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THE POPULAR VOTE.

Figures now available on the recent election provide a number of surprises. Growth in population, prevalence generally of fair weather on election day and at least, a normally interesting campaign, one would think would have combined to produce a record vote. But the National totals indicate a falling off of several hun-

total is less than was Bryan's four would be said of a newspaper that reyears ago; the combined vote of Taft and Roosevelt is less than was the vote of Taft in 1908, and the vote for Chafin has suffered a distinct loss in four years. Only the Socialist party shows a gain.

In analyzing the vote one must also account for more than 125,008 electors who were compelled to seek new alignments or refrain from voting. Four years ago the Socialist Labor, the Populist and the Independence parties had candidates in the the columns of a newspaper electors on the ballot in the recent

The popular vote cast for Debs was plete totals so far fall short of gentle doubling it. There is more than one North Yakima correspondent, element on which to speculate in this result. One is the fact that, while Nationally the Socialists showed great gains, they suffered reverses in several localities where they had pre-viously been strong. Defeat of Victor Berger, the Socialist Representative in be cialist city administration, may cited. In Schenectady, N. Y., a Socialist Mayor and a Socialist member of the Legislature failed to secure return to office. Reading, Pa., also turned out of office a Socialist legislator, and in the Massachusetts mill towns, where there was increased Soactivity throughout the year, the Lawrence strike. featured by the Lawrence strike. Debs lost about one-half of his vote

of 1988. It would therefore seem that a near view of Socialism is not conducive to growth in Socialist voting. We think, however, that the increased vote for Debs does not clearly indicate a corresponding conversion to Socialist doctrines. A number of factors may have contributed to this increase. Some of the labor publications made an energetic campaign

possibility of electing him. cialist principles.

ADD TO THE LIST OF EMERITL.

Plans to secure for the people the ence gained by our chief retired National officers have been expanded by Bryan to include not only ex-Presidenis, but ex-Vice-Presidents and ex-

seems wise for several

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the Government have the benefit of the accumulated experience of those fortunately it has not hitherto been who have held its highest offices, but directed to the support of the the privilege of the floor may be nec- organization. It is highly creditable assary to enable these ex-officials to to the city, of course, that a guarantee elucidate public policies in which they fund of \$32,000 for four perform have had part and to answer critics face to face. By means of one of been secured. But if we can contribthose colloquies of which the Senate ute such sums to attract outside com is so fond, misapprehensions as to the panies why can we not be a little motives which prompted a President to a certain act might be cleared up. terprise? Live art is always local art. In the same manner an ex-Vice-President or ex-Speaker might explain which had been rulings precedents by successors or during the term of his successor, learn that Woodrow Wilson and not he might make his defense before Senate or House and secure for it President of the United States, Probthe widest publicity through the Con- ably it would be well also for Mr. gressional Record and the franking Heirry to recall what he said in his privilege, which should be extended previous letter, wherein he had "dif-

expense as are his critics. should be ex-officio a member of the of a delicate and interesting political expect no remuneration directly. posal. In most instances there might in his newspaper thesis to show that no objection to this change, for the Bryan would not trouble Wilson. Vice-President usually pulls in harmay be exceptions. It is possible that, discover that Mr. Heirry gives a num-if the election were thrown into Con-ber of reasons why Wilson will be which is debatal

would be of opposite parties. It would not only be impolitic, but it would be unjust to the President, who is primarily responsible for the conduct of the Government, to compel him to take a political opponent into

his councils. The fact that we shall soon have two ex-Presidents who are in the prime of life with many years of activity before them and that we have three living ex-Vice-Presidents, one of whom, Fairbanks, is still active in public affairs, makes this subject ripe requirements of his situation. for action.

CLOSING THE DOOR TO OTHERS.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash, Nov. 25.—(To the Editor.)—I notice, with regret, an ever nereasing space on the editorial page of the Gregonian allotted to readers desirous figiving their views on popular topics, such as "The alarming increase of divorce and its causes," "the capital punishment bogic," married life in its carled aspects," and ten that great bug-a-boe, "Smoking in public cars."

even that great bug-a-boo, "Smoking in public cars."

You are to be congratulated on your forbearance and largeness of heart for passing such "grills" to plint. Perhaps the benefits to humanity will be large even to the adoption of laws abelishing these evils. If so, the gods be praised. Meantims, the microbes of divorce, mismating, smoking and hanging will continue to elude the sterilizing serum of public protest—which is the gist of the whole matter.

I feel sure that pending this great upheaval there remain quite a few of, your readers who would prefer to see all available space devoted to your editorialscleancut, concise and logical as they are cleaned, and a large well-built wastebasket kopt on hand in which to dump these wild, irrelevant and immaterial outbursts, veritable plague spots on the best page in the paper.

Our North Yakima friend is so well satisfied with The Oregonian's discussions of all matters of current and historical, philosophical and sociological interest that he would sup-Again, only one party showed any gain in total popular vote. Wilson's sons whatsoever. He flatters. What fused to open its columns to any other view than its own of any subject or issue? What should be said?

The Oregonian has a notion that any attempt to suppress discussion of divorce or capital punishment married life or smoking in public cars would be futile. The things that interest people are the problems of life, big and little. The things that do not interest the public, whatever they are, have no proper place in

We beg to assure our critical friend field. The three parties combined polled 125,797 votes. They had no that there is in this office a wastebasket of large capacity and available location. It is rarely empty, though frequently emptied. That its contents are chosen with discretion is ceived in 1908, although the incom- proved by the fact that we print the jeremiad of our reproving

STEADINESS IN DEFEAT.

Senator Beverlage's remedy for our "abnormal condition" politically in the United States is first to destroy cause our standards are getting highthe Republican party, and then as a matter of course the Democratic will will; but we won't. Folly, extrava-Congress from Wisconsin, following disappear. The Senator's logic apan overthrow of the Milwaukes Sopears to be that no Democrat need read idleness contribute their share of the Milwaukes Sopears to be that no Democrat need read in the North of the Nor main on guard if there is no Repub-

> gramme, yet the Republican party consider itself dead. If there is to be wicked, immoral and sensuous. It a test of staying qualities between the Republicans and seceding Progressives, there are some four million Republicans who have already shown that they regard defeat as a calamity to be borne with equanimity and civilization any of us would dispense fortitude. Very likely they can face with if we could, except the old, old it again and even again.

But how many successive defeats will the so-called Progressive party survive?

THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Sunday afternoon the Portfor Debs, knowing that there was no remainder of its funds it must rely make their rich patients pay upon the receipts from the box ofthe cause of the results given, but a or any other country can be supported dates and platforms which obviously one in Minneapolis has a guarantee thousand dellars for kept several hundred thousand people fund of \$64,000. Unless the box office is none too much. directly to the fund for its support without any expectation of remuneration,

The time will come before a great benefit of the knowledge and experi- while when the music-loving people of Portland will blush to remember the meager support which the symphony orchestra has been receiving. It is Speakers. He would give ex-Presi- ever organized and played a season dents the privilege of the floor in without assured financial support. Of to their revenues they do not grumboth Senate and House, as has often course this can only be done here at heen proposed; but he would also give a great sacrifice on the part of the to ex-Vice-Presidents the privilege of musicians. They are obliged to give more than a few hundred dollars in the floor in the Senate and to ex- their time and services largely with-Speakers the same privilege in the out recompense except such as comes from the faithful performance of a public service. There is much musical reasons. Not only is it desirable that culture and much fondness for good orchestral work in Portland, but unances of a grand opera company has more liberal in encouraging home en-

STIFLING THE BRYAN OPPOSITION. If Mr. Heirry will study the elecfor such occasions at least, fered from" The Oregonian because When his public acts are under dis- through its Washington (D. C.) corcussion, he is surely entitled to the respondence it had set forth the situsame means of getting his version of ation as to Bryan's real or supposithem before the public at National tious candidacy for a Cabinet place, and had ventured to say that "Bryan Bryan proposed, when Roosevelt would likely trouble Wilson." It was was Vice-President, that that official a candid and luminous presentation Cabinet, and he has renewed the pro- problem. Mr. Helrry had undertaken

If any one will take the trouble to gress, President and Vice-President troubled by Bryan and that they are

picture, the parlor car, the automobile, the fancy grocery package, the soda fountain and ice cream parlor, et id omne genus, and get back to the good old days of our fathers, Away with them all. We are living too high. The cost of living must be

reduced. We can get them down if we the burden, to be sure; they always lican party to be guarded against.

It must be admitted that a fairly the penalty inflicted upon the drunk-The soher man pays part of good start has been made in the first and and the profligate; the indusgreat step of the Progressive pro- trious man must somehow carry the drone and laggard; the virtuous sufshows a surprising disinclination to fer from the transgressions of the

was always so. But on the whole we are all a little more comfortable and live easier and better than those who were before us. There is little about our with if we could, except the old, old vices and the old, old sins.

The perennial controversy over the proper limit for doctors' fees, and particularly surgeons' fees, is raging with renewed vigor in the columns of in the Commoner: means or events a great many Republand Symphony Orchestra will give some of our Eastern contemporaries. licans were driven out of the party the third entertainment in the series One physician who had occasion to who would not support Roosevelt. of six which it has planned for the express himself on the witness stand Wherever one of this class was con- season. This orchestra is remarkable said that "he always adjusted his fee vinced by attacks on Wilson's labor among organizations of its kind, inastee to the patient's circumstances, charging a poor devil nothing." and exof candidates aside from Debs. We survived and given the public high- tracting from the rich as much as the imagine, also, that a great many for- grade musical performances without a traffic would bear. We suppose Republicans, dissatisfied with large endowment. The only assured something of the same sort goes on both Taft and Roosevelt, yet respond-ing to a feeling that duty required a pledge of \$3000 from eighteen or of work for which they receive no n to exercise the franchise, voted twenty citizens of Portland. For the pay directly, while indirectly they Very likely it works out fairly in the At best one can but speculate on fice. No symphony orchestra in this long run. The surgeons contend that even when they compel a wealthy general dissatisfaction with candi- permanently by the sale of seats. The sufferer to fork over ten or twenty "Compare fees from the polis is corroborative evi-dence that there went to the polls made up by the grantors. At St. yers obtain," they argue plausibly who Paul there is a guarantee of \$50,000 enough. "A lawyer will get fifty or sought to voice a general dissatisfac- on the same basis. At San Francisco a hundred thousand dollars for ortion with everything by voting for the orchestra enjoys a still better ganizing a corporation so skilfully Debs, but not caring one whit for So- maintenance. In that appreciative that it evades the meshes of the law city 350 citizens contribute \$25,000 and nobody finds an atom of fault, but let a surgeon perform an opera tion which saves the trust magnate's life and if he asks as much as twenty thousand dollars for it high heaver is rent with shrieks of protest."

The doctors seem to have come to the conclusion that people of great wealth value their the only one in the world which has higher than they do their lives. For a comparatively unimportant service ble at huge fees, but a service which saves them from death is never worth their estimation, Of course talk glibly about the exceeding preclousness of life; but talk is cheap. The real test comes when they are asked to pay for work which saves their lives. Then they show exactly what they think. Physicians that they have another good reason for charging high prices to the rich. It is their propensity to grumble. No matter if one asks them no more than fifty dollars for a cure or an operation, the charge is scrutinized and criticised exactly the same as if it had been ten thousand. So why not make it ten thousand? As well

suffer for a sheep as for a lamb, As the world is arranged, unless the poor obtain surgical aid for little or nothing, they must go without it. They are liable to the same maladies their critics. If the acts of a President had been subject of controversy doubtless be greatly surprised to accidents, but their pockets are to accidents, but their pockets are empty and unless charity intervenes William Jennings Bryan was elected in some form they can have no relief. This presents a pretty problem to the surgeon. He may harden his heart and let the poor perish. If he chooses the other course and aids them in their distress where is his own livelihood to come from? The indigent are so numerous that if a man consented to do so he might devote all his time to them. Almost every surgeon does sacrifice a con siderable proportion of his working time to operations for which he can he does not obtain it indirectly he will himself slip down among the indigent and his usefulness will be destroyed. Whether he can be justified ness with the President, but there read the Heirry letter today he will for taking what he needs with a high rich is a question which is debatable. We cannot overlook the fact, how- morning's indigestion.

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Grouches will be magnificent of proportion today among the weak of digestion.

Perhaps the Turks have gotten their second wind and will do better hereafter.

Anyway those changes in the Bull doose platform are harmless now.

A two-day fast will relieve this horning's indigestion.

Louisville Courier-Journal, "Disgraceful affair at the club, Cholly and Ferdy came to blows." "Nothing so very disgraceful about that." "But they allowed themselves to be held apart by a couple of bellboys, and they liver very small bellboys at that." Moose platform are harmless now,

Murphy, Bryan, Belmont and Morgan licans.

Were behind him with Murphy's 90 votes of New York. Clark's managers TRUST REPOSED IN THE PEOPLE experience becoming less and less seriously the minimum rate of 25 guessed that Murphy was a bigger cans, held by people generally to be "all profit."

"September 25, 1913." That date will be written big in history. It is the date set for the passage of the first ship through the Panama Canal.

Public sugar bowls are even more dangerous than bombs, says Surgeon General Blue. Still, we prefer taking chances with the sugar bowl.

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Carnegie's opinion seems to be that the next greatest pleasure to amassing a fortune is getting rid of it as an intolerable burden.

Do not add to the burdens of the traffic officer. At times his mind will be in the condition that borders

SANDED STREETS AID TO AUTOS.

your devoted players. CHARLES D. HEIRRY. officers. The officers select themofficers. The officers

Disappearance of the flax exhibit is greater mystery than that of the Roosevelt book.

Other pavements made with a crushed rack dessing or a concrete top which do not become a sheet of ice when wether the people of Oregon are intelligent, honest and capable of self-government.

W. P. LAWRY, while if the proper countries there will be no end to the sanding, while if the proper countries to the people of Oregon are intelligent, honest and capable of self-government. streets there will be no end to dissanding, while if the proper pavements
are laid in the future, the sanding will
gradually be done away with.
No doubt a great howl would go up
from companies laying this pavement,
but that doesn't make traffic stick to

R. COMPTON. their pavements. An Incident in Club Life, Louisville Courier-Journal

ever, that society has played a master THREE SQUARE FEET PER PATRON BRYAN'S VIEWS ON THE RESULTS

MR. BRYAN AND HIS EXEMINES here and any "this is mined here. Date from the control of the contro

will be in the condition that borders on lunacy.

Pian Indorsed Wijh Suggestion as to Avoiding Future Necessity.

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—(To the Editor.)—I have noticed with a great deal of interest several letteres and editorities in regard to sanding the streets for the sensor. The best Portland can boast just at this season is a brisk crop of roces.

Patrick's freedom is due to persistent effort, aided by much doubt of guilt, despite the verdict.

Dubtless some sort of technicality will intervene to postpone the hangings due in a fortnight.

Skirts are not to be narrower this season. Well, nobody had been expecting the impossible.

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PORTLAND, Nov. 27.—(To the Editor.)—If a writer sells a story to a magazine or weekly does he still retain the book rights? YOUNG WRITER.

This is a matter to adjust or regulate at the time of sale. Usually the magasine issues a voucher in payment "for all rights."

The Philosopher's Cap. Puck.
Contentment consists in the temporary forgetfulness of the things we would like to have next.

Half a Century Ago

National Monthly.

A certain bride is very much in love with her husband and very willing to admit it. She likes to sound his praises to her mother and to her girl friends. She has a number of original expressions. When her husband is good she slope.

husky all-American guard is right at home behind the counter. But the captain of last year's Crimson has pros-pects, and they are bright. It is whis-pered that he will eventually become a ember of the firm.

A Husband's Happy Moment.

Boston Transcript.
Wife—what makes you so happy? Dignat letter contain a check? Hub-No, but it didn't contain a bill,

Indexing His Sentiments.

Boston Transcript. Scott-Never barrow trouble.

Mott-I don't need to. I have a large stock on hand