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With Hughes in the field Mr. Wilson may as well stay at home.—Albany Democrat.

A good suggestion.

The heavy frosts we have been having this week are forerunners of what is coming to a lot of candidates for office in November.

How time flies. This is the last number of volume twenty-eight of the Graphic, and, like housekeeping, we must begin all over again next week.

The action of the weather man the past few nights has made it necessary for the native sons who have been predicting a mild winter to revise their figures.

The first number of "The Crescent" for the new college year appeared the first of the week and reflects credit on the students of Pacific College, by whom it is issued. Miss Norma Harvey is editor, Miss Lyra Miles assistant editor, Lloyd Edwards business manager, with Frank Colcord as assistant.

The Graphic has received from John H. Davis & Co., 10 Wall street, New York, a circular entitled, "Prohibition—Impracticable and Dangerous." Well, now, since New York has never made any sort of an attempt to try a prohibition law, while Oregon has, we believe we are in a better position to judge of the effects of such a law than is a New Yorker, and the people of Oregon are so well pleased with the progress made that they are going to demand that there shall not only be no back-tracking, but rather that the dry law we have shall be made dryer.

It seems to the Graphic that if there ever was a time when a voter who makes any pretense to being a Republican was justified in supporting the nominee of the party for President it is in the present campaign. Mr. Hughes absolutely made no campaign for the nomination, neither did he allow anyone else to speak for him. His nomination was demanded by the people and when it was tendered him he accepted. Twice governor of the great state of New York, he showed in an eminent degree his ability to manage large affairs. He is forceful and fearless, absolutely

clear, both in public and private life, and withal an ideal candidate from the standpoint of fitness for the high office for which he has been named by the common people of his party. It is generally conceded that he is the best man that could have been named for the office and he is certainly entitled to the support of those who claim to be members of his party.

Chairman Vance C. McCormick, of the democratic national committee, issued a statement the first of the week in which he asserted that Wilson would be elected and that both houses of congress would be strongly democratic. He closed by repeating the old chestnut that "Hughes is the candidate of that small group of persons who seek special privileges at the expense of the country." If Mr. McCormick has no better grounds for making the first statement than he has for the last, he is shooting at random. If there has ever been a candidate selected for the presidency by the people without dictation from a "small group of persons," that man is Hughes, as Mr. McCormick very well knows.

The Baltimore platform, on which Wilson was elected president, contained the following plank: "The high cost of living is a serious problem in every American home. The republican party, in its platform, attempts to escape from responsibility for present conditions by denying that they are due to a protective tariff. We take issue with them on this subject, and charge that excessive prices result in a large measure from the high tariff laws enacted and maintained by the republican party and from such trusts and commercial conspiracies fostered and encouraged by such laws, and we assert that no substantial relief can be secured for the people without import duties on the necessities of life are materially reduced and these criminal conspiracies are broken up." Well, now, if the republican party and a protective tariff were responsible for the high cost of living during the Taft administration, what must be said for the democratic regime of the past four years under the Underwood tariff law, since the cost of living has increased by leaps and bounds. A fourteen per cent increase in the cost of the principal food stuffs is the way the Wilson administration has kept this pledge to the people, according to a table prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. This certainly is going some for the party that was heralded as the friend of the "pore" man.



SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS ASKED

In commenting on the proposed brewers' amendment the Oregon Register asks some very pertinent questions which we think C. E. S. Wood of "nursing mothers" fame, will have some difficulty in answering. The Register says:

But the literature sent out through the mails in the interest of this amendment does not confirm the implied pledge that no attack on the Oregon prohibition law is contemplated; on the contrary, it conveys a directly opposite impression. The "Equal Rights to Oregon Industry" committee is sending out for consumption by the voters a number of little folders which, it says, "deal with another phase of the question." Just how this "other phase" is dealt with may be judged by the titles of some of the folders. One is captioned "Deficits and Things; Prohibition an Expensive Luxury in Tennessee." Another bears the title "What's the Matter NOW with Kansas," and contains an attack on the assertion that prohibition has been beneficial to the Sunflower state. Still another, entitled "A Keen Observer in the Dry Lands," points out the failure of prohibition in various states.

If this amendment is designed to do nothing more than protect Oregon industry, why is prohibition thus subjected to a general attack? Why is bleeding Kansas again dragged into the limelight? Why is the whole question that was threshed out two years ago again opened up? If the brewers desire nothing more than permission to make in Oregon the amount of beer the law permits the public to drink, why should they use up postage in attacking the results of prohibition in other states?

It is pertinent to wonder if the "other phase of the question" is not the fact that if the manufacture of beer is permitted in Oregon a way will be found to sell the output of the breweries, regardless of any law that may be on the statute books.

THE TARIFF AND THE TAX

It is the Democratic theory that the tariff is a tax that is paid out of the pocket of the consumer, says the Globe-Democrat. During the campaign of 1912 it was the constant cry of the orators of that party, and the chief argument of its writers, that the increased cost of living was due to the protective tariff, which the consumers were paying, and that if it was reduced prices would go down accordingly. The constant re-iteration of that specious claim undoubtedly influenced many voters. Well, the tariff was reduced. Prices continued to rise, and still continue to rise. Something was wrong with the argument. The orators of this campaign are not pretending that the Underwood tariff has reduced or will reduce prices. They are keeping very quiet about prices. But they are still claiming that they have taken the tax off the consumer, which they would have it understood to mean the "deserving poor," and put it on "privilege." Now, if the consumer has been relieved in any way by this legislative beneficence he ought to know about it. His pocketbook ought to show it. Is there one man in all these United States who can truthfully say that the Underwood tariff has saved him a single dollar in his personal and family expenditures? If there is, an enterprising showman might make some money out of him by putting him on exhibition.

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a kiss. But the coy maiden was far from willing. The more she resisted the more determined the fellow became. His inamorata wore stout shoes, however, and these were the readiest means of defense she possessed. She used them vigorously too, and whatever may have been the outcome of the struggle as to the coveted

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