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## Vice President This Year May Be Next President

Two conventions and two nominees at Chicago will produce a situation unique in American Presidential history. With two Republican candidates and one Democrat, no one of the three may receive a majority of the votes in the electoral college in November.

In that case the election will be thrown into the House of Representatives, and the man who tries to tell how it will turn out is confronted with new uncertainty.

While the present session is strongly Democratic, and this Congress is the one that will be called upon to elect a President if the people fail to give any candidate a majority over all, the vote in Congress must be cast by states, each state having one vote.

Inspection of the state Congressional delegations shows that 22 of them are controlled by the Republicans, 22 by the Democrats, and four are split evenly. In the latter class are Maine, with two Republican Congressmen and two Democrats; Nebraska, with three members of each party; Rhode Island, with one of each party, and New Mexico with one of each party. Apparently it would be useless to expect the House to decide the contest, unless an unlikely combination could be made between the Democratic nominee and one of the Republicans.

Suppose, for instance, Taft and Roosevelt are nominated at Chicago, and Wilson at Baltimore. Suppose neither of these gets a clear majority of the electoral votes. Then the contest goes to the House of Representatives, for the electors can ballot only once, and merely register the vote of the people in their respective states.

Then, in the House, Wilson would have 22 votes, while Taft and Roosevelt would divide 22 votes between them. A majority of all the states is required and it takes 25 to make a majority of 48 states. To win, Wilson would need three more states, which, apparently, it would be impossible for him to get, unless Congressmen of one party went over to another.

If the House of Representatives failed to elect by March 4, the United States Senate would proceed to the choice of a Vice President. Its choice would be limited to the two men who received the highest vote for Vice President in the electoral college. This is unlike the election of a president by the House, where either of three candidates receiving the highest vote in the electoral college may be elected.

The Vice President chosen by the Senate would thereupon become President, Taft, Roosevelt and Wilson alike losing out. This remarkable thing is therefore possible—that the running mate of the Presidential candidate may become President next March. This elevates the candidates for Vice President this year to a new dignity.

Election of a Vice President by the Senate is practically a certainty, as only two candidates can be voted for, and the Senators vote individually, not by states. As the Senate is Republican by seven majority, this would indicate the choice of a Republican.

Of course, the foregoing are merely conjectures of what might possibly happen. It is more than probable that Wilson will have a good round majority in next November's election.—Roseburg Review.

## THE POLITICAL SITUATION

This paper will not take sides politically except in a general way. The editor has always leaned to the policies of the Republican party, and while not entirely satisfied, believes the purifying of the party can best come from within the ranks of the party.

This paper believes it would have been better for the people if there had been no break at Chicago, and the progressive element had fought the issues out on the floor. With the democratic party Bryan demonstrated his superior ability and power by forcing his candidate and issues through, although sacrificing himself as a probable compromise candidate for the first place. We believe the progressive party under Roosevelt will not have the general support of the progressive Republicans. The great leaders of the progressive movement refuse to leave the party and it cannot be denied that LaFollette, Cummins, Borah, Governors Osborne, Deneen and their followers are the great leaders of the progressive movement, and when they refused to take part in holding the party they practically served notice on the progressive element that they had no faith in Roosevelt and his plans.

The seven governors who helped to instigate the Roosevelt boom are one of a solid phalanx that wish to stand for the reform of the party by bolting the ticket. A part of them have alleged they support the party but favor the progressive policies and wish to work them out from within the ranks of the party. Wilson, the democratic candidate, has a good chance of winning the election in November, and if so it will be due principally to the break in the republican ranks occasioned by Roosevelt entering the field. In county affairs we shall let the people decide these matters of candidates, although if we personally feel the county can be bettered by any changes we shall not refuse

to take up the issue. We are here to give the people a paper that will be worth reading, if it is possible for us to make it so.

## NOW IS THE TIME TO MOVE

There is no better time than now. Procrastination is the enemy of success, the handmaid of laziness, the right-hand man of the ne'er-do-well. The chipmunk puts up hazel nuts for the winter, because instinct tells him there will be no hazel nuts when winter comes. The frugal man builds for the future by saving part of his hard earned cash. Even the bee is a busy thing. It not only supports itself but it makes honey for you and your neighbors. This natural law tells us to do the things that should be done at the time when they ought to be done. That brings us to the matter about which we wish to speak, namely:

Harvest time is on us. State fairs, land shows and local exhibits must be prepared now. The commercial club must get its products for exhibition when there are things growing to get. The hay is almost gone, berries and other early fruit are going, grain is about ready to thrash, and if we get an exhibit this year, we should get it now. The farmers will cooperate with the business men and commercial club in this product gathering movement, and the columns of the Monitor are entirely free for any general public good. Why not get busy now? Make hay while the sun shines for there will be other days when it rains and then you can toast your shins by the fire side and feel that your time is not lost.

## THE CANNING FACTORY

We understand there is a first-class cannery here ready to be run, but with no head to run it. The stock holders could afford to get together and plan ways and means to get it started up. Even if it would not pay them a cent for a year or two, it will pay them in the long run to have it in operation. It would probably be possible to get a good cannery man to take it at a nominal lease for a term of years. At any rate it would pay to try. Like any new manufacturing industry, you must market your goods and secure the goods to market. Both of these necessities take time and energy and no man can make a success of an industry of this kind who does not put all his time and energy into the business. It would be worth while to try to get a man to take this plant. Do it now so as to be prepared for next year. A man will need all the time he can secure to get the material promised for the next season's pack and it takes time to reach the market.

## WHY NOT A BUILDING ASSOCIATION

In the Corvallis Gazette-Times we read a very timely editorial on a building association for Corvallis. The same conditions are here as at Corvallis and why not such an association here? Every available residence in Independence is now occupied and we need more suitable property. This fall, when school commences, there will be a crying demand for twenty or thirty good residences. How will we satisfy the demand? If the people do not find houses they will be compelled to go to other towns where they have buildings to rent, and Independence could form an association, incorporate and start a building company that would be of great value to the community.

The Commercial Club should get busy and see if they could not get the Government to do something with the bank of the river below the revetment where it is washing away considerable portions of valuable farms. The channel should be kept in its natural stream.

It would make a beautiful driveway if ornamental trees of some kind were planted on both sides of the road from Independence to Monmouth and the road made straight through between the two towns.

There is as much in cultivating properly the land you own as there is in owning more land. If you can not get the best there is in your land you are losing dollars.

Woodrow Wilson is having the distinction of being a name mark for the stork's deliveries. There will be a bunch of Woodrows in a few years.

The man who just grunts when he meets you is reported to have descended from the pig. That is Darwin's theory.

There is no manless land in Polk county, but there is some land that could stand a few more men and do better.

We have not heard many "Bull Moose's" around Independence yet, but there will probably be plenty later.

A few hose carts distributed at convenient points in the town often saves loss from a fire.

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