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"STRENUOUS POLITICS" AMONG THE LOCAL FACTIONS.

It will not create surprise, perhaps to announce that the opposing shades and colors of politics in Multnomah county have already begun to mix and blend and to diffuse their tints in the first blush of renewed activity.

The success of the "Citizens' movement" a year ago in this county tended to upset arrangements that would have followed the ascendancy of the regular order of things in the work to be assigned the party representatives in the legislature; but it is now conceded that conditions arose during the session which virtually resulted in a defeat of the purpose for which the faction representatives were chosen.

The work of the Multnomah delegation during the last session of our state congress may be marked "Exhibit A" in the volume of evidence to be represented against the success of the Citizens' ticket. Other "exhibits" are promised—and preparation is already being made to declaim them from the house-tops.

On the other hand, it is found that among the leaders of the faction which made the Citizens' wacry a hallelujah are prominent and influential Republicans whose counsel in the formation of plans and purposes cannot be safely put aside; that the regular organization must yield a point or two, or the "balance of power" which they claim to hold may throw to another party faction strong enough to make the coalition the dominant influence in the fight.

Altogether it is an interesting problem and its solution has already begun. It is being watched with much interest, not only by those actively engaged in it, but by laymen whose interests are co-equal with those of the leaders.

In the municipal arena, however, the lines are being drawn more definitely. For instance, there are already half a dozen candidates for the office of sheriff, each of whom claims to enjoy the priority of right in the field on the Republican side of the dividing line. Two Democratic aspirants, banking largely on the strength of the sentiment which produced the fatal division a year ago, are speculatively viewing the situation for a "hunch" as to what they should do.

For the county clerkship, the auditorship and other nice places names of candidates are being given with much assurance that "something is doing" in local political circles. The laws governing municipal administration, however, are so complex, in the first place, and so frequently changed, in the second place, that they are, as a consequence, little understood between the transitions from bad to worse.

It is evident, nevertheless, that the man of the ward must be up and doing if he may hope to be among those who enjoy the feast after the early bird captures the worm.

THE MILITARY SPIRIT.

From time immemorial war has been decried for its inhumanity, but a new point of view is afforded now by Ernest Howard Crosby, the social reformer, who has issued a pamphlet ridiculing militarism for its absurdities. It is Mr. Crosby's opinion that "a standing army could not be kept together for a month without brass buttons and epaulets," while the decorations worn by a hero "are the civilized equivalent of the scalps that dangle at a savage's belt." The military spirit, Mr. Crosby thinks, is

largely vanity and its practical manifestations are ridiculously inconsistent, as is shown in its "barbarous machinery for mangling man and its Red Cross for piecing them together again." It is not the fighting, but the parade and circumstance and the hysterical emotion which go with it that appeal to men's imaginations.

Mr. Crosby fails to recognize that if vanity is an essential element in sustaining armies, then vanity under present conditions of international distrust must be recognized as a useful and necessary factor, but he is not without reason in several particulars. The spectacular element has been prominent in all campaigns from the time of Alexander. It would almost seem that war in this way has answered to the requirements of some unnoticed aesthetic sense in the race. Should the peace question be turned over to a committee of aesthetes, with instructions to find a more human method of satisfying this sense?

DESTRUCTIVE OF EMPIRE.

The czar of Russia proposes to make his realm industrially independent of the world; to convert his empire into a vast industrial hive. The country has enormous resources, minerals of commerce in great supply, natural power to be utilized, vast territory to be peopled with towns and villages, unnumbered acres to be brought under cultivation, and, in short, Russia is to avail of her resources and to be brought into closer touch with the world commercially, and, as a manufacturer, possibly become an industrial and manufacturing competitor of nations which now very little feel her influence.

This is all well, and it speaks for progress and enlightenment; but it certainly means a decline of czarism, or czarism, so to speak. Unless history belies itself, such development and progress as Russia proposes, nay, and has already entered upon, means the introduction of the Republican spirit, the relaxation of the rigor of autocracy, the enlargement of the representative system and greater voice of the people in the administrative affairs of the nation. The czar cannot remain an autocrat under the operation of such influences as broaden commerce, inaugurate industry and encourage closer touch with the more active and liberal elements of the world.

The president and his cabinet are enjoying their swing around the circle. They will soon reach the sunset boundary of their journey, tarrying a considerable time in California, and then proceed to Oregon's metropolis, where a grand welcome awaits them. The chief executive and his party will reach much on this tour—more than could have been communicated to them by wire or mail in a period of two score years of official life. The president will profit by it; so will the Pacific states of this great union.

It is worthy of note that the state of Daniel Webster and Dartmouth college should have departed so far from the traditions as to have to be sermonized by its governor regarding the proper observance of the Fast day? Elbert Hubbard, Mark Twain and other home missionaries should make haste to penetrate darkest New Hampshire before the Mexican society for foreign missions can reach there.

It is not strange that the navy department is seeking recruits among the young men of the West. The strong constitutions and physical strength of men of the West recommend them as recruits, and experience has shown that although reared far from salt water, in many cases, they make the best of seamen.

How will the public reconcile his past with his present utterances? How will they account for his sudden conversion, and will they follow him in his apparently implicit confidence? In other words, can Press Agent Aguinaldo deliver the goods?

The city council and the board of public works are up against the real thing. Each is trying to determine where the dividing line between them exists and what their responsibilities are when they find their places.

It might cheer up the British at home a little if General Kitchener would abandon the habit of beginning his dispatches "I regret to report,"

People from the East are flocking to Oregon in greater numbers than ever before at this season of the year. They are generally a sturdy lot of immigrants and come, for the most part, to acquire homes and help to develop the resources about them.

It is manifest that the chancellor of the exchequer does not expect that the British will be able to operate those rich South African mines the present season.

The trial of Professor Eastman on the charge of murder is one of the most peculiar in many respects in the history of criminal trials in Massachusetts.

The embezzling bank officials in Vancouver who committed suicide upon being found out were a pair of very considerate chaps, at least.

The combine question is assuming mammoth proportions. Something must be done—and that in the very near future.

TUSKEGEE NOTES.

Mr. D. B. Gamble, of the firm of Proctor & Gamble, soap manufacturers of Cincinnati, O., visited Tuskegee this week. Aside from being a business man, Mr. Gamble is interested in education. He came here in the interest of Berea college, situated at Berea, Ky.; inspecting the industrial departments with a view of establishing industries more extensively in the above named school.

Mr. Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the famous Negro poet, came in this week from Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Dunbar will be with us for 10 days. He read in the chapel Friday evening from his poems.

It would, perhaps, be interesting to note that the saw mill at the school, which is run by students, turns out about 8,000 feet of lumber per day. They also saw all the wood which is used at the institution.

E. H. CARRY.

Mr. Editor: Dear Sir—Allow me space in your paper of this week to thank you for what you have done for me in the way of finance. And to thank the many friends for their support the past year and for their help in this struggle to go to our Eastern appointment. I also desire to thank the members of the A. M. E. Zion church and the Christians in general for their kind treatment to me and family. As we leave Thursday, May 9, we leave in love with all the people of Portland and pray the benedictions of the Father to rest upon you all. ERVING SWAN, MRS. L. SWAN.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that I have filed my final report and account as administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Oliver Van Duizer, deceased, in the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Multnomah, on Monday, the 6th day of May, A. D. 1901, at 2 o'clock P. M., and the court-room of said court, in the county courthouse, in Portland, Oregon, have been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof. DAVID M. DUNNE, Administrator as aforesaid. Dated April 4, 1901.

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