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The Tillamook Headlight,

Editorial Snap Shots.

Is President McKinley's prediction going to prove true? He prophesied that Roosevelt would wreck the Republican party.

On account of the split in the Republican party, Democrats believe they have the Republicans beaten to a frazzle already. Perhaps so, but they had not better crow too soon.

From present indications the prospects are bright for a bumper crop this year in the Northwest. We hope that the political ruction will not knock the bottom out of prices, which it is liable to do at any time.

Tillamook strawberries are selling at 10c. a box. We saw strawberries selling for 25c. for six boxes in the Willamette valley last week. It must be that Tillamook strawberries, like Tillamook cheese, are at a premium on the market.

Strange things do happen in politics. Roosevelt's steamroller which gave Taft the nomination four years ago was used to crush him last week, but it did not work successfully, and now it is proposed to construct another steam-roller for the purpose of smashing the Republican party.

The snap shot man had an opportunity of seeing the different kinds of pavements used in other towns, from an impartial point of view, and without having someone along proclaiming the merits of one kind of pavement and the demerits of other kinds. We will have something to say about street pavements and its costs in the near future.

Failing to obtain the nomination, ex-President Roosevelt's friends "bolted," but a large number of prominent leaders of the Republican party declined to join the "bolters," preferring to remain with the G.O.P. to jumping the fence. They claim that whatever is wrong with our political system can be remedied by the Republican party and they wisely decided to stay with the old ship.

We want to impress this upon the minds of our readers so that they may calmly consider it in their quiet moments. The whole country having enjoyed four years of unprecedented prosperity under Taft's administration, why jump out of the pan into the fire and help bring on a panic and industrial hard times? That is what must be looked for if those who bolted the Republican convention succeed.

The Republicans of Oregon instructed the State delegates to vote for Roosevelt in the National convention. Delegates Coe and Ackerson, both Roosevelt men, failed to do so, but the other eight delegates voted for Roosevelt and carried out their instructions. Did Delegates Coe and Ackerson go back on their instructions and then accepted their instructions from the political bosses? It looks that way to some people.

Blame it to the Oregon system. The people were deprived of voting for ten delegates to the National Republican convention, consequently it was a motley delegation that went to Chicago from this state. It was no surprise to us that the dele-

gates were soon at loggerheads accusing one another of treachery, falsehood, etc. This is certainly a disgraceful state of affairs, but blame it on the system which deprived the people of their right to vote for ten delegates.

Why so much whooping and yelling and giving orders by those who do not belong to the Hose Company when a fire occurs? That is not the way to cope with a fire successfully. The Hose Company is organized with a fire chief and captains of hose carts, and if those who rush to fires would hold their whist and stand back, the fire fighters would do better work.

The case having been decided by the Supreme Court against the Port of Tillamook, why not all interests get together with the object of forming one Port for the entire water shed of Tillamook bay? If this can be brought about in a satisfactory manner to all interests it would be the best thing that could happen to the center of the county, for it is absurd to have three Ports, one pulling against the other and levying exorbitant taxes. This is a good time to get together with the object of creating one Port.

Senator La Follette has made political capital by deciding to support President Taft. That will make him a strong candidate for the presidency four years hence. He had the cool judgment and sober thought not to bolt or join forces with Theodore Roosevelt, for it was Roosevelt's friends who induced him to run for the purpose of making a three-cornered fight to kill off both La Follette and Taft. There are some smart moves made in National politics, but this move to kill two birds with one stone did not work. Had not Roosevelt butted in as he did we believe it would have been a close race between La Follette and Taft.

"Get Together" is a good slogan for all parts of the county to preach and practice. Get together on road improvements, harbor improvements, etc., and it wouldn't be a bad idea for the churches to get together, for one well filled church in the city would have more influence than half a dozen churches with sparsely filled pews, to say nothing of the expense and wasted energy in maintaining them. On account of so much religious prejudice, we realize that we are touching upon a very delicate subject, but we contend that there are too many churches in small cities and some plan should be devised to "Get Together" in the spirit of charity.

It is somewhat of a surprise to us why so many persons, especially amongst dairymen of this county, should want a change of administration when they have prospered so well during the past four years. It seems to us that they should be anxious to hang on to a good thing when they have it. Most people do. But perhaps they can't stand another four years of prosperity and want another siege of hard times. We are not a pessimist, but those who are closely connected with the industrial life of the country say that the political fight made on President Taft is felt and that a gradual tightening up has already begun. No one should be surprised when it is felt more generally than it is today.

President Taft is a much abused man by the crafty politicians, for they expected to kill him off by those methods, but to their great surprise they did not succeed, for Taft came out on top. Nor do we expect to see the campaign of abuse and slander to cease when politicians take the position with a determination to rule or ruin Taft and the Republican party. We had that kind of tactics in Oregon some years ago when the Mitchell republicans bolted the convention at a time when Simon had the organization in his own hands. It was rule or ruin with both factions, just the same as it is with a few disgruntled politicians like Pinshot and Garfield who were in the fight for revenge and after President Taft's scalp.

In regard to good roads, we have no hesitancy in saying, with the exception of Multnomah county, Tillamook county has better roads than any other county in the state. The snap



PRESIDENT TAFT

shot man motored over 300 miles of roads in the Willamette valley last week, and came across some pieces of road which were good, but for the most part they were rough and in some places very bad and hard to travel over in a machine. The good roads movement is doing much to improve the roads, but there is a tendency not to keep the roads up after they have been gravelled, allowing chuck holes to become deeper every time they are traveled over. That class of road is conspicuous in the Willamette valley. Tillamook county has set the pace in good roads, and in making a comparison, we could not help feeling proud that this county has some of the best roads and is one of the most progressive in the good roads movement in the state.

President Taft was re-nominated on Saturday after a most bitter, personal fight started by ex-President Roosevelt, the man who was instrumental in obtaining the nomination for the president four years ago. The personal fight was started when the President had the backbone to remove Pinshot and Garfield from office, and since then the President and his official family have been subject to all kinds of dirty politics and vile abuse by those who want to rule or ruin the Republican party. So bitter was the fight, and with no respect whatever for the President of the United States, it began to look as if the republican form of government was in jeopardy. Whether the convention acted wisely in re-nominating Taft is a question of doubt to many, who thought Hughes was the proper man from a party point of view, and we think, too, that this would have been the proper thing to have done. What Taft will now have to rely on, should Roosevelt become a candidate, is the four years of unprecedented prosperity he has given the country.

John D. Rockefeller has yet to make \$100,000,000 before he can be a billionaire. With that gentleman's economical habits, old as he is, we believe he can do it yet.

There is just one reason why Cuba at this time is not in the throes of general revolution, and that is the nearness of the warships and marines of the United States.

Congress has decided that a long session is inevitable. Will it be useful as well as lengthy? Unless there is to be sensible legislation the calendar details are of little interest.

Be not in haste to denounce national party conventions as wholly bad. Congress will be in almost total eclipse, on account of them, last week and this. And that's something.

In Lillian Russell's latest matrimonial incident the bridegroom is in a distant city. The voice of experience is eloquent in its latest version of how to be happy though married.

The Baltimore convention will not be able to point with pride to the reckless manner in which the present House mixes outside legislation with appropriation bills.

Mr. Bryan's Reconciling.

Mr. Bryan has had some experience as a newspaper worker, but he is not yet a graduate of that college of journalism which confers the thirty-third degree; the B. A. may be his, but the M. A. lies still beyond. In his first report of Chicago convention work he sets himself the impossible task of "reconciling" the conflicting statements of candidates and their managers. He makes a bad job of it, of course. No man could do better, but a more seasoned veteran would not have attempted the task of squaring a circle. The candidates and their managers always talk in a circle. Their route is laid out for them. They follow it. And it always ends where it begins, the circle completed, without an inch of deviation from its prescribed circumference. If squaring the circle is hopeless "reconciling" the widely varian claims of candidates and their managers is not less so. The interviewer who could reconcile such claims on the eve of a national convention, or of an election, might hope to reconcile the clashing opinions of the principals and managers of opposing camps on the eve of a great prize fight. There is but one thing to expect; a supreme confidence. Those who expect this are never disappointed. Those who expect anything else, always are disappointed. While those who hope to reconcile two supreme confidences, emanating from two diametrically opposite points of view, are something worse than disappointed—or their readers will be.

Mr. Bryan practically admits his failure as a reconciler of irreconcilable things. After setting out a composite prospectus showing the certainty that Taft, Roosevelt, La Follette and Cummins were all going to be nominated, and suggesting his own doubt of the possibility of such a result, he drops reconciliation with the sage remark: "The predictions that are being made by interested parties illustrate the old truth that man's opinion of what is to be is half wish and half environment." Mr. Bryan gets on more solid ground in expressing his own opinion that the Roosevelt delegates very tremendously underestimated what would be the force of the anti-third-term sentiment in the country against their candidates, if he could be nominated. He shows evidences of the friendly feeling always existing between him and Roosevelt, and says that many of the Rooseveltists, while recognizing that the third-term tradition would be a handicap, feel that the risk is not so great that they cannot take it. "I can not agree with them in putting this objection aside so lightly," he continues. "It has not yet been considered by the public." In that one statement Mr. Bryan turns on more illumination of the situation than efforts at reconciling the opposite opinions of candidates and their managers could ever do. When he adds that with a Roosevelt candidacy the third term would be the paramount issue, obscuring everything else, he says in effect that it would then be as hard to reconcile the people to seeing the thing as the Roosevelt delegates see it at Chicago, as it is for him to reconcile the opinions of the Roosevelt managers with the opinions of any of the other managers. In short, Mr. Bryan admits that there are some things in this world wholly irreconcilable.

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