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Does a man lie when he thinks he is telling the truth?

These are lively days for the presidential press agents.

Please note that the Democratic press is opposed to the candidacy of Colonel Roosevelt.

The Leader acknowledges receipt of an invitation to be present at the laying of the corner stone of the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton today.

"Colorado has the sanest, the most humane, the most progressive, most scientific laws relating to the child to be found on any statute books in the world."—Judge Ben Lindsey.

The women vote in Colorado.

The Lebanon Tribune is the latest newspaper venture in this valley. The owner is the Tribune Publishing Co. and the manager is T. L. Dugger. It has the good wishes of the Leader.

The Nebraska gentleman who plowed through snowdrifts for seven days on his journey to the Willamette Valley was in a proper state of mind to appreciate nice weather when he reached Cottage Grove. And that was the sort of weather he found here.

An unsigned communication has reached this office, in which the writer comments somewhat caustically upon what he terms "the insurrection in the Cottage Grove high school." The letter was burned. No communication to which the writer is afraid or ashamed to attach his signature will be printed in The Leader. The name will be withheld if requested.

It does not require much of a seer to realize the fact that radical reforms are coming in the affairs of this country, and that they are coming fast. That the great mass of the intelligent citizenship of the country is thinking and beginning to act along lines which are not favorable to the continued domination of the old political school is plain to be seen. This is what the long, loud and continued demand for progressive candidates means. And it is a wilfully faulty hearing which does not note that this demand is made in business tones and commands attention.

One of our subscribers in remitting his subscription asks "what about Roosevelt's statement that he would not again be candidate?" Well, we'll tell you just what we think about it,—the "third term precedent" is more for the use of political thunder makers than for the serious consideration of sober-minded people, and Colonel Roosevelt in responding to what could not be construed otherwise than as a definite demand for his candidacy did no more than any good citizen should have done. He has been out of office four years. He is, we believe, fairly eligible to the presidency and competent to fill the place. If there is nothing that can be brought up as an argument against his nomination except the fact that he has already held the presidential office "one term and part of another the case against him is not a particularly strong one.

La Follette and Roosevelt

In gains made by the La Follette ticket the supporters of President Taft think they see harbingers of victory for their cause. That is a conclusion that will bear a second consideration, says the Portland Telegram.

As the Republican camps are divided by distinction of principles there are but two forces in the field—the conservatives, or regulars, and the progressives. President Taft leads the one force, and for the time being the leadership of the other is divided between Theodore Roosevelt and Robert M. La Follette. Suppose that the forces under dual leadership should come into the convention stronger than those led by President Taft; what would be the result? Would principle prevail? Or would the personal ambition either of Colonel Roosevelt or Senator La Follette outweigh all other considerations and throw the victory to the Taft cause?

There is much in the situation to warrant the opinion that if the Roosevelt and La Follette forces combined proved stronger than the Taft forces in the convention, combination will follow to the defeat of the President.

The lines are so drawn in this party conflict that nearly all of the La Follette supporters would accept Colonel Roosevelt as a second choice in preference to President Taft, and a very considerable percentage of the Roosevelt following would prefer La Follette if their chief cannot be nominated. The situation appeals to us as a case of Taft against the field, and if the President is to be renominated he must go into the convention strong enough to beat the field.

Three new rock quarries have been opened in Washington county, two in Clackamas county, two in Linn county, and another in Lane county, as a result of information given in the bulletin on "Road Materials in the Willamette Valley" by Prof. L. M. Parks, head of the O. A. C. school of mines. The first edition being exhausted almost immediately after it came from the press, a second edition of 3,000 copies is now being issued by the State Bureau of Mines, of which Prof. Parks is also director.

Leading actuaries who have expressed opinion upon the readjustment made by the Modern Woodmen agree that the rates adopted are the very lowest safe rates, and say it will never again be necessary to make changes.

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BY HARLAN READ

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Bourne on Roosevelt

"The American people must note with satisfaction development any evolution of Col. Roosevelt. He had a perfect right to declare in '04 that he would not be candidate again, but had absolutely no right to say he would not accept another nomination. By so doing he was placing his own personal wishes ahead of his party's and country's possible demand—self ahead of duty. In '07 his selfishness, or egotism still controlled him, and, although the demand was pronounced for his renomination, yet he still placed self ahead of duty; his reiterated declaration thus depriving nation of enjoyment of its then greatest personal asset, namely confidence he had won from the American people. Had he announced that he would not attempt to designate his successor, such statement would have been far more commendable.

In 1912 Col. Roosevelt has evidently realized that it is the duty of every American citizen to answer call of his party or the people regardless of his own personal wishes and desires, and now announces he will accept nomination, if tendered him. No honest intelligent person can criticize this declaration, but must commend this final realization of Col. Roosevelt's that it is one duty of citizenship to place country ahead of self. A call to office, in a time of peace, may be of far more importance to the life of the nation than a call to arms, in time of war."

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