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### WHO DEFEATED HUGHES?

Any one who is interested in post mortems should read an article in Collier's Weekly of Feb. 17, reprinted in the Oregon Labor Press of Feb. 24, by E. G. Lowry, entitled, "What Happened in California."

The article is only ten columns long and it tells the reader what was told in The Observer editorial in November in less than a column. It explains why and who beat Justice Charles E. Hughes for president. The answer is Charles E. Hughes, himself, aided and abetted by the following cast of characters:

- 1—William R. Willeox, Republican National Chairman.
- 2—William H. Crocker, Republican National Committeeman for California.
- 3—Francis V. Keesling, Republican State Chairman.
- 4—Harrison Gray Otis, Editor of the Los Angeles Times.
- 5—M. H. De Young, Editor of the San Francisco Chronicle.
- 6—Charles W. Farnham, Manager of the Hughes' special train.

Colliers went to great expense to send Mr. Lowry to California to investigate the mess with a view to discovering whether Editor Otis' charges were true that Governor Johnson had knifed Mr. Hughes.

For the sake of history we will summarize Mr. Lowry's article briefly as follows:

The charge is false. Governor Johnson supported Mr. Hughes loyally in every speech made in the campaign.

National Committeeman Crocker and Keesling were responsible for leaving Governor Johnson out of the Hughes reception plans.

Chester H. Rowell, Progressive and member of the Republican National Committee, acquainted both Chairman Willeox and Candidate Hughes with the facts and advised that the California tour be postponed.

Mr. Willeox did not have brains enough to handle the situation.

Mr. Hughes deliberately chose to line up with the stand-pat Republican old-line Southern Pacific faction and to turn down the Progressives in order to freeze out Governor Johnson.

Mr. Hughes did not know that Governor Johnson was in the Virginia Hotel at Long Beach at the same time he was. Keesling and Crocker did.

Johnson offered to preside at the Hughes' meeting at Sacramento if Hughes sent him the invitation. No invitation came.

Editors Otis and De Young suppressed all of Johnson's speeches supporting Hughes.

Mr. Hughes lost the labor vote of San Francisco by



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eating a luncheon at the Commercial Club served by "scab" waiters during the strike of the union waiters.

The result was Mr. Hughes lost California by 3773. Governor Johnson was elected United States senator by 296,815.

Mr. Hughes would have been elected if he had not lined up with Crocker and Keesling, and Otis and De Young. He would have been elected if Willeox and Farnham had had any brains or political sense. As The Observer has remarked before, any average newspaper reporter could have handled the National campaign better than Willeox and Farnham.

Inasmuch as Governor Johnson is a possibility for the Republican nomination for President, we are glad to know that the charges that he is a political traitor are false.

### GEORGE STODDARD.

La Grande was shocked today to receive the news of the death of George Stoddard. Able, enterprising, a good business man and a good citizen Mr. Stoddard played an important part in the development of the industries and the business and social life of this community. In the prime of life it is hard to realize that he has been taken away. To his family he leaves the precious heritage of a good name, and the respect and regard of the whole community.

The nation lost a brave man and an efficient soldier in General Frederick Funston.

## Resume of Work Done by Oregon Legislators During Session Just Closed

### ARTICLE 3.

Salem, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Another amendment that will be submitted to the people by the legislature on June 4, is one requiring that all future amendments must declare on their face the parts of the constitution that they propose to repeal. In other words, it seeks to prevent the repeal of any constitutional article or section by implication. This was the only one of a number of proposed amendments suggested by the constitutional revision association that got by. Another one proposed by the city club, of Portland, and aiming to make it harder to get initiative measures on the ballot, was defeated in the house. The senate likewise killed the one requiring a majority of all votes cast at an election to adopt any constitutional amendment. The present law requires a majority of all votes on the measure.

Senator Huston is author of the proposed amendment to empower the Port of Portland to engage in the water transportation business. Under the provisions of this measure the port would be able to issue bonds to the extent of one per cent of the assessed valuation of the district for the purpose of carrying on its work, but no

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## Farmer, but No Farm!

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