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JOHNSON NOT THE GOAT.

Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California will not be made the goat of this campaign.

It looks as if Harrison Grey Otis and others are the Dr. Burchards.

Replying to an editorial in the Los Angeles Times blaming him for the defeat of Governor Hughes for President, Governor Johnson issued a statement in which he declared that William H. Crocker, Francis V. Keesling, Harrison Gray Otis, and other Republican leaders in California were responsible for Hughes' defeat.

"If California has been the deciding factor in this election," he said, "William H. Crocker, Francis V. Keesling, Harrison Gray Otis and a few acting in concert with them have the proud distinction of having made a President of the United States, and Woodrow

Wilson owes them a debt of gratitude he never can repay.

"Californians know full well what lost this state to Hughes. A few petty politicians, acting with the Los Angeles Times and one or two others, so misjudged Hughes on his visit to California that the injury they did we were unable to undo.

"When Mr. Hughes came into our state, Crocker and Keesling, aided and abetted by a small coterie, created a situation in which they made it appear that Mr. Hughes was entirely reactionary and that he was neither in accord with nor sympathetic with California's progress and achievement. Californians looked aghast and unfortunately believed that the situation created by Crocker, Keesling and the Times presented and revealed the mind of Mr. Hughes and that the mind thus revealed was that long ago California had been passed by and repudiated.

"These little politicians, doing their little politics, preferred the gratification of their malice and the momentary triumph of their prejudice to the success of the Republican presidential candidate. They not only affronted Progressives and ignored Progressive leaders, but in San Francisco, with equal stupidity, they ignored San Francisco's greatest vote-getter, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and in Los Angeles treated in like fashion the newly created Lieutenant Governor William D. Stevens, both of whom were registered Republicans.

"When Hughes first came to California our people saw first with amazement, with sadness, then with increasing indignation that apparently he was wholly in charge of those who represented the old system, and the picture presented to our people was one that Crocker, Keesling and Otis and the few acting with them so impressed upon the recollection of our electorate that, despite our efforts, it could not be wholly eliminated.

"It is a matter of regret that any statement should be necessary at this time concerning the result in Califor-

nia. It would not be necessary but for the indecency of the Times in their present publications designed to cuttlefish the situation so that their responsibility maybe overlooked and forgotten."

Republican State Chairman, Chester H. Rowell of California, in his statement declares that Hughes was defeated because he had failed to convince a large majority of the Progressives that he was the man who should lead them.

"The trip of Hughes to California," he said, "when he was prevented from recognizing Governor Hiram Johnson or of being recognized by Progressive leaders, was the climax of the situation here."

Rowell added that Governor Hughes himself was personally blameless in this connection, saying those who managed his trip here were responsible.

"The Progressive leaders faithfully supported Hughes," he said, "and succeeded in inducing the majority of the Progressives to follow them, but the minority, added to the labor vote, and the pacifist women's vote turned the vote for Wilson."

One newspaper quotes Rowell as declaring that from now on the west will dominate the nation's politics.

Replying to newspaper stories, that Hughes' snubbing of Governor Johnson, had defeated Hughes for the Presidency, William H. Crocker, Republican national committeeman, who was mainly in charge of Hughes' California tour, declared that there had never been any snub. He asserted that he personally had invited Johnson to accompany him to the Oregon line to greet Hughes, but that Johnson had declined to do so.

General Harrison Gray Otis' Los Angeles Times published an editorial declaring that Hughes was "double-crossed by the treachery of the Johnson political machine" and that this machine had "stuck a knife into Hughes and shamelessly flouted him."

So there you are. Governor Johnson's statement has the ring of sincerity. He loyally supported Governor Hughes in his speeches.

But the people of California resented what they considered the snub to their idol.

It was a situation that Governor Hughes himself or Chairman Willcox either could easily have straightened out by a heart-to-heart talk with Governor Johnson himself.

Binger Hermann of Oregon straightened out rather an intense situation once himself by getting photographed on the rear of an observation car with Colonel Roosevelt. Old timers will remember that Binger was elected.

THE OREGON ENIGMA.

Colonel Wood is to defend the Everett I. W. W. Colonel Wood is the Oregon enigma. How he can be attorney for the first families, the Ladds, Corbetts and big banks on the one hand and pose as a friend of the proletariat is a mystery. In one breath he announces he would never foreclose a mortgage, the next minute his firm is busy with a mortgage foreclosure. He preaches anarchy one minute, the next he is boosting for President Wilson. One day he is drawing up the Brewers' beer amendment, the next he is labeling it the Nursing Mothers' amendment. One minute he is out of the Democratic party campaigning for Bill Hanley as

EGYPTIAN GOWN WILL BE POPULAR



Cleopatra may have presented herself to Antony in a gown like this, for this evening gown recalls memories of bygone Egypt. The embroidered Egyptian design is on a robe of black velvet, hanging from shoulder straps also of Egyptian design. Experts predict it will be a popular winter style.

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a Progressive, the next minute he is out heckling a bunch of Hughes women from the East. He takes tea with the Four Hundred and dines with Emma Goldman. He dashes off a sonnet, paints a water color, scribbles at a drama, makes an argument in court for a plutocrat, defends an anarchist in police court, distributes some birth control literature, and goes out in the evening to a musicale. Soldier, lawyer, painter, poet, dramatist, orator, publicist, anarchist, farmer, land owner, truly Colonel Wood is a wonder.

The days of voting straight tickets are over. Kansas goes for Wilson, chooses four Republican and four Democratic congressmen and elects a Republican governor.

When the lady from Montana, Miss Jeanette Rankin, gets up to make her maiden speech in congress there will be some audience.

What Live Wires Are Doing

Pay-up Week a Success. "Pay-up Week" was observed in Dayton last month with splendid results. While the Columbia county capital bears no reputation of being a hard city for collections, yet there were many old financial scores wiped out. An example of what can be accomplished in such a campaign was shown by the experience of a Five

Dollar bill sent by City Clerk J. L. Wallace to pay a small obligation. It was requested that all through whose hands the bill went during Pay-up week, endorse paper attached to the bill. At the end of the six days it was found there were 35 signatures. Pay-up week will be an annual event in Dayton.

Clean-up Week Observed. Dayton observed the first week of October as "Clean-up Week," the regular semi-annual event of this kind. The Civic club took the lead in the movement.

FOR SALE—Two small coal heaters and two coal oil heaters. Inquire 1433 Adams Ave.—Adv. 11-14-5tp.

FOR SALE—Gentle driving mare. Inquire J. L. Caviness.—Adv. 11-14-6t.

FOR RENT—4-room furnished house. Call Main 728.—Adv. 11-14-4f.

Cove People Enjoy Film. Cove, Nov. 14.—(Special)—Several of our people attended the dance at Union Friday evening given by the La Grande Elks' band. Cove was well represented at the Arcade theatre during the presentation of the wonderful film "Civilization," which was enjoyed by all.

APPLES. Those Fancy Packed Delicious Apples per Box \$2.50. King Apples, Fancy Packed, Per Box \$1.40. Red Cheek Pippin, Fancy Packed, Per Box \$1.50. Red Cheek Pippin, Loose Packed, Per Box \$1.00. Jonathan Apples, Loose Packed, Per Box .75c. FRESH VEGETABLES EVERY MORNING. J. G. Snodgrass Grocer. PHONE MAIN 43. Quality Service Honest Prices.

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