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THE INDEPENDENT VOTER.

BOTH the Chicago and Baltimore national conventions bore deep impression of the strength of the independent vote of the country, and in each of them there was evidence of the disposition of millions of voters in the United States to reject party platforms and partisan candidates unless they were in accord and harmony with the political view of themselves.

Party bounds never hung so loosely upon the electorate of the United States as they do today.

Party names have still some hold upon the voters, but they retain but little of the attractive and repellent qualities which they possessed 30, 40, or even 20 years ago.

It is this increasing independent vote which will decide the election next November, which will give victory to one or the other of the several parties in the field, and which will occupy during the next four years an exceptionally strong position in formulating national policies through its holding the balance of political power.

Today men are not content to be democrats or republicans because their fathers were opposed in issues long dead. Today the forces of righteousness and the square deal stand away from the bosses, the "men of soft life," the powers of selfishness, cunning and greed. The line of division is up and down both parties; not horizontal, with the republicans in one layer and the democrats in another.

Coos Bay is all right, if anybody asks you about it. And she is getting better all the time; it's the way of the world once the proper "hunch" is given. Man, nor town, can afford to disregard the right hunch.

PROSPERITY REFUSES TO WAIT.

A FEW days ago The Times commented on the industrial activity of the Northwest as an indication of returning prosperity. Commenting on the same general topic The Oregonian says: "Prosperity refuses to wait the settlement of the political controversies and the determination of the policies which shall control the government for the next four years. Discounting the effects of the presidential election, it is pouring over the country in an ever-rising tide. With orders coming to merchants and manufacturers in a volume which promises to equal that of the record year 1907, optimism is the ruling note, and the familiar stereotyped talk that business awaits the result of the election is seldom heard. The concrete evidence of prosperity has dispelled the clouds of gloom which usually settle down over business in a presidential year.

Prosperity for the whole nation is literally building itself from the ground up, on the solid foundation of prosperity among the farmers. With bumper crops of wheat, corn and hay and with an excellent outlook for cotton, farmers are only anxious as to the supply of labor for harvest and are offering wages 50 to 100 per cent higher than normal. The lower prices due to the large yield will be more than compensated to the farmer by the increased quantity he has for sale, and at the same time will increase the purchasing power of the consumer for other than food products.

Assured of a good trade from the farmers, the merchants are buying themselves to replenish their stocks, depleted by the hand-to-mouth buying of the last few years. Wholesale prices are passing on these orders to manufacturers, and in every line imperative demand is brushing aside all excuses for going slow afforded by uncertainty as to the tariff, the trusts and other old standbys of those business Cassandras that always keep one eye on politics. Knowledge that great traffic awaits them in the hauling of record crops and vast quantities of merchandise, has lifted the railroads out of their chronic state of despondency. They are buying rails, cars, locomotives and all kinds of material in confidence that the earnings of the present year will gladden with an increase eyes which have been saddened by decreases for the last two years.

The era of prosperity is not merely coming—it has already opened. Building for June surpassed the re-

cord of a year ago. Bank clearings for the same month are larger. The production of steel is the heaviest in the history of the trust. Exports and imports have broken the record in value, and in the last year have shown an increase in actual quantity.

The American people refuse to act upon the precepts of pessimism in a year when every present fact and every portent imbue them with the spirit of optimism.

WANT MEANS EFFORT.

"ALL want something they have not got. I want a cottage, others want castles."

Thus saith the rich Duchess of Southernland, deprecating the age in which we live. Let not the duchess worry. The wanting something you haven't got is what moves the world.

Even adversity has its uses. It is the lack of things he wants that keeps man moving upward. Picture a condition under which man had everything he wanted. Why, it would be mighty listless, uninteresting old world, wouldn't it?

But nature has provided differently. She has decreed that man, like all other animals, like the flowers, the birds, the fishes, the streams and the hills, shall change and in each change discover something that he wants.

The rich, the titled, the powerful, all want something that they have not got, as well as the poor and lowly. Hence, there is a striving for things. Probably Adam recognized the mercy of the Lord in tempting his punishment with the necessity of earning his living. Anyhow, since Eden's time, or since the time when scientists say man swung from branch to branch in quest of acorns and other monkey food, man has grown through effort for things he wanted but had not.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING

As from the smoke is freed the blaze, So let our faith burn bright; And if their crush our olden ways, Who e'er can crush Thy light? GOETHE.

THE CALL OF THE HOME

The city charms with its pulse and thrub, It's surging and seething crowd; And the heart is stirred by the measured beat Of its turmoil long and loud; The charm is there of a life that thrills, With its throng of young and old, With its strife and stress of a higher place In the markets of shimmering gold.

BUT THE WIND SIGHS LOW AT EVENING

When the fret of the day is still, And calls me away to the old farm home Whose light shines over the hill, In fancy's dream I am lulled to rest, By the sounds of the woodland night; And I catch a glimpse of the dear old rooms With their halo of welcome light.—Selected.

THE WISE OBSERVER SAYS:

"One of the first things a man who intends to be popular must learn is to play to the gallery." The rent in the clothes will not pay the rent of the house. Frank Parsons says: "Erysalgela

isn't an ear disease, ptomaine poisoning doesn't effect the toes, digitalis is not a finger exercise and nontrum has nothing to do with the nose."

Mike Mulloy wants to know "what is the use of being told to 'hitch your wagon to a star' when the nearest star is 25,000,000,000 miles away?"

Altus Kingston says: "A butcher does not need a medical diploma in order to be able to cure pork."

The invitation to a modern fashionable wedding ought to read: "The honor of your presents is requested."

All things fade and pass away, Bubbles in the sun Live and love but for a day Then their course is run.

And you and I must say goodbye, Our friendship we must sever; But railway rumors on Coos Bay Go on forever and forever.

Frank Cohan says: "There is a big difference between butterfly and fly in the butter."

Just because Fred Bachman stamps his c's he cannot place them in the mails.

It is much easier to write a note than it is to sing one and it is much easier to sign a note than it is to pay one.

Light housekeeping is apt to make heavy bread.

Where did the house fly?

J. P. Morgan can raise \$10,000,000 on his check any minutes; but the man who is raising a large family on \$12 a week is a greater financier than Morgan.

After all, the rank keeps things moving whether in the machine shop or in society.

It is a good thing that a man can change his mind without changing his clothes.

Some Coos Bay folks spend so much time in trying to preserve their dignity that they have little time for anything else.

A Lawrence (Kan.) professor asserts that many men "think in channels." And in thousands of cases an appropriation is needed to deepen the channel.

An optimist is a man who expects his underclothes to be properly equipped with buttons when they come back from the laundry.

We want our eggs fresh, but not the cook.

COSTLY HASTE.

IT IS estimated that \$45,000,000 are lost yearly because of carelessness in the packing and shipping of eggs. And the main trouble is said to be with the farmers who have the eggs for sale.

The tendency to waste in unwise efforts at haste as well as the old-fashioned disregard for many of the possibilities open to the careful farmer should be eliminated with the new methods that are coming into use.

Merchants have learned to compute breakage and other losses carefully and to crowd the waste in this direction down to a minimum. It is time farmers realized some of this kind of economy and reduced the \$45,000,000 a year for broken eggs.

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IF WOMAN WAS MAYOR

- WHAT I WOULD DO IF ELECTED MAYOR Here are the excerpts from the political creed of Mrs. Rae Copley Raum, candidate for Mayor of San Diego, in 1913: Men and women have equal rights in California. There should be simplicity and economy allied with efficiency in municipal offices. There should be the same law for the poor workman and the rich idler. The streets should be used solely for business, but I would provide covered places for people to speak. A woman naturally hates graft. The people would be mayor not an individual.

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 2.—Mrs. Rae Copley Raum of San Diego, who recently announced her candidacy for the office of mayor at the election April, 1913, is not going to be the suffragette's candidate for mayor. "Men and women have equal rights in California, and I want to be a mayoralty candidate for both sexes and all the people," she said. "I believe in women voting and holding office along with the men, and I would like to be mayor of San Diego if the people by their vote say: 'Yes, go ahead and do the best for us and our city.' My platform is briefly this: There should be simplicity and economy allied with efficiency in municipal affairs. There should be the same law for the workman and for the rich idler. The streets should be used for business, but I would provide covered places for people to speak. San Diego has changed from the small town type to the big city, and the psychological moment has arrived for a woman to take the reins of the city government for two years. A woman naturally hates graft. In a time when corruption might be the rule instead of the exception it would be a good thing to have a woman mayor. Every honest man in the city from the truck driver to the owner of the biggest factory would back her up and give her advice. The people would be mayor not the individual. I would be inclined to favor a tax against bachelorhood great enough to guarantee anti-race suicide." Mrs. Raum is a sister of Congressman Raum of Illinois.

Twelve million pounds' worth of leather is required every year to provide boots and shoes for the inhabitants of Great Britain.

A Japanese bride gives her wedding presents to her parents as a slight recompense for the trouble they have had in rearing her.

French scientists have figured out that the average speed of a snail is a mile in 14 days.

The parent metal commodity made is lead. Many of the best contain \$9.95 or more per cent of the metal.

If a man could use his legs proportionately as fast as an ant would travel somewhere about 10 miles an hour.

Banyan trees are remarkable for the fact that their branches grow down to the ground and take root separate stems.



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