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A DESERTER

If there is anything true beyond the possibility of a doubt it is that DR. WITHYCOMBE was nominated at the primaries by the votes of the prohibition element of the Republican party.

Several attempts have been made to smoke the doctor out of his political stump—but all have failed. Ed Olds was the last man to try and his luck was no better than the others.

WILSON'S BIG BROTHERLINESS

The republican press and those opposed to the present administration have put forth strenuous efforts to create sentiment against President Wilson because of his policy in Mexico.

A COMPARISON

There seems to be a general opinion that THEODORE ROOSEVELT of today is not the Roosevelt of old.

We fail to see truth in this notion. ROOSEVELT is the self-same man he always has been. In the old days, in comparison with the stripe of politician we then had to put up with, TEDDY loomed up as a veritable Moses.

Every day that passes strengthens Wilson's hold upon the people and it will be very strange if they shall ever be willing to take a step backward to elect to the presidency such a political adventurer as the Progressive champion.

ROOSEVELT deserves great credit for what he has done for American politics. We are in the midst of a moral awakening, politically, which the rough rider president had a very large part in bringing about.

But, when you come to think of it, where are we going to find a man who can hold up the high standard of political virtue which has been set for us by PRESIDENT WILSON?

APPRECIATION

Those who heard NG POON CHEW, at Chautauqua, and who witnessed the ovation given the Chinese writer and statesman by a crowd who represented the best class of American citizenship, must have recognized the fact that all intellects are of one complexion.

Certain of our anti-prohibition friends have for a long time made the poor camel the butt of their jokes because he can get along with a drink every week or ten days.

DEAR "DEERS"

Any time of year is the best time to hunt "deers," but after August first the deer hunters will turn their attention to another kind of game.

My heart's in the highlands My heart's in the highlands A chasing the deer.

And then will come out of the woods the lamentable wail of the fellow who gets buck fever so bad he can't tell a wild animal from a tame one, and in a moment of excitement fires into a moving bush and sends a soft nose slug through the anatomy of his best friend.

Every year it's the same old story—dozens of men killed in the woods by their fool hunting companions who do not take time to find out what it is they are shooting at.

A LITTLE MORE PLEASE

Did you attend Chautauqua? If you did not we feel real sorry for you—you missed a great experience.

The entertainment was unusually good this year, both in quality and quantity, and the Courier wishes to congratulate those in charge upon its remarkable success from every point of view.

Two weeks of such refined pleasure as the Chautauqua affords its patrons seems altogether too short a time, and we would suggest that the season be extended to three or four weeks as soon as that can be conveniently done.

THE SELFISH RICH

The aristocratic Oregonian is having fits and spasms and frothing at the mouth because it thinks there is a possibility of the \$1500 tax exemption law being passed by the vote of the people.

Now this is a law for the benefit of the poor and struggling citizen and the very fact that the lordly Oregonian is so "so agin it" is a good deal in its favor.

In commenting upon this interesting subject the Oregon Daily Journal of Saturday evening exposes the nigger in the woodpile very neatly when it says:

"At present, partly by law and partly by custom, there is exemption of nearly all money, accounts, notes, mortgages, city, county and district and government bonds and warrants, and all household furniture, fixtures, clothes, diamonds, jewelry, and similar personal property in actual use.

"In the case of household furniture for instance, there are in Portland eight cases of exemption that alone total \$89,500.

"This is the kind of exemption the Oregonian is clamoring for. Its voice is the voice of the rentpayers, but its hand is the hand of the man with \$10,000 worth of furniture or \$20,000 worth of furniture in a \$50,000 mansion."

The Courier has always championed the cause of the farmer, and in pleading for the \$1500 exemption law we feel sure that no farmer will be injured by it.

\$1500 is not a large amount of property and the great amount of improvements and consequent business activity which will be the result of its passage will make the new tax law beneficial to the large majority of those who have to depend for their living upon what they produce and sell.

The law is aimed at the rich man to compel him to bear a just share of the burden of taxation and it is for this reason that the aristocratic crowd for whom the Oregonian is spokesman are raising such a row about it.

The rich man in Oregon as everywhere else, blocks every move of the poor man toward independence. There is only so much wealth available anyway and the rich fellow understands perfectly that the more absorbed by the poor people the less there will be for him.

"The Journal is for the \$1500 exemption because it will encourage the poor to get such homes, and its faith in mankind makes it believe that not all the rich will be against the measure."

At Parkersburg, West Virginia, last Friday, revenue collector R. E. Hays turned 17,000 gallons of beer

into the little Kanawka River. Thus the beer sellers lost and the beer buyers saved about \$13,500.

JUST A HINT

The following editorial comment is from the Eugene Daily Guard of Saturday Evening, July 18. We are publishing it to put a "bug" in the ear of members of the City Council who have the repaving of Main street under supervision.

"Thursday a wagon loaded with 1900 pounds of wood 'mired' in the paved street, on 'Charleston street, near Fourth avenue west. The sun, it is stated, softened the surfacing. There is something radically wrong with a street paving which will break through under existing conditions.

The material decided upon by the Oregon City Council for the Main street work is neither asphalt nor macadam, but bitulithic. This is a harder substance than asphalt.

There seems to be a very great difference of opinion as to the best material for street paving, and it also appears that a material supposed to be the same under all conditions varies widely in character when put down by different contractors and in different places.

It may be said that in nine cases out of ten (eliminating graft) the great fault with municipal construction work in this country is a lack of thoroughly efficient supervision.

A GOOD THING

Let everyone plan for the County fair, to be held at Canby, Sept. 16-19. It is a great thing for Clackamas County and needs your support.

Everyone who can should plan to make an exhibit. The prizes are no great matter however. The important thing is to get into the spirit of the game and show what you have to show, prizes or no prizes.

When the treatment began the young man had about \$200, which he had acquired by disposing of all his personal possessions. He took treatment nearly every day and the osteopath charged him \$2.00 per treatment, assuring his patient that he was making rapid improvement.

When the \$200 was exhausted the consumptive began borrowing and begging from his friends and acquaintances in order to continue the treatments which he believed were doing him good, although it was plain to everyone that he was rapidly progressing toward the grave.

Of course there are probably scoundrels and crooks in every branch of the curing profession, just as there are such in every large human group.

Dr. Osler, the man who started the world some time ago by stating half seriously that old people should be chloroformed, has been doing the groundhog stunt again and has come out of his hole to see if the sun of publicity is still shining.

In speaking of tuberculosis Dr. Osler says he believes there are three distinct stages of tubercular development: in some individuals the disease is in a very quiescent state and may never seriously affect their general health.

But what concerns people most is how they shall manage to avoid taking this dread disease themselves, and also how they may help humanity to blot it out, so far as possible.

"Tuberculosis has been traced to its very stronghold which is defended by three powerful allies, poverty, bad housing and drink. When workers have living wages, when the house becomes the home, when the nation spends on food what it now spends on drink, then there will be millions practically immune from the disease."

of the coming of such reforms as are mentioned above; but there are literally hundreds of reasons why we should want to rid society of the vicious conditions which cause so much degradation and misery.

REBUTTAL

In our issue of July 9th we undertook to defend two of our political enemies against the supposed unjust attack of one who does not like Doctors Smith and Withycombe (politically) because they belong to the allopathic medical fraternity.

"I am trying to educate the people by telling them the truth and thus far the 'Courier' has been a great help to me."

The Courier will always be at the service of those who wish to instruct the people by telling them the truth. Any truth which can in any way assist humanity to get a better hold upon the problems of life will find a very warm welcome in our columns.

When the writer was a schoolboy and osteopathy was a new thing there came to our town a practitioner of that school.

Now there was a poor consumptive who had been treated by various doctors and had been given up by them as a hopeless case. But usually a young person does not yield willingly to the Angel of Death, so this man went to see the new doctor and was assured by him that there was still hope for his cure.

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Dr. Turner says that medical "science" is "guesswork." But are the medical doctors any worse off in this respect than the doctors of other schools? The guesswork is very largely in diagnosis.

Unquestionably there are both honest and dishonest doctors in politics; but the real usefulness of the doctor lies outside of the political field, and when an M. D. is seen seeking office the general inference may be taken that there is an axe to grind.

At a recent congress of medical doctors it was planned to urge the passage of laws which would make it compulsory for every one of our 100,000,000 inhabitants to submit to a physical examination at least once a year.

Dr. Turner says that medical

science "seeks only to suppress symptoms," and, in fact that is one reason for the great popularity of the old school of medicine. Pain is a symptom, and usually one of the most pronounced symptoms of disease.

Naturopathy certainly has its virtues but it just as certainly cannot be considered a panacea for all human ills. Allopathy, surgery, osteopathy, and even Christian Science and its kindred have their sphere of usefulness in relieving human suffering.

We doubt the logic of this statement. It is not bread they desire so much, but wealth. There are few doctors who do not make enough to support themselves and their families in comfort and happiness.

It is on this account that the best medical or surgical service is reserved for the rich; and it seems to the writer that the doctors of all schools have degraded the noblest of the professions by making it a means to wring wealth from the most miserable, helpless and pitiable of all living creatures—the physically deformed and afflicted.

FACTS AND COMMENT

In speaking of the candidacy of Dr. Withycombe, the Oregon Messenger says that his

"weakness, if it cannot be called a stronger word, lies in the fact that he doesn't seem to know just where he stands in regard to issues which confront the people of Oregon at this time."

His isolation of twenty years in an agricultural college has caused him to lose the beat of the public pulse and he flounders when asked pertinent questions.

"We have already heard complaints from Dr. Withycombe's own party because he is not a native of the United States."

The Messenger thinks that being born in England is not a fault for which Dr. Withycombe can be held accountable.

"But one weakness—or misfortune, or whatever it is, we notice, with which the Doctor is afflicted, is his desire to 'stand in' and please all factions, interests and elements. He makes a speech in a church at Oregon City where he appeals to the religious passions and prejudices of his hearers. He speaks at a banquet in a Portland hotel and declares himself in favor of an anti-party assembly to name candidates for state offices."

"A great mistake was made in years past by shutting out Chinese labor which had begun to clear up the land in the Willamette Valley. Agitators from San Francisco came up, and assisted by demagogues in Portland, carried the people of Oregon off their feet and caused the Chinese to be driven out. Our people did not have the courage of their true convictions and made a great blunder thru being swayed by the faddist and led by mob rule."

"And this is the man who asks the people of Oregon to elect him Governor. A man without a policy. A

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man who would be all things or anything—to please. Away with him! He is off the 'key.' His 'policy' belongs to a past age. He is out of harmony with modern conditions."

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