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Nonpartisan Government.

The Courier is not particularly partial to any candidate for a Clackamas County office on account of his Party name. It does not appear that anyone who has given the subject a little consideration cares any more about the political beliefs of a man working for the political beliefs of the man working for him on his farm or in his factory. The question in either case is, will the hired man earn his pay. In fact it is a question of ability in the man. If any one is letting party habit blind him to such an extent that he votes without exercising reason or judgment, if he is exercising his right to the ballot with about as much discernment and foresight as a chimpanzee might be expected to display, he had best cast a few votes for candidates outside his party to convince himself that he is still a free and independent subject.

The enmeshment of strong party lines, the abandonment of party prejudices, the decided independence of electors have done their effective work toward bettering local government. When a single party controls and knows that it controls absolutely the political situation there is no longer a check on it and office holders under its become lax in the performance of their duties, careless and indifferent concerning the claim of the public to courteous treatment. There is occasionally a man in every party who "votes the ticket straight" but such men are rare in these days. If Clackamas County concludes to select about half of her officials from each of the two stronger political parties next June there will be some fellows busy during the next two years endeavoring to make records that will be a credit to them. The official force will be made up in about this manner too if party prejudice is laid aside and the voter casts his ballot for the man. This party loyalty that the politicians talk so much about may be a good cry to get votes on but it's a gold brick for the taxpayer.

Fleets Ship Unfortunate.

Oregon has suffered unmeasurable injury in failing to secure a visit to her principal harbor of the great battle ship fleet. The injury lies in the fact that it has been advertised to the whole world that the waterway from Portland to the Ocean is not deep enough to admit vessels of the draught of our large battleships. Eastern capitalists reason that if Portland is not on a par with San Francisco and Seattle in shipping facilities her future is not assured and they will incline toward holding their investments away from the Rose City. Many do not understand how important it is that a Pacific Coast City have the confidence of Eastern capitalists if she would prosper and grow. It is surprising, too, how easily this confidence, when once obtained, may be shaken. The fleet would have had no difficulty in coming to Portland. This State has not, during the past few years, had great influence at Washington. We have had some weak men in the delegation that is supposed to look out for Oregon's interests and all of our representatives have been at a disadvantage on account of the ill repute and subsequent prosecution of some of Oregon's most prominent people. Men, our crooked politicians being now pretty well done away with, we may be able to send capable men to Washington, who will be free from this great handicap and Oregon may be again in a way to hold her own with other Coast States.

Initiative Measures.

Every registered voter has received a pamphlet containing the text of the initiative measures that come up for acceptance or rejection next June. In the same booklet are arguments for and against most of the measures. Regarding many of the measures there will be a doubt in the voters' mind whether they should be carried or defeated. The question is put fairly and fully before the voter however and a question so submitted is nearly always properly solved. It is to be hoped that we will vote at random. If a measure has real merit and is voted down this time it will be brought up again and it is better to take no action on a proposition than to take such action as we will later regret. So it would be best to vote on all of the measures submitted voting for those we are satisfied after investigation are good and against those regarding which we are unable to form a satisfactory opinion. Falling to vote on a measure may permit it to pass and later it may appear to be the very one that should have been defeated. Remember, it will be before us again if it is really needed and we may well proceed very carefully with our new mode of legislation.

"Did it ever occur to you that, say, Japan, could invade the Pacific Coast, levy tribute on every town and establish a base from which to operate in

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a land fight with the rest of the country?"

This is one of the questions propounded by Pearson Hobson, congressman from Alabama and hero of the naval fight at Santiago, who is now touring the Western country lecturing on the possibilities of trouble in the future and the necessity for preparedness. Hobson's mission is one of bringing the American people to a realization of the fact that the world is changing and that one of the requisites of national safety is a competent and sufficient force to meet possible emergencies. The American people have been particularly fortunate in past wars, Captain Hobson pointed out, but as the great Napoleon once said, "victory generally goes to the side of the heaviest battalions regardless of prayers and supposed divine favoritism."

Unpreparedness for war has become almost a national characteristic, it was pointed out. The keynote of that is economy. Congress is loth to spend a few dollars, cutting on military and naval appropriations wherever possible. Captain Hobson said that the people must come to the realization of future dangers from rapidly rising Oriental powers, before it is too late. Otherwise the besting may have to be exacted at the cost of millions in money and thousands of lives.

There is a movement in the State of Oregon even, to hold up a small appropriation for armories for the proper training of hundreds of National Guardsmen in the State, was news which Captain Hobson received with considerable surprise. He said there was no investment which the people might possibly make that would give so large a return in due time. Trained citizen soldiers constitute our great hope, he said, since the policy of the country is to keep a mere handful of regular army. "I hope the people of Oregon will not be so short sighted or so negligent of their duty to the nation as to vote down a measure of that kind at their June election."

When Speaker Cannon shall have given the gavel its last thump on his desk for this session of Congress, there will have been recorded an unprecedented public expenditure. This Congress came to Washington amid the shock of financial disturbance in the early Fall, and it has made appropriations for the first session of the 60th Congress that will exceed a billion dollars. Only a few years ago the first billion dollar Congress in the time of Speaker Reid astonished the country. Now it has reached the billion dollar mark in the first session of a Congress, and there is every possibility that it will have appropriated two billions of dollars before the 60th Congress steps out on the 4th of March, 1909. It must be remembered also that this great appropriation comes with a nearly empty Treasury, and facing a deficit for the fiscal year of about sixty millions dollars and for the entire year ending December 31, one hundred millions, nearly all the yearly appropriation bills have received consideration from the lower House, where under the law they must originate. Not one bill has been passed by this Congress which does not show an increase above the corresponding bill of last year. This increase runs over \$300,000 first in the Indian bill, twenty-six millions of dollars the increase in the naval appropriation bill. The appropriations of this session exceed those of the second session of last Congress by over one hundred millions of dollars, and to this amount must be added the public building bill appropriated twenty thousand dollars and urgently demanded by those having close districts where the distribution of the money is expected to turn the tide of votes. It is quite natural from a political point of view that the Democrats are making use of these facts and figures in campaign documents, and are expecting political advantages from the record of the party in power.

One of the greatest attractions of Portland's Rose Festival will be the 50-mile and 100-mile automobile speed contests to be held during the afternoon of Thursday, June 4th. This will be the greatest racing event ever held on the Pacific Coast; the course lies East of the city, each lap being 14 miles, and a grandstand seating 10,000 people has been erected in full view of the start and finish of the races. No machines will be allowed to enter which are not capable of a speed of 65 miles per hour. Three magnificent silver trophy cups are offered for each race—one valued at \$500, one at \$250, and another at \$100 each. The entire course will be closed and in perfect condition, the roads being closed to all traffic during the hours of the races and guarded by attachment of the Oregon National Guard. A field opposite the grandstand will be reserved for the use of any who may wish to view the races from automobiles or carriages, while telephones stationed at different points will report the progress of the races, announcement to be made on bulletin boards.

A Western woman after thirty years of wed-lock has applied for a divorce on the grounds that her husband is lazy, but the fact is that she has taken thirty years to find this out would indicate that she is not much of a hustler herself.

Those who have pistols without license in Chicago are to be severely punished hereafter. Now let those who are held up and robbed in that city insist that the robber shall show his license.

A writer has gained notoriety by explaining that nations should not turn the right cheek when smitten on the left. Now let him write a sequel and explain that the nation will not be smitten at all unless it displays too much cheek.

The beautiful Spring weather that is being enjoyed everywhere in Oregon is sufficient to make every man, woman and child in every village, town and city, and upon every farm, feel as though theirs was the best place in the wide, wide world to live.

From Astoria to Huntington, and from Portland to Ashland, the baseball craze has full hold of the State, and every vacant lot is being utilized in preparing for later contests.

The New York Herald's forecast of the Denver Presidential nominating convention gives William Jennings Bryan, 67½ votes. This is four more than are necessary to insure his nomination.

It is thought the House of Representatives in Washington will pass a currency bill; that of Representative Vreeland appears to be most in favor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"DEMONSTRABLE RELIGION"

A Lecture by Frank H. Leonard, C. S. B., of Brooklyn, New York, Member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

The lecture on Christian Science at Shively's opera house last Monday night was listened to by a large, attentive audience. The lecture was given by Mr. Frank H. Leonard, of Brooklyn, N. Y., one of the regularly appointed lecturers comprising what is termed the Christian Science Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass.

Mr. Leonard had an excellent delivery and easily held the attention of his hearers for an hour and a half. He was introduced by Mrs. George Herren, formerly of this city, but now of Portland. Mrs. Herren said: "In behalf of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Oregon City, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Mr. Frank H. Leonard, C. S. B., member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass., who will speak to us on the subject of Christian Science. It gives me great pleasure to do this, since I stand before you as a living witness of the efficacy of Christian Science. Fifteen years ago I was given not more than two years to live, having what the physicians pronounced an incurable organic disease. I was healed by Christian Science treatment and since that time this science has met my every need."

Ladies and Gentlemen: The Christian Science Board of Lectureship, which has the honor of being a member, has been organized and instituted, under the direction of Mrs. Eddy, to give to the world a knowledge of knowing what Christian Science is, and what it teaches and does for the human mind. It is to give this knowledge through an authorized channel. The work of this board is supremely educational, and is accomplishing the uplifting of mankind to a plane of thought and action which is as high as that of being Infinite God, without making any reservation, either to Himself or His creation.

Many people approach the study of Christian Science, or demonstrable Christianity, with a feeling that it is a new and strange thing, and that it is something that they do not understand. It cannot do so for them because they lack faith in it. For, to know the spiritual, I am going to tell you how absurdly without faith or even knowledge I was, when I first went for a Christian Science treatment. How absurd it seemed to me, and what it did for me regarding all this.

I was born with an incurable organic disease, according to the physicians, and up to the time when Christian Science was first brought to my attention, I had been in a state of suffering. I had taken medicine by the quart, the hundredth part of a drop, the homeopathic way, and then alternated the two ways, and that was ecclectic, and the conclusion of the physicians was that dissolution was at hand.

At this point in my experience I was told a new way of treating disease: that being used with wonderful results; that people calling themselves Christian Scientists were saying that God's Word had not lost its power to destroy sin, disease and death. It was suggested, as every thing else had failed, that I try this new way as it might benefit me.

I had tried everything and was willing to try anything, and so I went for my first Christian Science treatment without the slightest idea as to what was going to be done for me. I was taken to the home of the practitioner who had been recommended to me. I was compelled to wait some time before I was called in. When my turn came I was ushered into a small room and asked to be seated. The family physician, who was the one in which the practitioner sat as the size of the room would permit.

The first question he asked me was, "What seems to be the matter with you?" I felt it was adding insult to injury to ask me what seemed to be the matter with you. I told the practitioner, who was a woman, the physicians said I had an incurable disease, telling her what name they had given it. She talked to me a few moments, and then said, "I will treat you." Then she seemed to go to sleep for about fifteen minutes. She closed her eyes and commenced rocking back and forth in her chair.

The belief that she could do me any good while we were sitting at opposite ends of the room began to strike me as being out of the ordinary. After a while she woke up, and said: "I will see you tomorrow at the same time." I thought she meant that in just that instance Satan had bound the man just because he was bad, and that in another instance God would do the binding because a man was good? Do you think the statement Jesus made indicates an agreement or partnership between God and man? Do you think some things are bad? Of course you don't believe anything of the kind.

Then, remember, that other man who laid sick of the palsy, to whom Jesus said: "thy sins be forgiven thee," and he was cured, up his arm and walked. Again, he said: "if a man keep my saying, he shall never know death. Do you think he will die? Do you believe that statement? Oh, what a call that is to us to follow in the footsteps of our Master; how it says:

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A SINCERE RECOMMENDATION. Mr. D. C. Prosser, R. F. D. No. 2, Shelby, Oceana Co., Mich., writes: "Two years ago I was badly afflicted with catarrh of the stomach. I had had a run of typhoid fever, was very depleted, I could find nothing I could eat without causing distress and sour stomach. Finally I came to the conclusion that I had catarrh of the stomach and seeing Peru-na advertised, began to take it. It helped me soon and after taking three or four bottles I was entirely cured of stomach trouble, and can now eat anything."

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