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ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

It seems from Colonel Roosevelt's letter to Guy Emerson, secretary of the Roosevelt non-partisan league, that the colonel is out after the nomination of both the progressives and republicans, or the two united, as he expressed it. It also seems that those who said he was willing to support Hughes or any strong progressive, were not fully informed.

The Capital Journal, a few days ago interpreted his description of the man whom he would support as meaning no other than himself; and many other papers put the same construction on it, and apparently correctly so.

The colonel's announcement, which is unequivocal, is not capable of construction being a statement that he will take the nomination if he can get it, and that he will try to accomplish this. This puts an entirely different complexion on the political situation.

Roosevelt is a shrewd politician, knows the game thoroughly, and is also familiar with the deck with which it is played, knowing most of the cards by their backs. The fact that he enters the race openly at this time shows that he at least thinks he can win. He is resourceful, chary of advice, and goes his own way. That is what changes the complexion of things. What he will do in case he is not nominated only he knows.

What he can do if he chooses, everyone who has not forgotten the election four years ago knows. If he should be defeated he can either accept and stand in with his victors or bring his party back to life. Should he do the former there will be a pretty fight perhaps, but should he do the latter the history of 1912 will be repeated.

It is three weeks yet until the conventions meet, and until they are over and the results known, no one will be able to say what the colonel will do, and not then until he makes his intentions public.

It can be stated though, that the colonel is not an expert at turning the other cheek, and it is a pretty safe bet he will get the republican nomination, or he will get the same thing at the hands of his own party. It remains to be seen which is the larger, the G. O. P. or T. R.

PATRIOTISM UNKNOWN IN MEXICO

The Mexican situation is pretty thoroughly shown in the statement made by Obregon soon after the conference was concluded yesterday. He said: "Carranza saved me from myself. He knows I am a fool, and had he accepted the American agreement I would have been a dead cock in the pit." That is just Carranza's position too. The ignorant Mexicans would have turned against him and he would have lost his job. It shows also the kind of patriotism that pervades Mexico. Carranza and Obregon would rather see their country plunged into war than to have some other take their places as leaders. They are too short sighted to see that if war comes they will not only lose their leadership but will be so placed by the Americans that neither of them can even crop up as candidates for the presidency when the first election is held for the purpose of restoring the government.

However the matter is now out of Obregon's hands and it is between Carranza and the administration. In the meanwhile there is danger of a clash at any moment that will send the fat into the fire, and start the conflagration. It looks as though there could be no other solution of the matter.

Burns has decided to take two sections of land into the city limits, the issue winning at an election held Thursday, by a vote of 29 to 19. It looks like a pretty large addition to be added to a city by so small a vote. However those thrifty little towns in eastern Oregon have a rapid growth coming, especially if the Strahorn road becomes a reality.

A sale of wool at Pendleton brought the record price in spite of the lack of tariff. It may be claimed this was due to the war. If so, it at least proves that the price of wool depends on something other than the tariff.

Life is wonderfully long to the boy looking forward; and it is exceedingly short to the old man looking backward over the road he has traveled. If a man reaches 82 years, which is a ripe age, he has lived 29,950 days. Of these 7,665 have passed when he arrives at maturity. Counting that he has fifty years of service in him, and that he is active until 71, he passes 18,250 days in that period, and has 2,995 days remaining. Counted in days that does not seem very long, nor is it. Yet 24 such lives following each other would reach back to the birth of the savior. Two such lives would reach back 30 years beyond the birth of the republic and five such would place one almost back to the time when Columbus discovered America.

The execution of the Irish rebels has stirred Ireland as it has not been stirred for years, and indignation is running so high that the courts martial were ordered stopped until further notice. The culminating act was the shooting of Editor Skeffington without trial. Thousands of letters have been sent Asquith protesting against further execution of rebels. The attempt to put down with an iron hand may result in digging up, instead, some real serious trouble.

A number of senators, are opposed to Brandeis as a member of the supreme court, and so the senate is holding an investigation as to his fitness for the place. This may be proper enough, but what would the result be if the senators themselves had to pass an examination as to their qualifications? It is a safe hazard that quite a number of them would not now be passing upon the merits of Mr. Brandeis had they been "investigated."

Six tickets to the republican national convention have been sold for \$1,000. Evidently the purchasers are expecting some show, with entirely new stunts on the program. The managers of the republican convention are having the seats of the delegates upholstered so they can be comfortable in case a deadlock occurs, and this is evidently expected.

Recently Lieutenant Robert Fay, formerly of the German army, was sentenced to serve eight years in prison for conspiring to blow up munition ships of the allies with fire bombs. In passing sentence Judge Howe said among other things: "The fact that there was war in Europe did not mean the law was not in force in America."

If preparedness leads to peace, then it is certainly a good thing. It is rather paradoxical though, that this brings the advocates of big armies and navies regardless of cost, and the advocates of peace at any price, at last into the same boat, for the object of preparedness is after all, "peace regardless of cost."

That was some parade in New York today when 150,000 marched through the streets, 11,000 passing a given point during each hour of the parade. There were no banners or streamers and the parade starting at 9:30 lasted until 10 at night.

The businessmen were first, and one after another different trades and occupations started over the route. There were 66 trades and professions represented, and among other features was 25,000 women. The affair was carried out to show the necessity of preparedness.

STATE NEWS

Astoria: Indicating the enormous demand for lumber throughout the country, and showing up to advantage the importance of Astoria as a world port, are the records of the Astoria customs house for lumber, flour and salmon shipments from this district for the month of April, ending this evening. According to the official figures for the month of April, there was shipped from the Columbia river, Astoria district, a total of 21,239,339 feet of lumber, which includes both coastwise and foreign shipments, though the latter shipments were few. During the month just closed Portland lumber shipments amounted to 4,870,000 feet to California, compared with the total shipped from the Astoria district to the same state, of 21,022,000 feet.

Medford Mail: Fruit and vegetables suffered heavily by a killing frost early Sunday morning that extended from Sacramento, Cal., far into Oregon. Damage in the Sacramento valley to grapes and vegetables is estimated at close to \$2,500,000. If the Rogue river valley, foothills orchards and those that resorted to orchard heating, escaped injury, but orchards in the floor of the valley, in certain portions, sustained considerable damage. Potatoes and sugar beets suffered along with other fruit.

Medford Mail: Auto drivers who come from California with passenger room in their cars are said to be taking on loads of passengers at Hornbrook, and using them for the purpose of getting over the line with the full allowance of liquor for the crowd, if they desire to carry liquor with them. There is probably no law that will reach such habits, but the race tends to show how fertile are the minds of those who look for loopholes through which to evade the prohibition law.

Marshall Record: The Coos county court has appropriated money for a Coos county exhibit at the State fair this fall and also money for prizes in the three Coos county corn contests. The prizes for the corn exhibits will be six round-trip tickets to Corvallis when the big corn show takes place in the fall. Three men and three boys will be prize winners in the corn rivalry.

SUBMITTY ITEMS

A jolly crowd of about 35 friends and relatives gathered at the Jos. Spinner home, east of town, last Friday evening and enjoyed themselves playing games and dancing. Those who enjoyed dancing had two large rooms in which to "trip the light fantastic" to the selected music that was rendered by special players for the occasion. A well appreciated lunch was served at a late hour, after which everyone returned home feeling well pleased with the time they had had. Those present besides the family were: George Albert and Leo Boedighimer, Jos. and Mike Benedict, Frank and Ed Pieser, Carl Schultzein, Ed Bell, John Schauer, Ed and Slim Etzel, Fred Hottinger, Wallace Smith, Andrew Larsen, Roman, Sylvester and Fred Worms, Lawrence Van Handel, Wm. Duchateau, Dan and Miles Kintz, Misses Mary Etzel, Marie Beidel, Rose, Theresa and Grace Hottinger, Kate and Marie Van Handel, Kate Schultzein, Theresa Ditter, Ida Boedighimer, Mary Cramer, Manole Zimmerman and Angeline Kintz.

Mrs. A. H. LaCroix, of Grass Valley, was visiting friends here for a few days last week.

J. A. Ditter was among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Kluger, who



BLOWING IT IN

Of all the divers brands of joy that make our journey sunny, of all the bliss without alloy, there's none like spending money. It's well to put away a wad, against the rainy weather, it's well, when hard times are abroad, to have some coins together. But when you've salted down a roll of sesterces and talents, then, to invigorate your soul, go out and blow the balance. Don't let the saving habit grow, until you are a miser; salt down a part, a portion blow—that policy the wiser. I like to toddle to the bank and put some bones in pickle; I like to save, but I'm no crank on saving every nickel. I like to take the extra plunk, and to the mart go flying, and buy a lot of useless junk, just for the sake of buying. I like to whisper to the clerks, "Get busy, boys, get busy! I've come to buy the whole blamed works, and make you fellows dizzy!" Of all the standard brands of bliss, that fill our lives with honey, there's surely nothing equals this—the blowing in of money!



A gentleman in Oregon City writes the Oregonian asking the name and address of the Carnegie hero medal committee. We have not seen his name among the candidates for a political job but it looks very much as though he must be running for office in Oregon on the democratic ticket.

Our electrician, Wm. Johnson, has finished wiring J. A. Ditter's residence and for the coming week is going to work in Stayton.

C. Q. Smith and wife, of Jefferson, were visiting at the E. P. Schott home last Saturday.

A large crowd attended the social doings given at the C. E. hall Monday evening. The upper floor of the hall was set aside for those who wished to play games. While the younger set enjoyed themselves dancing in the hall downstairs, at midnight a well appreciated supper was served by the ladies of the parish. The crowd left for home soon after supper, well satisfied with the jolly time they had had.

P. C. Fretter was down from the Ridge Monday night.

A large crowd attended the reception given by the C. O. F. at Stayton Monday night.—Starton Standard.

THE TAX-EATING PROFESSION

(Baker City Democrat.)

For the 10 years ending 1915, Oregon taxpayers demanded and collect-

ed from the people \$142,000,000.

Considering the average for the 10 years, this is over one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the state.

Oregon taxes for 1915 for all purposes, state and local, were in the aggregate the sum of \$23,953,000.

The per capita taxes went up from \$11.12 in 1902 to \$30.50 per capita for the year ending 1915.

While the population increased from 29,000 to 30,000 annually, or about 7 1/2 per cent, taxes increased annually 37 per cent.

According to the United States census, Montana held the per capita tax record up to 1912, \$26.80 for man, woman and child.

The total bonded indebtedness of Oregon has gone up from \$7.90 per capita in 1890 to \$71 per capita in 1913 (U. S. census.)

The total bonded debt at the close of 1915 was \$33,590,825, with an annual interest charge of \$2,780,853.

The above are some of the statements of facts and statistics brought out at the state taxpayers' convention held at Portland.

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Army men say that besides pursuing Villa the expedition into Mexico has proved valuable to the United States in the testing of army equipment by actual use in the field. All sorts of apparatus have been tried; some have proved their value, while others have broken down under the strain of service conditions. The picture shows a scouting party in the field in Mexico using a range finder.

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