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If any one affirms it just to give everyone his due, and thinks that injury is due from a just man to enemies, but service to friends, he speaks not truth, for in no case has justice been proved of injuring anyone at all.—Plato.

THINK IT OVER TODAY.

VOTING according to one's best judgment and conscientiously is a high and important civic duty, and so it is not out of place to think over the situation and make right decisions on this Sunday preceding the election.

It is in this spirit of tolerance that the Journal as a final word suggests that voters be careful not to yield too readily to purely partisan appeals, and especially that they view with deserved distrust the shallow pretense that the election of Governor Chamberlain would be in the nature of a rebuke to Roosevelt.

A farther apparent fact is that voters are dividing on new lines, new issues, and that old alignments of parties are becoming obliterated. So an appeal for either party, reverting to its "history and traditions," is pointless, out-of-date and without any proper force whatever.

The way to approve and support Roosevelt is to support Rooseveltian men, of whichever party, and Chamberlain is one of them. Supporting a Republican is not necessarily supporting Roosevelt, may in fact be acting in opposition to him and his policies.

Think these and minor questions of the election over today, and decide to do not what some partisan and probably paid writer or speaker has told you to do, but what, regardless of partisan appeals, you honestly believe is best for the people.

HOOD RIVER COUNTY.

THERE SEEMS now to be but little if any opposition in Wasco county, of which Hood River valley forms a part, to the creation of Hood River county by vote of the people of the state Monday.

position to the proposed new county. The Hood River valley and adjacent territory are so situated as to be well fitted to form a separate county and it has the men and means for making a good, prosperous county; so it is to be hoped that Multnomah and other counties will give the measure large support. To do so vote No. 336 X Yes.

ROSE FESTIVAL WEEK.

FROM earliest historic times, and in all lands and climes to which it is adapted, the rose has been acknowledged the queen of flowers. And much more so is it in recent times, when by breeding and cultivation so many superb varieties unknown in former times, have been evolved.

Portland is a city of roses, the Rose City; it is meet that herein should be held annually a Rose Festival, a season when we exhibit and exploit and bring into prominent display this climax of Flora's realm.

And so we are to have our Rose Festival this week. As could not be foreseen, and as only happens once in many years, the roses are not out in full abundance now, and will not be this week.

HARRIMAN AT PELICAN BAY.

GREAT QUANTITIES of impediments, paraphernalia, furniture accoutrements, provisions, etc., etc., are being carried in to Pelican bay in anticipation of the advent there of E. H. Harriman and some of his family.

Mr. Harriman is wise in that instead of circulating around the beaten routes of travel in Europe he comes and brings his children out to the woods and waters, the mountains and plains, the hunting grounds and exhilarating climate of Oregon.

But let us not despair. Possibly as Mr. Harriman recreates and renews his strength around Pelican bay his nature may yield to an expansive influence, and he may come to see as he has never done before what splendid opportunities lie before him in that vast region northward for creating one of the most useful and profitable systems of railroad in the country, and at the same time giving a great and long-neglected state an impetus that would rebound not only to his profit while he lives but to his credit for all time to come.

to Puget Sound. So far, Harriman, though a big figure, has been one-sided, a deformity, a monstrosity. There is time yet, perhaps, for him to correct this and become the great developer of a vast region, instead of its guardian tyrant.

Here's hoping then for a pleasant summer, a healthful and helpful rest, good thoughts and high resolves, and a broader outlook and a deeper sense of obligation to the people who have done so much for him. We hope he may be as happy, or as nearly so, as possible, as the poor and honest rancher or mountaineer who lives in that upper land of Oregon.

THE CRACK OF THE HARRIMAN WHIP.

IS THE O. R. & N. company to dictate to the voters in the choice of railroad commissioner for the second district? That question is forced to the fore by the unmistakable evidences that the railroad has been doing its utmost, through secret channels and by underground methods, to accomplish the defeat of Clyde B. Atchison, who is a candidate for reelection as railroad commissioner.

Atchison is distasteful to the O. R. & N. for the reason that he has insistently and consistently demanded that the public is entitled to reasonable rates, good accommodations and decent train service. The attempt to prevent his election is on a par with the tactics pursued for years by the Southern Railway in California, where the railroad commission is owned, body, soul and breeches, by the Harriman system.

In all of Harriman's arrogant indifference to the rights of the people of Oregon we have seen nothing more outrageous than this deliberate attempt to rob them of their chief defense against his tyranny. There is no pretense that Atchison has not served the people faithfully, intelligently and loyally. But because, forsooth, he has dared to place the interests of the people above the interests of Mr. Harriman's railroad, he is to be ousted from office. We do not believe that the voters of the second district will submit to such dictation.

A VOTER'S REASONS.

AN OREGON Republican writes: "I expect to vote and work for Chamberlain at the polls on election day for the following reasons: "First, Because, as a Statement No. 1 Republican I do not like the platform recently adopted by my party.

"Second, Because Mr. Calkins is standing on this platform, opposed to Statement No. 1, and to do this and stand for Statement No. 1 is more of a straddle than I can endure.

"Third, Because I believe Chamberlain can do more for the state than can Mr. Calkins.

"Fourth, Because, in common with a great many thinking Republicans, we want to remind the politicians of our party, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, that though they may 'fool all the people part of the time, and part of the people all the time,' they cannot fool all the people all the time."

This Republican strikes the keynote of the situation. He is typical of thousands in his party in Oregon. They want a government, not of politicians, but of the people. They are tired of being puppets for the politicians to hang on a peg, to be used at voting time. They recognize that they have deliverance in the primary law and Statement No. 1. They have just seen both disowned and rejected by a convention in Portland. They saw Mr. Calkins accept an endorsement from this convention. They see him standing on an anti-Statement No. 1 platform. They see him running from Statement No. 1, even as if from the plague. They see him ignore it in his addresses, and see him, even in private, according to the testimony of one of their own number, refuse to declare his position on the subject, and that too, to brother Republicans. They realize that, under the circumstances, the election of Mr. Calkins would be an anti-Statement No. 1 victory, and that it would be so claimed, and be so heralded throughout the country, greatly to the detriment of the cause. So, as this Republican declares, they are going to vote for Chamberlain, who never dodges nor straddles, and who will be more dependable and can accomplish more at Washington than can Mr. Calkins.

NEEDLESS FEAR. THE PARTIAL stagnation and business depression of a presidential year occur because of unreasonable fear or really groundless apprehension of some radical but improbable or impossible change. Or, as one newspaper puts it, the partial closing up of activities every fourth year is more a habit than a logical necessity. Protests, and argument, and reasoning, showing that there is no occasion for this timidity, would do no good, though it would seem that gradually the people would "tumble" to the fact that in being afraid of the result of a presidential election they are acting foolishly. There might have been some excuse for apprehension in the campaign of 1896, but even then the foreseen evils of Bryan's election were largely imaginary. But imagination is powerful,

let enough people, or some sufficiently influential people, imagine dire disaster in consequence of a probable or possible event, or induce a large proportion of the people so to imagine, and the result is the same as if some unexampled, actual calamity had stricken the country. We are timid, fearsome creatures, and can be thrown into a panic on very slight provocation.

But people should try to banish these troublesome and injurious fears and apprehensions of calamity if everything doesn't go just to suit them. Even people who still suppose that the election of Bryan would be calamitous to the country should exercise their common sense sufficiently to keep in mind the fact that Bryan if president could not change laws or customs or systems to any appreciable extent, unless he had both houses of congress in accord with him. Important changes could only be made gradually, and with the people's approval. Nothing suddenly disastrous could happen as a natural and proper consequence of the election of any man, of either party, as president—though powerful groups might make this an excuse for trying to worry and oppress the people.

Go ahead as if nothing in particular were to happen. Don't be timid and become panicky over election or anything else. Keep your heads cool, attend to business as usual, take things as they come, don't worry over disappointments, and don't imagine that the country has to be saved over again every four years. The people should keep on trying to get better and more representative men in office, and to demand a higher standard of official service, but it is folly to get "depressed" one year out of every four just because a national election is approaching.

THE WORST ON RECORD.

CONGRESS will adjourn sine die soon, with a record, for a long session, probably unequalled in the country's history for its failure to enact needed and demanded legislation. Never before, we believe, has a congress been so defiant and contemptuous of public sentiment—for there can be no doubt, that in the many measures which he repeatedly urged, except one or two, the president represented public sentiment—yet in not an instance has congress responded. The house might have done so except that it is shackled and dominated by the speaker and his committee on rules, but even if the house had responded the senate was at all times hopeless. The people of the United States are scarcely more represented in that body than they are in the British house of lords.

Manifestly, the "interests," the railroads and other corporations, and the standpaters for all the injustices and inequities that have grown up in the past 40 years, have had a completely subservient congress. The people, except as to the routine business mentioned, have not been represented at all, as judged by results. The people indeed had some friends at court, some true representatives in congress, but they were in a hopeless minority, of were tied up, and could do nothing.

To make such a record on the eve of a presidential campaign seems fatuous. To be sure, Mr. Taft is not responsible for the short-comings of congress, but its record is likely to turn many votes from him nevertheless. And if Roosevelt could neither coax nor scare congress into action in the people's interest, how can Taft be expected to do any better, even if he be thorough in accord with Roosevelt's policies? But it is in the congressional elections that the people's displeasure may be expected to be seen and felt. If the people have ever in 40 years had a good excuse for voting for Democrats for congress it is now, and that even if they expect little or nothing from a Democratic majority in the house. Indeed, such a majority, without several senators of a new sort, would accomplish nothing, but a Democratic house would at least express a rebuke to the majority leaders of this worst of all congresses.

GOLDWIN SMITH ON PARTY.

IN A RECENT article contributed by request to the college paper of Cornell University, Professor Goldwin Smith, the eminent scholar and author, criticizes the party system, and advises young men to study it closely. "Are there not symptoms or signs of a change already in the shape of independent forces gathering outside the regular organizations and threatening to disorganize them?" writes the famous publicist. "Will not the progress of intelligence and free thought themselves bring disintegration? There used to be the man who could say that he 'heard many speeches which changed his conviction, but never one which changed his vote.' Such strong partisans are now growing rare."

Mr. Smith said that he had recently received a visit from Mr. Bryan, "who calls himself a Democrat," and his opponent calls himself a Republican, but "Republican" and "Democrat" are the Latin and Greek for the same thing. Yet soon Republicans and Democrats will be engaged in a fierce war, although they really differ scarcely at all. Nothing like this was contemplated by the framers of the constitution. Washington put political adversaries, Hamilton and Jefferson, together in his cabinet.

Quoting Burke's famous expression in favor of party adherence, Mr. Smith says: "Very fine writing, but it all depends on an equitable principle, in reality, as here used, denotes not anything permanent such as would justify perpetual submission to a party yoke, but only some particular question or policy which would have its day. Burke himself was soon to break away from his party and quarrel with its leader, Fox, on the question of the French revolution."

This criticism is peculiarly applicable to conditions now in America. What the people want and need are certain movements, accomplishments, upon which the majority of both parties are agreed, though in regard to them the parties, as such, are split in two in about equal proportions. Moreover, the leaders who formulate platforms and nominate candidates are generally not in sympathy with or representative of the masses, hence a party fight by the people is merely a fight for leaders who as a rule do not and will not serve them well. It is like a war engaged in by rulers who have a personal quarrel; the soldiers and the taxpayers have nothing to gain and everything to lose.

know he would faithfully remember the poor people. They know that at the same time he would be a devoted friend of all the people, and not the creature of a few people. That has been the record of his official career as governor. In that position he has been tested and all Oregon knows that he is not an experiment.

No man who has ever voted for Chamberlain has had cause to regret it. That vote, on the contrary, has always been a source of pride, for the official acts of the one voted for have always reflected the wisdom of the voter. The wider field of usefulness that would open up to Chamberlain in the senate will cause many an old friend to rally around his candidacy with greater determination than ever.

A vote for Chamberlain is a vote in favor of nearly all the Roosevelt policies. A vote against him may be a vote in favor of the Rockefeller-Morgan policies.

Again the graves have been remembered and those who sleep therein. This is a service useful to the living, and an evidence of hope and faith.

Let everybody be good and ready tomorrow, whether good roses are or not. Don't let a mean May prevent a joyous and successful festival.

No anti-Statement No. 1 man should be elected to the legislature. Every such candidate refuses to let the people elect their senators.

Are people forever to vote a party name on account of its "traditions," regardless of its recent record and of the men nominated for office?

A good many politicians are thorough Bourbons; they see little of what is going to happen, and know less.

No man in Oregon ever better earned promotion than Governor Chamberlain.

A Poem for Today

The New Age. By John Ruskin. [John Ruskin (1818-1900), the celebrated English art critic, lecturer and author, was always intensely interested in religious and social questions. This poem, written when he was 47 years of age, reflects the spirit of his letters and lectures on industrial and social questions as in his "Fors Clavigera." His simplest and best-known writings are in "Sesame and Lilies" and "Crown of Wild Olives."]

Awake! awake! the stars are pale, The east is ruddy gray; They stand behind the phantoms fade That kept the gates of Day; Throw wide the burning valves and let The golden stream flow free; The morning watch is past—the watch of evening shall not be.

Put off, put off your mail, ye kings, And beat your brands to dust; A surer grasp your hands must know, Your sword, behind the scabbard hid; Nay, bend back the lance's point and break the helmet's bar— A noise is on the morning winds, but not the noise of war!

Among the grassy mountain paths The glittering troops increase; They come! they come! how fair their feet— they come that publish peace! Ye, and the angels, Victory! your, enemies and ours. And all the clouds are clasped in light, and all the earth with flowers.

Ah! still depressed and dim with dew, But yet a little while, And your, behind the scabbard hid, And every tender, living thing shall feed by streams of rest; From the fold be lost, nor nursing from the nest.

For aye, the time of wrath is past, and near the time of rest, And honor binds the brow of man, and faithfulness, behind the scabbard hid; Behold, the time of wrath is past, and righteousness shall be, And the Wolf is dead in Arcady, and the Dragon in the sea!

Cheap Headache Cure. From the Philadelphia Record. "The best cure I know of for a headache is to wash your face," said a bright looking man. "Yes, I believe to suddenly cleanse your face with cold water will open up the pores and probably start the blood in circulation, and I know it will relieve you of a headache in a jiffy. I have tried it myself a great many times and have always been benefited. There is something in the nature of a stimulant in the cold water treatment that braces me right up, and I feel better. It cures an ardent and throbs, and the water makes it cool and fresh. I have a theory, too, that people don't wash their faces nearly enough. Anyhow, it is a very good, dusty asphalt streets and soft coal smokes. People will be much better off with their faces washed with cold water of all dust and dirt, and there is nothing as good for the skin as soap and water."

A Sermon for Today

The Most Dangerous Debt. By Henry F. Cope. "Owe no man anything, to love one another."—Romans, xliii, 8.

ANY man who prides himself on paying his wages and on being out of debt would be in absolute bankruptcy is compelled to square his accounts with life. He may have paid for all the goods he has bought, but he has failed to make any adequate return for the good that has come freely to him. Life is much the business of paying to the present those debts which we owe to the past, of putting into the universe and back into our humanity as much as a part of that which we have drawn from our own enriching from these resources. Love is life's great law, because love is the principle of self-giving in action.

We are all debtors one to another. No one is free from indebtedness for his present advantages. You may boast that you owe no man anything, but what of your father's toil? What of the price paid by the founders of our nation for the civil liberty you enjoy? Our creditors stretch far back a long line beyond our ken. Some man long ago, and for our good, made the sacrifices which made possible his present advantages. You may boast that you owe no man anything, but what of your father's toil? What of the price paid by the founders of our nation for the civil liberty you enjoy? Our creditors stretch far back a long line beyond our ken. Some man long ago, and for our good, made the sacrifices which made possible his present advantages. You may boast that you owe no man anything, but what of your father's toil? What of the price paid by the founders of our nation for the civil liberty you enjoy? Our creditors stretch far back a long line beyond our ken. 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