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THE COLONEL'S DILEMMA

If Colonel Roosevelt falls of nomination at Chicago and bolts the Republican National Convention, it is by no means to be expected that he will carry with him all these who now support him as against President Taft.

This quoted language is attributed to Thomas W. Lawson and may therefore not be given full credence, although Mr. Lawson is known to be in close touch with Colonel Roosevelt.

But if this Lawson statement is correct it may be inferred that Colonel Roosevelt does not believe President Taft can be nominated and the real will of the people expressed.

Such men as Gifford Pinchot, James R. Garfield, Medill McCormack, Frank A. Munsey and George W. Perkins could be expected to bolt with Roosevelt.

On the other hand, men like Senator Borah of Idaho, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin and Senator Cummins of Idaho would likely remain with the Republican party.

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LIKELIHOOD OF A DIVIDED DELEGATION

Montana's action on that day cannot be foretold and West Virginia is almost certain to give Roosevelt her sixteen votes.

The trend of sentiment in Ohio will be shown at district primaries on May 21, at which district delegates will be elected, and the state convention on June 3 will decide how the delegates at large shall vote.

As Taft is now within ninety votes of a majority, nothing short of a stampede can prevent him from securing them. It will then rest with him and his friends to decide whether to continue the fight to a finish, with the certain knowledge that a bitter contest in the convention will be continued until election day and with the possibility that part of the insurgents will bolt.

BUTTER PRODUCTION OF THE NATION

Oregon has become famed as one of the greatest dairy states in the Union, but comparison shows that we have barely begun to develop the state's possibilities in this particular.

A census report for the year 1909 reveals that of a total production of 1,629,768,000 pounds of butter valued at \$495,854,000, Oregon produced only 14,141,000 pounds, valued at \$4,282,000 and the three Pacific States combined produced only \$4,780,000 pounds, valued at \$2,708,000.

First place in volume of production is held by the West North Central group of states, composed of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, with a total of 448,352,000 pounds valued at \$112,201,900. The East North Central division, composed of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, is second with 424,192,000 pounds valued at \$119,029,000.

The younger states of the West have a far larger proportion of production in the factories than on the farm, except in the Rocky Mountain section. The banner West North Central district produced 243,553,000 pounds at the factory to 202,801,000 pounds on the farm.

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UNDOUBTEDLY REDUCE THE QUALITY TO MEET THE NEW PRICE

The Oregonian desires that the State of Oregon do its full duty towards both the State University and the Agricultural College.

It is not true. But the Oregonian would have the university garment cut according to the taxpayers' cloth. And the Agricultural College garment, too.

What is needed is the basis for funds for the university and college, so as to take these institutions out of politics and avoid the constant menace of the referendum.

Oregon's growing consists no more in the development of her natural resources than in the manufacture of the resultant raw material into finished products.

That it is making increasing progress in that direction is apparent from the fact that it showed an increase of 67.5 per cent in the value of its manufactured products in five years, while its population increased only 62.6 per cent in 10 years.

The office of Provisional President of Mexico, vacated by Madero when he became actual President, has been filled by Gomez.

Colonel McGunagle is the type of officer fitted by temperament, training and capacity for command of a brigade.

The Greeks will not relish the seizure by Italy of Rhodes and other islands in the Aegean archipelago.

Being a good newspaper man, consequently well equipped, Bruce Dennis, of Union County, is just the man to be active head of the Republican State Committee.

REGARDING UP A STATE UNIVERSITY

Oregon's Appropriation as Compared With Washington's. DAVENPORT, Wash., May 5.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian, April 30, James Glover advises the students of the University of Oregon as to duties in the matter of the referendum on the \$500,000 appropriation for the university.

In Oregon particularly, where we have the initiative applicable to constitutional amendments and the laws alike, it is as easy to change the provision on which an unpopular decision is based as to adopt a provision for recall of decisions.

HEYBURN OF IDAHO. If time hangs heavily on your hands and you want some amusement, take up a copy of the Congressional Record, any copy will do, and see what Senator Heyburn is doing.

By all means arrangements must be made to care for school children after the Rose Festival parades, as well as for their mothers, many accompanied by one or two little ones.

PRODUCT OF NEW NATIONALISM. Writer Thinks We Don't Want It If Present Squabble Is Fair Sample. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 4.—(To the Editor.)—The present grave political crisis of the question uppermost in the minds of the thinking men is: Are the voters who are enthusiastic in the support of Roosevelt for a third term, or are they for him because of his present attitude on the issues of the day, or because of what he seemed to represent in the past?

Harassing Sweden's Water Power. London Standard. It is estimated that the water power in Sweden utilized in accordance with modern methods increased in 1911 by 100,000 horsepower, aggregating at the close of the year 440,000 horsepower.

Working Teeth in a New Saw. Scientific American. Every other tooth in a new circular saw for cutting tool steel is a trifle longer than its neighbor, the long teeth making the center of the cut, and the shorter which are thicker, gouging out the sides.

FOR SHAME. Winter, just a word or two. Arent this scandalous on you! This tinger in the lap of Spring. E'en though she be a glidy thing. At your age should be taboo: It is not good form—for you.

At the hushed shrine of twilight—when, as though some solemn journeying phantom passed by— An ominous finger on the sweet track day, Earth, and the breath till that great presence go— A moment, 'twixt the gold hour and the dusky— Love, than these, more eloquent than they of memory, foresight and life's ebb and flow.

GUARDSMEN ENTITLED TO BOUNTY

Added Pay for Citizen Soldiers Urged If They Are Called to Mexico. PORTLAND, May 4.—(To the Editor.)—There is no probability of an early termination of the war in Mexico and while it lasts armed intervention by the United States is an impending possibility.

War, even on a small scale, is an expensive undertaking and the restoration of peace in Mexico will be a long and arduous task.

THE BOYS ARE WILLING TO GO. The boys are willing to go and it is proper that they should go. Our State is intelligent and just. It is not for these statements to take advantage of patriotic fervor and accept, gratuitously, the sacrifice these young men are making to make the nation great.

YOUNG AND OLD MODERN WOODMEN. Member of Order Urges Out Results of Proposed New Rates. CORVALLIS, Or., May 2.—(To the Editor.)—Having been a member of the Modern Woodmen of America for many years, I have been much interested in the discussion in regard to the rates recently adopted by the society, to take effect January 1, 1912.

Let us do a little figuring and see how the rates will work out. If we pay by paying into the society \$576, or the same amount as our 54-year-old member is asked to pay in the 16 years.

Let us carry these figures a little farther. If our 54-year-old member should live to the age of 85 years, that is the age the society would carry the young man for 31 years, or to the age of 115.

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THE MISSING FEATURE

Wild waxes the ante-convention confusion. And fierce bawls; Teddy and Taft is the fight; And Theodore roasts in his riotous ragins.

La Follette is loping about the arena. And Wilson's pale boom walls about in the dark. And sons of Missouri the warning are raising.

It looks like the same pre-election excitement. That lightens our gloomy quadrennial spaces: The sounds are the same; and we view the same battle line of familiar old faces.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of May 6, 1862. The following nominations were made by the Executive Committee of the Washington County, held at Hillsboro on Saturday, May 3: Senator, Wilson Bowley; Representative for Washington County, J. S. Hays; Representative for Clatsop County, J. R. Wiley; County Clerk, W. D. Hare; Treasurer, N. S. Hays; Assessor, J. B. Ketchikan; School Superintendent, E. A. Tanner; County Surveyor, G. G. Coroner, Dr. Adams.

Washington, April 25.—A dispatch from General Halleck says it is the unanimous opinion that General Sherman saved the fortunes of the Union in the 6th day of the battle of Gettysburg, the victory of the 7th. He was in the thickest of the fight. He had three horses shot under him and was wounded.

Attempt was made on Sunday night to burn the steam sawmill of W. E. Abrams & Co. Mr. John M. Murphy offers the material of the Vancouver Telegraph was printed. The material is nearly new, the Vancouver Telegraph is dead.

Defeated Candidate Urges Support of Ticket From Top to Bottom. PORTLAND, May 4.—(To the Editor.)—I wish you would permit a defeated candidate to express his views on the subject of supporting the ticket nominated.

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