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ROOSEVELT AND FAIRBANKS.

Next Tuesday is election day.

Frank C. Baker's appeal to the voters of Oregon on the ground of state pride is of the most impartial character. He urges voters of all parties to avail themselves of their right to vote not only for their political belief, but that the sum total of the Oregon vote may be taken as a criterion of our growth.

The democrats are everlastingly referring to Jackson and Jefferson as the political demigods of the past. No one can tell what Jefferson would do were he alive to-day. He was a good man, and a schemer and dreamer in politics. Anyone can tell you what Jackson would do were he alive to-day. He would be with Roosevelt. He in a less educated way was the same kind of man.

The fires that have visited Portland recently have awakened a new anxiety of the denizens down there, and that for the efficiency of the fire department in case that city should be visited by a serious conflagration. It is but recently that that city has maintained a paid department and only a short time ago the fire engines responded to alarms without starting a fire under the boiler until they arrived on the scene, to see whether or not it was absolutely necessary. Anyhow, to lay these triflings aside, Portland with her 150,000 inhabitants, is going to hold a World's Fair there next year, and besides, its the metropolis of the northwest, you know.

To have gone faster than we have already gone in giving the islanders a constantly increasing measure of self-government, would have been disastrous. At the present moment to give political independence to the islanders would result in the immediate loss of civil rights, personal liberty and public order as regards the mass of the Filipinos, for the majority of the islanders have been given these great boons by us, and only keep them because we vigilantly safe-guard and guarantee them. To withdraw our government from the islands at this time would mean to the average native the loss of his barely won civil freedom. We have established in the islands a government by Americans assisted by Filipinos. We are steadily striving to transform this into self-government by the Filipinos assisted by Americans.—President Roosevelt.

The one vital question that is to be settled in this state next Tuesday, and the one that seems uppermost in the minds of many, is that of prohibition. Every voter in the county should avail himself of the opportunity of voting on this question. If you would have the county free from saloons, and liquors of all kinds it is your duty to put your cross before the words "For prohibition in the entire county of Washington," but if you wish the sale of liquors, and the licensing of saloons, put your cross before the words: "Against prohibition in the entire county of Washington." While there are a few counties in the state that will not vote on the issue at all Washington county is not one of that number, but will vote to see whether it shall be a "dry" or "wet" county.

Democracy's leading man, Judge Parker, has said that if he had the power he would give independence to the Filipinos at the earliest possible moment when they showed their ability to take care of themselves. That is Democratic would-do. The Republicans are already educating those people to that end, and anything their opponents might do would only be a continuation of the sagacity and labor of the Republicans. The Filipino matter should not be a question in this campaign, as our party is doing what the other promises to do.

The postal receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, shows an increase in Oregon, over last year, of a fraction over 12 per cent. In this report we glean the fact that Forest Grove made the largest increase of any office in the state. Her business increased from \$3,359 to \$4,222 or nearly 23 per cent. The Hillsboro office also shows a remarkable growth which together shows that Washington county is growing rapidly.

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CORNELIUS.

A. A. Phillips has put a new coat of paint on his house lately.

L. S. Foster expects to move into his new store building this week.

Robt. Irmiler, who lives near town, is having his house repaired this week.

Geo. Wilcox, of the Nelson Wilcox Lumbering Co., is in town for a few days.

Thos. Whitehorn and wife were the guests of Thos. Talbot the past few days.

W. E. Fitch and family and Alger M. Fitch, sons of H. G. Fitch, arrived from Cottonwood, Idaho, Thursday evening. They expect to make their home here.

C. C. Hancock, our popular merchant, is making quite a lot of improvements in his store by making more room for his new goods which will arrive soon.

M. B. Schofield is building a water tower at a probable cost of \$400. Unlike the ancient tower of Babel, it is not intended to reach to Heaven, but high enough to insure water being carried to every portion of the house and grounds.

The Halloween Social held at Mrs. Malthie's Hall under the auspices of the Order of The Women of Woodcraft was voted a success. Several fine selections were rendered by the Cornelius Orchestra interspersed with tableaux, which were succeeded by games and refreshments.

Mrs. Nancy Knighten.

Mrs. Nancy Knighten died at her home, three miles west of this place, last night. She came to Oregon in the early '40s with her husband, Thomas Knighten, since deceased, and has resided in this vicinity ever since.

Mrs. Knighten was 75 years of age, and for the past 15 years has been afflicted with rheumatism, which entirely prevented the use of her limbs. Five sons survive her: George C., of Seattle; Levi, of Tillamook; and Edward, Marion and Ammon, of Forest Grove.

Veterinarian

Dr. S. T. Bowser, of Hillsboro, will be in Forest Grove Thursday of each week to treat the diseases of horses. Office at Johnson's Livery Barn.