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SAME OLD THING, SAME OLD WAY

Assuming that Hiram Johnson has received more votes in Oregon than General Wood—

It is the same old thing in the same old way.

The same old way in which the Johnson bunch have "carried" all the other claimed states, excepting California; that is:

By a minority vote.

Not a majority in any state outside of California.

If the Lowden and Hoover votes had been cast for General Wood, on Friday, Hiram would have been far short of a majority.

But what of it?

What if Hiram Johnson has carried the preference primary in Oregon?

By the estimate of the Associated Press, this will give him at the most 110 votes out of the 990 at Chicago.

And that is all he will ever get, and he will never get that many after the first ballot.

Take the Oregon delegates: You will find, when the returns are all in, that they are not Johnson delegates; at least not a majority of them.

They do not believe a man of the stamp and calibre and backing of Johnson ought to be nominated for President now, or at any other time.

The Oregon delegates will be bound to vote for Johnson as long as he has any show.

They are the judges of this.

And, by that rule, they are not necessarily bound to vote for him at all—for he has not the ghost of a show.

But they will of course all vote for him on the first ballot—assuming that he has received his minority plurality in Oregon.

After the first vote, practically all the delegates at the Chicago convention will be free; as free to act as the delegates in any past national Republican convention.

And being for the most part intelligent men and men having the highest interests of their party and of their country and of all humanity at heart, they will naturally wish to nominate the best man in the United States for President.

So Hiram will be out of it—absolutely.

He will not be even thought of after the convention gets through the decent preliminary formalities and settles down to the real business for which that body will be assembled.

So Oregon has merely thrown her vote away—

Assuming that Hi is the high man in the low parts of the ballot boxes the contents of which are being assembled for the final totals.

P. S.—The writer does not admit that Hiram has received more votes than General Wood in Oregon. The late totals last night were turning the "dope" the other way.

If you have not joined the Salem Floral Society, it is your duty to join, if you are a resident of this city. There must be 5000 members, and a strong and persistent program for making Salem the most beautiful city in the United States. It can be done. Nature has set the stage.

Oregon will take good care of her schools. It will cost a lot of money, and taxes are high. So there will have to be some cutting down along other lines and some readjustments in the methods of raising public money in this state.

On the state measures, the rest of the state was much more in the assenting mood than the back districts of Marion county.

All the state measures are carried.

Iceland wants to get in the League of Nations. The seat set aside for Uncle Sam is not occupied.

The day of miracles is still here and the almost daily example we see is that of clergymen living on the salaries fixed ten years ago and still keeping out of debt. And they do say that it is being done.

The Armenian mandate will probably go begging if the allied premiers decide upon shifting the burden for maintenance and protection upon the United States. It looks like a final effort to wish upon us the poorhouse of the world.

There seems to be a sentiment in the country to have a man for president who has never been seriously considered for the office before. That lets out a number of the aspirants. Of course, the "sentiment" may be wrong. It often is.

Political events at the national capital indicate that the Wilson administration will merely mark time until the end of its unhappy career. In the recent history of the country the relations between congress and the executive were never more strained.

Music teachers want the evangelical churches to lift the ban on dancing where it exists—which recalls the fact that Samson staged the first fox trot, and Milton, a good Puritan, gave us "the light fantastic toe."

Toes that dance and do not kick are much to be preferred.

The country is now spending \$18,000,000 a day for government in time of peace. With interest charges as large as the total ordinary expenses of the government ten years ago, how can the continuance of the expenditures on a war-time scale be justified or excused?

NOT TRUE IN OREGON.

The farmers are too busy riding around in their buzz wagons to get in their spring plowing and so we are going to suffer for want of turps this fall. That is about the way the dope runs. At any rate, it furnishes an excuse for keeping up the price of wheat and other farm staples. A reason for stiffening prices doesn't have to be plausible. If it is feasible it is doing well. They have been building elevators all through the northwest to elevate the price of grain, and they accomplish the purpose all right. The farmer's boy is going to the city and the farmer has rheumatism so bad that he can't hoe his corn.

Therefore, we will have no turkey for Thanksgiving. Things are looking mighty bad and the gophers are eating up all the onions! Why don't we advertise ourselves as a nation of agricultural incompetents and be done with it? If the French peasant had our soil and implements the barns would be bursting with grain and there would be so much fodder on the table that the mahogany

would be giving its old-time groans every minute. Looks as if manuring were taking the place of farming in our otherwise beloved country.—Exchange.

There is nothing to it—Nothing to this dope, as applied to the farmers of the Salem district.

They are working with all the man power in themselves, and all the man power they can hire; and they are buying tractors and trucks and every other mechanical device to be had in order to conserve time and expedite work and render their methods more intensive and effective.

They have taken the available supply of loganberry tips, and grape vines, and filbert and walnut trees and small fruits of all kinds, and strawberry plants, and many other things in the lines of fruits and vegetables and seeds.

They have been buying the best cows and hogs and sheep and goats and other live stock and poultry.

They are living up to the slogan of "More acres and more to the acre."

The dope may be true—As applied to some other states and some other sections. But it is grape vine and saffron and everything else that represents untruth and unreliability when applied to our farmers.

They are the salt of the earth; three-story farmers who have gotten away from all the mossback traditions of the old times.

One Marion county farmer had his fruit trees badly damaged by the December freeze; many very fine trees killed.

What is he doing? Sitting around and moping and bemoaning his fate? Not on your life.

He is not a young man any more; but he has work and spirit enough in him to go about renewing his dead trees and grafting his half dead ones—generally preparing to more than retrieve his losses, through years of patient labor.

He is a type of the farmers of the Salem district. They are going to make this valley a paradise; they are going to make over Marion and Polk and adjoining counties, and in the doing of this they are going to give Salem the Gibraltar foundations of a city of 100,000 people; and the raw materials necessary for making it the most prosperous city in all the wide world.

WILSON IS TO BLAME.

(By William Howard Taft.)

The greatest obstruction to an effective League of Nations at present is Woodrow Wilson. A League of Nations cannot be effective unless the United States joins as a member. The United States cannot join the League of Nations unless two-thirds of the senate of the United States shall ratify the treaty by which it becomes a member. Mr. Wilson knows, or should know, that neither in the present senate nor in the new senate, which will gather on the 4th of March next, can two-thirds of the membership be induced to vote for the League of Nations without the Lodge reservations. The senate's ratification under the constitution is as necessary to make a treaty as the president's initiation and approval.

Mr. Wilson's letter written in answer to an inquiry by the chairman of the Multnomah county Democratic central committee of Oregon completely destroys any hope that he

FUTURE DATES

May 23, Sunday—Baseball, McMinnville vs. Salem.
May 23, Sunday—Memorial Sunday.
May 25, Sunday—Lecture at armory by R. H. Kroh of Akron, Ohio.
May 26, Wednesday—Opening of Greater Willamette campaign.
May 26-27, Wednesday and Thursday—Apollo club concert, and theatre.
May 27, Thursday—Baby clinic at Commercial club.
May 28, Friday—Veterans visit Salem schools and address students.
May 29, Saturday—Baseball, Salem high vs. Eugene high, Eugene.
May 29, Saturday—William Howard Taft speaks at armory.
May 30, Sunday—Baseball, Albany vs. Salem.
May 30, Sunday—Decoration day.
May 31, Monday—Salem stores to be closed in celebration of Memorial day.
June 1, Tuesday—Salem-Portland air service begins.
June 4, Friday—Baseball, Salem high vs. McMinnville high, McMinnville.
June 5, Saturday—Annual picnic of Oregon Duroc Jersey Breeders' association, Salem.
June 6, Sunday—Baccalaureate Sunday for Kimball School of Theology at First Methodist church.
June 8, Sunday—Baccalaureate sermon for high school graduating class at Leslie Methodist church.
June 11, Friday—Blooded Jersey sale at State fair grounds.
June 11, Friday—Commencement day address for Kimball School of Theology at 2:30 p. m. in Assembly hall.
June 11, Friday—Salem schools close.
June 11, Sunday—Baseball, Woodburn vs. Salem.
June 14, Monday—Flay day.
June 14 to 17—Officers' schools for Oregon National Guard at Vancouver and Fort Stevens.
June 19 and 20—National symposium motorcycle events in Salem.
June 22, 23 and 24—Imperial convalescence of Myrtle Shrine in Portland.
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June 24, 25 and 26—Portland Rose festival.
June 26, Saturday—Letter Carriers' convention in Salem.
July 5 to 24—Summer school for rural pastors at Willamette university.
July 5 to 25—Annual encampment of Oregon National Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.
July 18 to 24—Salem Chautauque.
July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.
September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.

THIS ACT MAY YET BE A THRILLER



will consent to the Lodge reservations and proves conclusively that he will continue to the end of his term insisting on ratification of the treaty without any change. It is authoritatively stated that he intends to veto the joint resolution declaring peace with Germany and to re-submit the treaty for action by the senate. He, therefore, will put himself in the position of maintaining a state of war until the end of his term. He demands that the Democratic convention at San Francisco shall make the issue in this campaign "The League without reservations or no treaty at all." The president's letter in a message in language which would inspire, if it had any foundation in fact to sustain his glowing sentences. Were he to accept the Lodge reservations we would become a member of the



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Quite often, even with imperfect eyes, good vision is obtained by straining them. Just as long as eyes can obtain, by extra exertion, perfect vision they will do so, and it is this continual effort from morning till night, and day after day—that causes so much fatigue, so much nervousness and so many headaches.

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Then you can better appreciate the strain upon the delicate muscles of the eye when they are subjected to this severe exertion in trying to overcome defects.

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If you do not know the condition of your eyes. Or if you suspect that they are responsible for nervous disorders, headaches, etc.—then you had better have them examined and find out for certain.

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League of Nations in which all the other nations but the United States would be bound to one another by the four great peace-giving provisions of the League, to-wit: (1) the limitation of armament; (2) the mutual guaranty of Article X; (3) the enforcement of submission to judicial settlements of disputes by universal boycott, and (4) open diplomacy. The reservations would relieve the United States from the guaranty of Article X, but from none of the other obligations.

Forty Democratic senators agreed to either of two forms of reservation as to Article X:

Releasing the affirmative obligation of the United States under Article X.

Releasing the affirmative obligation of the United States under Article X and leaving the whole matter under the article to the discretion of congress.

The same forty senators agreed to the Lodge reservation as to the Monroe Doctrine, except that they wished to say the same thing only twice instead of saying it three times, as the Republicans had said it. Mr. Wilson repudiates the action of all the Democratic senators, as well as that of the Republicans. Mr. Wilson's words interpreted in the light of the facts show that, unless he can secure the agreement of the senate to Article X, of which he is the author, without any qualifications

of it, he is willing to destroy the whole League.

The real friends of the League, who have no political bias or personal pride of authorship, are anxious that the League with the Lodge reservations shall be ratified as the only way in which ratification can come. They believe that it is most valuable for the world even without Article X, and the other nations agree with them. They believe that with the power of amendment provided in it its defects, as experience shall show them, can be remedied.

Mr. Wilson's objection is that the United States must be bound to use military force to maintain the territorial integrity and political independence of all the members of the League. The other members of the League who would naturally be interested in preserving the United States' obligation under Article X are willing to release it if only the United States will give life and strength to the League by joining it and complying with its three other great provisions for preserving peace.

Mr. Wilson says that he will not permit the United States to enter the League unless it assumes a burden to others they do not ask.

Woodrow Wilson is himself the chief agent in preventing the United States from upholding its honor and performing its duty as a member of the family of nations.

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PLAYING WITH FIRE.

One of the cheeriest jags that the Chicago police have had on their hands since prohibition went into effect was a painter rounded up the other night who had drunk a full pint mixture of raw alcohol and carbolic acid. He said that with the proper arrangement of the ingredients the results were fine, but one had to be very careful.

A quart of it might be harmful, so he was particular to never mix more than a pint.

If the breath burned a hole in the morning paper the proportion of carbolic acid was too high and should be reduced. The police had all spoken in jest of the carbolic acid cocktail, but here was a fellow who brewed them and rather liked them. The more a thing tasted like a bonfire the better he liked it, and he could lurch off a mess of Roman sandals. The amendment is developing some fireproof throat.

LADY PREACHERS.

The Methodists are debating the question of admitting women to the ministry. Looks as if the simplest way would be to give women the key of the place and let 'em go wherever they want to. They will, anyway, even if they have to break in. From a worldly standpoint the pulpit is the poorest paid of all professions, and if women earnestly wish to be preachers they might be welcomed with three cheers. Any church desiring a lady pastor will please sing out.—Los Angeles Times.

THE GOOD WORK.

The Salvation Army is said to be conducting its simple but worthy work in no less than 64 countries of the world and in more than 49 languages. Its watchword is: "A man may be down, but he's never out," and it helps him to prove it. Have a doughnut.

What a lot of dimples we see in some of the asphalt streets of this town.

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