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WILSON'S TASK

Probably no president since Lincoln has faced such a tremendous task as that which today confronts Woodrow Wilson. It is easy to understand why, in the face of such a problem, Mr. Wilson hesitates to make any statement and prefers rather to meet the great questions as they may confront him singly. In so doing he shows a wisdom which must inspire an added confidence in the breasts of the thousands of voters who last week so overwhelmingly elected him to the highest office in the land.

The election marked an epoch, witnessing as it did the complete annihilation of the Republican Party to which has been intrusted the destinies of the nation for many years. With the assumption of almost complete power by the Democratic Party the scene is laid for developments which must possess a great significance for the country.

In the complete renunciation of the Republican Party Mr. Wilson sees an example of the condition which he and his party may also face four years hence if, in the interim,, they have not coped more strenuously, more sincerely and more effectually with the problems of the day than has been the case with the Republican leaders.

There exists a condition, industrial, financial and political, which may well give the boldest statesman pause, not because it is necessarily a threatening one, but because it is a fight in behalf of the people against the powerful intrenched interests. Wilson's fight is the fight of David against Goliath. He has justice and a united people on his side. Indeed, the opportunity is almost an unparalleled one. Reasonable caution and yet an unflinching determination in the course of right must both be his, and if he wages the battle openly, fearlessly and conscientiously he need have nothing to fear but what four years hence he will enjoy to an equal, if not to a greater degree, the confidence of the people which is his today.

ABOUT WOMEN VOTING

It would be trite to remark at this time that a responsibiliy as well as a privilege now rests upon the women of Oregon, to whom the franchise has been extended. Probably there is no more intelligent class of women in the country than is to be found in Oregon. The result of the election Tuesday shows that the men of the state have confidence in the other sex and in their ability to assist in the affairs of the government. Good will no doubt rely admitted that there is a greater tendency among women than among men to carry things, especially new things, to extremes. It would appear proper that the women of the state should now take a reasonable length of time in which to acquaint themselves with their new duties and privileges before attempting to "break into the political game." The report which has gone out that the women of Hood River are preparing to run for city offices, while probably largely the result of journalistic exaggera on, is not one which will meet with favor among the men, nor with approval from the sensible women.

PROSPERITY NOT THREATENED

That there is little fear that the Democratic victory will disturb business conditions as it did with the election of Grover Cleveland is indicated by the Wall Street Journal, one of the most reliable financial publications in the country which says:

"The concensus of opinion in business circles is that the election of Woodrow Wilson will not check the upward trend of business. One of his efforts while in office would be to effect a re-adjustment of the tariff, but it is believed he will not go about it in such a way as to destroy confi dence."

AN INTELLIGENT VOTE

It was a destinct surprise when the straw-hut life of the Kanakas in the large proportion of voters expressing Hawalian Islands. themselves upon the initiative and referendum measures, not only in Hood River but in the state as well, was discovered. At the same time, with all due regard to individual preped through and those which did will to the guif-eight months of the time probably stand the test better than living in hotels and railway trains, Oregon legislature.. The initiative ing and living in his own floating and referendum justified itself still home the studio houseboat, "Crane's further in last week's election.

Now that the election is over and the apple crop about all harvested the Crane, the cartoonist. Hood River farmer can take life a

A remark now frequently heard is that it is too bad the paving could not BIG STORAGE PLANT A remark now frequently heard is have been done during the past summer. As it is Hood River has nothing for it but to endure the muddy streets through another winter. However, we can be thankful that this will be the last.

To the generous patronage which it has enjoyed the News owes its ability to materially increase its facilities by the installation of a linotype machine. With this added equipment it will be enabled to further increase and improve the efficiency of its services.

A general acceptance of the tried and true saying that an apple a day keeps the doctor away would be mutually beneficial to both producer and consumer. Only the middleman and his unreasonable profits stand be-

Inasmuch as he beat the G. O. P. Theodore refuses to admit that it was a second Bull Run.

The Grangers are now seeking consolation in the fact that half a loaf is better than none.

CARTDONIST GRANE IN LYGEUM WORK

ilis Life Story Geads Like a C manca

Chicago, Boston, Paris, New Orleans, San Prancisco, Honolulu, Mexico-these are names only to most people- places on the map. But to one man they are milestones in an eventful life-journey; chapters in a life-story that reads like a romance.

To the discerning this life-story is an illustration of the fact that life itself is a constant preparation for one's life-work-if one be so fortunate as to find his life-work-the vocation for which nature intended him.

A tabloid account of this man's life, so far, is given by the Atlanta Constitution. Ross Crane's preparation and equipment for his life-work as a platform cartconist are most unusual. His college training lends the pleasing literary quality to his speech; his theological training fitted him for



Ross Crane at Work.

platform work: his art studies gave strength and vigor to his drawing and painting and sculpturing work, while the remarkable bigness and swiftness of his cartoons was gained in the hurly-burly of metropolitan newspaper

His years of travel in many lands, his association with all sorts and conditions of people, have added to his breadth of view and sharpened his natural keen perception of the ludi-

He has seen life at first hand and behind the scenes; from mining camps as a mine engineer, to the cotton fields of Alabama, where he taught



ROSS CRANE.

school in a cotton warehouse, from

He has traveled in ocean palaces, Mississippi river steamboats, and the catamarans of the South Sea islands; on a special train with a presidential candidate and in a boxcar crowded with negro refugees from the yellow judices, it must be admitted that the fever districts of Louisiana. For vote was an intelligent one. None of twelve months in the year he travels the extreme or radical measures slip from coast to coast and from Canada those framed and passed upon by an but during the summer months travel-

> Next." Artist, student, musician, cosmopolite-all of these and more is Ross

> Hood River apples-the world's

IS GIVEN WRITE-UP

The Pacific Coast Packer gives considerable space in its latest issue to the big storage plant recently completed here by the Hood River Apple and Storage Company. The article says in part:

The growers in the Van Horn district at Hood River have caught the "spirit of the times" and have built the most complete, as well as the largest, packing, pre-cooling and cold storage house in the Northwest for the handling of apples and it is all under one roof. The house is 80 feet wide at one end and about 100 at the other and 275 feet long, is three stories and cost completed close to \$75,-000. Here is the most scientific care of apples The Packer man has seen anywhere on the coast. Located in the heart of the Van Horn district which comprises the larger and better part of the Hood River section, with an easy haul from the orchard to the packing end of the house, the apples arrive without a jar or a bruise and are placed (in the field boxes in which they were brought in,) right in the pre-cooling room. There they remain until ready to be packed, after which they are put in the cold storage room until shipped. The house being locaton the branch line of the O.-W. R. & Phone 227-M N. running up to Mt. Hood, makes the outlet just as easy as from Hood River proper. It is said by growers in this section that shipping by rail from the point instead of hauling over the road into Hood River 6 miles saves considerable bruises and jar on the fruit. Growers ,say that receiving packing, pre-cooling, cold storage and loading into cars under the protection of one roof, together with an expert mechanical grader which is being installed-all of this under rigid inspection-surely ought to deliver to the dealer and jobber a product second to none in the Northwest.

MARKET GOOD FOR HIGH GRADE APPLES

We quote the Oregon Journal as follows:

There is an excellent tone in the Eastern as well as foreign trade for good-sized, well-colored apples.

Extra fancy Spitzenbergs and Yellow Newtowns of similar quality are commanding better than \$2 a box at enough of this class of stock coming forward to fill the wants of the trade.

H. F. Davidson of the Davidson Fruit Company of Hood River has been a business visitor in the city recently and expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the market for the better class of fruit. He acknowedged, however, that there was little call for other grades and varieties and the bulk of the crop was being rushed into storage at various points.

This about gives a true line on the general situation in the apple trade. Everywhere there is a surplus of common to ordinary quality and as the East has almost a record crop of this grade the present season; the trade there cannot be induced to take on the Pacific Northwest product; in fact does not care to look at them. This, together with the heavy freight charges against the Pacific Northwest product, leaves the market for ordinary growth apples in a very unsatisfactory condition.

As far as the Portland market is concerned, it is even worse for this class of stock than elsewhere. All points in this territory are dumping their inferior quality apples on the local trade and naturally this is having a bad effect even for values for the better class offerings. Of the latter there is little available at this

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