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A VILE ATTACK.

The Coquille Bulletin this week gets down into the mire all over, and slings mud at President Roosevelt in a way that should open the eyes of the Republicans whose votes the Democrats are trying to secure for their county ticket on the plea that National politics are not involved. The Bulletin publishes an article by "Jack Scrouger," whose senseless doggerel plays such an important part in the Democratic campaign, and who arraigns President Roosevelt for all the misdemeanors he can think of, and some that he probably had to be reminded of.

His attack, however, is couched in language of some degree of decency, and this was not entirely in accordance with the ideas of the editor of the Bulletin, so the latter supplements the article with a vile mess of unmeasured vituperation. Here are some of the terms he applies to President Roosevelt:

"The present 'encumberer' of the Presidential chair"—"either a knave or a very ignorant fool or bigot"—"our much vaunted President is either an ignoramus or a liar"—"ignorant or lying bigot"—"this friend of the trusts, the enemy of the working man".

How does that strike you, Republicans? How does it strike any good, patriotic American citizen who is not too hide bound to recognize the fact that Roosevelt is nearer the ideal president for these United States than any one who has occupied the presidential chair since Lincoln? What language can be used to characterize the vileness of such an outbreak?

Yet these people have the gall to ask the Republicans to vote the Democratic ticket because national politics are not involved in this election!

After such an eruption as that, every Republican ought to vote his ticket from top to bottom, even if he has not been intending to do so. Do not let the impression get abroad that Coos county endorses any such indefensible abuse of President Roosevelt.

LOCAL OPTION

The Prohibitionists seem to be pushing the local option proposition which is to come up at the June election, and will muster all the votes possible in its favor.

With all due respect to those who believe men can be made temperate by law, the MAIL will express the conviction that they are on the wrong tack. Local option is simply local prohibition, and neither local nor state prohibition has ever been demonstrated to be a success.

No matter what Prohibition orators may say or what uninformed people may believe, prohibition never yet stopped the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquors in any state or in any locality.

The traffic will be carried on in spite of all the prohibitory laws that may

placed on the statute books; they can only drive it into hiding, and the MAIL can see no sense in undertaking the impossible.

Suppose local option were embodied in the Oregon statutes. Suppose it were put into operation in Marshfield. Does any one suppose for an instant that no more liquor would be sold or consumed here? Why is drinking in an open saloon with the tolerance of the law any worse than drinking in a blind pig in defiance of the law.

However, the full fledged prohibitionist is not to be touched by reason. It is a matter of conscience with him, and in those matters reason has no place.

The point is that all those who would dislike to see a law in effect which would cause endless trouble without doing any good, should be careful to mark their ballots so that they will count against the proposed measure.

MORE EVIDENCE.

We are indebted to the Sun for another proof that John S. Coke is not so recent a Republican as the Democrats would have the voters believe. In the Sun's annual number of nearly four years ago, the following language was used in referring to Mr. Coke:

"He takes an active interest in politics, but has never sought political office, preferring to devote his time to his law practice, and although a Southerner by birth and reared a Democrat, he did not agree with his party in its policy of 1896 and 1900, and when that party advocated hauling down the American flag and surrendering the Philippine islands at the demand of an avowed enemy, he renounced his allegiance to his old party and cast his ballot for McKinley and Roosevelt."

SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNE.

(Oregonian)

"You don't have to vote the Republican ticket now in order to vote for Roosevelt in November. Be literal and vote for opposition candidates for Congress, for the legislature and for local officers. Then in November you can vote for Roosevelt, if you want to."

Undoubtedly, but the vote that will tell for Roosevelt in November is the vote that will be cast in June. A clear and decisive Republican victory in June will produce an immense moral effect all over the United States.

It doesn't matter whether the majority for Roosevelt in Oregon be 5000 or 25,000 in November. But it does matter whether the Republican majority be larger or the smaller figure in June.

And they know it who are, urging that there is no reason why Republicans should stand solidly together now. It is the subtle purpose of these pleaders to freak, if they can, the moral effect of the Republican victory in June.

If the Republican majority could be pulled down, or candidates beaten, these persons would be quick and loud in their declarations that it boded ill to the Republicans in November. For if this far Western state, it will be said, doesn't stand for Theodore Roosevelt or shows a falling off, what are you to expect for him elsewhere?

They do not want Roosevelt elected, they do not want the Republicans to have control of the next Congress, who gloat in this manner, and tune poem and argument to support of these fetiches, juggles and dodges. They know they can do more hurt by defeating Republican candidates and by reducing Republican majorities in June than in any other way. And that is their object in telling you that you don't have to vote "the ticket now in order to give the electoral vote of the state to Roosevelt in November."

Every voter of Oregon who desires

the election of Theodore Roosevelt, should see the significance of the vote in June. The popular vote of Oregon in November will have no significance at all.

PLACE TAKEN OUT OF POLITICS.

Oregonian News Bureau

"Refuse absolutely to appoint any supervisors who are not No. 1 men, and where we have good men in the service who can be promoted to these positions, promote them."

This is President Roosevelt's language in instructing Land Commissioner Richards as to the policy to be pursued in the appointment of forest supervisors.

THE KIND WE WANT.

Florence West

Binger Hermann is not like most Congressmen who, as soon as Congress adjourns, immediately hurry home to look after their own private interests, or to lay plans for reelection.

Instead of doing this Mr. Hermann has remained in Washington to look after the interests of his constituents, though Congress adjourned three weeks ago and election is at hand. This is the kind of man the people want and one whom they are sure to re-elect for another term by a greatly increased majority.

From Myrtle Point Enterprise

Prof. D. W. Wight, who is at present principal of the public schools of Canyonville, Oregon, has been elected principal of the Myrtle Point public school.

Some miscreant on Catching Creek has been trying to steal Arlington's saw mill, piece at a time. Lately the sawy valve, inspirator and other parts of the machinery were taken from the mill but were found, however, hidden in a hollow stump. The guilty party is known and Catching Creek has declared open war on him and if the business isn't stopped his hide will be dangling on some Catching Creeker's back fence.

Cal. Devaul, a young man about 17 years of age, was accidentally shot in the right leg, at Norway, Sunday, by Claude Randleman another young man of about the same age. Randleman was fooling with a .32 calibre revolver and snapping it. The revolver had one load in it and was discharged. The wound is a severe one and it will be some time before Devaul will have the use of his leg.

"Did you ever see anything to make you think the man's intellect was disordered in any way?" asked the lawyer of the witness.

"Well," replied the witness, "he used to think that he could move into the suburbs and make a fortune raising chickens."

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What's in a Name?
Just before sailing for Scotland Andrew Carnegie told the following story to illustrate a characteristic of the highlanders, who think so little (or so much) of a name that they frequently change theirs when changing their residence: "I once had a guide in the wild hills of the north whose face seemed very familiar to me. I asked if his name was not McPherson. 'No, Gordon is my name,' he replied. I then said, 'I was shooting some years ago in a place south of this, and I very well remember that you called yourself McPherson.' 'Oh, yes,' he answered composedly, 'but that was when I lived on the other side of the hill.'"—New York Press.

Churchill and Chamberlain.
In London clubs they are telling of a bonnet of Winston Spencer Churchill, the Prince Rupert of the crusade against Chamberlain. He was asked if he thought there was any truth in the report that Mr. Chamberlain was suffering from "softening of the brain." "No fear," snapped the young commoner viciously. "He has a malady of a different sort—hardening of the heart."

Submarine Cables.
There are 200,000 miles of submarine cables, enough to go eight times around the globe. Their cost was about \$200,000,000. Their present value is \$300,000,000. Deep sea cables are a solid investment. The shortest cable is one-fourth of a mile in length. The longest is 15,000 miles. The total number is 1,700.

When a girl says she hates a young man it is no time for her friends to be knocking him.

WATCH THEM
The Republican National Platform of 1900 contains the following plank: "We renew our faith in the policy of protection to American labor. In that policy our industries have been established, diversified and maintained. By protecting the home market competition has been stimulated and production cheapened. Opportunity for the inventive genius of our people has been secured and wages in every department of labor maintained at high rates, higher now than ever before, and always distinguishing our working people in their better conditions of life from those of any competing country. Enjoying the blessings of the American common schools, secure the rights of self government and skill have enabled them finally to enter the markets of the world."

The dominant idea which has virtually formed the backbone of the Democratic party for the past twenty years, is 'Free Trade.' They have used this campaign shibboleth under all forms of disguise and no one can doubt, that if the people of this Republic would commission them to enact their free trade ideas, the American workingman would find himself shortly in competition with foreign labor on the basis of a 'pigtail' a day. If free trade was adopted in the sense of the Democratic party platform the great industry of this coast, the lumber industry, will suffer materially.

The duty now imposed on imported lumber from Canada and other countries enables the millman of this country to pay a better price for logs and higher wages to his employees. If the present import duty was taken off, an immediate fall in the price of that commodity would occur. The millman to meet these conditions would have to make a cut somewhere in the cost of manufacture and he would naturally say: 'I have to pay less for logs and reduce the wages of my employees; the present profits in my business will not stand competition with foreign markets without a reduction in the cost of manufacture.

Owing to the scarcity of timber throughout the East a movement on the part of freetraders will soon be made to place imported lumber on the free list. The West will have to fight the advancement of such a movement and on account of the East having the greater population it will require the energetic influence of every citizen in the West to overcome the immense pressure which will be brought to bear from the non-lumber producing sections of the country to place lumber on the free list.

The Western logger and laborer want no free-trader in a position where he might satisfy his disposition in part by placing our lumber on the same footing as the imported article. Every man who holds an official position, no matter whether it is a district of the state he represents or some other office, has more or less influence in expressing the needs of the state, and Oregon does not want a State Senator sending word to Washington to influence Congressional legislation to the effect that the lumber industry of the Coast will not suffer by admitting lumber on the free list. In obedience to the doctrines of the Democratic platform, a Democratic State Senator would have to sustain his party when it attempts this movement.

Elect a Republican Congressman and district legislative ticket, and the lumber interests will be protected.

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