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INCENTIVES.

I should be sorry for myself if no one seemed to care at all.
While watching me attempt to climb, or fear that I might slip or fall?
I should not have the heart to try my strength again if I believed.
That no one would be gladdened by each little triumph I achieved.
I should be sorry for myself if no one watched me jealously.
Or secretly was glad to see the obstacles confronting me;
I should not have the will to dare, my efforts would be few and small.
If I could be assured that there were none who wished to see me fall.
—S. E. Kiser.

The Portland Oregonian, a big paper with very petty ways at times has made the following
Wilson Entitled attempts to be sarcastic at the expense of the East Oregonian:
Support, sense of the East Oregonian:

The early days of a beautiful Spring saw Oregon in the midst of a stirring primary campaign. There was no great novelty about it, for Oregon is used to elections and the ways and wiles of candidates at all times of year; except that for the first time in history the people of the state were to express their preference for candidates for president and vice-president, democratic and republican. The democrats named Dr. Wilson and had votes to spare—lots of them—to help out the republicans. They were aided and abetted in this more or less laudable enterprise by the democratic newspapers of the state, all of which were violently against Mr. Taft, and for Mr. Roosevelt, or Mr. La Follette, or both.

But where, oh, where are the Roosevelt democratic newspapers now? Where is the noble pose of disinterested independence they assumed? It has yielded, of course, to the intense partisanship they always had. Where once we had a touching display of impartial interest in the general welfare, we now have a genuine manifestation of party loyalty that purports to achieve a democratic president. These papers are for Wilson because he is the democratic nominee; they would have been for any other if he had been chosen at Baltimore. They never were for Roosevelt or La Follette; they always were for that policy or that candidate that made most trouble for republicans. Now the mask is off.

These remarks are for the benefit of little papers like the Pendleton East Oregonian and the Medford Mail-Tribune, and some others. They fume and froth and foamed because Taft did not endorse the Oregon system. The democratic platform ignores the Oregon system, initiative, recall and all; and so will Wilson in his letter of acceptance. But that will make no difference to those journalistic camel-awollers.

As sarcasm very good, but where-in is the point? In what way is this paper and in what way is the Medford Mail-Tribune inconsistent in supporting Woodrow Wilson. While he was in this state a year ago the governor endorsed the Oregon system in every particular save the recall of the judiciary. He discussed our system in a most able manner and he was cheered for his candor.

When President Taft passed through the state he said nothing about the Oregon system. But when he reached New York he took a fling at this state by asserting that people who favor such reforms as Oregon has enacted are neurotics. He had some of his cabinet members go forth and deliver speeches of a similar tenor.

As a consistent follower of the progressive cause and an advocate of the Oregon system this paper could not well refuse to support Wilson if it

wished to do so. He is the only true progressive in the race. But fortunately the East Oregonian wants to support Wilson. It endorsed him in the primary campaign and said some things about his chief opponent that have since been proven true.

The only serious menace to the Wilson candidacy in Oregon thus far is that the esteemed Oregonian has been saying many kind things about him. If it continues to do so many good people may come to think there is something wrong with the famous New Jerseyan and it may be necessary for Governor Wilson to harveyize the Portland morning paper.

In this particular section of the world good cheer abounds and it should because Pendleton Elks copped the first prize in the big parade in Portland and the outlook for a bumper wheat crop is great.

But there are other places where all is not well and one of them is Texas. It has been discovered by the Corsicana Sun that this season the practice of selling watermelons by weight is being established. The report is to the effect that the idea is spreading and it is causing uneasiness among that part of the population that prefers to buy watermelons by the thump and by their looks without reference to anything so mechanical as a pair of scales.

It is pointed out by the Texas paper that coming immediately upon the advent of the presidential preference primary the reform in the method of handling melons is too much. We are progressing too fast. Besides the practice of weighing melons will injure personal pride. It will eliminate the pride of the dealer or the grower who knows how to match his skill against his customer and sell a melon for ten cents more than it is worth. It will also put a crimp in the vanity of the shrewd buyer who imagines he skins the dealer.

If the government would appropriate money needed for conducting the legitimate expenses of the presidential campaign it would not then be necessary to learn from whence all the boodle came.

From all reports it will be some time before Miss Portland entirely forgets the visit of Pendleton lodge No. 788.

FROM THE PEOPLE

DISCUSSES ROOSEVELT AND LORIMER.

Editor the East Oregonian:
May a minister discuss politics? That is, if he keeps it out of his pulpit? He may? Is a minister a citizen, and is he entitled to the freedom of speech and press under the constitution? He is? Thanks very much. My reason for these inquiries is that the spendthrift interest in politics of late, together with some unusual maneuvers, gives me a feeling of loquacity. In fact quietism is irritating my conscience, and I believe that the only relief is some sort of expression.
You see, Mr. Editor, I came from Illinois, the home of Grant, Logan, Lincoln and—a—and—a—and Lorimer. And yet why pronounce his name with hesitancy? Lorimer is not a bad fellow. The only crime that distinguishes Lorimer from a great many of his fellow politicians is that he did not give a little more money to that mischievous newspaper man who got hold of the electric button and turned on the light. If a similar light were turned on, dispelling the shadows of a great many other lives

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I repeat that Mr. Lorimer is not a bad fellow, and if he is put out of the senate, it is my opinion that a goodly number of that same august body ought to confess like men, hang their heads in shame and walk out voluntarily. But that is not saying that they ought to walk out. I'm not undertaking to defend the methods of Lorimer's election. But I am saying that the method of his election was just like the common method of most of our political elections. It was the same method by which Roosevelt was elected president of the United States. When we consider that it cost the fabulous sum of \$1,900,000 to elect Roosevelt, it gives us pause in condemning Lorimer for spending less than \$100,000 for the same purpose. Roosevelt refused to sit at the same banquet with Lorimer, but if there were any insult in the event of these two men eating together, the insult would be to Mr. Lorimer. I'll tell you, Mr. Editor, when Roosevelt lost all my respect. He was out riding horseback one morning when a young lady, or rather a mere girl, similarly mounted, rode by him. Apparently she was in a little more of a hurry than was his majesty, and thinking the road wide enough, innocently passed him. Whereupon his anger thwarted his self-control and Roosevelt showed himself to be the thing he is. He whipped up his horse and struck the girl's beast a cruel blow. Her horse of course was frightened and she was thrown to the ground and severely injured. But what did this gallant gentleman (?) do? He rode right on as if nothing had happened. Lorimer is too much of a man to do a thing like that. I know Mr. Lorimer personally; I know something of his domestic life; and I tell you he is a kind and loving husband and father. His neighbors and all who know him personally will tell you that he is a gentleman. His personal habits, language, and manners are clean and refined. He is a sympathetic, tender-hearted, manly man; in business his honor has never been questioned, and his home life was ideal.

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Lorimer is in ill repute and practically eliminated from American politics, while Roosevelt is heralded as a candidate for the presidency. A morbid incarnation of egotism and selfishness, Caesar's ambition without Caesar's statesmanship, Napoleon's cruelty without Napoleon's caliber, the Pope's dictation without the Pope's wisdom, and Bryan's verbosity without Bryan's sincerity—this is Roosevelt, that is the man who is now willing to split the progressive forces and defeat the very ends which alone furnish him any excuse for running the race. He has now removed every vestige of reason which the people had for belief in his sincerity. However, I suppose some people will vote for him.
F. J. MILNES,
Pendleton, Or., July 13, 1912.

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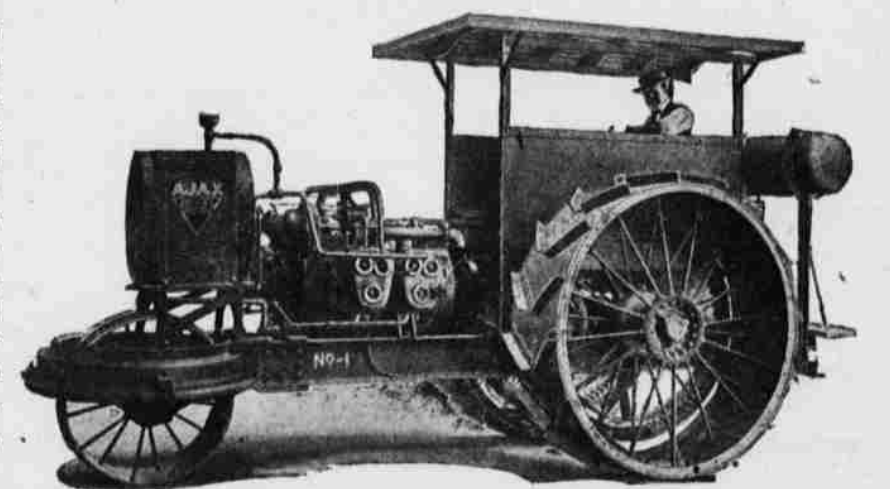
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