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Counting votes is a slow task.

It certainly was a great race.

The other fellow's job always looks the more attractive.

No matter who is elected the President will be our president, and entitled to our loyal support in the great work which we have imposed upon him.

After all the election gives one the thought of the vastness and the wonder of this United States. Think of forty-eight states—with so many different kinds of citizens—settling a great issue like the election of President so quietly and so peaceably—all willing to abide by the result, no riots, no incendiary talk. There has been less of heat in this campaign than in any of recent years. Really it was admirably conducted on both sides and marked with dignity and restraint.

THE LEAVEN OF PROGRESS.

In several states the Progressive influence is showing itself, not in the candidates selected to run in the Republican ticket, not on the men who are pulling the wires behind the scene, not, perhaps, in any tangible legislative intentions, but in the wording of the platform. In most States where the contest between the two great parties is certain to be close the Republican leaders have been willing to make almost any verbal compromise to avoid an open rupture with the reconstructed Progressives. In Wisconsin, where "Bob" La Follette has represented the Progressive movement, though not as a member of the Progressive party, the recent State platform convention of the Republican party took great pains not to alienate his followers, and even gave his candidacy for the Senate a blanket endorsement. In Illinois the Republican platform declares for "a further limitation of the legal hours of labor for women," "the extension of the workmen's compensation act"

and "the extension of full suffrage to women." The same platform says: "The true test of a country's greatness is the lot in life of the average man and woman—the man and woman of the shop, of the factory and of the farm. These are they who carry on the work of civilization, and a nation is strong in proportion to their well-being. Whatever permanently improves their lot is best for all and best for the State."

These expressions are an acknowledgment of a widespread progressive sentiment—a sentiment which is, in its essence, a desire for more complete democracy. The ordinary people of the country are no longer satisfied to have a metaphorical full dinner pail hurled at their heads—they want more liberty, more security, and more protection, and the politicians know it. In the long time view this will be seen to have been anything but a reactionary year. The leaven of progress is working, in all parties and in all States, and woe to the men or parties who dare to work against it.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Corporation Commissioner Schrademan asks for less money for his department for the next two years. He is the kind of public official we like.

RAILROADS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

While we have many investigations which disturb business, one is to begin this month which may be of service to the country if handled in the right way.

The subject to be investigated is the government control and regulation of interstate and foreign transportation, and the efficiency of the existing system in protecting the rights of shippers and carriers and the public interest, the incorporation and control of incorporation of railroads and the reorganization of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The investigation begins November 29 and is to be conducted by the joint congressional committee on Interstate Commerce.

The inception of the inquiry was in the mind of President Wilson. In a message to congress in December of 1915, he said there was reason to fear that the railroads of the country would not be able to cope with the transportation problems of the country as at present equipped, co-ordinated and regulated.

The fact is that the railroads are suffering from 48 different kinds of regulation. They are subject to the laws and whims of every state. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer a year to codify the railroad laws of the states and to tell you what they were. It would take another year to gather and interpret the court decisions as to what these laws mean. And then the railroad would be in doubt.

What should be done is to concentrate the supervision of the railroads in one national body, the Interstate Commerce commission so that there would be national control instead of state control.

This with national supervision of the issuance of railroad securities would relieve the railroads of the burden of over-regulation and would restore the confidence of the public in railroad investments. It is certain that unless the railroads are able to make improvements and betterments, to give the public good service under the present system, the nation will drift toward government ownership.

SUCCESS.

All success is not luck. But that is the way many regard the successful.

The Western Farmer characterizes this tendency as follows:

"Wherever we go we find in every community some farmers who are exceptionally prosperous. They have good farm buildings, average crops, good stock, have more money and leisure time than many of their neighbors. The neighbors, however, seldom grasp the reason for the difference in the apparent results.

"When questioned about it, they usually say, 'Oh, he's lucky.' Then when you interview these 'lucky' ones you will find that they have studied their conditions and learned by observation how to handle the soil on their particular farms, how to keep down the weeds, how to prepare their ground for the sowing of seed, how to select pure-bred stock, how to feed economically; or, in other words they have gone into the details of their business and mastered them. With them luck is a misnomer. They rely on their head, coupled with planning, of looking ahead, of not putting all the eggs in one basket, in mapping out a program and sticking to such a program. They are able to get the best from others through observation and are perfectly willing to put it into practice on their farms where it can be worked to advantage. No, it isn't luck that counts; it's headwork."

And the same thing applies to all other business, too.

WIT AND HUMOR

Female Strategy.

First Person—Nora seems quite gone on the postman.

Second Person—Gone? Do you know what that girl does? She posts a letter to herself every night so as



Received by Express a big shipment of ladies' cloth and plush Coats all the latest colors and styles.

Moderately Priced, \$12.50 to \$65.00.

An immense showing of ladies' high class suits just received from Siegel Bros. All bought at a special price and marked for quick selling.

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to make sure he'll call the next morning.

Get Up An Initiative Petition.

When we have a law that will compel the partisan papers to pay all bets lost by careless readers who follow their predictions, the number of journals that will be willing to indulge in prophecy will become beautifully less.—The Spectator.

Flotsam and Jetsam

Safety-First Commandments.

Thou shalt have no other thoughts than thy work.

Thou shalt take no unnecessary risks, nor try to show off, nor play practical jokes, for by thy carelessness thou mayest do injury which will have effect unto the third and fourth generations to follow.

Thou shalt not swear nor lose thy temper when things do not go just right.

Remember thou art not the only one on the job, and that other lives are

just as important as thine own.

Honor thy job and thyself, that thy days may be long in employment.

Thou shalt not clean machinery while it is in motion.

Thou shalt not watch thy neighbor's work, but attend to thine own.

Thou shalt not allow the sleeves of thy shirt to hang loose, nor the flaps of thy coat to be unbuttoned, as they may get caught in the machinery.

Thou shalt not throw matches or greasy waste on the floor nor scatter oil around the bearings, as a dirty worker is a clumsy worker, and a clumsy worker is a menace to his fellow-workers.

Thou shalt not interfere with the switches, nor the dynamos, nor the cables, nor the engines, nor anything else thou art told is dangerous.

"Rock Island Employees' Magazine."

Prosperity in Oregon

Sold Wheat at \$1.50

E. G. Cameron Tuesday closed a deal by which he disposed of his wheat

crop to Mr. Webb at \$1.50, which is considered a good figure, satisfactory alike to the buyer and seller. Mr. Cameron says when a farmer can get that price for wheat he feels like he ought to give some of it back. This is a good year for the farmer.—Union Republican.

Rancher Builds Fine Home.

Ed Wulf, who went up Pyle canyon ten years ago with little cash and all his belongings in a lumber wagon, has commenced the erection of a modern residence on his Pyle canyon ranch, which, with the homestead to be proved up on next year, includes 680 acres. Mr. Wulf has been a success on the ranch, and now proposes to have some of the luxuries as he goes along. The new house will have seven rooms and basement, with bath room, water piped from a spring, and electric lights as soon as they can be had of the light and power company. The house will cost about \$2,000, is on a rural route, and with the family auto and other modern conveniences. Mr. Wulf feels that he will be about as well off as if he lives in town. Here is a practical demonstration of what a man can do in this section who goes on a piece of land and works with hands and head. Mr. Wulf is on easy street now.—Union Republican.

"A Time of Plenty"

The time to save is when you have. This holds good with money as well as with other property. War times, and hard times do not worry people with a bank account, like those who have made no preparation for the days to come. Our bank is the place to start an account and be prepared for times of need. Our operations are conservative and at all times keep the interest of our customers in mind.

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Deposits \$1,000,000.00 Assets \$1,400,000.00

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There is merit in the excellence of construction, material used, beauty of line and symmetry of proportion, together with the beautiful trimming that cannot be found in any other stove.

A Heater Supreme

A heater supreme. It burns any kind of fuel with first-class heating results. Its single draft so built as not to let any cold air get to the fire is the secret.

A super-heating expansion air reservoir and an automatic draft that adjusts itself to the condition of fire make up a heater that is second to none.

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I have so much faith in this splendid heater that I will place it in your home on 30 days' trial

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