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THE day of the so-called muck-raking magazines is said to be past. The work that it attempted is said to have been unprofitable. The motive that actuated its editors and contributors are declared vicious and at least mercenary. This is what the stand-pat friends of the tariff, the trusts and other corporate interests, corrupt municipal government maintain, and they have plenty of reason for feeling about matters as they do. Who first made public the iniquitous "graft" systems that were built up in almost every large city in the country, except Portland? Who first exposed the Standard Oil Company's system of throttling the business of their competitors, the machinations of the Steel Trust, the infamy of the tobacco trust, the villiany of the meat trust, and the hypocrisy of the protective system if it was not this corps of "muck raking magazines?" Now they are going out of business. Some of them are reported to have failed, others to have changed their policy and still others to have sold out. The public in some instances has already had an opportunity to observe the change in tone. Let it be understood that the change has not been due to the complete reformation of all classes of offenders, or to the permanent suppression of their activities. The most of these great publications are the products of stock companies themselves and their stock subject to transfer, like all forms of collateral has largely been absorbed by the very concerns that formerly suffered the "muck rakers" attacks. Thus we are told, Hamptons disappeared. The American has modified its tone and Everybody's has likewise assumed a humiliated attitude. When we read in various publications about the "humiliation of the vicious muck-raker," bear in mind that his subjugation is another form of corporate oppression, and its product will be found in exaggerated forms of corruption.

AMONG the various candidates for office who presented themselves for inspection at the meeting of Lents Grange last Saturday was one who bravely admitted—perhaps proclaimed, would be better—that his connection with the Portland Police Board for the last three years qualified him for the support of the people. That would depend very largely on what portion of the people he would expect to serve. Undoubtedly he would get the support of the gamblers, the boozers, the pimps and the degenerates who have fattened at the mercy of these same officials. If we were seeking the support of the respectable people of the country, and had been connected with such a notably inefficient body as the Portland Police Board, we would be very careful not to advertize the fact.

THE Portland Labor Council has announced its attitude as favorable to Seneca Fouts. It is undoubtedly charmed with the very efficient service given by the executive branch of the city government, and wants to add another flower to its "loud smelling" wreath of civic degradation. How about the other candidates it has announced as fit for its admiring constituents? Are they in the same class with Fouts?

Roses Free. See Herald advertisement, in another column.

PORTLAND will soon have two more new bridges. These bridges give promise of being the finest constructions in the state. The massive construction of each of them, the modern plans, and the artistic lines followed will make them objects of admiration for all who patronize them. The public is even more anxious to see them completed than it was to have the Hawthorne bridge reopened for traffic. There will be elements of interest in the opening of these bridges that did not enter into the completion of the other. Their size, operation, and architectural features all will call for our attention.

IT is stated that W. Cooper Morris is ill, and that he is unjustly imprisoned. After a long struggle, and a costly one for the county, Mr. Cameron states that since Morris was the only one of the guilty bunch to be convicted, that his conviction was unjust and that at least he should be paroled. Mr. Cameron has proved himself an adept at doing nothing, unless piling up litigation expenses for the county. Now he wants to release those he has convicted—probably to provide room for those he will convict after he is re-elected to his present sinecure.

There seems to be widespread dissatisfaction throughout the county with the administration of the office of the County Superintendent. The most general complaint is that the Superintendent does not attend to his business. One farmer reports that he has been in the office time after time and found the Superintendent away from home. Off on business, attending some teacher's institute, down town—are the usual excuses. Too much real estate business, too much private publication work, too much of everything else but his official business.

At least a ton of garden seed was put away to fertilize the soil of this county in the two or three nice days of the first of the week. The early garden may pull or push through, but our guess is wrong if the garden planted a month from now will not be about as early as that planted this week. Getting the ground in shape is the real problem now.

Changing the tone of remarks the summer weather we have had the past week is in marked contrast to what "the folks are having back home." Or, we may add, to what we ourselves were experiencing a couple of weeks ago.

The Northwest Live Stock Show will be opened next Monday at the stock yards in Kenton. If we are to judge by previous exhibitions the show will be well worth seeing.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Allen, Henry Brooks, Mrs. K. Bennett, B. Coop, M. M. Clark, W. C. Crocker, E. L. Elliott, Miss Bernice Forrester, J. E. Gonsarn, Richard C. R. Holt, Mrs. Almeda Lee, W. C. Milligan, Mrs. Dollie Osborn, Theo. Powers, Arthur L. Planno, Eugene Swanson, Robert Schueller, Chas. H.
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SIMEY'S COLUMN

Between Spring poets, baseball and politician were are busy persons these days.

The harvest days will soon be here for the voters—or should we say the "candydates?"

Judging from the number that have drifted this way the past few hours the office-seeking squad is certainly in the majority, so perhaps THEY will do the harvesting.

T. R.'s announcement of his intention of seeking the Presidential chair struck some of the so-called "independent" newspapers a solar plexus blow; for you see they had already indorsed their candidates and "dare not" go back on their word. Verily the world is becoming virtuous.

Poor old Ben Selling; he has been selling the dear pupal woolen goods so long that now he finds it a pretty difficult proposition to pull that same wool over their eyes. Wonder why he don't head his column, after, column of the stories that appear in the daily papers, "when you see in my ad it's so" Then we'd know it wasn't.

Just wait till Jonathan B gets his rose labelled "fiz" stuck up alongside of the clothier; there'll be something doing then. Wonder why Jonathan hasn't done this long ago—we miss it just about campaign time.

Saturday was Grange day here and the way the candidates appropriated the day for their own use was a sight for sore eyes. Think of it—even our friend (?) ex-chief of police Cox was on hand—with the glad hand of course. Then there was his opponents—or rather two out of his ten opponents—Fitzgerald and Hollingsworth.

Poor Fitzgerald. He purchased a brand new "cady" the very day he came out here—bought it especially, too—and when he had delivered himself of a very touching little speech and was ready to leave he found he had no more "lid" than a married man has hair on his head. That wasn't the worst either; there wasn't a hat in town that would cover one third of his cranium and he was compelled to beat it as best he could.

Judge-to-be, W. F. Klineaman, is wearing a new hat these days, but he couldn't have copped Fitz's for he wasn't on hand. Wonder where he got it. By the way where is his campaign cards? Got to advertise judge if you want to get the business.

And oh say Klineaman has a campaign manager. He is no less a personage than his real estate partner, C. E. Kennedy, and he's a bum one too or he would have the town placarded from end to end. Bet that will fetch him.

DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS GOES TO SEATTLE

The annual meeting of the Northwest Development League will be held in Seattle June 5 to 8 inclusive and will be known as the "Northwestern Development Congress."

President Lewis Penwell of the League has issued a call for the meeting and states that not only the city of Seattle but the entire state of Washington will be hosts to the delegates when they visit the Pacific coast in June. Among the organizations of Seattle inviting the congress to meet in that city are the Commercial Club, New Chamber of Commerce, Press Club, Ad Club, Rotary Club, Real Estate Association, Transportation Club, Womens' Commercial Club, Municipal League and Publishers Association of Seattle.

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Before meeting Gov. Wilson, I was somewhat predisposed in his favor, from having read many of his productions and having admired the great comprehensive grasp of economic situations which pervades all of his political utterances and writings.

Still while predisposed in his favor, until I had personally met and conversed with him, I was not convinced of his availability as a candidate for President.

Since meeting Gov. Wilson, however, all doubt in that regard, in my own mind, has been removed. Gov. Wilson is presidential timber of the exact kind and quality required at the present time. To begin with he is an intellectual giant, with a broad comprehensive grasp of every public situation. Throughout the east, he is universally regarded as the brainiest American living today. Even in private conversation, his intellectuality scintillates in every sentence he utters. He has a logical and analytical mind. His language is simple, easily understood, yet definite, incisive and convincing. He has been a student of political economy since his boyhood, has written varied books upon the subject and is conceded to be the highest authority upon theories of government in the country today. While our presidents have generally been men of patriotic impulses, honest and conscientious, still few of them have been great intellectually. Thomas Jefferson was an exception to this rule. Woodrow Wilson, if elected president, by reason of his instincts, characteristics, training, fearlessness, patriotism, faith in the people and extraordinary intellectuality would indeed be a second Thomas Jefferson.

Ideal Chief Executive of State. As governor of New Jersey, he has given that state a practical business administration, so conceded by all. He has shown himself to be peculiarly fitted for the executive office along the most practical lines. In meeting him, you are impressed with this fact. The schoolmaster is not in the least in evidence. He is plain, matter of fact, and his conversation is not pedantic or pedagogic, but direct, forceful and earnest.

Above all he is a man of the people. He was born with no silver spoon in his mouth. He is not a man of means or wealth. He is easily approachable. No dignity hedges him about. He resides in a very modest home at Princeton. On knocking at his door, no servant, liveried or otherwise, met us at the portals. It was the governor himself who opened the door for us, welcomed us in, took our hats and wraps and laid them aside, ushered us into his library, made us feel at home and talked to us neighbors who had dropped in for a casual call. There are no frills nor furbelows about him. He is essentially Jeffersonian. As governor of New Jersey, he has fought for the plain people and they love him. In doing so, he has antagonized the interests. He knows it, but doesn't care. He has faith in the people and takes them into his confidence.

Sense of Duty Supreme. I also found him to be a man of positive convictions with the courage of the same. He is fearless in his expressions of opinions. If they do not agree with your opinion, he is sorry, but he does not trim his views to conform with yours. His sense of duty is supreme. He would not change his views, unless convinced that he was wrong, even though it made him president. He is not a trimmer. He is not a politician, but is a statesman, in all that word implies. He abhors machine politics and machine methods. He does nothing behind closed doors. Everything with him is in the open and he has no political or public secrets. What he says to you, he is willing the world should know. He is the soul of integrity and honor and he stands today as the one great champion of progressive ideas of government in state and nation. If elected president, no machine leaders, bosses or fractions, will control or influence him. His sense of duty alone will actuate him.

Altogether I was exceedingly well impressed with Gov. Wilson as a man, as a statesman, as an executive and as a possible, if not a probable, future president. He seems to combine in one personality, great intellectuality, simplicity, modesty, fearlessness in the discharge of duty, sterling character, honesty of motive, effectiveness, executive ability, energy, enthusiasm, rugged honesty, practicality and Jeffersonian democracy. And what more what more would anyone want?

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