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LINN AND WILSON.

A correspondent in the Journal
tells of the political situation in Linn
county as follows:

Woodrow Wilson will carry Linn
county in November in a straight
fight against Charles E. Hughes, just
as he carried it in 1912 in the three-
cornered fight against Taft and
Roosevelt.

This is the consensus of opinion
as expressed by those who have been
watching the development of the
presidential campaign unblinded by
partisan hopes or connections but
who have formed their beliefs from
the gist of what they have heard.

For one thing Mr. Hughes is not
popular among many of the old time
residents of Albany and Corvallis who
gained their opinion of him when he
came out from New York some 20
years ago to bid in the Oregon Pa-
cific railroad property, then in the
hands of a receiver.

At that time the interests of the
bondholders, whom he represented,
ran counter to claims held against
the road by those who had construct-
ed it with their labor or the materi-
als which they had furnished, and
the arbitrary attitude of Lawyer
Hughes for the bondholders and
against the laborers has left a lasting
memory.

And it is also a fact that there are
a great many newcomers who voted
the Progressive ticket in 1912 who will
not support Mr. Hughes.

In 1912 President Wilson was given
2134 votes in Linn county while Mr.
Taft was given 1301 and Roosevelt
1229. In other words the combined
Taft and Roosevelt vote was 396 larger
than Wilson's vote in the county.

Linn county's registered Republi-
can majority ranges from 1500 to
2000 above the Democratic registra-
tion figures, but Republican leaders
in the county claim it is "normally
Republican" in county contests by
approximately 400 votes. This is the
figure that they are guessing for the
November presidential election.

If you ask those who are closely
concerned with the Hughes campaign
in Linn county what the November
result will be, they with surprising
unanimity make answer that he will
carry the county by the normal re-
publican vote. When you ask for fig-
ures they say "about 400."

From this it is easily seen that the
leaders are counting on the combined
Taft and Roosevelt vote of four years
ago being cast for Hughes. No one
who has listened to Senator Fulton's
"ground swell" of public opinion in
the county believes that this will come
to pass.

It is not the talk you hear about
the Depot hotel, where the railroad
men gather to eat and pass the time
of day. There you hear tales of straw
votes taken among the railroad men
which gave 96 out of a hundred votes
to Wilson and of other stories which
would lead to the belief that there
are going to be more than 396 of the
votes cast for Taft or Roosevelt in
1912 which will be cast for Wilson in
1916.

If you spin yarns with the average
man you meet on the street, the farm-
er in with his produce, or the dairy-
man with his cream, you hear the
same unrecurrent of revolt.

"There are lots of Progressives out
in my part of the country," one says
in answer to a question as to what he
hears about things political. "We are
for peace, and Wilson has kept us
out of war," is the expression of an-
other.

"There are a lot of Republicans
who are disappointed in the faultfind-
ing campaign of Mr. Hughes," says
another, this time a businessman.
"They say that Wilson has done as
well as any man could under the cir-
cumstances of the past three years,
and they can see no cause for change
unless Mr. Hughes can show more
reason than he has yet expressed."

With that kind of sentiment ram-
pant in this county a paper majority

of 396 votes constitutes a pretty slim
foundation upon which to build hopes
for final results favorable to Mr.
Hughes. Those who make claims at
political prognostication say that they
expect President Wilson to turn the
tables and put those 396 votes in his
own column in November.

ABOUT PORK.

Eugene Guard: Charles E. Hughes,
the Republican candidate for presi-
dent has had a great deal to say
about "pork." He has almost implied
that it is the creation of the Wilson
administration. After he has complet-
ed his western trip, if he is an ob-
serving fellow, he will discover that
the party of which he is the nominee
was the original butcher and that
"pork" was distributed with lavish
hand while Woodrow Wilson was
still a school teacher. Under the
Roosevelt and Taft administrations
certain intermountain states demand-
ed "pork." Idaho, with Senator Bo-
rah at the counter, was among the
number. Harbor improvements were
not possible, so the United States
congress, under republican rule and
with the sanction of the president in
each instance, built "forts." Before
the plaster on the walls of some
of the brick buildings, costing mil-
lions of dollars, was dry, the war de-
partment decided on a centralization
of its military forces. Troops were
withdrawn from the intermountain
region, but not until after the build-
ings had been completed and the
states of certain senators had received
their "pork."

The "pork" distributed under the
Wilson administration is not as un-
savory as this.

MISFITS

Of course the 8 hour law does not
complete the settlement of matters
between the railroads and employees;
but it is the starter for it, and will
probably result in permanent peace.

It was a big thing to save the
country from a big industrial war,
the same as it is to prevent any kind
of war.

The masses want peace, and be-
lieve that somethings are above poli-
tics.

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price of gold.

Editor's Chicken House.

Central Point Herald: The weath-
er man is a little mixed. Sunday
evening, after about as sultry a day
as we have seen in Oregon, a thun-
der shower spread over the valley
and while the rain was light, the
wind was very high. We know, be-
cause it tried to get away with our
chicken house.

Quick Transportation.

"Sandy" Macleod and his donkey
were well known in the country which
gave them birth, and the two were
on very friendly terms. "Sandy"
would not have exchanged his "cud-
dy" for the best thoroughbred in the
land.

Going out for a ride one day re-
cently he resolved to make his "moke"
jump a stream.

He applied the whip and the ani-
mal galloped to the edge of the bank
and then stopped so suddenly that

"Sandy" was thrown to the other side
of the water.

When he had sufficiently recovered
from the shock he rose and looked
at the donkey in the face.

"Verra weel pitched," he said, "but
hoo are ye guan tae get ower yer-
sel?"

Death Not to Be Feared.

Death, I know not what room you
are abiding in,
But I will go on my way,
Rejoicing day by day,
Nor will I flee or stay
For fear I tread in the path you may
be hiding in.

Death, I know not if my small bark
be nearing you,
But if you are at sea,
Still shall my sails float free,
What is to be will be;
Nor will I mar the happy voyage by
fearing you.

Death, I know not what hour or
spot you wait for me,
My days untroubled flow;
Just trusting on I go;
For ah! I know, I know,
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