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AN INDEPENDENT SENATOR.

It is questionable whether, in the present needs of Oregon, a strong Democrat could do much for Oregon in the United States senate.

Several Democrats are proposed who are men of high character of ability and who would have some influence.

But the senate is dominated by such a large Republican majority that NO DEMOCRAT SENT FROM OREGON WOULD BE LIKELY TO BE NEEDED.

If a man is not needed in a deliberative body, is not absolutely indispensable to its deliberations, he is a mere cipher.

It is the independent vote that is the determining factor in the political movements of today, in Washington as well as Oregon.

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN HOLDS HIS HIGH OFFICE BECAUSE THE INDEPENDENT VOTER REFUSED TO OBEY THE EDICTS OF PARTY.

It is well understood that the independent Republicans very generally supported Governor Chamberlain and he has appointed none of them.

Would the appointment of a life-long partisan Democrat be a recognition of the Independent Republicans?

THE FACT IS, GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN HIMSELF IS ABOUT THE ONLY DEMOCRAT WHO WOULD FITLY REPRESENT THE INDEPENDENT VOTERS.

Any life-long partisan Democrat is not a representative of the Independent elements of the state. He would not be an independent in the senate.

The Democrats in the senate are not only a hopeless minority, but they are dominated by the south, led by such men as Gorman and Tillman.

Governor Chamberlain might find a prominent and able Democrat who had enough independent blood in him to vote for Roosevelt.

The appointment of a man who understands political organizations, who has extensive acquaintance, political acquaintance, in the eastern and middle states, would cut into our congested conditions and "get a hook on," to use a Bowery phrase.

If Governor Chamberlain must have a Portland man, if it is all important to have an item in the sundry-civil-service appropriation bill to protect the Columbia, WHY APPOINT A STRAIGHT PARTY DEMOCRAT WHO COULD NOT TURN A WHEEL?

WHAT OREGON NEEDS AT WASHINGTON IS INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE, NOT POLITICS, STRAIGHT OR OTHERWISE.

If Governor Chamberlain would rise to the situation and select a man solely from the standpoint of rendering the greatest service to this state, cast aside party trammels and give the people his reasons for so doing, he would place all Oregon under obligations to him.

There are at least three men in Portland who are Independents and possess THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR DOING THINGS—HARVEY W. SCOTT, W. M. LADD AND JOSEPH N. TEAL.

If a Portland man must be selected, why not promote the development of Oregon by naming a man who would be able to marshal the great financial interests of the country in our behalf?

WHEN THINGS MUST BE DONE FOR OREGON, like getting appropriations for the fair or our rivers and harbors, men are selected to go to Washington not because of their Dem-

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ocracy or Republicanism. That is the situation at present.

A thoroughly independent man, independent with a big "I," a man who would command the respect of the President and the heads of the Great Departments, is needed for Senator from Oregon as never before.

RINGS IN THE WORKING MAN.

The Portland Journal takes exception to our opposition to unrestricted free trade in the Philippines.

It says the Salem Journal "rings in the working men, not one of whom would be injured a nickel's worth a year by free trade with the Philippines."

We used to think just as the Portland Journal does. BUT WE WERE INFORMED ON THE SUBJECT AND CHANGED OUR MIND. The Journal and the Democratic party should also be able to learn.

There are hundreds of men making their living in Oregon in the manufacture of cigars. Free trade with the Philippines would hurt them many a nickel's worth in a year—it would drive them out of business.

So long as cigars are made and smoked WE PREFER TO HAVE THEM MADE BY AMERICAN LABOR AND RIGHT HERE IN OREGON AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. The editor of the Portland Journal had a sample of them when in Salem.

Now the way to build up our country and Oregon is to encourage the manufacture of all we consume as near home as possible. Cigars is only an illustration of this truth. The editor of the Portland Journal should take it home and "smoke it" and ring in with the working himself a little.

WOODBURN FARMERS ALLIANCE

The second county convention of shippers and farmers will be held at Woodburn, Friday, Dec. 15.

Three programs and a banquet will be carried out and the Queen City of French prairie will be in its glory.

The hospitable home city of Walter L. Toose will attract a great deal of attention for the coming week.

Governor Chamberlain and some of the most prominent men in the state will be present and will take part on the program.

Delegates will attend from Portland; commercial bodies and speakers will respond from the important western Oregon cities.

The banquet will be given to the mayors and delegates from the coast cities and a strong pull will be made for them.

Western Oregon is on the threshold of a great upward movement and the Woodburn congress will be for greater progress and development.

INSURANCE BY THE STATE.

(Toledo Reporter.)

The Jefferson Review favors the plan of the state providing insurance for its citizens. To prevent an increase of the defective clauses is one of the first duties of the state. An insurance based on the actual cost of insurance could be conducted without financial loss to the state, and at the same time the cost of insurance to the citizen would be reduced one half.

Under the present system of insurance, both by the fraternal and the old line stock companies, where the insured pays one dollar on cost of policy he pays one dollar and more to run the machine.

Insurance should reach beyond the state, it should reach the federal government. Old age pensions should be provided by the government in all deserving cases. To create a fund for this purpose a direct tax should be levied on all the people in proportion to their property holdings.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE.

(Baker City Herald, Dec. 5.)

Eastern Oregon will no doubt this year elect a judge to the supreme bench to take the place of Mr. Halley who has been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Wolverton, who goes to the federal bench. The choice of eastern Oregon will no doubt fall upon Judge Eakin of La Grande. He is a man well known throughout this section of the state and is also known throughout the valley. His ability as a lawyer and a judge is well known and there is no doubt but that he will receive the solid support of the people east of the Cascades.

Mr. Eakin has many friends who are urging his candidacy, but as yet he has not announced his intentions of seeking the office, but no doubt will do so soon. He has many warm supporters in Baker City and would make an excellent man to put on the ticket.

Passing of the Wooden Car.

It is reported that the Pennsylvania railroad company has decided to contract for not less than 1500 steel passenger cars. One governing motive in this decision is very likely the desire to have only steel cars run through the system of tunnels under the North and East rivers in connection with the new terminal station in New York city. The entire practicability of steel cars has been well shown by those in service in the New York subway, and no railway officer hereafter will be willing to operate wooden passenger cars in a tunnel system, particularly with electric motive power if it can be avoided. But for general railway service, too, the steel frame passenger car promises to reduce so greatly the casualties in wrecks that the railways cannot too soon undertake its rapid introduction. With a clear appreciation of the coming demand for steel cars the American Car & Foundry company has already under way new shops in Berwick, Pa., with a capacity of 50 to 100 steel passenger cars per month. The same company is now working on a contract for 275 steel cars for the London Underground railway.—Engineering News.

London has 26,739 persons on its lists of lunatics. Of these 24,282 are supported by the rates. The county council is at its wits' end trying to devise accommodations for the rapidly increasing numbers of the city's insane. January 1, 1904, England and Wales, with about 32,000,000 inhabitants, had 117,199 insane persons—an increase of 3234 over 1903. The ratio of insane to every 10,000 of population went up from 34.34 to 34.17 in twelve months. This almost incredible and dangerous increase is far beyond the recorded increase in the kingdom's population. Indeed, the decade 1894-1904 shows that the number of the insane was 1 to 327 in 1894, and 1 to 288 in 1904. At this rate of increase the end of England's supremacy in many lines is in sight. Luckily, before it is too late, legislation may devise methods of meeting the matter and securing a remedy.

Up to date all efforts at a successful explanation have been unavailing. The expense of fitting up quarters for these people has forced London and other places to a serious consideration and investigation of the whole problem and all points connected therewith. The foregoing facts and figures are from a Daily Mail clipping sent by Consul Liefeld, of Freiburg, Germany.

His Idea.

Aunt Hetty—Cousin Millie writes from the city that she has joined the Rainy Day Club.

Uncle Reuben—What do they do—git' something to wear on rainy days an' then pray for rain!—Brooklyn Eagle.

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The "vacation" idea was suggested by the letter of a prominent lawyer in Chicago. Read what he says: "I was engaged in the most momentous undertaking of my life in bringing about the coalition of certain great interests that meant much to me as well as my clients. It was not the work of days, but of months; I was working night and day almost when at a very critical time my stomach went completely back on me. The undue mental strain brought it about and hurried up what would have happened later on."

"What I ate I had to literally force down and that was a source of misery, as I had a sour stomach most of the time. My head ached, I was sluggish and began to lose my ambition to carry out my undertaking. It looked pretty gloomy for me when I could find my plight to one of my clients. He had been cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and at once went down to a drug store and brought a box up to the office."

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