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- 1. To advocate, aid and support any measures that will bring the most good to the most people. 2. To encourage industries to establish in Tillamook county. 3. To urge the improvement of a port for Tillamook city. 4. To be politically independent, but to support the candidates for public office who will bring the most good to the people of Tillamook county and the state of Oregon.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTER

One of the most painful aspects of modern politics to the old guard of both major parties is the disregard of the average voter for a party label. Time was when a Republican nomination in most sections of the north was equivalent to election and the Democratic participation was merely a prefatory matter. "Vote 'er straight" was the gospel and quite generally the practice. Father handed his political faith down to son with the family fortune, and to change ones affiliation was to court the suspicion of neighbors. A "turn-coat" was listed in the social scale as but slightly lower than a horse thief. With this condition of affairs it is not to be wondered at that the great parties of Lincoln and Jefferson drifted apart from their purpose, and, under the guidance of professional politicians, assumed the role of dictators to a people whom they were designed to serve. The change in public thought in regard to politics, starting with the Progressive campaign in 1912, has come swiftly, until today the independent voter decides the result of

elections and therefore guides the destiny of the nation. This does not mean that the day of the political party is past, but it does signify that a party to command the respect and allegiance of a majority of the voters must have something more than a popular slogan and a penchant for villifying the opposition.

Today there is no appreciable difference between the Democratic and Republican parties. The reasons that will qualify a Democratic voter will do equally as well for his brother of the opposition. As a result the November election will disclose a new alignment—a contest of new ideals typified by certain individuals rather than parties.

In Oregon the contest is clear-cut between Pierce, the progressive man of the people, and Olcott, the old guard machine politician. The political label they carry is incidental, a matter of form, and gives no guarantee of any particular line of conduct in the event of the election of either. It is merely a case of the best man for the state, and the Headlight has no doubt but that the seal of public approval will fall on Walter Pierce.

CHEAP POLITICS

Politics in Oregon this year seems to consist mostly in trying to conjure up unsavory records on the most popular candidates. This is very cheap and usually results as a boomerang to the party making the accusations.

The main objection to Olcott's administration is the methods he uses in building up his political fences. His apparent attempts to construct a powerful political machine has besmirched him in the eyes of many of the people of Oregon. Too much attention to politics and not enough concern to the filling of his position may be Olcott's downfall on November 7.

It is apparent that the governor's presence in Tillamook this week has been occasioned by some apprehension regarding his political standing here, for he has condescended very little notice to this part of the state until the present time.

It is a well known fact that Republican leaders all over the state are at their wits end for some scheme to raise popular estimation of the candidates of the Grand Old Party on account of the decided weakness of their available material.

Another thing that is well known, and freely admitted, is the fact that Charles Hall was the real nominee of the Republican party on account of the preponderance of Democratic votes that were cast for Olcott during the primaries. The appeals of the Republican Central committee to voters not to forsake the Republican party is amusing considering this condition of affairs. Why should Republican voters be appealed to for support of a hybrid candidate?

This is surely a "year of the locusts" for political parties.

A TIP TO CANDIDATES

By Wray Stuart

If you're tempted to run for office, my son, In search of adventure and fame, Don't carry much load, for it's a rough old road That runs down Political lane. For forty-five years your name, it appears, Has remained untarnished and pure. But just cast your hat on the political mat And you're a son of a gun for sure. You've been good to your wife—led an exemplary life. Never shirked any reasonable chore; No charges of arson, equivocation or larceny Have ever been laid at your door. But even at that we'll bet our old hat The neighbors will all stand aghast. At the crime, dire and big, the opposition will dig From out of the dim distant past. Some casual event may be twisted and bent To an angle you never would guess. While hardly unlawful, it will sound simply awful As it runs through the enemy press. So when the demand rises over the land, And echoes from housetop and steeple, For a leader strong who will carry on In the name of a down-trodden peepul, Get into the fight with all of your might, To win a community's boon. But this precaution take, for the family's sake— Run under a non de plume.

Nation Builders in the Making



There is no institution which is building good, sound citizenship more steadily and consistently than Boys' and Girls' Clubs. It teaches its members not only how to produce good livestock, soil products or prepared articles, but they learn in it thrift, business principles, and, best of all, true manhood and womanhood.

In the center of the group shown here stands Dale Altman of Gresham, Ore. He is a member of the Multnomah County Jersey Calf Club, and the other two boys are members of the same club. Dale's calf won first in the county club exhibit at the Multnomah county fair this year and won

Legion Women's New Head-dress



Thelma Sines, of Logansport, La., wearing the new head dress of the women's American Legion Auxiliary as adopted at the New Orleans convention.

It is to hit the nail on the thumb. What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to boast that his word was as good as his bond?

They say that George Washington never told a lie. What a curiosity he would have been on a golf course.

This is the season of the year when the fellow who likes to tell how many he killed at one shot has his innings.

Many a man is known by the company he can't keep.

The band wagon is usually all littered up with fellows who can't play a note—or pay one.

It's a wise photographer who never takes an exact likeness of his lady customers.

No one ever has to apologize for kindness, even if it was not deserved.

We never know how weak we might be if we had the other fellow's temptations.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

If Gabriel should attempt to blow his horn today there would be a lot of folks sitting around criticizing the music.

Anyway, the old-fashioned family circle taught the kids to be square.

Peace hath its heroes for instance, the fat men and women who are attempting to diet!

We are all made of clay, but if

you want to succeed, mix a little sand with it.

What the people want is a more elastic currency—something that will stretch from one Saturday night to the next.

The lad who thinks he is a peach too often turns out to be a lemon.

The peanut politician seldom amounts to shucks.

Why is it that it isn't nearly as easy to hit the nail on the head as

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OLD NEAH-KAH-NIE MOUNTAIN

(Editor's Note: The accompanying verses were written by Miss Lois Wilkes, ten year old daughter of Mrs. Rose Wilkes of this city. Lois has shown quite an inclination to compose verse and her efforts are worthy of note as coming from a child of her years. The Headlight printed one of her compositions last week, entitled "A Trip to Ocean Lake.")

Old Neah-Kah-Nie Mountain, with her slopes of brown and green Seems to me the nicest place that I have ever seen; By the foot of that old mountain, just off a little ways, Is a twelve by sixteen shanty where my Grandpa always stays.

Well, 'twas just a little while ago, that I was thinkin' a thought or two, 'Bout old Neah-Kah-Nie mountain with her trees that look so blue, And I just got to wonderin' what secrets she held on high, And as I got to thinkin' more—I heaved an awful sigh!

I thought next day as I looked at her, she seemed to grin and smile; Her mouth seemed up an awful ways—I think it was a mile, But just the same, I love old Neah-Kah-Nie, so noble and so high, I tell you once more I love her, for I wouldn't tell a lie.

I like to go to Neah-Kah-Nie, cause I have such a good time, And the great big trees round Grandpa's are the kind I like to climb. Their trunks, they are so awful big, I can't reach half way round, And when I've climbed about half way up, I look down on the ground, And the burrs, they look so tiny, but they really are quite big, And here and there, all scattered round, you see a lonesome twig. The ocean looks so wide and blue, the waves they are so big, And they make me feel so happy that I want to dance and jig.

I found a little piece of wood cast on the rocky shore, And now I hope that I shall never see it any more. For I carved my initials on it, and threw it in the waves, And I surely hope that some day a person's life it saves. But just the same I love old Neah-Kah-Nie Mountain so noble and so high, I tell you once more, I love her, for I wouldn't tell a lie.

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