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### RESULTS OF THE ELECTION.

The expected happened in the Oregon election. Chamberlain wins for senator and Withycombe for governor. The former won because he was the representative of a popular national administration, on account of his personal popularity and because his long career in office has been a record of clean and faithful public service.

Dr. Withycombe defeated the democratic candidate for governor mainly because the party majority is large, and he is an amiable old gentleman of wide acquaintance. He had strong support from the "wet" element, and Dr. Smith, his opponent, could not succeed in lining up the "drys" solidly to his support. The manner of Dr. Smith's nomination in the primary, backed by the strong and open support of Governor West, was also criticised as an attempt to hand the office down to a successor without consulting the wishes of the rank and file of the party, and this lost him many supporters in his own party. Still Dr. Smith made a very creditable showing in a strong republican state.

Governor-elect Withycombe will have a hard task before him to meet the expectations of the people who hope for relief from the burdensome taxation imposed by useless commissions and unnecessary officials. He has promised to give the state a business administration, and he should have the support of all parties and of the press if he honestly attempts to redeem his ante-election pledges. Withycombe is an excellent man and it is only a question if he is strong enough to do the things the people of Oregon hope may be accomplished in the way of reducing the expenses of government.

In the East the results are not especially decisive or important for an off-year election. The only thing to excite interest is the practical disappearance of the progressive party everywhere except in California. There are only two great political parties left in the country, and the state elections yesterday were in the main much as they were in the same states before the progressive bolt split the republican party. The New York result was the most decisive of all, and it was a fitting rebuke to Tammany for the theft of the governorship, when Sulzer was ousted last year for refusing to do the bidding of the organization. Glynn, the beneficiary of the high-handed outrage, was defeated by an overwhelming majority, and District Attorney Whitman, one of the cleanest officials in the Empire state, will succeed him in the executive chair. Sulzer ran independent and claims to have drawn away enough democratic votes to accomplish the much desired result.

On the whole, the election in general shows few surprises. Congress remains democratic by a reduced majority, and the national administration seems to have been fairly well sustained by the people, considering the depression in business which has prevailed throughout the country.

The nations of Europe, besides having a slight difference of opinion about several things which they are now trying to argue to a conclusion, have also started a dispute as to which of them is the more civilized. To prove the extent of their civilization, they refer to the number of scientists they each have. If that is the true measure of civilization, the United States can lay it over all of them. From Heenan down to Corbett, Jack Johnson and Sam Langford, there have been none to equal America's scientists. France has swiped Jack Johnson, but still we can proudly claim him as a native son, and point to his scientific achievements before he left us, remembering, too, that his departure was rather scientifically accomplished.

Many Alaskans do not like some of the provisions of the leasing bill, but they console themselves with the reflection that under it some advancement can be made and an American citizen can have a chance to make a living there, a thing that has been impossible since Gifford Pinchot constituted himself guardian of that little piece of Uncle Sam's domain.

And the people again decided to "let George do it."

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### BETTER BUSINESS.

Not only is business bound to be better; it IS better. Exports for September were far greater than anyone expected. The amount of breadstuffs was \$45,330,000, against \$17,853,000 in September, 1913. Meat and dairy products were about the same as last year.

It is reported that the French government has placed an order for \$2,500,000 worth of guns with the Bethlehem steel works.

A number of factories manufacturing blankets and other military supplies are working over-time.

George B. VanCleve, of New York, giving his impressions of a recent business trip across the Atlantic, says that it is "an automobile war." "There will be over 50,000 automobiles and motor trucks used up during the war if it lasts six months," VanCleve says. "Probably 20,000 have been used up already. Almost everything is being done by automobiles. I saw guns, aeroplanes, wounded and everything being hauled by automobiles. America must supply the extraordinary demand. When the war ends, the American car abroad will have the most phenomenal boom that can be conceived."

The United States in five years will lead all countries in trade with Latin-American countries if business men and manufacturers respond to immediate possibilities in trade extension—and they are responding. This is the substance of a speech in Cleveland by John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union and formerly United States minister to three South American countries. Last year the Latin-American countries bought and sold products with the rest of the world valued at nearly three billions of dollars. Practically all of this trade must come to this country now.

There is nothing the matter with America.

There having been twenty-nine measures for the voters to act on at the election yesterday, let us hope that at the next election it will be "30" on the whole business. How many of the voters of Oregon understood one-half the measures on which they were asked to vote? How many knew absolutely nothing about any of them? The initiative and referendum are both good in their place, but unfortunately they open the gates for every disgruntled politician or person to annoy the whole state with.

The people of New York did a good job in electing District Attorney Whitman governor, and cleaning out the Tammany Hall bunch represented by Governor Glynn. The scandal over the Sulzer affair last year, the fact that Glynn was a representative of the crowd that stole the governorship of a great state, made his defeat earnestly and devoutly to be desired by the honest voters, regardless of party affiliations. Sulzer ran independent and now claims credit for Whitman's election.

Some person who is seeking real trouble has suggested that Edward Markham write a poem about the war. Is not the blood-thirsty one satisfied with the atrocities already committed? "The man with the hoe" should be left in the peaceful quietude to which he was long ago relegated, and, come to think of it, so should Markham.

Old Jack Frost is taking a hand in the war and is on neither side, but rather working in the interest of all. If the old fellow could only send the mercury down to the zero point and keep it there for three months, the ardor of the combatants might be cooled to a point where they would listen to overtures for peace.

One of Serbia's greatest poets manages to live and write verse in spite of the name he has to lug around. Some one who asked "what's in a name?" might find several things in this one if he would analyze it. His name is Wukitchivitch.

Colonel Roosevelt was surprised at the big crowds that attended his meetings in Pennsylvania, but he overlooked the fact that he was supporting a democratic candidate for governor and was therefore considerable of a curiosity.

President Wilson yesterday voted, according to the dispatches, taking just two minutes in the booth, and voting a straight democratic ticket. Considering the office he holds, he could not well vote any other.

England having declared cotton is not contraband of war, that material is now in the same class with the colored folks who pick it.

A German airman has been given an iron cross for daring, and Belgium has been given the double cross for the same reason.

The Oregonian says "the democrat is off a cheerful loser," and it might have added, a not boastful winner.

### HAS SPLENDID IDEA.

(Silverton News.) The Daily Capital Journal, in an issue of recent date, sets forth a proposition which, in our opinion, would be of benefit to Marion county and Oregon in general without limitation. The Journal urges the Belgians, those unfortunate and unhappy people who have been deprived of almost the right to live, to come to Oregon. The Journal proposes that these Belgians be petitioned and invited to come to this state and build up new homes. With that bustling and honest working class of people to prepare our acres and acres of undeveloped lands for the growing of their favorite product, flax, Oregon would soon be benefited by

the results unlimitedly. The Belgians are a peaceful and an industrious people. They are steady toilers who know the real value of lands. That is, the productive value, which is the only value they care about in the least. They want the land upon which to make a living. Not to speculate with like the average get-rich-quick person. We say again, the Journal is right. Invite the Belgians to Oregon.

### GERMAN SHIPS OUT.

Copenhagen, Nov. 4.—German warships were reported today in the Baltic off the entrance to the Gulf of Finland. It was believed they were bent on a raid of the Russian coast.

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THE ROUND-UP  
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Tip to farmers in Pendleton East Oregonian: "Never was there a finer outlook for high-priced wheat; better seed all your land this year."

The vogue of the rose is to be further extended by the Madford Rose society on November 24, when cuttings obtained by converted pruning will be distributed to school children.

The Marion county court has definitely decided to reject the proposal of the Salem Commercial club relative to the hiring of a county agriculturalist, in addition to a county fruit inspector.

The Baker Herald's Prairie City correspondent writes: "The new grain elevator has just been completed and is already filled. The schools are taxed to their greatest capacity and a new school building is a common theme. There are no empty store buildings and dwelling houses are at a premium."

Condon Globe: Petitions have been circulated in Condon asking that the government defer operations of the dredge at Goose Island in the Columbia until after the goose season. It is set forth that the dredge will disturb the geese and cause them to seek a new roosting place, which they would probably continue to use thereafter. The petitions will be sent to Oregon senators and congressmen.

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