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SUBSTANTIAL PROSPERITY.

Prices being obtained by Oregon farmers at the present time are of a size to make people generally take notice. Here are some of them: Peas, \$1.75 to \$2 a box f. o. b. Medford; peaches 50c to 60c box; Italian prunes 6c to 7c a pound. There is a good walnut crop at about 20 cents a pound for Franquettes. Hay is up, as high as \$20 a ton. Wool is 25 to 27 cents a pound. Pork is 10 cents, beef is high, in fact everything grown is up.

A shrewd business man, running a big concern, speaks out as follows from a merely non-partizan, but business standpoint:

Inasmuch as statesmen, politicians and the average business man and woman recognize that the land of the country and the product thereof constitutes the foundation for the stability and prosperity of any country it must logically prove that if the calamity orchestra of the Hughes-Penrose-Smoot-AldrichWall street et al syndicate, which is endeavoring to divert the attention of the masses from the real national issue at hand would turn their abilities to more useful and honorable employment than empty criticism and abuse, their honest but deceived admirers would very soon show all the political combinations that the prosperity of this country is not dependent upon any one single clique or party.

The business man, writing says: These unprecedented high prices indicate the rising tide of real prosperity of a substantial character, among the people with whom we do business and that general nation wide confidence is gradually but irresistibly being extended by the present administration.

These are the words sent out by a big nurseries company to their employees giving them reasons for confident work for business among the producers of the Northwest.

ARE FOR WILSON.

The following is given as the situation in the west:

Progressives are actually organizing Wilson clubs: "life-long" Republicans are declaring themselves for Wilson and peace; socialists and foreign-born are declaring themselves for the administration that has shown antagonism to "vested interests and special privilege."

Every day brings confirmation that the independent vote added to a united and loyal Democracy will reelect Woodrow Wilson as president of the United States.

This drift to Wilson seems to have been stimulated rather than checked by the speeches of the Republican candidate for president in the Central West. Continuous and unreasonable criticism, by its very monotonous harangue, is often apt to divert votes to the opposition rather than win them, and this appears to have been the result of Mr. Hughes' manner of campaigning.

Even before Mr. Hughes made his first speech at Carnegie Hall, New York, this drift to the Democratic party had made great headway.

David Lawrence, writing to the New York "Evening Post" from Washington, gives some interesting facts which have an important bearing on the campaign. Basing his calculations on the letters which are pouring each day into the White House from all parts of the country and which he has had opportunity to see, Mr. Lawrence says the president will probably get more than twenty per cent of the Progressives.

"These letters have a true ring to them," Mr. Lawrence writes. "They come from men who have no desire for political preferment, but whose hearts throb with the impulses of the progressive principles and popular rate."

Mr. Lawrence says the reasons these writers give for coming out, some of them reluctantly and others

very enthusiastically for Wilson are, in a nutshell, that while Hughes is a man of excellent personality, he has a leaning toward reactionary Republican doctrine and that the party which he leads in the present race has not reformed a particle since 1912; that Woodrow Wilson, on the other hand, is a man of similarly high character, but he has initiated the process of regeneration in the Democratic party and is actually putting on the statute books progressive legislation.

MISFITS

After seeing other places when they come back to Albany they say: "Best town in the world."

We don't see many dogs around these days. They are gradually being relegated to the country. Unlike people there are mean dogs; but there are also good ones, and where is there a better friend?

Here is a dog story in the American Magazine, which ought to satisfy the taste of the lover of thrills:

"The dog needed no second bidding. Instantly his great, powerful body shot across the intervening space as if propelled by giant springs, his fearsome fangs bared and the snarl of battle in his throat. The mob fell back before his fierce onslaught, the more cowardly fighting to escape. The brawny leader went down at first rush, his cheek torn open by Otto's fangs. Tony Kompetto drew his deadly knife, but Otto seized him by the shoulder and shook him as a terrier shakes a rat. Again and again the fearless dog charged. They dared not fire in the confusion and they were powerless against this unleashed fury."

Why Mr. Hughes.

Commoner: Mr. Hughes is trying to get the woman vote by endorsing a national amendment. The national amendment will come as soon as a few more states act. The women will not forget that President Wilson went to New Jersey to vote for woman suffrage and then urged the convention to put a suffrage plank in the democratic platform. What did Mr. Hughes do for suffrage before becoming a candidate? Did he go to New York to vote for it? Did he advise the putting of the suffrage plank in the republican platform? Or was he silent on that question as on others?

Here is Jas. Whitcomb Riley's first poem, a good one for a boy: The same old story told again— The maiden drops her head, The ripening glow of her crimson cheek Is answering in her stead.

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