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THE SOB SQUAD

The grief of the standpat sob squad is almost uncontrollable. The members have handled Chinese hen fruit in this campaign until they have something resembling hook worm.

TURNING ITS LEFT

BEFORE he will engage in any discussion with Mr. Booth, Governor West demands as a condition that the Oregonian shall publish a stenographic report of his address.

A CHARGE TO ANSWER

WHY was the water power plank taken out of the party declaration of principles on which Mr. Booth, Dr. Withycombe and Mr. McArthur stand as candidates?

NO CONFISCATION

A COMMITTEE of the Multnomah County Bar association has condemned the water frontage amendment and the wharves and docks bill.

THE LAWYERS AGAINST IT

THE Non-Partisan League opposes the Tidelands Amendment and Waterfront Amendment. A committee of lawyers opposes it.

THE GROWERS

Naturally. But what about the Eastern Oregon wheat grower? What about the producers of Oregon who have products to be sent to the world in big ships?

A VERY PLAIN MATTER OF BUSINESS

THERE is a very plain business matter that The Journal submits to the sober judgment of the business men, farmers, taxpayers and other worthy people of this state. Dr. Withycombe began this campaign as a vigorous opponent of the single-item veto.

Now that the single item veto looks splendid, but it looks to me like it would give the governor power to do anything he liked; that any tendency for spite would be greatly aided. It would afford a splendid chance for a man who had a little spite to make that a sharp, two edged sword, by which he could run the legislature. I am very skeptical about this.

These are words over which there is no room for dispute. They are Dr. Withycombe's words exactly as he uttered them within the hearing of hundreds. They are an absolute declaration against the single-item veto.

Today, two weeks before election, Dr. Withycombe claims he favors the single-item veto. He said in the Oregonian last Saturday, "I shall continue to be for the single-item veto."

It is not possible that this character of campaigning can escape the sober consideration of the people of this state. Dr. Withycombe is a candidate for the great office of governor, an office that is the storm center around which beat the conflicting elements and selfish forces that constitute public affairs and imperil public administration.

In all kindness, The Journal, as a duty it owes the public, submits, that the instability of purpose, the indecision of character exhibited by Dr. Withycombe in the contrary and diametrically opposite positions he has assumed respecting the single-item veto raise the gravest questions about his candidacy for governor.

On that issue, he has already been on both sides of the question, during this campaign, and by his own claim that he was the "first man in Oregon to favor it" he says he has been on three sides of this selfsame issue.

Dr. Withycombe was the first man in Oregon to favor the single-item veto, and if now from June 25 to about a week ago he was against it, and if he is now in favor of it, even his own friends are forced to soberly ask themselves whether he will be in favor of it or against it a month hence.

A FEW SMILES

"A great many of the people out here" said the man who ought to come out and say something, "said the adviser."

"Did you see the pleased expression on Mrs. Blanks' face when she told her she looked no older than her daughter?" asked Mrs. Brown after the reception.

"A New Yorker was passing a night at a 'hotel' in a southern town, and when going to his room for the night he saw a colored porter that he wanted to be called early in the morning."

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sagacity and gives them the right to be heard, and then it mows them down as weeds."

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE The only way to flatter a sensible woman is not to.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS Condon's council is considering a street lighting plan. It is proposed to use about 30 250-Watt incandescent lamps.

IN EARLIER DAYS A surprisingly large number of Oregon's counties are named after military heroes. Baker county, which was the first county to be created under the state constitution, was organized on September 22, 1862, and was named after Oregon's United States senator, General D. B. Frisbie, who had recently been killed in the civil war at the head of his regiment while leading a charge.

APHROPH DISHONORED BY EVENTS From the Philadelphia North American. One of the leaders of the Progressive party in this state met an old acquaintance, who formerly had been his enthusiastic coworker in many campaigns against political evil.

Always a Chance. It ain't no use To sigh an' fuss, No more no less, 'And yew are a looser!' Dey's jivi one way! He 's got 'em all! An' dat'll pay, As slick as sin.

The Inroads of the Sea. From Engineering Record. Programs for conservation, in this country, at least, have dealt principally with water for power purposes and the city of San Francisco, in 1899, in proposing the creation of a federal department of forest preservation.

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