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SIZING UP OREGON.

Says the anti-Republican Springfield (Mass.) Republican: "Signs of an anti-Republican uprising are not particularly manifest in the Oregon returns, so far as they have come in. It looks as though the state and the congressional districts were more strongly Republican than they were four years ago." It looks that way, indeed. Oregon's Republican lead on president four years ago was 13,000. It is around the 20,000 mark in the election a few days ago on congress. Of course, the lead for president in November will be even longer than this.

In order to appreciate the significance of this tremendous majority for the Republican party in Oregon, it is necessary to bear in mind that that state has until recently been very close. The lead of 13,000 for McKinley in 1900 was by far the longest ever rolled up in Oregon for any Republican candidate for any office. Nobody at that time supposed that that figure would be touched again, at least in the near future. It is now reasonably certain that the Republican lead a few months hence in that state will be nearly twice as long. It will pass the 20,000 line, at all events. Every Democrat in Oregon realizes this. That state will not be placed in the doubtful column by Democratic arithmetic men any longer, so far as regards 1904.

The "signs of an anti-Republican uprising are not particularly manifest in the Oregon returns." They will not be manifest in the returns from any other state this year. The Democrats will carry the solid South, except a few states, like West Virginia and Delaware. These are tolerably sure to be Republican. There is a probability that Missouri also will be carried by the Republicans. In all the Republican and the doubtful states the Republicans will be victorious. It is now safe to predict that the Republicans will carry the four little states which went to Bryan in 1900—Colorado, Montana, Idaho and Nevada. These were the only states outside of the old slave region which Bryan won four years ago. The Republicans will have them this year. Oregon has pointed the way in which the country is to go, and has outlined the emphasis in which it is to move in that way. This is going to be a glorious year for the Republican party. — St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

New Era Grange will have a mortgage burning service at the regular meeting tomorrow. This will mark the wiping out of every cent of indebtedness against Warner Grange and the occasion will be one of rejoicing.

Oregon City is to have another home industry. Frank Busch, the furniture dealer, is installing a furniture factory. These enterprises furnish employment for more people, increase the monthly payroll of the community and are deserving of the patronage of a considerate public.

The removal of the powder houses from the city of Milwaukie was properly the cause for public rejoicing at that place. Such storehouses are an ever-present source of danger and should be tolerated only in extremely isolated districts. There is need for constant alarm on the part of the people of Clackamas in this regard. There are two powder houses in the immediate vicinity of the town.

A hose team has been organized from among the members of the volunteer fire department of Oregon City for participation in the firemen's tournament at the Mardi Gras Carnival in Portland. It remains to be seen if Portland will prove as ungenerous and extremely technical as did the Astoria regatta people last summer, when they appropriated to themselves over the Oregon City team one of the principal races by the narrow margin of one-fifth of a second.

There is a question if the business of the local land office can be better transacted through its location in Portland, as has been proposed. This office has long been stationed at Oregon City, and there is no good reason

why it should be removed at this time. With the assurance of Congressman Hermann that his bill providing for a public building at Oregon City will pass without a doubt, the claim that by removing the office to the Federal building in Portland a saving can be had in the rental of the building no longer operates as a reason for its removal.

Thursday was Oregon day at the World's Fair at St. Louis. The day's exercises included addresses by Jefferson Meyers and Prof. F. G. Young. Oregon's building at St. Louis is a reproduction of Fort Clatsop, where the Lewis and Clark expedition passed the winter of 1805-6, on the bluff overlooking Astoria bay. It consists of a blockhouse, with the central portion in two wings, covering an area of 100 square feet. All the material used in its construction was shipped from Oregon. The interior of the structure does not follow the original. Possibilities of the native woods are shown in its finish.

A. S. Dresser, register of the Oregon City land office, says that he has not received any official information as to the change in location of the land office from Oregon City to Portland. Inspector Lennen, who was in Oregon City a few days, has suggested the change to the department, but there will no doubt be considerable opposition to the change from Clackamas county people. The reason for the change was that there might be less chance for fraud and the work on the department be better transacted. The people who are agitating a federal building for Oregon City will oppose any change in the land office location and it is quite likely that there will be enough influence brought to bear to keep the office there.—Clatskanie Chief.

SAINT AS WELL AS SINNER.

After the Chicago theatre fire there were some, especially ministers, who saw in the catastrophe a visitation from the Lord—a modern Sodom and Gomorrah fate, as it were. Wednesday's disaster in New York's harbor cannot be regarded in a similar light, for here the victims were mostly little children, Sunday school children at that, who had been allowed a day's absence from the dust and heat of a crowded city. The truth is doubtless that neither disaster proves anything, beyond that the consequences of violating nature's laws strike all alike, saints as well as sinners.—Aurora Borealis.

Sunday excursions have at divers times drawn the fire of the pulpit, and rightly in most cases, we think. But in case of accident it is made to appear in the nature of divine retribution. Now the tables are turned in a way, a Lutheran excursion steamer being burned while going from the East river into Long Island sound, with frightful loss of life among the excursionists, principally women and children. It is not a healthy mind that contemplates the horrible death of scores or hundreds either in railroad or steamer wreck as a retributive act of a loving God. That is the old Puritan idea—that the supreme power of seemingly limitless universes punishes his creatures as the parent or school master punishes the refractory child. It is well that the world has about outgrown the revolting idea. God is not hate; "God is love."—Eugene Guard.

REMEDY THE LAW.

One of the first duties of the next legislature should be to amend the Australian ballot law so that candidates for office may all be grouped under the head for which they stand politically, instead of mixing them up in crazy-quilt style so that half the voters can hardly tell whether they are voting for Republicans, Socialists, Democrats or Prohibitionists. Alphabetical arrangement of candidates on the ticket without regard to party is a piece of rank nonsense.

Let the Republicans all be grouped under the head of Republican ticket, Democrats under Democratic ticket, and so on, each ticket thus segregated being placed side by side with its competitive ticket on the ballot. By this process the voter would have the same opportunity to "scratch" that he has under the present system, but it would also make it more convenient for him to vote the straight ticket by putting one cross in the circle at the head of his ticket, instead of searching over a blanket sheet to find all of his party candidates to put a cross in front of each.

We call attention of the newly-elected Lane county delegation to this phase of the law, and hope that legislators in other parts of the state will be quick to see the importance of such a change and that the state press will also interest itself in the matter.—Eugene Register.

This is identically the same bill that Senator Marsters championed and secured the passage of at the last session of the legislature, and which was vetoed by Governor Chamberlain after the close of the session.

Grand Muslin Underwear Sale

We have been fortunate enough to secure a large quantity of the famous
BAKER MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

at prices much under the market and place them on sale as stated. Only at OUR Store do you have an opportunity of getting garments of this kind at these prices. You pay only for the material at THIS SALE, we throw in the labor of making the garments. These prices are such as only stores handling large quantities can make. Don't wait too long, a few days at the most will clean them out.

Sale Commenced Monday, June 20th

Lot 4



Lot 1




Lot 2



Lot 3



Lot 5



Lot 6



Lot 1
12½c

Lot 2
19c

Lot 3
29c

Lot 4
55c

Lot 5
79c

Lot 6
\$1.18

ADAMS BROS.
"GOLDEN RULE BAZAAR" Oregon City's Big Cash Store

The bill is a good one and the people should see that it is again taken up and passed over the governor's head. —Roseburg Plaindealer.

THE TELEPHONE LETTER.

The hour is coming when the man with a future before him will be a back number, when hope will be a sign of barbarism and anticipation the confession of imperfection, says the San Francisco Argonaut. In other words, we are saving up so much time that we are getting ahead, and presently we shall not have to draw on the future at all. It will be very nice, then. The business man will not have to wait to find out the success of his investments, the crown will be simultaneous with the martyrdom, and the kiss with the opportunity. If anything threatens to make us wait we shall instantly draw on the time we have saved and avoid impatience.

The very latest time saver is the telephone letter. It is a letter which goes by telephone just as soon as the mail train deposits it at the nearest postoffice. It is a Western invention, and the government is to be asked to make it a success by issuing a special stamp, which, when applied to any letter, will insure its being opened and the contents sent by telephone to the addressee. It is expected to work wonders for the much hurried farmers of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. They will no longer have to await the tedious processes of the rural postmaster, or waste precious time in deciphering the script after receiving it. Instead of the rural delivery man's shrill whistle, the bell will ring and the honest agriculturist will not even be

at the pains to open an envelope.

Of course, this is very fine, and the hardy pioneers of the Middle West ought to have every facility for transacting business. But the Argonaut ventures a prediction. The telephone letter will never be a startling and prodigious success with the younger generation. Wheat may be sold by this public method, and it is quite possible that the housewife may order her groceries from the nearest city by the reverse process, but farther than that it will not go, for the simple reason that the ordinary swain does not give a fiddler's oath for saving time in matters of real moment. A wooing has no short cut except an elopement, and that is certainly not to be transacted over the telephone-letter system. So far the time savers have failed to shorten either aspirations of the young person or the period of gestation. Until they do, there will still be futures for a part of the world.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every-day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Charman & Co.'s drug store.

Energy all gone? Headache? Stomach out of order? Simply a case of torpid liver. Burdock Blood Bitters will make a new man or woman of you.

More Fakirs in Town.

During this week Oregon City has been visited by a company of four first class medicine fakirs, who have

Smart Effects Swell Lace Collars just received.

Our buyer is now in New York and within a few weeks we will have on display the smartest and most complete line of Novelties in Ladies' Wear ever shown in this city. Prices Extremely Low.

The Fair Main St., OREGON CITY

been plying their graft. But thanks to the judgment of the people of this city, the number of suckers has diminished very materially during the last few years. While this aggregation made but a limited number of sales during the week, the surprising part of it all is that any sales at all should be accomplished in any community. Some of the attaches of this transitory Oriental drug factory are reported to have been connected with a bunco "fish pond" graft a few months ago, but have probably substituted a more lucrative avocation. Persons in need of medical advice or drugs will always find it to their advantage to call on their local physician or trade at the home drug store with men who have an established reputation and whose every interest is identified with the growth and prosperity of the community. People who persist in their efforts to obtain something for nothing invariably find the conditions reversed. The only way to put an end to the miscellaneous grafting schemes is to cease patronizing such grafters. Patronize your home people.

Beautiful June Wedding.
The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Waldron, two miles northeast of Oregon City, on Crescent Hill, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Monday afternoon, June 20th, when their daughter, Miss Jennie, and Arthur T. Krafft were united in marriage.

The front rooms were handsomely decorated with roses and ferns; a beautiful floral bell composed of marguerites and orange blossoms, supported by a white arch twined with ivy, had been prepared, beneath which, at 5 o'clock, the bride, very beautiful in a dainty costume of white silk organdy, carrying a bouquet of white lilies, attended by Miss Mary Mitchell as bridesmaid, becomingly attired in pink peau de crepe, carrying pink roses and maidenhair ferns, and the groom attended by Clyde Waldron, best man, both in the customary black, took their places, and in the presence of a large number of invited relatives and friends the ceremony was performed by Rev. E. S. Bollinger, of the First Congregational church of Oregon City.

Congratulations were offered by those present, the bride's bouquet being caught by Miss Mary Mitchell; the party then repaired to the dining room, where the combination of evergreens on the walls, and table decorations of crimson rambler roses made a most pleasing effect. A dainty lunch was served, after which the newly married couple departed for Sellwood, Oregon, where they will reside and be at home to their many friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Krafft are most estimable young people, being well and favorably known. They go forth on life's journey 'mid the best wishes of a host of admiring friends.