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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE SOUNDS BUGLE FOR ADVANCE

CONSTANT CAUSE for self-congratulation have been the executive acts of President Wilson to those who elected him. Along with the beaming regulars of the Democratic ranks, those partyless patriots who chose Wilson as the somewhat unwelcome solution to a situation that did not please them, are also beginning to refer to their selection as a triumph of good judgment and fundamental common sense. In no instance has the President given cause to doubt his sincerity in the common weal, or question his ability as a level-headed, far-seeing, uncommonly sensible executive. Where Taft would have been profound and muddy, or Roosevelt vehement and chaotic, President Wilson has displayed good, old-fashioned American common-sense.

For his Mexican policy the President has been crucified in print, by those crass commercial interests who would cinch their grasp upon the soil of a suffering foreign country, through the anchorage of American bones in strange graves. These are the harpies who would make patriotism pay any price to serve their purposes. It took a calm heroism of sorts to put away the glory that is always given to a war-time president, with ample excuse for hostilities, remembering that peace, while not cheap at any price, should never be held lightly. It is interesting to speculate just what would be occurring at the present period of grace were either of Wilson's two immediate predecessors in executive control. The red haze south of the Rio Grande would not have waned, at any rate—and three nations might have mingled in the strife which is now confined to the bushwhacking of dusky cousins.

If Wilson is charged with the treasonable traits of indecision and timidity, let his detractors find evidence of either in his fifth message to Congress. There is scant soil to nurse a calumny of the kind. The President's views upon the trust question, and his proposal—rather, insistence—of remedial measures, show no disposition to conciliate the powers that have hitherto made presidents and unmade them. Frankly, he gives no thought to the personal consequences of acts and statements which he conceives to be founded upon justice and public equity.

Briefly told, the presidential message attacked the interlocking directorate system which constitutes the monied menace of the nation. By wide and extensive investments in numerous corporations and industries, it was maintained that a group of millionaires held a virtual monopoly in all lines of trade. Declaring that these now omnipotent stockholders should be compelled to select a single corporation directorate in which to beam effulgently, the message jolted the trust system to its flaccid toes.

Guilt, in suits against corporations, should be made a personal issue, the message maintained. The folly of punishing a corporation through its treasury, while its officials, in whom the misdeeds of the concern are conceived and ordered into malicious activity, go free to scheme more cleverly against law and labor, has long been apparent. The fifth message suggests a remedy that will not be popular in certain circles, where the game of beating the government has held equal favor with the pastime of baiting the boobs.

Not that the message is intemperate—it is as dispassionate a display of facts as might be mustered. The evils are pointed out, the remedies suggested, and Big Business invited to come in and work out its own salvation. It may self correct its faults or be corrected; and the pedagog has demonstrated that he can use the birch as well as expound trite truths to the bad boys of the class in commercial economics.

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Riverside.

Miss Bertha Wolverton was in Medford a short time Monday.

Mrs. Mc Quilken, of Ashland, was an over-Sunday guest at the Romalis Ranch.

There seems to be an abundance of moisture falling. We think if it keeps on at the present rate it may reach the normal number of inches at rainfall.

Word has been received from Miss Lyndall Jacobs, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, that she will reach here the latter part of this week. Miss Lyndall is a sister of George Jacobs, who has been running the ranch alone for a few months.

Several from here attended the entertainment given in Gold Hill Monday evening, by Prof. Reddie, of the state University. All were well pleased and should he return no doubt a greater number would attend.

A gloriously good time was enjoyed by all who attended the masquerade ball in the Mc Donald house on Riverside, Saturday evening. Between fifty and sixty were in attendance, some being guests invited by members of the club. Those from away were: Mr. and Mrs. Carley, Mr. and Mrs. Wahl, W. W. Mc Donald, Misses Marguerite Carley, Florence Clarke, Messrs. Paul Mc Donald, Clinton Purkeypile, Chas. Carr, Floyd Hart, all of Medford, Mrs. Mc Quilken, of Ashland, and Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Dinwiddie, of Portland. A buffet supper was served, consisting of coffee, sandwiches and cake. The costumes were all good, Mrs. Schaumburg and Miss Harper having the best disguises. Music was furnished by Miss Minnie Clarke, violinist, of Medford, also Messrs. Benj. Harrison, John Short, and Ralph Dusenberry, on violins, and Richard Swacker on banjo. The central location of the Mc Donald house and the good floor for dancing, cause Riverside people to improve their opportunities and another good time is planned for early in February.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Civil service examinations are scheduled in Portland on March 11 and April 5 and April 15.

Pendleton is renewing its efforts to obtain an additional appropriation for \$60,000 for a federal building, site for which was bought four years ago.

The federal department declines to change its plans of enlarging the dredge Chinook, it is declared in a message from Senator Chamberlain.

Senator Chamberlain has been made chairman of the senate subcommittee on commerce relating to Oregon and Washington.

Mrs. Agnes C. McFadden McElroy, widow of E. B. McElroy, for 12 years superintendent of public instruction for the state of Oregon, died at Portland after an illness of three weeks.

A movement is on foot in Silverton to invoke the referendum on the use of dogs in hunting birds, and sentiment seems strong in favor of abolishing the custom.

Frank S. Grant, former city attorney of Portland, has mailed his formal petition as a republican candidate for the office of attorney general to Secretary of State Olcott.

Representative Sinnott has asked the secretary of the interior to allow the homesteader to take his five months' annual absence in two periods instead of one as is now required.

Alleging that fraud was practiced in organizing the corporation of the town of West Woodburn, suit will be filed to annul the corporation on the request of Governor West.

The governor, secretary of state and treasurer of Oregon were put under arrest, nominally, for alleged violation of the law prohibiting employees of state institutions to work more than eight hours a day.

Portland will entertain Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston on the evening of January 30. The cabinet officers will be in Portland on that date to hear reasons for establishing a regional reserve bank in Portland.

Congressman Sinnott of Oregon is pushing a scheme to cut down the cost of living and make scientific farmers out of the school children of his district at the same time by urging the students in every school to organize a boys' and girls' poultry club.

A special election will be held in Columbia county February 2 for the purpose of voting on a bond issue to be devoted to the development of a system of permanent roads. The amount of the proposed issue is \$360,000.

The Deschutes railroad company has been granted the right to enter about 15 acres of public land in The Dalles land district for use in connection with the equipment of its station at Hunter Ferry, the principal wheat shipping point on the line and the largest receiving station for live stock.

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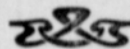
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