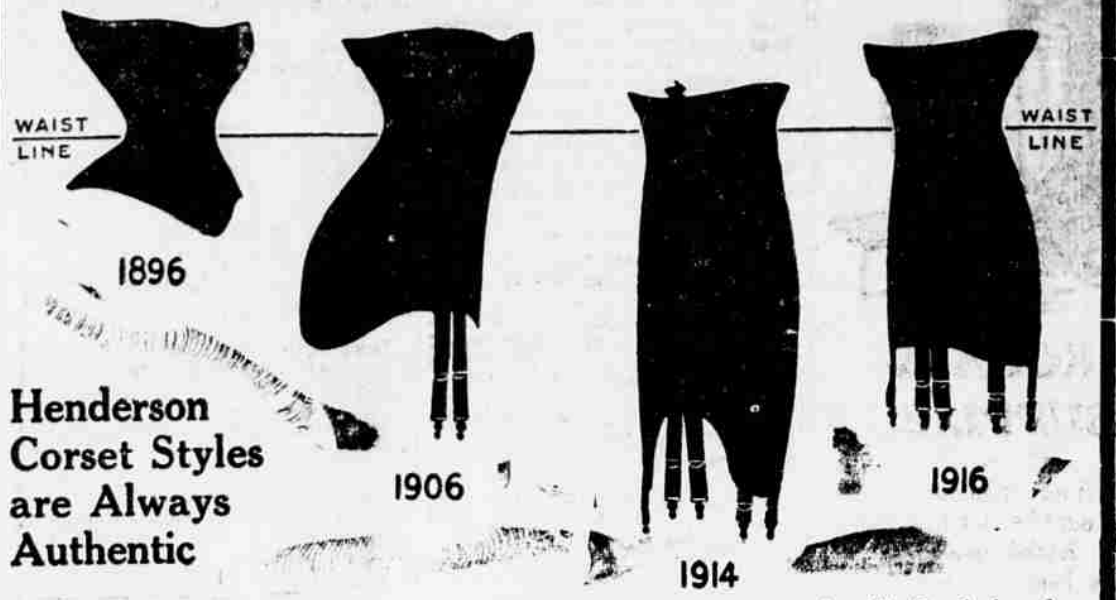
Wishing Them a Safe Voyage.

"Mabel and George after much quarreling over the arrangements for their honeymoon have decided to take the trip in an airship."

"Well, I trust that when they get above the clouds they won't have a falling out."

What makes us discontented with our condition is the absurdly exaggerated idea we have of the happiness of others.—French Proverb.

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Marquis Okuma says it was not Commodore Perry, but a Russian envoy, that opened Japan. But we were speaking of the front door.—Boston Herald.

The followers of Hughes, who agree that it is a crime to give offices to pay political debts, undoubtedly base their hopes wholly on the ground of fitness.—Newark News.

Apparently, when a German drops a bomb, he hits only women and children, while an Allied aviator can throw one into a crowd and never touch a soul except soldiers in uniform.—Indianapolis Star.

Max Harden is unpopular in Germany, Shaw is unpopular in England, Romain Rolland is unpopular in France, the offense of each being that he is unwilling to believe that the present enemies of his country are altogether iniquitous, altogether deserving of complete destruction, root and branch. A man pays for his ability to be a citizen of the world by losing out in his own voting precinct.—New York Evening Sun.

Farmer Is Missing.

John Lowe, a prominent farmer of Independence aged 50, has been missing from his home since last Saturday night.

Auto Hurls Woman Through Window.

A runaway auto truck in Seattle struck Mrs. W. D. Swan and hurled her through a plate glass window. It was found that no bones were broken and only slight bruises inflicted.

THE FORUM

As to the Oregonian
La Grande, Aug. 25.—(To the Editor of the Observer).—The Oregonian says that a certain citizen of La Grande is a closed account, politically, because he has dared to follow his convictions out of the Republican party.

It takes a wonderful amount of self-conceit to sustain the Oregonian in its role of Supreme Arbitrator of Political Righteousness. But the Oregonian is quite equal to it.

As a monument of editorial egotism, the Oregonian overshadows Mt. Hood. Mt. Hood is content to keep its place in the landscape. But the Oregonian insists on being the whole landscape.

The Oregonian thinks so highly of itself that it tips its hat every time it mentions its own name.

With all of its intellectual preeminence, it has never come up to Lincoln's superior good sense when he said: "I do not impugn the motives of those who do not agree with me." The Oregonian's greatness has gone to its head. The only way that it can account for one who disagrees with it is to question his motives.

The Oregonian may be right in this particular instance. Sometime it un-

consciously deviates into the truth. And then again the Oregonian may be wrong. Often it is studiously in error. The Oregonian has closed the political accounts of a good many men who are still carried as live assets on the party ledgers.

If it were not for the Oregonian's superior news service the Oregonian would soon be a closed account, too, as far as real influence is concerned. If I were a candidate for political honors in Oregon I would rather be kicked than kissed by the Oregonian.

The Oregonian is a great newspaper and has been a power in Oregon in

the past. But it has so often used its prestige wantonly that it has degenerated into a sort of scamp Jupiter, whose superstitious vogue is a thing of the past.

Sometimes I feel toward the Oregonian as Shem felt toward old Father Noah when he found him drunk and in disgrace: I want to cover it up with something until it recovers.

I read the Oregonian's editorials for the same reason that I read the Congressional Record: for the cultivation of a sense of political humor. ANDREW R. MARKER.

FETCHING LITTLE GOWN WORN BY MARY THURMAN, IN TRIANGLE-KEYSTONE PLAY



This delightfully youthful evening gown is worn by Miss Mary Thurman in a Triangle-Keystone comedy soon to be released. It is of pastel blue taffeta, entirely covered with pink net that is edged with pink taffeta ribbon. The only decorative treatment is the ingenious use of pearl passementerie trimmings on shoulders, sleeves and front of the bodice. The becoming hat is of pink taffeta, faced with pink and blue figured taffeta. Pink satin blippers and pink stockings complete the outfit.

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