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of defeat. It hasn't the votes to win when opposed by an aggressive, united and confident minority party, chastened and schooled by the few lean years that are the fruits of its error, and eager to answer the partisans' note of challenge which the president was pugnacious enough to sound in his Indianapolis address.

Wilson is a sincere, able and conscientious president, and has been especially useful to the nation, we think, in avoiding serious trouble with warring Mexico and warring Europe. With a militant president like Roosevelt as his lieutenant Uncle Sam would now be in possession of Mexico City and unable to let go. He might have resented the invasion of Belgium to such an extent as to have cast in his fortunes with neutral commerce to such an extent as to have cast in his fortunes with Germany. Any other course than that of careful aloofness which Wilson is pursuing would be fraught with extreme danger.

We believe that Wilson is entitled to renomination and re-election, but likewise believe he cannot be re-elected. He is handicapped by his party's immediate record of extravagance, its fondness for the pork barrel, its insistent demand that every Republican office-holder be decapitated who could possibly be reached with the partisan axe, and by Billy Bryan's regrettable leanings toward the spoils system. This whilom idol of Democracy, we fear, hath feet of clay.

To summarize and submit, there'll be no political accident in 1916. There may be an axe, but it will be wielded with fell design by a reunited g. o. p.; there may be a dent, but it will be made in the Democratic party. The LEADER has already reconciled itself to the inevitable.

#### HE KNOWS, WE SUPPOSE

Stimulated and inspired by the LEADER's poetic and beautiful tribute to the Portland rose, Al Long, a newspaper friend of ours who runs the Hillsboro Argus, sends us the following whimsical brain-child, which he entitles "Annual History:"

How Portland crows  
About that rose  
The whole world knows—  
And when one goes  
To see the rose,  
He'll paint his nose,  
By Heck!  
And wear good clothes;  
But, Gee! Suppose  
That some one blows  
Him broke—one knows  
How bad it goes,  
He'll curse that rose,  
I rock!

We fancy that John Bull would rather hark back to the less jocular days when he was blown up by his own suffragettes than to be kept so busy dodging Teuton compliments from "the heavens above or the waters beneath."

Evermore, we are willing to bet that the eastern paragrapher who produced this apothegm has just seen the last hole punched in his last meal ticket.

It wasn't altogether because he was willing to work that a man was sent to the insane asylum from Weston, although such may be locally regarded as an unusual aberration.

The LEADER never supposed that it could tolerate a Republican filibuster, but finds this loquacious pastime rather diverting when directed against the ship purchase bill.

With wheat at around two dollars a bushel next fall we'll expect our farmers to be wearing gold-braided jumpers and diamond-studded galluses.

With a Billy Sunday and a Banker Munday within its gates, staid old Philadelphia should be careful to sidestep a possible Black Friday.

The Yonkers, New York, man who was fined for wearing a straw hat in zero weather would be justified in considering it the last straw.

A boy named Lucien Gumm who ran away from his home at Kelo, Wash., has been found, and it is now hoped that he will stick.

Weston contains not a few elusive youngsters who seek to qualify as boy scouts by dodging the police after the curfew bell.

Paradoxically enough, we ought to rejoice that the "war tax" we are paying is at least taxation without representation.

About the most cheerful tidings we have lately heard from the front is that the German War Lord is losing his voice.

The way a Colorado labor leader hammers the junior John D. is enough to Rockefeller to his foundation.

Turkey is occasionally able to break into the war news by losing from a regiment to an army corps.

We do not approve of the ship purchase bill, and trust that Congress will govern itself accordingly.

#### A COUNTER IRRITANT

The Monday Crawfish, now conducted by Dean Collins, has pinched us again. We are moved to hope that the inquisitive specimen of "Mephitis Americana" which Tige finds so embarrassing

### PAYING THE PRICE OF WAR



IN THE UNITED STATES.



(J. E. Murphy in the Oregon Journal.)

ing in the Crawfish cartoons will succeed in her evident ambition to make a nest and raise a brood of little ones in Bro. Collins' waste basket. We'll be bound that she will find the atmosphere and associations congenial.

The Baker county senator who seeks repeal of the "blue sky law" on the ground that it is a serious detriment to the mining industry of the state, needs to be reminded that it in no way prevents mine-owners from developing their own mines with their own capital.

A Gotham paragrapher is thankful that "our gun men do not use dum dum bullets," which is about the choicest flower of wit we are enabled to cull from a polluted garden that produces a Staid Jack Rose.

Our local baseball manager ought to sign for his pitching staff the Winthrop, Minnesota, youth who had several live frogs in his stomach, as he should surely be able to "put the hop on his fast one."

Whatever other views his enemies may entertain concerning the information which Oswald West sends to the Oregon Journal from Salem, they'll have to admit that it's capital stuff.

Senator Barrett plans to save the state one million dollars every two years, and if he could only save the LEADER half as much we will give him a better job than he has at Salem.

Our slow-pay subscribers might be a bit more considerate if each had to grind out his own copy of the LEADER on the old G. Wash.

General Villa denies that he is dead, but may not be so well informed as the Carranzistas.

#### LOCAL FANS AT SEA.

A letter was received this week by Secretary DeMoss of the Commercial Association from E. B. Casteel, baseball enthusiast of Pilot Rock, which he has turned over to local fans. Those find themselves at sea, not knowing what to say to Mr. Casteel. It is a question whether Weston can get a team together for the 1915 season, as several of its players have gone away, and it has absolutely no material in sight for the backstop's position. The text of the letter follows:

"An effort is being made to reorganize the Blue Mountain Baseball League with Athena, Pendleton, Weston and Pilot Rock, leaving Milton-Freewater out. There is some talk of taking Hermiston and Echo in, making it a real county league. We feel that as long as the hard surface road is completed from Pendleton to Weston that transportation will be cheaper, and as Pendleton will be out of the Tri-State that the league can finish without a loss. Kindly take this matter up with the fans and business men, and we can get the proposition started early."

The advantage of leaving Milton-Freewater out is not quite obvious to The LEADER's baseball editor, as the twin towns are liberal patrons of baseball and help to swell the league's gate receipts.

#### TWO CANNY SCOTS.

We clip the following yarn from a department of the Stanfield Standard run by the "printer's devil." It sounds as though it might be so: "The boss says last summer Dr. Reid and Horace Walker went fishing and they agreed that whoever caught the first fish would stand treat. He says Doc is the best fisherman in these parts and he thought he'd lost before they started, but in telling about it afterwards Doc said: "An', dy'e ken; Horace had a guld bite, an' wise sse mean he wadna 'pu' in." "Then you lost?" asked the boss. "W'il, nae," said the Doc. "I didna' pit ony bait on my hook."

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