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VERY PETTY POLITICS

No man who has ever been considered big enough to even become a candidate for Governor of Oregon, much less to be thought of as possible of election, has stooped to such gutter-snipe methods of campaigning as are resorted to by the present Democratic candidate, Walter Pierce.

One of his latest card devices seeks to arouse a most unworthy prejudice by imputing against Governor Withycombe in the following preliminary statement:

"We need an American-born citizen for Governor at the head of our Commonwealth."

This is a dirty and gratuitous insult to the thousands of naturalized citizens of Oregon who are doing their full duty in these trying times in every line of patriotic endeavor, and in this respect there could be no more active, earnest, enthusiastic supporter of our Government in its war aims, efforts and purposes than James Withycombe, whose inspiring words and actions as Governor since the beginning of hostilities have been a spur and an encouragement for every citizen to reach his full measure of national helpfulness.

To arouse racial animosity among loyal American citizens at this time is decidedly unwise, and this effort on the part of a candidate for Governor should be emphatically resented, not only by all naturalized citizens, but by those who desire to promote the unity of all classes in the genuine spirit of Americanism which is now developing with a greater strength than ever before.

Wonder how ex-Governor West enjoys reading that card as he goes around the state advocating the election of a man who says that Oswald would not do for Governor because he was not American-born?

GERMANY PROFFERS TO GO ALL THE WAY

Germany professes to accept all the conditions of President Wilson for an armistice and for eventual peace.

She professes to have had in mind an armistice agreement by the military chiefs in the field.

She says orders have been given to cease submarine attacks upon passenger ships. Denial is made that there have been intentional attacks upon life boats; and there is an intimation that there have been no AUTHORIZED atrocities by her land and sea forces. (But there is an inference that this denial extends back only a few days; since the present German Government has been in power.)

And, finally, the most important claim is made, that Germany now has a parliamentary form of government, responsible to the people; based upon equal, universal, secret and direct franchise. That all sounds fair and honest.

It looks like an armistice and world peace.

BUT there are two things that may yet prevent this. First, an armistice may be prevented by the German military commanders claiming that the commanders of the Allied forces and of the United States armies demand too drastic rules.

Second, peace may be delayed for better proofs concerning the changed form of the German Government, to comply with the demands of President Wilson. For it appears from the note itself that "the first act of the new government has been to LAY BEFORE the Reichstag a bill to alter the constitution of the Empire so that consent of the representatives of the people is required for decisions as to war and peace." If that means that a bill of that kind has been merely introduced in the Reichstag, no doubt President Wilson will want to be more certain of its passage than he could be of the success of most bills introduced in either house of the United States Congress.

Anyway, something has happened to the Kaiser. He is keeping his mouth shut, for the first time in contemporary history.

To say the least, peace is on the way.

Kaiser Bill is the head sick man of Europe.

A good deal of the mania is out of Germania.

The Hun is going to have a hard time to prove to the world his reformation.

Talking of substitutes, the Germans will have to get a substitute for the Kaiser.

The firm of "Me unt Gott" has been dissolved by the collapse of the senior partner.

Why worry about whether there will be sugar enough for the crop of cranberries? There never was.

The distance between Chicago and New York by postal airplane is but ten hours. A hundred years ago it required a month to make the trip.

Our idea of quite a job would be that of collecting the 45,000,000 pounds that Turkey owes Germany. How the bankers of Hamburg and Berlin must suffer.—Exchange.

The Louisville Courier-Journal, for many years one of the strongholds of the anti-suffrage cause, has come out in favor of woman suffrage.

FUTURE DATES.

October 23, Wednesday—Annual meeting, Willamette chapter, Red Cross.
November 6, Tuesday—Election day in Oregon.
November 11 to 15—United war fund campaign.
December, date not set—Fifth annual Marion County Corn Show.

REPUBLICAN TICKET

General Election, November 5, 1918

United States Senator (Short Term)
FRED W. MULKEY, of Multnomah county.

United States Senator (Long Term)
CHARLES L. McNARY, of Marion county.

Representative in Congress.

First District, of Marion county
W. C. HAWLEY, of Marion county

Second District, of Wasco county
N. J. SINNOT, of Wasco county

Third District, of Multnomah county
C. N. MEATHUR, of Multnomah county.

Governor
JAMES WITHYCOMBE, of Benton county.

State Treasurer
O. P. HOFF, of Multnomah county.

Justice of Supreme Court
CHARLES A. JOHNS, of Multnomah county.

Attorney-General
GEORGE M. BROWN, of Douglas county.

Superintendent of Public Instruction
J. A. CHURCHILL, of Baker county.

Public Service Commissioner
C. H. GRAM, of Multnomah county.

Superintendent Water Division No. 1
FRED A. WILLIAMS, of Josephine county.

Superintendent Water Division No. 2
GEORGE T. COCHRAN, of Union county.

Why Make a Change at this Time?
COUNTY AND DISTRICT TICKET

State Senator
W. AL. JONES, of Waconda.

County Clerk
LOUIS LACHMUND, of Salem.

County Treasurer
W. L. NEEDHAM, of Salem.

County Surveyor
U. G. BOYER, of Salem.

County Recorder
D. G. DRACER, of Salem.

County Commissioner
B. B. BEHRIG, of Salem.

County Coroner
A. H. COLE, of Salem.

County Recorder
MILBURN R. BROOKS, of Salem.

County Commissioner
W. H. GOULET, of Woodburn.

County Recorder
WOODWARD, of Woodburn.

County Commissioner
D. F. EASTBURN, of Astoria.

County Recorder
H. D. MARS, of Gervais.

County Commissioner
MEHMAN, of WILLIAM P. MULKEY, of Salem.

County Recorder
SALMON, of E. UNRUH, of Salem.

County Commissioner
STAYTON, of H. B. GRUBER, of Stayton.

County Recorder
AURORA, of CHARLES KINZER, of Aurora.

County Commissioner
CHAS. D. F. E. OSBORNE, of Aurora.

County Recorder
GERRARD, of WILLIAM BOWNEY, of Gervais.

County Commissioner
HOBBS, of B. A. CASE, of Gates.

County Recorder
JEFFERSON, of J. T. JONES, of Jefferson.

County Commissioner
M. ANGEL, of A. BOURBON, of Salem.

County Recorder
W. E. DE LONG, of Salem.

County Commissioner
SILVERTON, of A. F. SENERAL, of Silverton.

County Recorder
SCOTT, of M. E. MAGEE, of Scotts Mills.

County Commissioner
STAYTON, of HENRY SMITH, of Stayton.

County Recorder
SEEM on the point of losing through lack of formal claim. They would make up a most substantial chain of Yankee stepping-stones around the globe.

WHERE GLORY WAITS.

"All I ask is to go through one big battle." So writes a high school student from his place behind the firing line in France.

His unit is in position but has not yet met the enemy in force. Men who go into action carrying that spirit never know defeat. They sleep on the night of their first battle in the trenches of the enemy or in the Elysian field beyond the sunset.

HUN MUST PAY THE PRICE.

It may seem superfluous at this late date to be emphasizing the fact that the war was forced on the world by German arrogance and ambition. Yet the French Yellow Book is timely. And for this reason: The day of reckoning is approaching.

Against that day the German is attempting to cover over his foulness. That must not be. He made the war. He has fought it through with unexampled brutality and baseness. He must expiate his crimes! The world cannot in justice allow him the fictitious extension that he robbed, murdered and ravaged in self-defense.—New York Tribune.

THE PRISONER'S LOT.

One of the officers in charge of a camp for German prisoners back of the American lines in France mentions the bill of fare provided there for all captive Huns. They have fresh meat twice a day, with plenty of good white wheat bread, creamery butter, coffee, milk sugar, potatoes, beans and fruit.

A writer in the Los Angeles Times says: "We can see where this war will wind up, with all the Germans as prisoners in American camps and the Kaiser on the outside knocking loudly for admittance. People who would rather eat than fight would find this a good time to break into the German army."

IN THE GRAIN.

Luther Burbank is now said to have his miracle wheat under demonstration. It is promised to be a much larger, firmer and better wheat than the grain the Americans are accustomed to, and with careful attention to seeding, the normal yield per acre can be more than doubled. For some time Burbank has been showing that the wheat raised in Aus-

tralia, Italy and Canada is bigger and better than our own and a good deal of this was because the American farmer gave no attention at all to the quality of his seed. All wheat looked alike to him. By experiments in selection—by "breeding"—the grain and its yield were susceptible to marked improvement. There is no reason in the world why a farmer should be satisfied with an average national yield of less than twenty bushels to the acre when the possibility of sixty bushels can be shown. The splendid quality and great productivity of the wheat of Australia are largely due to the scientific experimentation and tireless activities of Sir William Farrar, the Burbank of New South Wales. Now that he is dead his work is being still more appreciated and Australia is spending a half-million for a memorial. If the magnificent wheat acreage of America could be persuaded to double its yield a lot of the responsibility of this country in the matter of feeding the world would be taken care of.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Peace is coming.

Germany may be asked to go further.

But, if so, she will go.

She will have to.

She hopes to get by without having her country invaded.

It is glorious the way Belgium is being redeemed; and with the help of the Belgian troops.

A German paper laments that Emperor Charles of Austria is reduced to director of several states. And the truth is that he may not end up with even having that exalted position.

The several states will finally decide that matter for themselves. If they want Charles for director, they will have him. If they decide to paddle their own national canoes, they will do so. That is what free determination of peoples means.

That is what President Wilson means.

Write cheerful letters to the men at the front. They need all of the encouragement possible. You have all the better of the situation.

The new farm tractors will be just the thing for the young men to use to give their best girls a joy ride after the supper dishes are put up change in the situation. Possibly the Danish women, like some of their sisters in America, vote like their husband.

If the proposed 15-cent piece is coined by the government, we shall see articles that never before brought more than a dime advanced to a larger figure.

The rule against serving any crackers with soup is a distinct hardship on the part of the individuals who are unable to swallow soup, without making a noise like a camel-back engine pulling a freight train up grade. The crackers served to hide the noise.

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IN A SOCIAL WAY

By MURIEL GRANT.

MISS MARGARET GARRISON is in Salem this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrison, who reside on Jervis avenue. Miss Garrison is an instructor in Franklin high school, Portland, and will remain in Salem until the influenza scare is over. She was a popular member of the 1918 class of Willamette university and will be sent east this winter as a representative of the Northwestern Oratorical society.

Miss Bernice Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Craig, is ill at her home on Commercial street. Miss Craig was in attendance at the University of Oregon prior to her illness.

At the first meeting of the season, the Thursday Afternoon club was entertained by Mrs. George J. Pearce at her home, 267 North Winter street. The afternoon was merrily spent in knitting and social conversation. The rooms were aglow with gay colored dahlias. During the afternoon Miss Dorothy Pearce contributed several instrumental solos. Mrs. A. N. Bush was elected president of the club at the final meeting last season.

Mrs. Edward Pratt (Mary B. Putnam) is in Salem this week as a guest of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Putnam, at her home on North Liberty street. Mrs. Pratt accompanied her to Salem Saturday and returned Sunday evening.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buchner, 1310 Court street, was the scene of a delightful fall wedding Saturday evening at 5 o'clock, when Mrs. Matilda Buchner became the bride of Thomas Chapman. Rev. H. N. Aldrich of the Leslie Methodist church performed the impressive rite in a bower of delicate colored dahlias and evergreen ferns. The blossoms were from the garden of the groom.

Immediately following the ceremony, a five course wedding supper was served to the members of the immediate families, by Mrs. Walter Buchner. She was assisted by her daughter, Miss Dorothy Buchner. Centering the dining table was an artistic bowl of roses and smilax.

After November first Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will be at home to their many friends at 1394 South Commercial street.

Mrs. Champlin is the mother of Mrs. H. N. Aldrich.

Messages and felicitations are being showered upon Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Sutherland, at their home in Portland upon the arrival of a son born last week. The lad has been named Billy Morrow, and is the second grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sutherland of Salem. His brother, Donald, is his senior by three years.

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