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ANOTHER STRAW VOTE.

The Oregonian has taken another straw vote on presidential preferences. This time it was taken among the occupants of Yeon building. Selling building, Board of Trade building, Wilcox building, Dorenbecker Furniture Factory, Willamette Iron and Steel Works, Union Meat Company, Albers Bros. Milling Company, Brownsville Woolen Mill store, Imperial Hotel Lobby, Perkins Hotel lobby, waiters at Hof Brau, and waiters at Oregon grill.

The Oregonian vouchsafes that the result is as nearly indicative of sentiment in Portland as any straw vote can be made.

The result is as follows:

Wilson 346 votes.

Hughes 297 votes.

Roosevelt 155 votes.

The Oregonian assures us that it cannot be doubted that these figures are significant of Wilson's popularity. This vote needs to be analyzed to be understood. The good faith of the Oregonian is pledged that this vote is a fair and honest one and significant of prevailing political sentiment in Portland. Then let us analyze: The registration of voters in Portland shows that the republicans outstrip the democrats by a ratio of 3 1/2 to one approximately. Then if the 846 votes cast at this straw election was made up of republicans and democrats in the proportion of 3 1/2 to 1 there were in that body of voters 658 republicans and 188 democrats. But Mr. Wilson received 346 votes, but as there were only 188 democrats he received as many republicans as the difference between 346 and 188 which would be 158. So Mr. Wilson must have received 158 republican votes. Is it any wonder that the Oregonian regards Mr. Wilson as a very popular man? If he is as popular in all the states of the Union as he appears to be in Portland (and there is no reason to think that he is not), the task of defeating him by Roosevelt, Hughes or any other candidate will be a hopeless one.

INCOMPATIBILITY.

The man that gives in to his wife need not fear that he will necessarily be heckled according to Justice John J. Freschi in the May Woman's Home Companion. On the contrary yielding inspires yielding. Justice Freschi says:

"It would be absurd to say that there is no such thing as marital incompatibility. People irreconcilably unsuited to each other may mistakenly marry; but it is extremely rare, particularly in free America. Here men and women exercise the right of personal selection. Their marriage presupposes love. While upon the foundation of love, misunderstanding and dissension may find a foothold, yet it is scarcely probable that two persons actually incompatible could have been drawn together in the first instance. As well say it is possible to affinitize fire and water."

A SENTENTIOUS AGE.

In an article in the Magazine proving it pays to be sententious, Fred C. Kelly says:

"Years ago the big telephone companies replaced the unceremonious 'hello' of the central operator with the more polite phrase, 'Please.' More recently they discovered that the word 'please' through several million times a day, carried messages and really cost a lot of money. So operators now begin merely, 'Number?' but they are under rigid instructions to say the word with a rising inflection on the syllable, which gives a cheerful sound to the inquiry. The word with a falling inflection, however, last makes it sound as if the operator is somewhat bored with the task and is not actually dissatisfied with the conditions generally."

MISFITS

While we love our fellow men, it would be good news to know that Villa is actually dead.

There are times when dead men are of more value to the world than live men.

One thing we'll be glad is done, the battle of Verdun.

Or perhaps it should be like this. May it end soon. The battle of Verdun.

Here is a true story:

A farmer near Albany met with an accident that knocked him insensible. An Albany Dr. was sent for and after laboring with him for awhile brought him to consciousness. He looked around and upon seeing the Dr. remarked: "Well, I know now I'm not in heaven."

Because all of the important wars of the U. S. began in April some one has figured out that the U. S. and Mexico will begin another war this month.

Another nuisance around: Canadian coins are declared worth 4 cents on the dollar less than the figures.

A writer in the American Magazine, Dr. Cabot, says that one of the troubles of his profession is that people are not told that nothing is the matter of them when that is a fact instead of

giving them bread pills.

A German writer in an army pamphlet says: "Almost all excesses and disturbances in the army are traced to drink, and it is mostly beer that causes the mischief."

Here is a neat little story told in the American magazine about Geo. C. Bolt, manager of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, and former manager of a Philadelphia hostelry:

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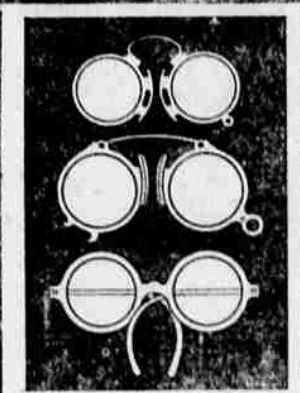
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