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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1908.

## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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### PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

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IS Oregon republican or democratic is the question that is now being asked. She elected a democratic senator, will she elect a democratic president? Maybe—

WM. H. Taft, the republican nominee for president, is a big man, yes, a very big man. In fact so big is he that when he goes into a telephone booth a carpenter has at once to be employed to saw him out. He is big enough to fill the Roosevelt Chair.

### Liquor Law Enforcement.

WILL and can the liquor law be enforced in this county is a question upon which there appears to be a difference of opinion but we know from past experience that where the sentiment in a community is in favor of law enforcement that the law will be rigidly enforced. In this county the sentiment in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic is almost two to one, and the law can and will be enforced if the people are of the same mind as upon last election day when they voted for the law.

Today the sale of liquor in this county is a crime, just as much a crime as larceny, arson, or murder. As to the seriousness of the crime men may differ, and do differ, but never-the-less it is just as much a crime as any other offence against the criminal laws of the State.

Mr. Wilson, the prosecuting attorney of this district, has said that he would rigidly prosecute all offenders against the law, and we believe he meant just what he said. However, he did not say to the people that he would employ a horde of detectives to investigate and report to him all violations of the laws of this state, nor do his duties require this of him. It is his duty, when sufficient information comes to him of the commission of crime, to prosecute the offender and we believe he will do it.

But there is an equal responsibility, if not greater, resting upon every law abiding citizen in the county. If horse stealing, arson, murder, or any other of the crimes were being daily committed in your vicinity, what would you do? What would all good citizens do? They would immediately go to the prosecuting attorney with sufficient information and evidence to convict and would assist him by every means in their power to convict the offenders and put a stop to the violations. The same duty rests upon you in the violation of the liquor law and we hope to see the citizens of this county make good and carry into successful effect the verdict which they gave at the polls of a "Dry County".

We realize that by reason of the fact that the liquor business has been a lawful occupation that now when it is made a crime men feel a hesitancy in informing against violators. You say that you don't want to meddle with affairs that don't concern you. That you don't want to interfere with other people's business. But it does concern you! It is your business to see that the criminal laws of this state are not flagrantly violated. If you are a good citizen you must make it your business just as much as you would in the matter of any other criminal offence.

The Law and Order League of this county has a duty to perform and it should not now shirk or become careless. It was largely through the efforts of this League that the Local Option people were successful at the polls, and now the duty is only just begun. The law must be made effective! It is not enough to offer a reward for the conviction of violators but when it comes to the knowledge of the officers of the League that the law is being violated and that the local citizens are shirking their responsibility then it is the duty of the League to get its agents into the territory and get evidence for the officers of the law. Let's make this county "Dry" in fact as well as in name. Don't blame the prosecuting attorney nor the sheriff until you have done your duty as a citizen and done it fully. Do it! Do it every day! If you do, the law will be effective notwithstanding the assertions of some that it can not be enforced.

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### Life, Not Death.

There is much difference in the psychological effect of the two ideas "life" and "death." This was illustrated, says the writer of "Letters From a Surgeon," in the case of General Frank Bartlett, who was wounded on the Fredericksburg pile in 1854. General Bartlett was brought to the surgeon bleeding profusely from a wound in his head. He was unconscious and white as death. The surgeon called his name, but could not rouse him. Passing his finger into the wound, he found the ball had not penetrated the bone, but had simply cut an artery in the scalp. This the surgeon bound with a ligature. He laid the general on the ground and completed dressing the wound.

"No harm done, old boy!" he shouted. "This is only a flesh wound. You will be all right when I take a stitch or two."

The good news seemed to bring General Bartlett to consciousness. He roused completely.

"I thought I was done for," he said. "Well, if I'm all right, here goes."

Before the surgeon could stop him he was in the saddle and riding at the best gait of his horse back to the front again.

### The Ways of the Moonshiner.

The ways of the moonshiner are pretty much the same everywhere. A suitable location consists of a secluded spot with water in abundance. It is important, should he ever be called upon to defend a case in court, for the question of the ownership of the land upon which the still is located, to be involved in doubt; hence the moonshiner gets as near the line of his own land or the land he controls as possible. The stills are primitive affairs and are often made complete in the neighborhood in which they are operated. With two or three square yards of sheet copper the still maker requires but a few hours to make the "still." Home-made househoulds are usually used as fermenters, and the only thing that the illicit distiller has to send "of yonder arter" is the worm. Being difficult to secure, the moonshiner prizes his "worm" highly, and that part of the distillery is usually taken away when the operator leaves.—David A. Gates in Metropolitan Magazine.

### Grigs of "bluestockings."

Burke, sprays of "Evelina," said Fanny Burney this high compliment: "We have had an age for statesmen, an age for heroes, an age for poets, an age for artists, but this—with a gallant bow to Fanny—"is the age for women." The name "bluestockings," given to these distinguished women, arose, according to Fanny Burney in her "Memoirs of Her Father," from an apology made by Mr. Stillingfleet in declining an invitation of Mrs. Vesey's to a literary meeting at her house. "I am not properly dressed for such a party," he pleaded. "Pish, pish," she cried, taking him and his dress all in at a glance, "don't mind dress! Come in your blue stockings." This he did, and "those words ever after were fixed in playful stigma upon Mrs. Vesey's associations."—T. P.'s London Weekly.

### The Word "Idiot."

"Idiot" is a word with a curious history. In Greek "idiotes" began by meaning a private individual, as opposed to the state or to a state official; then it meant a non-expert or layman and finally an ignorant man or an awkward fellow. It was lent for English to carry the meaning further to mental deficiency. In "Piers Plowman" an "idiot" is an ignorant person, and as late as 1928 it could mean a person who knew only one language. Wycliff and Jeremy Taylor used it in the sense of "layman," and the latter also in that of "private person." And a professional "fool" or jester was at one time an "idiot" too.

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