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Roosevelt shook Taft's hand with far less satisfaction, we'll be bound, than he derived from "shaking" Taft. Pendleton would qualify all right as a normal school town were it essential for students to learn how to bulldog the Texas steer and dance the "grizzly bear."

During the years we have known of him J. H. Ackerman has always been connected with the public payroll in one or another capacity, and now draws twice as much pay as any normal school president ever drew before. Finding Oregon an easy cow to milk, he is generously willing to let Pendleton grab a \$125,000 teat.

A Claresholm, Alberta, field of wheat averaged 52 bushels from 1000 acres, which is advertised as beating "the world's record" formerly held by Whitman county, Washington, with 51 bushels. Possibly, for so large an acreage. However, Weston once came to bat with an average of 62 bushels from 240 acres.

With the caption, "Quick, David; the Sling!" the Oregon Journal reprints this paragraph from the Independence Monitor: "The fight between Goliath Pendleton and David Weston has already commenced to get warm and will become a great deal warmer if Weston's money holds out."

Those who are fond of condemning Wilson's Mexican policy as supine and cowardly should reflect upon Taft's letter to the governor of Arizona when the latter telegraphed him in 1911 that unless the government acted the people of Douglas would have to vacate the town. Taft wrote:

"I cannot order the troops to cross the border, but must ask you and the local authorities, in case the danger occurs again, to direct the people of Douglas to place themselves where the danger cannot reach them." Was patience in Taft cowardice in Wilson, who eventually did order the troops across the border?

Chicago grain men are predicting two dollar wheat before January 1st.

Mars may as well "go away back," etc., when Boston and Brooklyn cross bats tomorrow.

Spud prospects indicate that the country editor will be apt to get just about a potato and a-half on a year's subscription this winter.

THE MAINE ELECTION (Democratic Publicity Committee.) Democratic victories in Maine are like cold days in August. They happen sometimes, but very seldom. In such a strong Republican state the Democrats have all to gain and little to lose. The only question which has any real bearing on the November result is--what did they gain, if they gained anything, in the election Monday, the eleventh of September, 1916?

Sills, the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for senator, polled 10,200 more votes than were cast for Wilson in 1912, while Fernald, Republican candidate for senator, polled 4,000 fewer

votes than the combined Roosevelt and Taft vote of the same year. And Hale, Republican, for senator, received 5,000 less. Here is certainly a gain for the Democrats and a loss for the "reunited" Republican party.

From the election figures of other years many interesting and ingenious auguries can be drawn. But these lose force and conviction when stood beside the fact that the Democratic candidate gained 10,000 votes (and more) over the 1912 Democratic vote, and the Republicans lost 4,000 (and more) of the 1912 Republican-Progressive vote.

If the change indicated by the Maine vote prevails all over the country, the Democrats will gain largely and the "reunited" Republican party lose--and our Republican friends can figure, and figure, and figure again, but they cannot disprove the simple arithmetic of this.

The same proportionate change in New York would swing New York to Wilson by 250,000 votes. In the whole country such a change would give Wilson the presidency by 750,000 majority of the popular vote.

Bells For Cannon

The strong religious feeling of the Russian people, extending to all classes, is curiously illustrated by an incident reported from the southern part of the country, says the Oregonian. The proprietor of a large bell factory had sent three sons to the front and made a vow that if they returned safely he would donate every bell in the factory for the purpose of making cannon. Recently they reached home, one of them bearing a decoration for heroism, and the father, in fulfillment of his vow, sent every bell he had on hand to the railway station, covering all the available railway ground and extending far onto the green beyond. The effect of this has been far-reaching, and monasteries and churches all over the land have taken to giving their bells to the fatherland for a similar purpose. One bell about to go to the melting pot has a history that dates back to the time of Ivan the Terrible, in the sixteenth century, and others have almost equally romantic associations.

SHRAPNEL

Japan seems disposed to make hay while nobody is looking.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown anywhere in the Balkans.

Straw votes show which way the breath of the straw vote taker blows.

Precautions have been taken to provide against a film famine. What a relief

Swimming beaches ought to grow in popularity as they become less crowded.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg bids fair to become the Lloyd George of Germany.

In addition to getting better roads we should attend to getting commercial waterways.

Running for Governor of Illinois is said to be splendid exercise for reducing the plethoric purse.

If Prof. Taft is really to take the stump, it is time to mobilize the giant squito stampage.

In industrial disputes the rights of the public must cease to be regarded merely an academic question.

If housewives should strike for an eight hour workday and ten hours' pay there would be a revolution.

Transylvania should be carefully distinguished from Pennsylvania for Transylvania has no Boies Penrose.

Labor has its day and capital has many days, but there is never a moment set aside for the poor old public.

When men live in groups not one of them is morally free to make demands for himself regardless of others.

Greece has no other cheek to turn to the smiter, both cheeks now being industriously smitten by opposing powers.

That the Chancellor of an English university told the graduates that the eyes of the world were not upon them

but not to think less of themselves on that account, was one of the pleasant surprises of the war.

The Panama Canal is clear again for ships with 26 feet draft, and Col. Goethals has said there will not be another slide.

The suffragists in convention have voted to keep up their lobby at Washington, and to have a million-dollar war fund, although a million dollars would buy a lot of hats and gowns.

Under the provision of the general Revenue bill, the passage of which was one of the last acts of congress, the normal income tax is doubled, but twice nothing is nothing still, so most of us won't worry.

Fire Prevention Day

The anniversary of the Chicago conflagration is October 9th and nearly every state in the Union will observe this as "Fire Prevention Day." The Insurance Department of Oregon urges the observance of this day and earnestly requests municipal officers to call the attention of citizens to the need of fire prevention.

Says Harvey Wells, State Insurance Commissioner:

"Fire prevention means good house-keeping; the cleaning out of attics, store rooms, closets and basements; the proper disposal of rubbish; repairing defective flues and chimneys; repairing gas fixtures and electric cords; making heating plants and stoves safe; and proper storage of gasoline. Try fire prevention once and you will find it is to your interest. I am sure the cleaning up of places will mean sanitation as well as fire prevention."

"And I appeal to every school district to hold appropriate exercises and fire drills. If any schools are interested probably this Department can offer suggestions for the school program."

"I trust that the insurance agents will cooperate with the fire departments and officers of the different municipalities in order that the many towns of this state may properly observe this day."

October 9 might be a good time to clean away and burn the dry weeds so numerous in Weston.

BURBANK OUT FOR WILSON. "THE GREATEST STATESMAN"

Announcing his support of President Wilson, Luther Burbank, the horticulturist wizard of California, said:

"I believe him to be the greatest statesman we have ever had."

Mr. Burbank, the Edison of scientific horticulture, declared that without reserve he endorsed the position announced a week earlier by Thomas A. Edison. Both Burbank and Edison have



LUTHER BURBANK

been lifelong Republicans. Edison put it this way:

"Times are too serious to talk in terms of Republicanism or Democracy. When it's America that is at stake men have got to vote as Americans. A fool or a coward would have had the United States in all sorts of trouble. As it is, we are at peace, the country was never more prosperous, and we have the strength that comes with honor and integrity of purpose."

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