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PANDORA,

I.

When shadows loom across our path,
And over thorny ways we grope,
Pandora, then, her luster shine—
Our single Star of beaming Hope!

II.

Here's to merry little Momus,
Laughing all the days through,
To Pomona in ripe orchards,
And to whispering Echo, too—
Sigh for gentle Hyacinthus,
Smiles for Flora and her flowers.

To Pandora benedictions—
For her Hope through darkest hours.
—Augusta Wall.

THEIR ABLEST MAN.

If the democrats allow the Harmon-Underwood-Hearst-Clark combination to prevent the nomination of Governor Woodrow Wilson for president they will throw away their best chance of electing the president this fall.

The country is looking for a president who will stand by himself and will be a fearless, active leader for the people. They no longer want a mere good fellow on the job.

In Oregon Champ Clark is boomed as the strongest man against Wilson. Clark may be a very good man, but for genuine strength he in no way compares with Wilson.

But the worst feature regarding Clark's candidacy is that his chief backers are Hearst and "Gum Shoe" Bill Stone. Stone is the old time head of the Missouri machine and its record is bad.

TOO MUCH OF AN EVADER.
That School Superintendent Welles is strong on evading the law when

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he can make money by so doing has been pretty thoroughly demonstrated. Yesterday facts were presented in this paper showing how Welles had drawn \$300 in travel pay when the law upon the subject was drafted purposely to keep him from getting such money because his salary had been increased.

A news story in this paper today shows how Welles craftily sought to evade paying his just taxes last summer. He had a very clever tax dodging plan but it failed to work because the secret became known and the board of equalization quite properly ordered a full assessment made.

These indications show Mr. Welles is a trifle too smooth to be a thoroughly reliable school superintendent. He is too keen about squirming around the law when he can gain by such actions. Such a man is not the right sort to be at the head of the schools of this county.

DON'T STAND FOR IT.

Umatilla county republicans should take no chances by nominating unpledged men for legislative positions. The statement No. 1 principle is fairly well established in this state. But it will not stand long if the people get careless and elect men who can go to Salem and do as they please regarding the senatorship.

Contrary to the general impression there are two legislative candidates who have not taken statement No. 1. Messrs Mann and Hinkle, who have the support of the machine, did not subscribe to the statement pledge. They have been bidding for progressive votes but they have no right to such votes because they filed no statement pledges when they put their petitions on record.

Defeat these men.

"THE WOMEN FIRST."

The one bright feature in the wreck of the Titanic and the enormous loss of life is that most if not all of the women and children were saved. It is in the creed of the anglo-saxon race that the men shall look out for the safety of the women. This rule as applied on the sea means that when there is ship wreck the ladies shall go first into the life boats.

FROM THE PEOPLE

HINKLE AND MANN REPLY.

Claim No Pledges Necessary for Statement Candidates.

Pendleton, Ore., April 17.

Editor East Oregonian:

Section 3418, Lord's Oregon Laws, reads as follows:

"We the people of the State of Oregon hereby instruct our representatives and senators in our Legislative Assembly as such officers to vote for and elect the candidates for U. S. Senator from this State who receives the highest number of votes at our general election." (Laws 1909, C. 2, p. 15).

The foregoing act was proposed by the people by initiative petition and approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon at the general election held June 1, 1908. There were 69,668 votes for said law and 21,162 against, and under the provisions of law by a proclamation of the governor, dated June 28, 1908, it took effect on said date.

The purpose of said act was to enact into positive law the Statement No. 1 contained in the direct primary law of 1905. Prior to its enactment by the people, Statements No. 1 and 2 were a part of the printed form of nominating petitions for legislative candidates, but by the passage of the law of 1908 the necessity for signing Statement No. 1 or Statement No. 2 no longer existed.

A declaration of a candidate that he is for or against statement No. 1 is sufficient as a full compliance with the peoples' law as it now exists on the statute books.

S. D. Peterson and Roland Oliver, being lawyers, could easily have found the law of 1908 referred to or, if ignorant of it, they might have secured competent advice by consultation with any of the reputable attorneys of Umatilla county.

The members who are elected to the legislative assembly will take an oath to support the constitution and laws of the state of Oregon, including the peoples' law of 1908.

L. L. MANN, J. T. HINKLE.

WELLES IS UNBUSINESSLIKE.

Bert Smith Opposes His Re-election and Gives Reasons.

Pendleton, Ore., April 17.

Editor East Oregonian:

ums of your paper what I have to say for Frank K. Welles, as I believe the J. E. Smith Livestock Company is one of the heaviest taxpaying companies in the county and as I am the secretary of that company I am going to do what I can to defeat Mr. Welles at the coming primary election.

Just about one year ago some homesteaders came to us, and asked if we would help them to build a small school house in their vicinity and we told them that we would donate them \$50 and one acre of land. That seemed to satisfy them, but Mr. Welles appeared on the ground and said, "No, make the taxpayers put up a school house, which they did. Not only one but two in the same district, and which will cost the taxpayers about \$2500, either of them far better than any homesteader's house in the district."

Now, there was one house near the center of the district on the river and is about one mile from the new one in the north end and about 3 1-2 miles from the one in the south end. Now, I suppose, if a few families should come to live on the river there would have to be school opened in the old one, which of course, would mean more money.

Now, this district No. 13 is four miles wide east and west by six miles long north and south and three school houses, with about 24 children drawing public money, divided up as follows: Thirteen for the house in the south, nine for the house in the north, one or two for the house on the river.

Now, this does not look fair and just as the O-W, R. & N. company and the J. E. Smith Livestock company will be the heaviest parties taxed to pay for these houses.

In this district there is about 16,000 acres of land, divided up as follows: J. E. Smith Livestock company, 5200 acres; other patented lands, 2400 acres; Northern Pacific lands, 1200 acres; homesteads and vacant lands, 6200 acres. Also the O-W, R. & N. Company has over four miles of road in this district.

I am not in the habit of writing for the public, but I do hope the taxpayers of Umatilla county can see this as I do and cast their ballots next Friday for Mr. Young.

Yours truly, BERT SMITH.

IN DEFENSE OF WELLES.

Hermiston, Ore., April 17.

Editor East Oregonian:

After reading the editorial in the East Oregonian of the 15th, giving reasons why Frank K. Welles should not be retained as Umatilla county's school superintendent, I feel as though those who have had the opportunity to know his work and compare with conditions elsewhere, should have something to say. The recent attacks upon the present county superintendent do not seem to be fair, nor do they appear to be justified by facts.

I have been in public school work for the past fifteen years, and have worked under many very capable and efficient county school superintendents. These men were giving their time and ability, and able and conscientious as they were. I feel that in Frank K. Welles Umatilla county has a superintendent that is above the average, and ranks with the best that I have known.

Mr. Welles has the interests of the schools at heart; he knows what his duties are, and those who are in position to know, must say that he does them. Give us more men in public office who are willing to spend their own time and money, in order to become more efficient in the discharge of their duties. The time is past when it is a disgrace for any man to attempt to learn, even though his own school days are past. The patrons and teachers of this section of the county believe in Mr. Welles, because he has brought about results. He will get a splendid indorsement from the west end.

Respectfully,

B. T. YOUEL,

Principal Hermiston Schools.

Submitted by Col. H. G. Newport.

THIS MAN DOES NOT LOVE HIM.

Freewater, Ore., April 17.

Editor East Oregonian:

Mr. F. K. Noordhoff brands as utterly without foundation the statement in behalf of Welles as to his reasons for withdrawing. He is strongly opposed to Welles. His reason for withdrawal is entirely connected with private business. Teachers in this section are indignant at receiving letters from Welles asking them to get busy among their friends and get them to vote for him. Though courteous it means "Get busy or lose your job." I am hitting him hard on his turning his office into a political machine.

See County Judge Maloney about Welles asking to have county monies put to his private account so as to have no criticism about the expense of his office. The judge or clerk or assessor can also tell you how he tried to cut down his assessable property by not disclosing that he held about \$800 or \$1100 in scrip and balance in bank or mortgage.

Yours truly,

D. C. SANDERSON

FOR LOWELL AND PIERCE.

La Grande Lawyer Wants An Eastern Oregon Senator.

La Grande, Ore., April 17.

Editor East Oregonian:

Permit me through the columns of your valuable paper to call the attention of your readers to a matter of the greatest interest to the people of eastern Oregon. Oregon is not receiving or having expended within its borders its share of the funds set aside by the general government for the reclamation of the arid and semi-arid lands of the west, nor is it likely to receive or have expended within its borders its share of this fund under the present law and policy of the reclamation service. Under the law as it now exists and is interpreted, this fund is not available for any irrigation project where the United States does not own and control both the

water and the lands to be reclaimed and irrigated. As a result of this interpretation of the law these funds cannot be made available for irrigating projects for the reclamation of the arid and semi-arid lands of the Grande Ronde Valley, the Powder River valley or the Malheur valley, where the greater portion of the lands have for years been held in private ownership. In these valleys are hundreds of thousands of acres of splendid lands, now comparatively valueless, that could be made very productive and capable of supporting an immense population by reserving and conserving the waters of the Grande Ronde, Catherine creek, Powder river and the Malheur, and applying the same to the irrigation of these lands. The projects necessary to accomplish this require too much ready capital for private parties to enter the field and do this work, and as a result these projects remain undeveloped and the lands unreclaimed and unproductive, although there are millions of dollars in the reclamation fund to which this state is entitled lying idle in the treasury of the United States. Now the law ought to be amended so as to make these funds available for the construction of projects for the irrigation of private lands under proper restrictions and regulations insuring a safe return of the money to the government and the ultimate ownership of the projects by the farmers. There is no reason why such a law should not be enacted. And if we have some men in congress, both in the house and the senate, who have the ability, the honesty and the good of eastern Oregon at heart, and who are in thorough sympathy with our needs, in this respect, such a law will be speedily enacted. Any congressman elected from this district, whether he be republican or democrat can be depended upon to do his part towards the enactment of such a law. The enactment of such a law, I maintain, is of paramount interest to eastern Oregon, and eastern Oregon at this time needs a man in the senate of the United States from its own borders who knows its needs and has the ability and the integrity to fight for its interests. In Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, a republican, and in Walter M. Pierce, of Hot Lake, a democrat, we have two men, candidates for the nomination for United States senator, either of which has the ability and the integrity, to represent you and I fully and faithfully in the senate, and all of

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the people of eastern Oregon, and either of them, saturated as they are with water until they are webfooted, will do any better than Bourne or Chamberlain and grant eastern Oregon this relief? I appeal to you, my fellow voters, both democrats and republicans alike, that at the primary on the 19th of April, 1912, you remember your own interest and vote accordingly, and that you see to it that every democrat casts his vote for Walter M. Pierce, and every republican casts his vote for Stephen A. Lowell for United States senator. T. H. CRAWFORD

ROOSEVELT

THE TIME HAS COME

For the Republicans of Umatilla County to carefully reexamine in their own minds the matter of the Presidential Candidates.

To put one side the question of what the machine wants; to forget what big business demands and so loudly is demanding.

It's time for the plain citizen, of whom Lincoln said God must have loved, he made so many of them, to decide, in his heart, and with his conscience, in the interest of the Nation and for his own good, who he is to vote for in Oregon for President next Friday.

Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maine, Oklahoma and other states, North, South, East and West, where as in Oregon, the plain people have wrested for and hold the primary, have made a common citizen of the political boss and priviled him of the power to order the plain people to the polls, these same plain people, in the secrecy of a protected primary, have overwhelmingly endorsed Theodore Roosevelt during the past two weeks.

No man in the history of the republic has made such a six weeks' campaign. State machines, timbered and seasoned as they have been from years of continuous control, and apparently impregnable, have been shattered into shreds by Teddy and his big stick.

The fight is now clearly between Roosevelt and Taft.

There is no other man in the real fight. Any other man than Roosevelt would have required 20 years to do what Roosevelt has done in a hurricane campaign in a few weeks. He knows how. He is practical. He does things. He has doubtless opened the way for other Progressives later on, and made the Progressive cause and other Progressive candidates respected and possible candidates at a later date. Today, however, he is the only Progressive possibility.

Vote therefore to win. Vote for ROOSEVELT!

Roosevelt now has more uncontested instructed delegates than all the other candidates combined.

It is admitted that of the remaining states yet to choose delegates Roosevelt has much the best of the chances, and the tide daily growing higher for him. Last week destroyed the Taft chances for nomination.

New Hampshire is progressive and sure for Roosevelt. It and Massachusetts will join Maine and the majority of Vermont for Teddy.

New Jersey has a direct primary and will follow Pennsylvania, as all the other primary states already voting have done against Taft. There are but the two candidates, Taft and Roosevelt in the East.

North Carolina, with her 114,000 Republican votes is the only far Southern state with a primary. She has already elected delegates from 15 counties, instructed to the state convention, by a vote of ten to one in the primaries in the total vote cast there so far for Roosevelt.

Maryland got a primary law 10 days ago at Roosevelt's insistence and he is sure of the state.

West Virginia so far has elected more than two to one of the delegates to the state convention for Roosevelt. Delaware and Rhode Island will follow, doubtless, these other states. Texas, all admit, will give Roosevelt 40 votes. Idaho seems sure for Roosevelt. Taft test ballots in Montana are strong for Teddy. South Dakota is given over to Roosevelt. Taft will surely lose Minnesota. Roosevelt is gaining and sweeping progressive California. Elsewhere Roosevelt is gaining hourly.

The average man loves a man who can make such a fight against such odds. The people, in the primaries have shown, whether he made himself a candidate, or whether he responded to a popular call.

Oregon should shoulder up with Progression elsewhere.

Having my principal interests in Eastern Oregon, having spent all my energies, and a goodly amount of my fortune here during the past five years, I am vitally interested in seeing this portion of the state, get squarely into line, and may be pardoned for expressing a hope that Theodore Roosevelt shall get a very large vote here.

For more than 30 years I have personally known Theodore Roosevelt. I know him to be an honest man, practical and progressive and a straight-from-the-shoulder fighter for what he believes will be of the greatest good to the greatest number. A man who does things.

Yours,

HENRY WALDO COE, For Delegate to the National Convention.

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