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STATE SENATOR SELLING A REPUBLICAN.

There are two progressive candidates for the U.S. senate in

the field and one Republican. But the Republican is a man who has always been a progres-

The Capital Journal wishes to give some reasons for support-

ing Ben Selling for the United States senate. He is a Republican of progressive record and inclinations. He is not a reactionary, but has always been willing to take

the expressed will of the people as his guide. Ben Relling was a clean and careful legislator.

He is not a radical or extremist and is not easily led into ex- gos City. Ben Selling has erected some large blocks in Portland.

He is a builder an employer who has always treated labor Ben Selling is a business man.

He is not a professional politician, ready to ascrifice public Interests to sensationalism Ben Selling is a large taxpaper. He belongs to the conservative, substantial class of citizens

without whom the state would be a weak affair. Ben Selling has been a progressive in Oregon politics. He led the campaigns in Multnomah county for direct election

He was willing to uphold the direct primary and people

choice plan of electing senators. In the legislature he carried out the instructions given by the people at the polls.

Ben Selling would take his position as a member of th U. S. senate with Borah, of Idaho; Commins, of Iowa, and other senators who are progressive, but who refuse to leave the Republican party on that account.

WE WANT NO WAR WITH MEXICO.

(N. J. Judah, in Astorian.)

War, or no war, the poise of President Taft and the people of this country has been excellent throughout the long series of debateable aggravating and arrogant acts of Mexicans of all factions, involved in the general turbulance of that land ever since the ousting of President Diaz; and it is likely the same quiet dignity and diplomatic patience will characterize the attitude of our executive and people until the breach shall actually occur and the two nations are at each others' throats, or until it is made apparent that the Madero government has found a way to really govern the people it is responsible for.

At large our people do not want war with Mexico. The universal impression in the United States is that we have enough, and more than enough, territory and conflicting interests to take care of, as things stand, and that the burden of another protectorate of the Latin persuasion would put us "in bad" altogether not alone on the Western Hemisphere but in Europe and the Orient; especially in the event of extraordinary or threatening developments abroad as between the greater and

friendlier nations with which we are deeply bound. We have no objections to such demonstrations as shall convince the Mexicans of the purpose of this country to dominate affairs on this continent and to safeguard the concerns of Americans in that particular country provided always those ex-hibitions are held on the easy side of challenges and the avoidable margins of real war.

But there is the trouble, always; one never knows just how "great a fire a small spark" is going to kindle, nor what pitiable cause is going to "fulminate" things and thrust us to the extremity of affront and action.

It is evident that the Madero administration cannot long maintain itself without help, and, as we are the nearest and most powerful neighbor, with the largest racial interest at stake together with the sole international policy-paramount, the Monroe doctrine, it looks as if we were to be called upon for an interference, which no stretch of diplomacy may construe ra tionally and happily for us, considering the history we have made there even when we were infinitely less competent to wage

We are "the big fellow" in such premises always, and it will be hard to escape the charge of misusing the predicates upon which such an engagement would or could be launched,

The country has perfect confidence in President Taft's ability to do the right and loyal thing. It has seen enough of his wise considerateness in many an

embroglio and the success with which he has disposed of grave and pressing questions to the honor of the nation and the satisfaction of those interested with us,

He is sure to withhold the edict of war until this country is absolutely safe and sure of its high ground for the dreadful expedient and of the world's justice in the outcome,

THE ROUND-UP

Jackson county officers are after loy Hermiston now has 15 automobiles, pats, and to be tried and punished as

riders and will trest all such caught and a year ago it had one. out after midnight as vagrants.

Polk county, so far as capturing uses to be a big one. It begins Sep- consigns, and every agent or officer of

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Newberg hist week began paring one of its streets. This is the first. but there will be more.

Two hours after the Mahatma's visited the top of Castle Bock a fire destroyed all timber and vegetation on

The probabilitioulets of Clarksman county will place a full county ticket in the field.

There was a terrific sand storm in the garge of the Columbia Saturday, and Hood Eliver claims it got its full

Elamath Falls is trying to get a beet sugar factory established there. with a expectly of 650 tons of beens a

Gervule now has electricity, or will have, as soon as the material can be gotten. The juice comes from Ore-

It is thought the freshman class of the U. of O. will this year number 566-the highest on record.

Plorence has electric lights and power, both home-made by the Florence Electric company.

Portland's public schools opened enterday.

The Douglas county fair, held at Melrose, ended Saturday night. The attendance was large, and the fair a great success.

Hood River's apple crop this year is smaller than usual, and much below what was expected. It will be under 700,000 boxes, and probably not more than 650,600.

......... THE OPEN FORUM

The Capital Journal invites pub-lic discussion in this department -Let both sides of all matters he fully brought out-it is not the purpose of this newspaper to do the thinking for its readers.

***************** McCusker a Gentleman.

Ed, Journal: In an open letter recently published in the Oregonian, and addressed to Colonel Roosevelt by Thomas McCusker, appears the following: "If I were not a gentleman etc." This reminds one of the school boy caught by his teacher drawing a picture on his sinte who, when asked what he was trying to draw, replied "I am making a picture of God." You should not attempt snything like that, as no one knows how God looks ! his teacher answered. "Well, they will when I'm done this," replied the boy artist. Since the opportune appearance of McCusker's statement, there is not the least danger of mistaking him for a lady, or even a little girl. L. LEWOP.

Upholds the Governor,

Wodlburn, Sept. 16. Ed Journal: It is with interest we note in the Daily Capital Journal of the lesue of the 14th, inst., an article headed "The Law Against the Goverernor," purporting to give the aubstance of an opinion of the attorneygeneral, to the effect that Railway and express companies are required by law to receive, carry and deliver shipments of intoxicating liquors to per sons in dry territory who are known to be disposing of such intoxicating liquors in such dry territory in violation of law. And we are at a loss to understand by what process of reasoning the attorney-general arrives at this very important conclusioin.

Section 2370 of L. O. L. provides: 'All persons concerned in the commisvien of a crime, whether it be felony * general premiums at the state fair was or misdementor, and whether they dia conceyned, was the hanner county of rectly commit the act constituting the crime, or ald and abet in its commission, though not present, are princi-

Under this section every agent or The Clarksmas county fair prom- efficer of a brewing company who a railway or an express company who receives, carries and delivers intoxicating liquors in dry territory to persons to them known to be disposing of such liquors in such dry territory in violation of law is made a principal in the criminal act. And a few prosecutions and convictions along this line would have a tendency to create a wholesome respect for law. It is not right, it is not public justice, and it is not public policy to presecute and punish the person who actually commils the act in violation of law, and to hold the person guiltigms who furnishes the material and urges him to commit the act. And such is neither the intent nor the spirit of the law. knowledge is the parent of intent. And intent of the person participating, aiding or sbetting in the commission of an act, is the governing principle from which to draw the conclusion as to his guilt or innocence. If the governor assumes that the person who assists in violating the law, is himself guilty, the law is not against the

governor. Truly yours.

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