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MAINE'S SIGNIFICANCE.

Maine going Republican at this time has little significance in connection with the presidential electon. though a childish effort is being made to impress people with the fact that as Maine goes so goes the country. Since the Civil war Maine has gon Democratic only once, then by a small plurality. It was the only state that gave Mr. Taft a plurality. Of all the states in the union an election there has the least significance. Even though the Progressives there have generally returned to their former party its signifies nothing. As a matter of fact if there is any consolation in the election it is for the Democrats, for the vote for the Democratic candidates is considerably more than in 1912. In 1892 Maine went Republican by a his majority, and that year the country was swept for Cleveland. The indications are that it will be the same this year, and the country will be swept for Wilson.

Maine figures are interesting. Four years ago the combined vote of Taft and Roosevelt was 23,000 more than Wilson's. The present majority of the Republicans over the Democrats is only about 13,000 in the face of the fact that the total vote is 19,000 more than four years ago. The normal Republican majority in the state is about 30,000. Therefore it doesn't take much figuring to make the re sult of the election one that indicates very strongly the reelection of President Wilson, who will need only a small addition to the regular vote in pivotal states, like Indiana, Illinois, and New York, to give the required majorities. He will receive a much larger Progressive vote in most states than he received in Maine,

A stranger in the city this week re marked: "I am not going to vote for Wilson; but he will be elected just

It is the business of the big papers to claim everything in sight for the prestige it gives. This fact is being learned so thoroughly that preelection assertions do not have the weight they had years ago.

BUSINESS AT FULL SPEED. Duns: Business in nearly every lin

and in all sections of the country is going ahead at full speed. The halting tendency of the preceding week due to the shadow of the threatened railway strike and the absence o many thousands of Labor Day vacationists, has been succeeded by activity, which shows no signs of slackening. The strength of the situation is reflected in the steady call from every section for all classes of merchandise, even in those districts where crops would ordinarily have When he strolls down to breakfar resulted in more or less depressio the demand being maintained in remarkably heavy volume by the exceptionally high prices received for all kinds of farm products. Jobbers of dry goods report that fall trade is well above the average, and while buyers display a healthy conservation in their operations, they appear convinced that the prosperity of the pecple, due to steady employment a good wages, will insure a profitable outlet for their purchases, in spite of the advance in costs. Activity at textile centers is still pronounced, and more new business is being offered than producers are able to accept. Most industries are running full time and interruptions caused by labor troubles have little noticeable effect. The heavy consumption of goods and increasing retail distribution, due to the growing purchasing power of the consuming public, arl point to an un-usually large fall and winter trade. Collections are generally satisfac-

The crop outlook is causing some concern, especially in the West, and reductions in estimated yields are looked for. Good permiums are al-ready being paid for each wheat, but the agricultural interest as a whole seems likely to end the year with

very comfortable net returns While the principal food crops show a falling off, a fair surplus of grains has been carried over from the phenom enal yield of last year, and, as a rule higher prices are more than com pensating for the reduced volume of the harvests. The demand for freight space is already beginning to show signs of taxing transportation facili

That barometer of business, the stock market, gave a striking indeeation of the trend of trading sentiment this week when Steel commo rose above par for the firs; time i its history, and stimulated activity all through the list of industries.

MISFITS

Really Maine doesn't fit into the election very much anyway, and never

Speaking of Maine suggests a recent statement of some one that congress needs old Tom Reed some more.

In the meantime the people are learning that the country needs me of the Wilson character.

With one of the best schools in the state, Willamette University, the Salem Statesman says:

A large number of Salem young people are leaving for college this week. Registration at the two big institutions is now in progress, and both will draw heavily from the ranks of the local high school graduates.

A good many go to the bigger colleges for the purpose of prestige, regardless of the fact that the most successful men in the country have been graduates of the smaller col-Some need to do so because of specialties desired; but, as a rule, it is more on account of the name and association, the pep furnished.

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Character ought to play a bigger part in the educational program o

Right in U. O. Town.

Eugene Register: Three employes of the city, it seems, have been working eight whole hours a day and seven days out of the week, thus burning up their vitality at a frightful rate They are compelled to get down to work in the morning at 8 o'clock and don't dare knock off and call it a day till 5 in the afternoon. Think of it!

No Eats Without Earns. (Driscoll in Mail.) A lady-hog said to her pig: 'Tis time, my son, for you to dig! I'll not support you this-a-way In idleness another day.

You've learned to squeal and kick and If you would have more grub, go

hunt!" That pig sought food through rain and fog;-

He grew to be a noble hog.

A human son I know about Has piggish taste and hoggish snout, But when his mother says, "My boy, Although you are my pride and joy. I have a hunch you ought to go And earn a little bit of dough,' He says, "Now Ma, lay off that stuff! It seems to me life's hard enough!"

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