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Roosevelt Desires Hermann's Election.

President Roosevelt has announced that he is desirous of the election of Hon. Binger Hermann to Congress from the First Congressional District of Oregon. Thus is exploded the great bugaboo of alleged lack of harmony between President Roosevelt and Mr. Hermann, upon which the Democrats have been harping so much. In a letter to United States Senator J. H. Mitchell, Thomas H. Carter, president of the National Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission, writes as follows:

"In regard to the candidacy for Congress of Hon. Binger Hermann, to which you refer, permit me to say that I made it a special point to ask President Roosevelt direct what his attitude was in regard to Mr. Hermann. I had no doubt, to begin with, as to his reply, but since, according to your suggestion, persons resisting the election of Mr. Hermann had suggested that his candidacy was regarded with disfavor by the President, I felt constrained to secure for you, as Mr. Hermann's friend, direct information from headquarters. In his usual frank and forceful manner, the President used, as near as I can recall the following language, to-wit:

"There is not one word of truth in the rumor that I am opposed to Mr. Hermann's election; but on the contrary, I heartily and earnestly desire his election. I hope that every voter who believes in the principles of the party and wishes well for the administration will cast his vote for Mr. Hermann. The rumored quarrel between Mr. Hermann and myself is without foundation. Our relations are, and always have been, cordial."

The Texasizing of Panama.

The latest advices from Columbia indicate that the opposition to the Panama canal treaty is strengthening. This gives added point to the striking suggestion made by M. Jenn Izzoula—a French writer familiar with the conditions on the Isthmus—that should Columbia fail to ratify the treaty, the thing for the state of Panama to do is to secede and become an independent republic. To the trade and industries of Panama the building of the canal will be a tremendous stimulus. It will affect but little the people of the rest of Colombia. Here is a sharp cleavage in interests, which M. Izzoula believes will result in political separation. There is, besides, plenty of precedent for such action in the history of South American states, even in that of Colombia herself; and Texas, it will be recalled, split from Mexico, not because of a numerical preponderance of Americans in the territory, but on account of the preponderance of American influence. It is perhaps not improbable that if an independent Republic of Panama were organized, it might follow the example of Texas and ask admission to the Union. Such a programme would present many elements of attractiveness. Since Columbia would be unable to fill her contract, we should have to pay her no money. Questions of sovereignty over the canal route would be forever settled. We could fortify it if we pleased. The hitherto dilatory statesmen of Bogota might do worse than to see that a special session of congress is speedily called and the treaty ratified before it is everlastingly too late.

Native Sons in Politics.

The attempt of Mr. Reames, the democratic candidate for congress in this district, to take the Native Sons order into politics is not a new move in this state.

The attempt has been made to take various fraternal orders into politics in times past, but with little success. It has not been considered the legitimate function of lodges and churches to pursue politics.

If Mr. Reames succeeds in being elected at the hands of the people of Western Oregon after his appeal to the Native Sons, that order will have gained a reputation which other orders have shunned in the past.

Other candidates will seek to use it in the future, and it will be pulled this way and that by politicians until there is nothing left of it.

If Mr. Reames fails of election it will be said the Native Sons had no influence. It is safe to say that the first fraternal organization in Oregon that goes into active politics will probably cease to exist.

The appeal to the Native Sons is not founded on a sound political argument. There is no principle of political economy bound up in wearing this badge or that, and no issue in the campaign that hinges on birthplace.—Salem Journal.

The Increase of Suicide and Its Cause.

Attention is being called to the fact that the number of suicides is increasing more rapidly than is the population, not only in this country but in Europe as well. In England, for instance, nearly 30,000 persons have perished by their own hands during the last decade, and, according to the records of coroners' juries the number has increased two hundred per cent. during the last half century. In Continental Europe an even worse condition of affairs is noted. The suicides to each million inhabitants in England number 90, in Baden it is 198, and in Saxony 392. Brussels, Berlin, Stockholm, and St. Petersburg have each a record exceeding 300, while in Paris and Vienna the number exceeds 400. Yet the increase of the tendency to suicide is not confined to the cities. In England, a comparison between the seventy-four largest towns and the remainder of the country shows a preponderance outside of the cities. In France, the annual rate has increased from 157 to 224, and in Germany there is about the same increase. In Austria the rate has increased 39, in Hungary 27, in Scotland 18, and in Ireland 8. Contrary to the general impression, suicide is most prevalent in Continental Europe among the phlegmatic Germanic people and not among the more excitable French. A startling fact is that there is an increase in the number of juvenile suicides. During the ten years from 1887 to 1897, there were 224 boys and 76 girls who committed suicide in Europe. It is hard to determine the cause of this increase of suicide in Europe. It is hard to determine the cause of this increase of suicide both among old and young. A French investigator attributes a part of it at least to the sensational character of the modern press. He points out that, when a peculiar method of suicide is described in the papers with painstaking detail, it is almost sure to be followed by a number of close imitations. A man in Los Angeles who succeeded in his third attempt at suicide recently was found to have his pockets stuffed full of sensational newspaper accounts of suicides. The influence of such suggestion upon immature minds would justify a part of the increase of juvenile suicide being attributed to this cause. In England, a significant similarity in the proportion of male to female suicides and of males to females punished for drunkenness is pointed out. Suicide is more common among the educated than among the uneducated, among employed women than among the unemployed women, and among unemployed men than employed men.

In his speech at Ashland A. E. Reames, democratic candidate for congress said, "in a congress already heavily republican the election of a democrat from this district would make no difference in national measures."

This is a very frank admission on the part of Mr. Reames to say the least. He admits that in a congress heavily republican he would be a mere figure-head, politically, unable to accomplish anything in the way of legislation. Mr. Reames has defined the issue, "shall we send a man to congress who can do nothing or do we wait the district represented in congress by a man who has already made his influence felt in legislation affecting for good the interests and material prosperity of Oregon and the Pacific coast." If it is a mere question of drawing pay we should, by all means, send Mr. Reames, but if we want work done and something accomplished, send Hermann. Get your ballot and take your choice.

It is amusing with what assumed agility a local sheet changes its position and relation towards politicians of influence and standing in the community. For months it extols the many virtues and influential standing of a man prominent in public life through its columns, and in other ways, so long as the privilege could be tolerated. But suddenly a change of mind is experienced. Its praises are replaced with abuse and ridicule in an effort to consign to political oblivion those who have befriended and aided in a pecuniary and business way and made possible its existence. There is a limit to which the average man will become obligated in support of any uncertain enterprise, and this fact is offered in explanation of the course of the sheet to which reference is made. The abused in this case, it is understood, has sunken as much as he cares to, and is now reaping his dividends.

Rumors of apathy within the ranks of Clackamas county Republicans in the pending congressional campaign, were dispelled last night on the occasion of Mr. Hermann's visit to this city, marking the opening of the campaign in this county. There was a large attendance at Shively's hall and good interest was manifested in the discussion of political questions. There was marked enthusiasm and when the votes are counted on the first Monday in June it will be found that Clackamas county republicans did their part towards continuing a substantial representation from this district in the National legislative halls.

THE announcement by President Roosevelt that the relations are most cordial between himself and Mr. Hermann, whose election he desires, quite completely disorganizes the principal contention of the Democrats in their opposition to Mr. Hermann's candidacy. It is now only a question of Mr. Hermann's plurality. His election, which never has been honestly doubted, is now an assured certainty.

THE sudden and unexpected death in Portland Wednesday of W. W. Brooks, after a surgical operation for appendicitis, is to be regretted. Mr. Brooks was at one time connected with the Enterprise, and during his residence here made a wide circle of friends who deplore his untimely taking away.

A PROMINENT COLLEGE MAN.

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MR. JOHN W. MENG.

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Oregon City Market Report.

(Corrected to Friday.)
 Wheat—No. 1, 90c per bushel.
 Flour—Portland, 45.15 per bbl, \$1.05 per sk. Howard's Best, \$1.05 per sack.
 Oats in sacks, white, \$1 to \$1.25 per cental, gray, \$1.10
 Hay—old Timothy, bales, \$12 per ton; loose, \$8 to \$11 per ton. Clover \$10
 Oat, \$9. Mixed hay, \$8.
 Millstuffs—Bran, \$19.00 per ton, shorts, \$20.50 per ton; chop, \$19.50 per ton, barley, rolled, \$25.50 per ton.
 Potatoes—65c per hundred lbs.
 Eggs—Oregon, 15c per dozen.
 Butter—Ranch, 50c to 55c per roll.
 Onions, choice, 50 to 75c per cwt.
 Dried apples, 7c per lb.
 Prunes, (dried) petite, 3c per lb; Italian, large, 5c per lb, medium, 3 1/2c; Silver, 4 1/2c.
 Parsnips, Beets and Carrots, \$1 per sack.
 Cabbage (new), 2c per lb.
 Apples, 7c to \$1.
 Dressed chickens, 10 to 12 1/2c per lb.
 Livestock and dressed meats; beef, live, \$3.25 to \$4.50 per hundred; Hogs, live, 9 1/2 to 6 cts; pigs, dressed, 7c; sheep, 3 to 3 1/2c; dressed, 7 1/2 to 8 cts; veal, dressed, 7 1/2 to 8c; lambs, live, 3 1/2c; lambs, dressed, 6 1/2c to 7.

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