

A NEW DEPARTURE.

The part taken by President Roosevelt in ending the miners' strike marks a new departure in the public conduct of our chief magistrates. Heretofore our presidents have been men either of aristocratic traditions and characteristics, as Washington and the Adamses, or they have held such magnified views of the dignity of the presidential office as to preclude them from appearing before the people in any character except that of president. Under similar conditions Jackson might have attempted what Roosevelt has, but the natural impetuosity of his temper would have caused his failure. Lincoln alone of all former presidents probably would have done as president Roosevelt has; it seems altogether certain that he alone could have done so.

What presidential dignity would have prevented others from attempting has enabled President Roosevelt to accomplish, not as president, indeed, but as the most conspicuous and influential citizen. He has not hesitated in a most righteous purpose because of fear that it might not comport with presidential dignity. His action has not impaired the just sense of dignity attaching to the presidential office but has rather shed the light of a new dignity upon it that it has made noble use of the sentiment of official dignity.

Nevertheless it is a new departure, and as such will be profoundly studied by the most thoughtful citizens. Should nothing more be done to change the status of capital and labor toward each other and of both toward the public the president would surely better have stood aloof and observed the established traditions of his great office. It is reasonably certain that if something further and of more permanency is not accomplished the ultimate effect will be to encourage labor to further strikes, and drive capital into more earnest opposition to the demands of organized labor. Labor will be encouraged to make unjust demands relying upon political influence to carry them through. Capital will resist such demands as labor may hereafter make because they may readily be ascribed to mere political influence and partisan interference. This would be intensifying the evils of the present conditions. Presidential intervention might be undertaken by some president wholly disqualified by temperament—some future Jackson or Johnson—and the very foundation of the government shaken in the resultant conflict.

Measures must be taken to conserve the full measure of good made possible by the action of President Roosevelt, and evidently contemplated by him, as well as to prevent grave mischiefs which would attend indiscriminate official meddling with so delicate a matter as labor troubles usually are. These measures will be those of governmental control. The recent occurrences in connection with the miners' strike, the present situation and future possibilities of greater evils than we have suffered all testify to the necessity of effective control. The republican party will supply measures of control and an executive courageous and wise enough to administer them.

SPECIAL SESSION.

It appears there are but two reasons of importance why the legislature should be convened in special session. These are that the state appropriation to the Lewis and Clark Exposition might be made as soon as possible, and that Portland's city charter may be enacted. This last reason concerns Portland rather than the state. If there is not enough moral sentiment and official integrity in Portland to enforce the laws now on the statute books against vice so much the worse for that city. The state can endure the situation in the metropolis two or three months longer, and should do so rather than incur the expense of a special session.

As to the first reason it is argued the legislatures of other states which are to aid the exposition should know determinedly what Oregon has done. It is further alleged that the question of aiding the exposition should be removed from all danger of complication with the election of U. S. senator.

To avoid such complications

more safely it would be wiser to call the special meeting for the express purpose of choosing a senator. This plan would decide at the earliest day whether or not there will be a legislative hold up—a question of more public interest than a charter for Portland and an appropriation for an exposition of uncertain value to the state.

How to Handle Them.

T. B. Williamson, of this county, in a recent issue of the Pacific Homestead contributes a splendid article on "Sheep Breeding." Following is an extract from the article:

It is my opinion that one should breed with two distinct objects in view, namely: Wool and mutton. By so doing one has a better opportunity for receiving a fair compensation for his labor than he who breeds for one only.

After selecting your foundation stock, the next item to be considered is the pasture, and I would like to throw a good deal of stress upon that word pasture, for without plenty of good range no man will ever make a success of sheep raising. I believe the best results will be had by dividing the pasture lands into small fields properly set to whatever kind of grass or grasses that are best adapted to the locality in which one lives. In Western Oregon and Washington, clover, timothy, orchard grass, rye grass, and blue grass, do well and afford good grazing and for sown crops vetch, rape, rye and grain, do well and afford good pasture for winter when other grasses cease growing.

After getting the fields thus divided, shift the sheep from one to the other not allowing them to remain longer than a week or 10 days in one field for it is a well known fact that stock do better by shifting from one field to another—for it is the change in herbage, not in scenery that is beneficial to the flock which makes them contented, and being contented they thrive. Let the change be, if possible, from woodland to open field, from field to meadow land, and by so doing you have fresh pasture for the flock all the while. Never keep any more sheep than you can keep well. There is more profit in one well-kept sheep than two poorly kept. It is a pleasure to be the owner of such nice fat stock of any kind, and if the owner of such wishes to sell he has plenty of buyers who are anxious to take the same at good prices.

Will Boom Woodcraft.

At a meeting called by Organizer H. L. Day at Corvallis, on Oct. 31st, the following camps were represented: Mary's Peak Camp, J. L. Underwood, S. N. Wilkins, Dr. L. G. Altman; Bell Fountain Camp, W. C. Hodges, Ray Starr and Ed. Williams; Monroe Camp, A. D. La Masters, R. R. Crow and C. L. Larwell; Philomath Camp, G. T. Garshwiler, S. W. Gibbens and J. R. Fehler.

The meeting was called to order by Organizer Day and at once proceeded to elect officers for the Benton county campaign, as follows: Chairman, S. N. Wilkins; Secretary, J. L. Underwood; Treasurer, G. L. Garshwiler; Vice-Chairmen, W. C. Hodges, A. D. La Masters. The chairman appointed the several committees: Printing committee, Altman, La Masters, Starr and Gibbins; Transportation, Prof. Lake, Fehler, Lerwell and Hodges; Auditing, Ed. Williams, Crow, Garshwiler and Altman.

The initiation of 100 candidates will take place at Corvallis on Dec. 30. The chairman has appointed a committee on arrangements, who will lay out their plans to make this the grandest demonstration in the history of Benton county. There will be exercises in the afternoon, such as log-sawing, log-chopping, tug-of-war, for the men; nail-driving, box-making contest, for the ladies, for which prizes will be offered. They also hope to arrange for a football game to take place in the afternoon. Music will be furnished by a Woodmen band now being organized in this county.

The general committee has offered the following prizes: To the neighbor bringing in the largest number of applications, a beautiful gold badge; second prize, a gold emblem pin; to the team putting on the most efficient initiatory work on Dec. 30th, a silver loving cup; to the camp

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Beaver Creek School Notes. Following are names of pupils who have not been absent nor tardy during the month ending October 24th: Ray Davis, Oma Davis, Earl Thompson, Opal Thompson, Loa Carey, Jesse Gates, Philip Schreivizer, Fred Wilkinson, Noma Ireland, Theo. Ireland, Joey Park, Mary Park.

Our school enjoyed a visit by Superintendent Denman about two weeks ago. We were disappointed that the length of his call was limited to a couple of hours. The regular monthly meeting of the school literary society was held Friday afternoon, Oct. 24, about twenty visitors being present. Mrs. Carey and Master Jesse Gates were elected to take the place of the outgoing president and secretary.

Joey Park, Opal Thompson and Loa Carey are badge-bearers in the different spelling classes just at present. A very pleasant surprise was experienced by both teacher and pupils of Beaver Creek school last Wednesday morning, when upon arriving at the school house they found a new set of curtains designed for use in dialogues, etc., very kindly contributed by friends of the school.

Our third reader class having completed the lessons in the textbook are at present spending their reading hour in the perusal of the dog story, "Beautiful Joe," and are evidently enjoying the change. This class will take up the Fourth reader as soon as they have finished the story. The present enrollment of our school is twenty-five pupils. We expect more soon.

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