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THE HOUSE DIVIDED.

In a recent magazine article ex-Senator Beveridge points out the reasons why any merger of the Progressive and Republican parties such as recently was discussed at the Chicago conference is impossible. If press reports of the enrollment of voters at various elections throughout the country are to be believed the impossible is being accomplished without the aid of conferences.. Nevertheless, it is true that the new party is perfecting its organization in many states and will take an active part in coming national elections. Whether or not it will endure remains to be seen. Undoubtedly the coming political cleavage of the country will be liberal and conservative and possibly the Progressives will be the party of the liberals.

If an advanced program of social and industrial reform were all that were needed, the party would be secure; but unfortunately for it there remains the question of the tariff which will not be called liberal or conservative. Mr. Beveridge says his is the liberal party and that it wants an old-fashioned Republican protective tariff. In England today it is a branch of the conservative party that seeks the same thing. And surely the most conservative class in the United States is that which this same old protective tariff created.

But the Progressives, the writer says, would change the methods of tariff making, putting the work in the hands of a commission in the "way that other protective tariff countries handle their tariffs." There the trouble comes. For it presupposes a commission pledged to the theory of a protective tariff and however impartial in other respects such a commission might be , it could not make tariffs for the United States until the whole country agreed in wanting protection. That agreement is hardly attainable. The results of the present Democratic experiment may be such that the country will return in relief to a policy of protection, but that seems unlikely. If it does the Progressives, or the liberals of that timt, may come into power.

The future of the new party does not depend on its own program of reform. It is not in the hands of its own members today so much as in those of the older parties. The Progressives are less likely to win support than to have it driven to them by the shortcomings of their opponents.

The other day a city official received a letter from a lady in Michigan. She had invested $5000 in Bend sewer bonds. She writes, in part: "It was represented to me that Bend has now about 2000 inhabitants.* * *In looking over Bradstreet's Commercial Book I find Bend's population only 560." It is a worried letter, seeking information. Of course, the investor had nothing at all misrepresented to her, and no doubt the information she received in reply will reassure her, for the town's population today is certainly well in excess of 2000. The point offered here is the uselessness of the census results. That 560—which crops up from time to time—was the figure obtained at the 1910 census. It was an absurd census; there is no doubt in the world that it did not include even 50 per cent of the local population at the time. It is also absurd that authorities like Bradstreet should use the figures unless their comparative antiquity and probable inaccuracy are well indidated. And, furthermore, those who read these census figures in regard to Western towns will do well to remember that a population mark—even an accurate one—that holds good for today may be vastly too small in six months.

BRAYING AGAIN.

With characteristic nastiness, the Harney County News prints the following. Evidently the sane business men of Burns can't restrain Editor Davey from hurting himself and their town; or perhaps it's just a result of an effort to drown the sting of losing the U. S. Land Office job.

"With their usual perverse and jealous malignity, the busted boosters of Bend are telling every stranger who reaches that jumping off place in the desert that work has been suspended on the railroad coming westward from Vale and that nothing further will be done for two years. Of course, there is no truth in it. The News last week told of the sub-contractors who came to Crane creek gap in this county to select their portions of that cut with a view of proceeding with the work this summer, and any person with an iota of reasoning power would know that a railroad company would not build a section of finely-constructed continental railroad out 90 miles to nowhere and then stop(although it must be confessed that the construction of a road to Bend making it even a temporary terminus tends to refute the reasoning)."

Settlers along the Ice Cave road are agitating improvement of the route from Bend to this interesting natural attraction. While probably they are actuated by a desire to get an improved road for themselves, there is no doubt but that some attention to this route would be of benefit to Bend in making access to the caves more convenient, as well, of course, as in making the town more readily accessible for farmers thereabout. Certainly the proposal to establish a legal road to the caves seems a reasonable one, and in this connection the placing of guide signs would be a good starter and would do away with the present difficulties of road navigation for those not familiar with the locality.

When one remembers, says an exchange, that in an ordinary column there are 10,000 pieces of type, that there are seven wrong positions each letter may be put in, and there are 70,000 chances to make errors, besides millions of chances for transpositions, he will not be too critical. In the sentence, "To be or not to be," by transposition alone it is possible to make 2,759,022 errors. So you see the perils that beset a printer.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given bu the undersigned that he has made and filed with the clerk of the County Court of Crook County, Oregon, his final account as administrator of the estate of Paul O. Velstad, deceased, and that said court has set Monday, the 4th day of August, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the County Court room in Prineville, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing and settlement of said final account, at which time and place any person interested may appear and object to said settlement.

Dated this 2d day of July, 1913.

JOHN STEIDL,
As the Administrator of the Estate of Paul O. Velstad, Deceased.

C. S. Benson, Attorney for the Administrator. 17-20

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, June 24th, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that Patrick Mogan, assignee of Maurice P. Cashman, assignee of Earl B. Houston, of Bend, Oregon, who on August 26th, 1909, made desert land entry No. 05198, for SE¼NE¼, section 7, township 17 south, range 12 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at Bend, Oregon, on the 6th day of August, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: Albert Harryman, August Hallberg, Hugh H. Harmon and Maurice P. Cashman, all of Bend, Oregon.

H. FRANK WOODCOCK,
17-21 Register.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The annual meeting of the Arnold Irrigation Company stockholders will be held at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, July 15, in L. D. Wiest's yard.

L. D. WIEST, Secy.