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THE RESULT IN OHIO.

The Oregonian is not disposed to minimize the grave effect of the result in Ohio on the political fortunes of President Taft. He has failed to carry his Presidential primary—his own state. Mr. Taft candidly appraised the situation last week when he openly said that the primary in that state would be decisive and "would settle the nomination."

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As goes Ohio, Taft has said and Roosevelt has said, so will go the convention. It may be so. It probably is so. If it is so, the Republican party has vanished into the history of the country and the substitute therefor is a Roosevelt party.

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roundings, so the story ran, Lincoln requested Lamont to sing a ribald song. Of course McClellan was represented as being virtuously shocked by such a hideous disregard of the proprieties. Lincoln ignored the miserable calumny for some time, but finally he was impelled to confute it by narrating the simple truth.

Nothing could be sadder. Such is the material from which campaign libelers fabricate. Lincoln's letter simply relates the facts. It contains no word of reproach and no lamentations. It is the clear, brief statement of a great man who disdains recrimination and esteems his own character too much to defend it basely.

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Stars and Star-Makers

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