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AS POLITICIANS VIEW THE SITUATION

The first gun of the national campaign has been fired by the republicans of New York, and it indicates pretty strongly the course the party intends to follow. The committee on resolutions of the state convention refused to indorse Senator Root as the state's choice as a candidate for the presidency.

Chauncey Depew was there and exhorted the committee to pronounce in favor of Root, but his voice no longer charms. It was claimed that Senator Root did not want the committee to indorse him, and the suggestion was made that this indorsement would be made later.

Politicians, however, recognize in this action the sending of Root to the dump heap. This is a sop thrown to Roosevelt who dislikes Root with a greater accent on the "dis" than he does anyone who is a presidential possibility.

The situation is sized up by politicians about this way: The turning down of Root is a distinct concession to Teddy, and shows to what length the party is willing to go to conciliate that greatest of all dictators the party has ever known. The committee also refused to indorse Whitman, but it was intimated that this too might come later.

It looks as though the party leaders would go to any length to keep the strenuous one in good humor and on the track. They believe that he has a strong following and that his support is necessary to the party's success.

Somehow, they forget that eight years ago he forced the party to nominate Taft, picking him as the best and strongest man in the party; and it also forgets that four years ago he opposed Taft as the worst man for the place the party could select.

With this record before it, it seems the party leaders would be chary about permitting him to force another candidate on it especially if that candidate is Roosevelt, but that seems to be what is going to happen.

It is probably not the intention of the old leaders to nominate Roosevelt, only to conciliate him and rub his hair the right way until some one can be found suitable to him and the balance of the party. Just who the old guard has in mind for the place is not known except to a few members of the inner circle, but that the candidate is already selected is not only possible but extremely probable.

The program has all been made out, the only question is can it be made to work? There is only one reason why it will fail, if it does fail, and that reason is Roosevelt. He is the unknown quantity that makes the problem difficult of solution. Roosevelt hates Wilson for the same reason he does Taft. They occupied the position which he feels and believes he alone of all the men in the United States is capable of filling without rattling around in it.

It is the intent of certain of the progressives to force the Roosevelt nomination, and it is also the firm intent of the old guard to prevent this nomination.

It certainly is a badly mixed situation for the elephant. If Roosevelt is not nominated the main body of the real progressives will again bolt and if he is nominated a large portion of the old guard will not stand for it. They will support Wilson rather than Roosevelt. They have not forgotten, and they will never forgive the man, who having been given the presidency by them, deliberately put them out and a democrat in for four years. The politicians have missed the offices and big business has been curtailed in some of its most cherished exploitations. They hold this against Roosevelt and will make of him about the worst sample of the "also ran" ever seen in captivity if he corrals the nomination and makes the race.

It is claimed Germany has offered Belgium a separate peace on extremely liberal terms, and that Belgium has refused them. On top of the statement it is announced that the allies have again pledged themselves never to accept peace without the restoration of Belgium to her original state. It looks like an agreement might be reached on this subject at least, for it is the only thing on which both sides seem to have the same opinion.

Murder seems to be arising to the dignity of a fine art. Every day some murderer adds a touch of artistic skill to the "profession" and gives it local color and tone. The latest case of this kind is that of an undertaker who was arrested recently in New York for murdering his wife, and who confessed. He naively stated that he put his arm around her neck when she was scolding him and held his hand over her mouth until she fell to the floor. Then he went to bed and slept soundly until next morning when finding she was dead he embalmed the body, forged a death certificate and buried her.

Chairman Tillman of the senate naval committee yesterday gave the armor plate magnates a hunch as to what may happen to them if they get obstreperous. It is an appropriate reply to the threat made recently by the armor plate gang to hold up and rob the government. He introduced a bill providing means for the government to condemn and take over the plants. Now they will be good.

That the United States is making a good average at being neutral is evidenced by the fact that the allies think she is too friendly to the Germans and the Germans think she is too friendly to the allies. Each sees her friendship for the enemy and each fails to see the same friendship for herself. This is a case where if each is right both are wrong.

The house river and harbors committee with the recommendation of the engineers reduced the appropriation for the dental work on the mouth of the Columbia from \$2,104,000, to \$1,200,000. Thus is the fat fried out and the "pork" made lean.

Reynolds of the Oregonian has a cartoon in Wednesday's paper showing the G. O. P. of Oregon being married to Miss Oregon Moose. It is a catchy picture, only Reynolds should have put "the horns" on Mr. Elephant rather than Miss Moose.

It may be that Oregon discarded capital punishment too soon. If incendiaries should get at work out this way, and burn and destroy as they have in the east, how could they be punished if we would make the punishment fit the crime?

"The west is growing faster than the east," sounds well to us westerners, but despite the census sharps it is a self-evident falsehood. New York City is gaining population faster than the whole Pacific coast.

Railroad magnates are human in some respects. In valuing their roads for taxation purposes they are listed as worth \$8,000,000,000 less than they would be priced at if the government wanted to buy them.

If this weather keeps up for a few days Ma will be out in the garden with her head tied up in a sling and Dad will be spading up the onion bed under her direction, and wishing it would rain.



AFFECTATION

The men of simple manners please; they boast not of their pedigrees, or look profound, or put on side, or get swelled up with futile pride. The wise man's every action states, "I'm just like other mortal skates; I'm here a while to toil and spin, and try to get my harvest in, and when I leave this vale of groans, like Tom and Dick, I'll make dry bones." It gives me stitches in the side to see a man swelled up with pride, assuming divers foolish airs, and who, in every act, declares, "The clay I'm made of is so fine, there wasn't any more like mine. When I was formed, one fateful day, the Maker threw the mold away, and said, 'Improvements now shall cease—I have produced the masterpiece!' When your importance seems so steep that all the rest of us look cheap, laugh at yourself a while, my friend, and let your affectation end. Sit down in silence and review the foolish things you say and do, and realize with many a jar, how blamed ridiculous you are!

Trying to Bluff Wife He Committed Suicide

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 16.—Declaring with his dying breath that he did not intend to commit suicide but merely to frighten his wife, Percy Levy, an insurance man, died at his home here today as the result of cyanide of potassium which he swallowed during the night.

Levy and his wife quarreled over some trivial affair and finally the man, to scare the woman, said he "would end it all."
He went to the basement and returned with a bottle of cyanide. In the presence of his wife he drank a quantity of the poison but he told at once that he did not mean to. A physician worked over Levy for several hours, but could not save him.

GOT TWELVE QUARTS

Portland, Ore., Feb. 16.—Prosecutors

and deputy sheriffs today are searching for the thief who tapped several cases of contraband wine held in the basement of the court house under orders of the court.

Twelve quart bottles stolen from the contraband stock were found hidden in an air shaft in the court house. Not until, with elaborate ceremony, the officers began pouring the liquor down a sewer, was the theft discovered.

HABIT IN THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 16.—A romance of the White House basement, was revealed when Lavinia Gibson, colored laundress, returned to work, beaming with smiles, and announced she'd wedded a soldier.

TO CONDEMN FACTORIES

Washington, Feb. 16.—Chairman Tillman of the senate naval committee introduced a bill today to condemn or purchase the armorplate factories of the country.

STATE NEWS

Silver Lake Ore.—Emil Nelson, who owns a homestead in section 34, township 26, south, six miles north of Butte, this county, was in town this week rehearsing his well-making experiences. Recently he completed the drilling of a well on his place, and when down to a depth of 126 feet the drill passed through a blue rock stratum 22 feet in thickness and below this until the depth of 290 feet was reached there were many different strata of a red formation which caved and caused considerable trouble. At the depth of 290 feet the drill reached white sand and warm water, and the deeper the drill went into the sand the hotter the water became and when the drill was withdrawn and the pump put to work, the water was found to be too hot for irrigation and other domestic purposes.

Medford Mail: Game Warden Driscoll and Walker went to the Green Spring mountains this afternoon to investigate a reported case of several deer having been "snowed in" that region and as being in danger of starvation or destruction by hunters if not rescued at once. They will have to travel many miles to reach the point where the deer are reported to be imprisoned. They will take an "outsider" along to gather unofficial evidence.

Roseburg Review: Employing 75 men, working under experienced officials and rushing the work as fast as possible to take advantage of the favorable weather, over three miles of steel has been laid on the Oswego, Illinois and Roseburg Railroad, according to W. J. Ford, who returned from the camps this morning, where he has been located for the past several weeks.

Crook County Journal: The meeting of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association, which was to have been held in Baker the first week in this month, has been postponed until the first days of May. A large delegation of stockmen from this part of the state will no doubt be able to attend the meeting at that time.

Ashtland Tidings: The beet sugar factory will be located at Grants Pass, probably on a 50-acre site just across the river from the city. Final announcement of the location came as an answer to an offer from the Medford Commercial club, which agreed to guarantee the sugar interests 5,000 acres if they would build at Medford.

Weather diagnosis by the Aurora Observer's talented Maelsburg correspondent: "February, stormy as it has been so far, nevertheless brought with it much of the forecast of spring. The snow shows that it has not been little during its long concealment under the snow. Both pastures and lawn are of the deep, fresh green that proclaim the winter to have lost his hold, once more."

The Sherwood News hopes the promoters of the Sherwood Fair association will meet with success in their purchase of grounds and the building of a race track and exhibition grounds at Sherwood.

"The promise of an increased acreage of wheat in this valley this season," says the Medford Mail Tribune, "carries with it the additional promise of a much improved quality of grain. Better seed has been selected and better seed beds prepared."

Up to Thursday, the East Oregonian says, snow shovellers working for the city had earned \$332.70 according to warrants paid out by the city recorder, and some of the shovellers were still on the job.

The Klamath Sportsmen's association has chosen Strake mountain as a range for the 18 legs of young elk to be liberated in Klamath county by the state fish and game commission. Winter feeding will be provided for.

Albany Democrat: Reports from the

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ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN

country are that thousands of Chinese pheasants have perished from the snow and cold, too severe for them. Getting snow on their tails and roosting in trees they get caught by the freezing snow and it is they all up with them.

Report on mining operations, in Baker Democrat: "The Snake river copper field is booming and Copperfield and Homestead are once again on the map under more favorable auspices than ever. Coal shipments are going out to the smelters weekly and big payrolls are the result."

Work on the city jail at Silver Lake again has been stopped. The Leader says provision had been made for a building of corrugated iron, but it was discovered at the last minute that only a building of concrete, stone or brick would stand the test of this state law and hence the plans already made had to be abandoned.

The police of Medford report that there have been fewer vandals in that city this winter than for many past, and fewer applications for sleeping quarters at the city jail.

Mexicans Planned To Kidnap Children

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 17.—With two men in jail, and one out on bail, accused of plotting a kidnaping, officers here today sought two other men, indicted by the county grand jury.

The group, it is claimed, planned to steal the sons of Cashier Andrews of the City National bank, and Vice-President Tooley of the First National bank and hold them for heavy ransom.
The men in jail are Werner Fische, a Mexican refugee, and Jesus Villaseca, former Villista, while the man on bail is Dr. Henry A. Magruder, dentist. The latter is said to have been the informer in the case and he professed surprise at his indictment.

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THE DRINK OF THE PEOPLE

(Grants Pass Courier.)
When Oregon went dry it opened the way for the development of a new industry, for the term "dry" only means that men have changed their drinks. From alcoholic drinks our men and women are going to the beverage that cheers but does not inebriate — the juice of the loganberry, — and our farmers should be quick to see the demand and be prepared to meet it. Oregon is the home of the loganberry, and in no part of the state does the luscious hybrid grow to greater perfection than in the Rogue valley.

Recently the chief of the division of horticulture of the state agricultural college wrote in reply to an inquiry from a resident of this city some facts showing how the industry was growing in Oregon. He mentioned one concern in Salem that a few years ago manufactured 2,500 gallons of loganberry juice. Last year these people increased their output to 40,000, and next year they expect to market 500,000 gallons. This large increase is made possible because the new drink is fast taking the place formerly occupied by stronger drinks. The expert at the state college states that he expects that there will be at least \$2,000,000 worth of loganberry products handled in Oregon during 1916, and he predicts that the time is not far distant when the loganberry will bring \$10,000,000 into the state annually.

SIGNS FIRST MEASURE

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Wilson this afternoon signed his first preparedness measure, the bill providing an increase of 300 cadets at Annapolis naval academy, and appropriating \$600,000 for immediate improving the Mars Island and Brooklyn navy yards.

INDIAN CUPID BUSY

Fresno, Cal., Feb. 16.—Six Indian couples of "Squaw Valley" will soon be wedded in "white man's fashion," as a result of mission workers playing the role of cupid.

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