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MR. HUGHES OPTIMISTIC.

The Maine election was a great encouragement to Charles E. Hughes. The Republican standard bearer sees a re-united Republican party. He welcomes the return of the Progressives. Mr. Hughes is making a good campaign. His judicial reserve is melting away. But his campaign is nevertheless dignified. His Syracuse speech rang true.

"We are all friends," he said, "no matter how divided politically. What we need is fairness and truth, and then let the electorate decide. That is American."

Perhaps the campaign for President in 1916 will be memorable in this respect that it will be lacking in mud-slinging, that neighbors and friends will not be embroiled, that the political conflict will not leave deep scars.

One has only to read Mr. Hughes' Syracuse, N. Y., speech to become convinced—whether one agrees with his views or not—that it is admirable in tone.

"I come to you," said Mr. Hughes to his audience, "as the spokesman of a reunited Republican party. We have said it was reunited; we have believed it was reunited; we have devoutly hoped it was reunited. Now Maine proves that it is reunited."

"Whoever was skeptical about that before must hide his cynicism now. We shall abandon no efforts; we shall not change our plans or our aims, but we shall go forward with renewed confidence because the old state in the northeast corner has spoken in no uncertain voice."

"If I did not believe that the Republican party was the party of true progress, which prepared under its leadership to take the country along the way of adaptation to new needs and exigencies of the future, I should have no pride in representing it. But the party of Lincoln is reunited today, and we consecrate it to the ideal of Lincoln, and those ideals are permanent. They are ideals of the success of the plain people."

"Our friends on the other side—for so I delight to call them—for we are having our campaign and we are very earnest and erect in our campaign. It is a time for assessment, for appraisal and candid statement. No one can object in this country to full and fair discussion. That is the very spirit of our institutions."

"But we are all friends, however divided politically. I do not desire in speaking of those who do not agree with me to manifest the slightest disrespect. If the argument is sound, it will carry without any suggestion of personal enmity. We do not need that in our campaign. What we need is fairness and the truth, and then let the electorate decide. That is American."

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"Our friends on the other side tickled the ear with many promises which they have not fulfilled. They said that the Republican party was responsible for the high cost of living. They have been in power for some time, and I do not see that the cost of living has been reduced. It seems to be beyond Democratic control."

"It was said they would dispense with many useless offices. The abolition of useless offices has not been quite as apparent as the appointment of useless officers. It was said that they would get rid of extravagance. The Republican administration was arraigned for extravagance. Now it is our painful duty to arraign the Democratic administration for extravagance."

Mr. Hughes has cause to be optimistic. The Maine election clearly indicates that the Progressives have returned to the ranks of the Republican party.

ONE LESSON LEARNED.

The human mind cannot conceive of the extent of war profits. They are making the Eastern munitions hives of industry. When the war ends, thousands of men will have to seek other occupations. The Du Pont Powder company has received one order alone for \$150,000,000 worth of gun cotton. Twenty-three thousand men will be employed to make the explosive at Hopewell, Virginia. How to protect American labor and keep it busy will be a problem requiring statesmanship when Europe no longer demands American aid in manufacturing life-destroying instruments. In the meantime America will have learned one lesson of preparedness, the organization of our industrial forces to play its part if the United States is ever involved in a great war. We hope that lesson will never have to be recited. But we have learned it.

WE WANT OUR SHARE.

When it comes to parceling out the Federal fund for Oregon roads, we serve notice right now that Eastern Oregon is entitled to a fair share and intends to get it.

A GOOD MAN.

L. H. McMahon is running for county attorney in Marion county as an independent. He is a former Progressive. He is a good man, a fearless fighter. His opponents will know he has been in the race.

NEXT.

British Columbia is dry. Will California remain the only Pacific oasis?

T. R. INVITED.

T. R. is expected to tour the Pacific coast. We herewith invite him to speak at La Grande.

A PRAYER.

Wilson plans to answer Hughes. Let us hope the campaign will close without an Ananias club.

SWAT THE FLY.

Swat the fly. These fine September days seem to give the pests new life.

A GOOD RECORD.

La Grande's bank deposits in one year jumped from \$942,328 to \$1,396,696, almost half a million. That's something worth shouting about. It shows prosperity and confidence in the city's banking institutions.

BEST LITTLE TOWN IN THE WEST.

North Powder doesn't have to advertise a \$50 prize for a slogan. The North Powder News has already invented it: "The Best Little Town in the West."

Doll Used for Health Test

Vineland, N. J., Aug. 31.—Dr. C. R. Goodfellow took his baby's big doll out for a ride yesterday to test the fidelity of the men stationed around Vineland and Bridgeton to guard against any children coming into Vineland or going out. Three guards stopped the doctor and demanded a certificate of health without looking at the doll, and the fourth insisted on feeling of the doll to be sure.

Savoy Hotel Arrivals.

R. A. Molsue, Ridgepole, Neb.; E. L. Williams, Vincent; J. G. Kilpatrick, Portland; J. L. McKinnis, Summerville; H. Davis, Portland; H. W. Hicks, Portland; Mrs. E. E. Humiston, Paradise, O.; Parker Shultz, Lostine; A. B. Anderson, Weiser; Wm. Halverson, Portland; A. B. Conoway, Enterprise; Geo. Beardsley, Vincent; Y. K. Kmetz, John Spain, Union; E. B. Berlin, The Dalles; Chas. Fisher.

Good News! The Arrival of Large Selection of EXQUISITE AUTUMN BLOUSES

Awaits Your Inspection and Inevitable Approval

Blouses of finest French Voile---

Blouses of heavy Crepe De Chine---

Blouses of Sheer Georgette Crepe---

Blouses of Satin and Georgette---

Individuality and distinctiveness are expressed in every one of these new blouses—the dainty frills, the large collars, the exquisitely shaped cuffs, the fitted ruffles and lovely touches of laces, embroidery and beading, a different placing of buttons, etc., are some of the important trifles that make these blouses so charming.

Blouses for wear with suits---

Blouses for evening and afternoon wear---

Moderately Priced from \$2.50 to \$10.00.

We Show a Very Large

Line of New

SILK PETTICOATS

for Autumn Wear

The new suit or dress demands a new full flounced petticoat. Our stock is now complete with the season's very newest styles and materials. No matter what color or combination of colors you have in mind you are sure to find it here.

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TAFFETA PETTICOATS AT \$5.00 AND \$6.00

of the finest, rich taffetas in plain and changeable colors. Very wide flaring styles with deep flounces trimmed with tucks, ruffles, etc. Some are made with Jersey tops—Two special lines at \$5.00 and \$6.00



In our Exclusive Millinery Department a Veritable Fairyland of

SMART MILLINERY

for Autumn

Fashion's every mode is mirrored in our large showing of millinery for Fall. For instance—

Great, wide sailors of velvet are trimmed with their own material or simple ornaments. High Military effects, Jacket, and smartly turned-up brims are very new. Coquettish drooping shapes and turbans will appeal to the individual taste.

But in every instance, whether the hats are of velvet, of hatter's plush or combination of these materials, the trimmings are invariably of the simplest. But you must see them to fully appreciate their distinctive styles and exquisite materials.

Improved House Dresses

The development of House Dresses in the past few years has been remarkable. No longer are they strictly 'House Dresses.' They have taken unto themselves the dignity and beauty, or at least the neatness and prettiness, conveyed by the terms 'porch' and 'neighborhood' dresses. In other words if the door bell is rung, announcing an unexpected caller, one may appear without confusion clad in a dress like one of these. We are prepared to show a large assortment of these pretty, becoming, practical house dresses moderately priced from \$1.25 up



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EVERY-DAY SUITING

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18c yd.

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is usually the object of envy from his fellows. But why envy him when you can dress just as correctly and stylishly letting us make all your clothes? We have the most up-to-date styles, employ the best cutters and fitters, and see that every garment leaving our workshops is perfectly finished in every respect. But we are not high chargers.

Wilson Brothers Tailors

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