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### ROOSEVELT OR—WHO?

A wide-spread belief is gaining ground that Theodore Roosevelt will be the nominee of the republican national convention for president.

There are at present but three genuine, spontaneous presidential candidacies for the republican nomination, and not one of them is a self-seeker for the place. They are in the order of their importance, the candidacies of Hughes, Roosevelt and McCall of Massachusetts.

It is true that there are other "possibilities" such as Root, Fairbanks, Weeks, Borah and Lodge, but it only needs a careful reading between the lines to come to the conclusion that if Hughes, who is first in the list of available candidates in almost every republican's mind, should irrevocably take himself out of the race and, by that time, there shall have been no general crystallization of sentiment in favor of some other one man, the almost inevitable effect would be a stampede to Roosevelt.

It should never be forgotten in this regard that, unless some such crystallization comes about before convention days arrive, Roosevelt will have more delegates from the West in that convention, who are for him as first choice, than any favorite son in all the list.

But there would remain grave doubts as to Roosevelt's election. It can never be forgotten that his division of the republican party four years ago gave the presidency to the democrats. Although he might be the choice of the republican convention, there are thousands in every state who would never forgive him, and who would vote for the democratic candidate, especially if it happens to be Wilson, who is sure to get the democratic nomination.

A person need not necessarily be a democrat to refuse to vote for Roosevelt. Many otherwise good republicans would refuse to vote for him out of revenge, with the chances more than even that Wilson would again be elected.

A republican president is so badly needed that it is not conceivable to a close observer how Hughes can refuse the call, or how a republican convention can refrain from nominating him, even in spite of himself.

### A TWO-SHIFT SCHOOL

Just to keep the minds of the people at work on the problem of economy the Outlook would offer the suggestion that it would save a whole lot of money to the taxpayers if the union high school board would consider the plan of operating a two-shift school next year instead of levying a tax to enlarge the high school building.

Suppose the morning session were to begin at seven o'clock and end at noon; and then suppose the afternoon was taken up with another set of students from 12:30 to 5:30?

The same instructors would be glad to remain all day and hear the classes, except that little difficulty might arise over the eight-hour law for women. That could be arranged for, however by getting a special law passed to require them to put six days into five. That would even things up some, as none of them ever put in forty-eight hours a week, and what they owe the public could be made up in the new arrangement.

Of course it would make no difference to farm children if they had to get up early and be in their seats before sunrise for three months in the winter. They are used to it on the farm where cows have to be pumped and half a day's work is done before breakfast. If they got on the afternoon shift they could get home before the curfew bell rang, or, at any event have the pleasure of an evening stroll.

It either case they could remain at home nearly half of every day and help do the work on the farm, thereby making their expenses while attending school.

To the city students it would make no difference either way. They are out at all times, day or night, and

would have more time to gad around town.

To make things more interesting the shifts could be changed about once each month so that all of the students could get a chance to see the beautiful sunrise—something that many of them are missing under the present plan.

### ENGINEERING PROBLEMS.

When the history of Gresham is written the memorable flood that covered Main street in February, 1916, will be one of the choice bits of a whole chapter, describing conditions as they appeared when the snow went off.

We may congratulate ourselves that the damage was small and that nobody was drowned but it was inconvenient, and only because there was so little business at the time, was there any greater loss to the most of us than had we been away to a ball game, while letting business run itself.

But there need be no future recurrence of the disagreeable event. Main street should be made to keep on its best behavior hereafter, and we think it will. When the county gives us that hard surface improvement it should be put down below the present level far enough to hold the water in check that was so inconsiderate as to creep over the sidewalks and get into the stores.

Flood prevention engineering will be at a premium some day in Gresham, and it might just as well become used to our conditions with the street improvement. There will be other problems coming along, including sewers and underground telephone and power wires, so we should get a strangle hold on the flood problem before Main street gets too important to be held down to reason.

### OPPOSING WILSON.

President Wilson and other champions of the Continental army scheme are evidently determined that the national defense program shall be that or nothing.

The thought is suggested anew by the apparent disposition in certain quarters at Washington every time some other plan is suggested, to raise the cry of "pork barrel."

The present and growing opposition to the Wilson Continental army plan is a foregone conclusion. It's expression in congress and out was inevitable, and if the president and his supporters in the scheme expected to see the thing put over without strong opposition they are less astute, even, than the country at large has given them credit for being.

The Continental army plan is unpopular, and justly so—in considerable measure because there is very strong suspicion of insincerity in connection with it. Members of congress have not been at all backward about expressing their hostility to the plan, and some of them have proposed as a substitute for it the transformation of the present national Guard organizations into a paid volunteer army, approximating the 400,000 men recommended by the secretary of war as a desirable addition to the regular forces.

Promptly and loudly arose the cry from the friends of the Continental army scheme, that these members were trying to convert the plans for national defense into a "pork barrel" for their own purposes. It is to laugh—or would be, if the main situation were less serious.

You don't have to pay very much of your money to entitle you to take your choice of predictions about the end and results of the great war. For two cents you can get newspapers spread before you with a full variety of forecasts ranging from three months to three years. Then you can take your choice.

It is estimated that 48,000 Canadians enlisted in Union regiments during our civil war, and until recently at least the Toronto post, Grand Army of the Republic, had a dozen members, which may explain the fairly matter-of-fact way Canadians are viewing American enlistments in their contingents for the front. The killed in our greatest war included 18,000 adventurous fellows from across the border.

A notable instance of the kindness of those in charge of trans-Atlantic liners developed recently aboard the liner Ryndam, which was stopped in midocean and held on an even keel while the appendix of a passenger was removed. Besides the ship's surgeon, and the captain who stopped the ship, an American dentist co-operated by administering the anesthetic.

During the year 1915 George Jeffs and Joseph Lowell, of Marlow, N. H., played 497 games of checkers, of which Mr. Jeffs won 296, and Mr. Lowell 154, while 137 were draws.

There is an unquestionable record of hearing the ring at Ypres at a distance of 140 miles and a somewhat doubtful one of 150 miles.

### INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK.

In Oregon there has been a decided change in favor of better industrial and business conditions.

The last legislature started a movement for tax-reduction and ceased putting over legislative experiments.

The Tax Commission and Public Utility commission adopted conservative policies of encouraging capital already invested.

Conservative administration of labor laws has also helped some industries to stay in existence and if there are no new displays of arbitrary power new industries will enter this field.

The recent expression of Governor Withycombe, that capital must be given a square deal, was a most courageous utterance from a public man at a time when politicians are inclined to treat employers as persons that need watching.

Portland capitalists are to be put to the test in the proposed central Oregon railroads that Mr. Strahorn seeks to finance. Whether they will show color remains to be seen.

The constructive work of the new Portland Chamber of Commerce is going to bear fruit if it is kept up on present plans and broadened to include the whole state.

Owing to the experiment of prohibiting manufacture of beer, yet allowing it to be shipped into the state, and the litigation bound to ensue, constructive energy will be largely absorbed in fighting.

The hop industry will be inclined to dwindle, while the loganberry industry may expand. No one can tell what will be the real outcome of this change in some of the state's productive industries. Lumber is our only bounding asset.

There is some talk of a large smelter coming to Portland. It may go to Spokane. The cement plants at Gold Hill and Oswego bid fair to go under way and become producers during the coming year.

In spite of business revivals that have long been promised, the development of Oregon will proceed under slow bells during the presidential election year.

The European war will keep down foreign immigration and foreign shipping. The failure to float the English-French war loan (still \$200,000,000 shy) has a depressing influence on the fiscal atmosphere.

Oregon is the most remote from eastern financial movements and industrial revivals. The transcontinental lines to the north and south of Oregon will continue to build up the population of southern California, San Francisco Bay and Puget Sound. Oregon will advance slowly in population.

### Protest of Fashion.

When the war broke out and importations from abroad became disorganized, there were agitations for the creation of new American industries. One of these was for the substitution of American fashions for the Parisian fashions that have led the pace for so long. There were many skeptics, some declaring that Paris always must wear the crown of fashion. There is good reason to suppose, however, that the movement was partly successful as only a few days ago a syndicate of French tailors protested to New York against some aspects of the American trade which are proving injurious to French interests. If American firms are injuring French trade to the extent of providing fashions for American men and women, so much the better. The more we patronize Fifth avenue or Tremont street of Merrimack street, as the case may be, the better for American business and for American reputation everywhere. We do not have to patronize Paris, to the loss of American designers and tailors. Then, why do we do it?—Lowell Sun.

In order to encourage the sheep industry in Manitoba, the department of agriculture undertook the hatching of this season's wool clip on a co-operative basis, which has resulted in a satisfactory market for the farmers.

Next thing we know the correspondence schools will be advertising all about how to learn the preparedness game.

A hint for Agriculturist Hall: Farmers don't have to buy fat reducers.

Colorado has the highest automobile road.

California is still on the map, sopin' wet as ever.

### JANUARY FAILURES.

Dun's Review lists 417 business failures in manufacturing during January, embracing almost every kind but chemicals and drugs. There were also 1494 failures in trade, and 98 brokers went under. The total was 2999, which shows that the month was a severe one for business despite the wave of prosperity that is sweeping over us.

Total liabilities caused by these failures was small, compared with the number, being \$25,863,286. Last year the failures in January numbered 2848 with liabilities amounting to \$49,640,575.

Business men who have investigated the South American market say that "golden opportunities" await manufacturers who go after business there. For once that "golden opportunity" phrase seems to mean what it says, but unfortunately the big manufacturing, all except lumber mills, are in the East and the Pacific coast can hardly hope to share in the benefits.

While the United States is contributing so largely to keep the Belgians from starving to death, there is reason to doubt the justice of German's increasing the tax it has imposed on that country to \$96,000,000 more than it collected last year. This country will have to pay it, which fact shows that we can't keep out of the war, financially.

The delinquent tax list, now appearing in the Oregonian and Telegram, is no smaller than usual, but there is a complete absence of Gresham property in the list, and but one farm of any consequence in eastern Multnomah. Yet this section is not represented in the court house.

What crops should be forthcoming this year: The storm that has destroyed thousands in property has added millions in real money when the harvest yields have been sold. But we would like to be able to conserve some of that waste water for next summer.

An Illinois grocer has carried a potato in his pocket for thirty years as a preventative of rheumatism, and has never been afflicted. Neither was he drowned or hung, which goes to prove the worth of a sure preventative.

Just supposing the snow had melted before ground hog day! He would have been forced to come out of his hole ahead of time. But then, the ways of providence always were mysterious.

Furniture manufacturers announce a 40 per cent advance in prices. It's all right, if on the installment plan, but it's too bad to have it come in leap year.

"Two and Two Fakes Four, or the Growing Family," would be an appropriate slogan as a substitute for "Two Souls With but a Single Thought."

Let us also remember that the winter has been prolific of several exciting baseball contests—between the magnates who own organized baseball.

There is no more popular pastime, and none involving more agreeable flights of fancy than devising methods for using other people's money.

First sign of spring! The early-blooming valentines that are peeping forth in the show windows. They will all be ripe by next Monday.

One might not catch a disease from a kiss, but kisses have been the cause of catching a husband, in leap year and other years, too.

Everybody believes in doing right but it is so hard to live up to your convictions when you are out of fire-wood during a blizzard.

No wonder the flood on Main street had to take the count. It was ditched.

California is still on the map, sopin' wet as ever.

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Date of first publication the 11th day of February, 1916.  
S. S. THOMPSON,  
ALFRED THOMPSON,  
Executors.

STAPLETON & CONLEY,  
Attorneys.

### PROBATE.

Arthur James Fieldhouse Estate. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Arthur James Fieldhouse, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon for Multnomah county and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at 1406 Yeon Bldg., Portland, Oregon, with proper vouchers and duly verified within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published January 25, 1916.

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