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The Electoral Vote Outlook

"A Safe and Dangerous" Democratic Candidate Can Carry the Country.

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As the beginning of the Presidential campaign draws near speculation is rife as to the probabilities and possibilities in the electoral vote of 447. Under the new apportionment based on the census of 1900 the number of electors will be 478, requiring 239 to elect. New York, Illinois and Texas have gained each three votes, Minnesota, New Jersey and Pennsylvania two each, and fourteen states gain one each.

The issue as revived by the President makes sure for the Democrats the 151 electoral votes of the old solid South. If normal political conditions shall be restored by the elimination of the issues now dead which gave these states to the Republicans, it is reasonably certain that the Democrats will allocate Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia. This will give the Democratic candidate 169 electoral votes—70 short of a majority.

Where can these 70 votes be most hopefully looked for?

New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, which usually vote the same way in Presidential elections, have together 58 votes. This would leave 12 more to gain. Indiana, with 15 votes; Illinois, with 27 or Wisconsin, with 12 (carried by Cleveland in 1892) would make up the requisite number. Or it would be supplied with one to spare by Rhode Island, Montana, Nevada and Utah. Of these small states Rhode Island has been carried two years in succession by the Democrats; Nevada has voted against the Republicans steadily since 1888; Montana, after being anti-Republican for six years, was carried by that party last November, and Utah, formerly Democratic, has been carried by the Republicans at the last two elections.

The obvious policy for the Democratic party would therefore clearly seem to be to select its candidate and frame its platform with a view to carrying the states whose votes have given the victory to the only Democratic candidates elected since the war—Tilden in 1876 and Cleveland in 1884 and 1892. If there is a sufficient reaction against the impetuous personality and the hazardous policies of President Roosevelt to give to a "safe and dangerous" Democratic candidate the three or four debatable Eastern States, it is reasonably certain that the remaining votes necessary to elect will be given by one or more of the great states of the Middle West.

Dead Man.

A very peculiar service will be held at the Salvation Army hall next Tuesday night Jan. 26th. A man will preach from his own coffin. All welcome. Come, come, come.

W. R. CHADWELL,
Ensign.

Relics and Mementoes of History

Antique Mementoes of Rare Interest In Possession of the Samson Family.

Henry Samson, father of W. W. H. Samson, whose death occurred at his home in this county on December 30, last year, at the age of 88 years, was a pioneer of 1853. What pioneering a half a century ago implied we of today cannot imagine. He left Iowa on March 31 and in September, the trip taking nearly nine months, he arrived in Oregon City. Though he had food enough when starting, to last his party nearly a year, he used up in addition the \$1,000 in money he had and borrowed \$350 at two per cent a month. All was gone. Much he had given away to starving emigrants he met on the route. A gold dollar was the entire fortune his family had to begin the battle with in the wilderness, not to speak of the load of debt.

A long life like that of Henry Samson embraces a great deal of history of general interest. As a boy in Pennsylvania, where he was born, he saw the site of Johnstown as a hog farm. A fellow named Jones occupied a solitary cabin in the bottom, which was a corn field, and he had a hog pen built of long poles. As a man Henry Samson worked on the Johnstown (Jones town) dam which was washed away with so much destruction of life and property.

In the possession of W. W. H. Samson are a few old relics left him by his father of no little interest to the curious. They are:

A razor, good as new today, though used for two-thirds of a century, which he bought in Pennsylvania when a young man for 37½ cents, paying for it with eggs at five cents a dozen.

A short trace-chain made by Henry Samson's father, Richard Samson, in Germany, when he was 12 years old. He was a gunner in the battle of New Orleans, where he was wounded. A pension was never awarded him.

A small enameled pitcher that will hold hardly a quarter of a pint, brought from Germany by the wife of Richard Samson, who received it from her grandmother. In the trip across the plains its spout was broken off.

A unique historic relic is the hickory cane used by Mrs. Susan Porter, Mrs. W. W. H. Samson's mother, now 90 years of age. Hon. Ben Hayden, who is 80 years old, walked across the plains with it over half a century ago. "I say, I say," the old joker never forgot his cane on the route. It was left him by his father.

Miss Echo Samson received as a keepsake from her grandfather his Masonic apron and gold pin.

Henry Samson, at first a Whig, was one of the founders of the Republican party in this county. In a pair of overalls he came to the first meeting of the few converts to the new party, and he was so poor that he could not pay Mrs. Caldwell for his night's lodging.

The Religion of Humanity

W. W. Myers, the Former Philosopher, Preaches a Lay Sermon—Call N. F. Nelson Down.

To N. E. Nelson: In your last article you seem to avoid answers. I will try, however, to show up your fallacy. You say I am imaginary, you try to answer but by doing so admit most all my argument.

I do not believe a child is corrupt in infancy, otherwise it is very essence of purity. It is the environments thrown around it that makes the man for good or evil. What is there in the Socialist demand that would breed evil in the mind of the child? What is there in the competitive system to breed good in the mind of the child? Now I expect an answer to both these questions. It is the conditions that breed selfishness. Socialists don't believe in letting children grow up like weeds. Wheat was produced from grasses. Mos of our fruit and vegetables were produced from wild vegetation that would be very unpalatable to civilized people now.

If people are selfish and dishonest naturally what good would it do to turn one set of rascals out to put others in? You change conditions that breed selfishness and corruption and the moral disease will disappear. What are they? Usury, rent, profit and the prodigious resources owned by part of the people instead from all the people. What does the Bible say about using money, houses, etc.?

You say, Mr. Nelson, if I read the Bible as much as I read the Appeal to Reason. Well, we have read the Bible enough to know Christ taught Socialism pure and simple. I have also read law enough to know that when a witness is proven to fail in part of his testimony the balance is discredited. This will also apply to Christian religion. You believe Christ in some things, do you believe him in all things?

You say I own a good farm and other property and ought to be satisfied. May you say I am selfish. Let's see! I shall never be satisfied as long as there is a child in this nation over-worked and under-fed, or one man compelled to keep another; as long as respectable but poor women have to sell their body to live, or a poor man has to get on his knees to ask a corporation for a job; as long as 83 per cent of my earnings goes to someone else, or in fact, divide up what I earn with the man that does no work; as long as for the sake of profit people lose their lives in theaters, on railroads, steamboats, in factories, mines and wars—until I can take all men by the hand and say "You are my Brothers."

If this constitutes selfishness, I am really so. How are you?
W. W. MYERS.

At Milwaukie Grange.

Milwaukie Grange has placed in the master's chair for the year H. G. Starkweather, a gentleman of considerable force of character. He takes a lively interest in grange matters. All the newly elected officers are to hold a special meeting for the purpose of drill. An interesting feature of the regular meeting on Saturday was an address by Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, secretary of the Sacajawea State Association. She exhibited to the audience a small picture of the statue, as it has been designed by Mrs. Cooper of Chicago, the artist who has been commissioned to do the work. It represents the Bird-Woman standing on a pedestal of rough stone. Her posture is strapped to her back under her flowing blanket, its head sticking out at the top. Sacajawea is eagerly looking forward while pointing the way with the right arm stretched out on a level a little above the eyes. The bronze statue to be placed in Portland, promises to be no less beautiful than impressive. Mrs. Evans stated that the Association had been promised the donations of the copper and tin to manufacture the bronze.

Molalla Mining Company.

The stockholders of the Molalla Central Mining company had a meeting last night of considerable business importance. After a thorough discussion of the matter they decided to withdraw all stock from the market. The veins and leads recently uncovered have shown up so rich that the present owners do not believe they ought to sell any more stock and decided not to do so. Just so soon as the weather will permit they will put in a small stamp mill and develop the property with it, paying for the development work out of the profits from the mill. Some of the ore in this mine is startlingly rich.

George.

Died, at George, Jan. 15, Ferdinand Rath, aged 70 years, 1 month and 15 days, of pneumonia. He was the father of nine children, eight sons and one daughter, all of whom survive him. Ferdinand Rath left New York, June 20, 1855 for Australia and landed at Melbourne Oct. 16, 1855. He came to George, Or., in May 1871, and resided at this place until the time of his death. There was a large attendance at the funeral. Rev. Anselm officiated.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic raptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you but cure. 25c, at Charman & Co's drug store.

Crestle in Very Bad Condition

Hon. Gordon C. Hayes May Buy a Boat and Reach Oregon City by Water.

The citizens of Gladstone and others who daily use the car line of the Oregon Water Power & Railway company to go to their work in this city and back to their homes, are complaining bitterly about the condition of the long trestle from Green Point within the city limits to the Clackamas river. The trestle is more than a mile long and is an old affair, and it is claimed by those in a position to know that it is really dangerous for travel and the passage of cars over it. Last summer the company started in to fill in this trestle and did quite a good deal of work in that direction, but did not more than one-fourth complete the work. The trestle is now in a worse condition than ever, and while the cars are allowed to run at a minimum speed over it, it sways to and fro like a ship in a storm, and gives one who is a passenger on the cars the impression that it may collapse and precipitate the cars into the ditch, some 30 or 40 feet below, at any time. An accident came near happening one evening last week when a heavily loaded car of passengers were on their way home from their day's work. The car swayed with its load of human freight until the passengers turned pale with fright. Judge Gordon C. Hayes, who lives at Gladstone, has made arrangements to get himself and family a boat to make the trips from Gladstone to Oregon City and return, as he is fearful that an accident that will endanger human life may occur at any time. Other passengers are equally apprehensive, but cannot afford the expense or the time to make the trip in a boat.

PARK PLACE.

Mrs. Brennan is recovering from a severe attack of la grippe.

Mrs. Frank Lucas, who has been confined to her home on account of illness the past few weeks, is able to be out again.

There was no preaching at the church last Sunday night. There will be preaching next Sunday as usual.

The ladies of the Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. G. Hamilton last Thursday and a very enjoyable as well as profitable afternoon was passed.

Mrs. Ina Kellogg, of Oregon City, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brayton on Friday last.

Miss Wilson was a Portland visitor last Saturday.

Mr. Geo. Gardner, of Oregon City, was a visitor in our burg last Sunday.

Mrs. Capt. Smith is on the sick list the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis and child of the lower Columbia, are visiting with his mother, Mrs. O'Neil and family.

On last Wednesday while Wm. Brayton was painting the interior of one of the school house rooms, he was over-looked by the paint and fell from a seven-foot scaffolding and was severely hurt but is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Town have arrived and are becoming settled in their new home lately owned by Mrs. Russell.

Glenn, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hamilton, has been very sick, but is some better at present.

Stella and Lyle Kellogg, of Oregon City, spent the day with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Brayton Sunday.

Mr. T. W. Swope, who has been visiting his son, B. F. Swope, of Newport, Oregon, for the past four months, returned home Monday evening, and is a visitor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Oglesby of this place.

E. French has finished painting the interior of W. A. Holme's store, which improves the looks of it greatly.

MARQUAM.

The first of November the Maccabees of Clackamas Tent No. 40, chose sides with 15 on a side for the purpose of getting new members, the losing side to pay for a supper. The contest to close New Year's. Three new members were secured and 33 Maccabees and their ladies met at the hall on the evening of the 16th inst, when the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: A. B. Hibbard, com.; O. Judd, L. O.; A. F. Jack, R. K.; B. Jack, chaplain; Dr. Wrightman, phys.; P. S. Adams, sr.; Roy Riding, master at arms; Clark McKinney, first M of G; Fred Hubbard, second M of G; John Comer, centinel; Wm. Harmon, picket.

Past Commander, A. F. Jack, was installing officer and did the work in a very creditable manner.

After the installation the audience was favored with several selections on phonograph by A. B. Hibbard.

At 10 o'clock all were invited to the homes of Sir Knight and J. E. Marquam where supper was served. Everyone did justice to the supper, but it would take a better correspondent than myself to do justice to Mrs. Marquam who prepared such a banquet, and to the boys of the losing side, who spare no expense in getting such a lady to prepare the supper. After supper all again assembled in the hall, where games were enjoyed until midnight.

Next Saturday night two of the new candidates will be initiated.

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Book Man Has Troubles

People in Southern Part of the County Up In Arms Against Book Agents.

Dee Wright is a young man of good address and clever personality. He loves to do people favors and never misses an opportunity to do some kindly act. He has been at times in the government employ and is on quite good terms with Uncle Samuel. Now it so happens that Mr. Wright lives at Liberal and that he knows every man, woman and child in three or four election precincts. It also happens that quite recently the good people of Liberal, Molalla and some of the adjoining precincts were pretty well worked by a smooth set of book agents selling a pretended history of Oregon and Clackamas county. The history would also contain a biographical sketch of the subscriber, and he got the whole "shooting match" for \$18, unless he had his picture also in the book in which event it would only cost him \$93. When the books were delivered the good people were outraged as they were not what they were represented to be and the price was an outrage. It therefore follows that all of the Southern part of the county is dead set against book agents at the present time. Well, to the story! Recently Uncle Sam in his kindness of heart sent to Dee Wright about 40 copies of a very fine work on horses and their diseases. The book was large, handsomely bound, fine material and splendidly illustrated and really a very valuable publication. The government asked Mr. Wright to deliver the said books to a few of his friends at Liberal and other territory, all of which Mr. Wright tried to do. He found out, however, that it is hardly possible to deliver books of any kind in that part of the country. He would take a book to the house and leave it with the good house wife and she would promptly throw it out into the road. Mr. Wright tried to explain that the government was giving these books away free but she would have none of it. At one place a matron drove Mr. Wright out of the house and yard with a broom stick. At another place he was chased out of the yard by a bull dog being set upon him by an irate mother who thought he was a genuine book agent. Mr. Wright has given up the job and he says that if Uncle Samuel wants any more horse books delivered in the rural districts of this county he will have to send out another agent or a company of regulars.

Wants a Democratic Club.

Petitions are being circulated today by the Democrats of Oregon City and vicinity for the formation of a Democratic club. The initial meeting of the club will be held within the next two weeks. The promoters of the club are of the opinion that they will be able to organize with more than 200 charter members. As it is now only four months until the county election there is considerable political activity being manifested. It is practically a certainty that none of the Republican office holders now in possession of the court house will be re-nominated with possibly one exception. The Democrats are looking around for material and within a few weeks the fight will be on in earnest.

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A Scandal at Hubbard, Ore.

Wealthy Resident of That Precinct Separates Man and Wife Married In 1875.

A couple who were married in 1875, and have grown children, only two of whom are under the age of 21 years, yesterday took the steps for a legal separation. The suit is brought by the husband, O. H. P. Chamness, the defendant being Viola Chamness, the complainant, John R. Hinkle, a wealthy rancher of Hubbard, is named by the plaintiff as co-respondent.

The complaint alleges that the defendant and co-respondent have been unduly intimate, the offenses having been committed on Elliott Prairie, in the southern end of Clackamas county, within the past year. The Chamness family are now separated, the plaintiff living in Portland. An additional charge which the plaintiff alleges is that the defendant called him false and vicious names. Among others he states that she untruthfully called him a thief. The papers were filed yesterday in the Circuit Court by Attorney G. B. Dimick, counsel for the plaintiff.

Desertion Charged in Three Suits.

Three divorce suits, all alleging desertion, were instituted in the Clackamas County Circuit Court Wednesday.

A. W. Melton charges Jennie Melton whom he married at Pendleton, July 2, 1902, with having deserted him on the 10th of the same month.

Katherine Cornell accuses Clarence Cornell with having abandoned her after five years of married life. They were married at Skamokawa, Wash., December, 1898, and desertion followed at Ranier in 1903. Plaintiff asks for the custody of one minor child.

Lettie Poyser wants to be legally separated from Frank Poyser, to whom she was married in this city in July, 1902. She alleges that Poyser deserted her in January, 1903.

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