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THE COLONEL "PASSES THE BUCK"

The Colonel in his speech to a delegation of regular republicans in New York yesterday made an open bid for the republican nomination. The delegation told him they intended to support him, and he expressed his opinion so plainly that there can be no mistake as to the person whom he had in mind when he spoke. That person was Hughes. He almost openly called attention to the fact that no one knew where Justice Hughes stood on any subject, and in this connection said: "Any man at this time of crisis, who is not aggressively, openly and specifically for these principals, is against them, and every patriotic man should treat our public servants on this basis."

The things alluded to by the Colonel were "Americanism, and preparedness." He could not have more distinctly called attention to the utter silence on these, or for that matter any other subjects, on the part of Hughes without mentioning him by name.

Now the question is what stand will the Colonel take when the convention meets? Evidently Justice Hughes intends saying nothing until the nomination is tendered him, if it is done, and Mr. Roosevelt has served notice that he for one will not stand for this, and advises "every patriotic man" to take the same course.

It necessarily follows that Mr. Hughes will have to make public his position on these questions before the Colonel and his followers will consent to his nomination, even providing they would consent to it at all. Roosevelt is a shrewd politician and he has cleverly placed Justice Hughes in a position where he cannot remain silent and expect the nomination, at least with the consent of the Roosevelt wing of the party.

The Colonel has challenged him to come out into the open and state where he stands on these two questions at least, and at the same time has served notice on the party that the favorite must do this or take the consequences. In other words the Colonel threatens to reenact the campaign of 1912 unless his demands are complied with.

The situation is decidedly interesting to the general public and most especially to the leaders and favorite sons soon to have a family reunion at Chicago.

There is an olden saying that it ill becomes the pot to call the kettle blackface. The trunk murder mystery in Portland has apparently dropped from the minds of the officers of the law, and the recent murder of Mrs. Jennings and probably of Fred Ristman, seem in a fair way to pass into oblivion with the murder undiscovered.

At the same time here in Salem not long ago a woman was murdered and after a few futile attempts to discover the murderer, the matter was apparently dropped.

Whether it is due to paying too much attention to Latin, Greek, German, music, art, athletics, domestic science, playgrounds or the countless other things now considered necessary in teaching the young idea how to shoot, it is impossible to say, but the fact remains that the pupils of the public schools cannot spell the every day English words. A considerable less attention to fads and a little more to teaching English might make for improvement in the public schools everywhere.

Yesterday the house of commons voted an additional war credit of \$1,500,000,000. This brings England's total war debt to \$11,900,000,000, or about four times that created by the North in the civil war. Premier Asquith, in asking for the credit, stated England was expending \$24,000,000 a day on the war, though part of this expense was caused by loans to the allies, without which they could not continue the struggle.

The chief statistician of the California board of health has just filed his report. This shows among other things the rapid increase of births among the Japanese. In 1911 there were 995 Japanese babies, and in 1915, 3,342, which is some showing for the "picture brides." In Sacramento county outside of the city, there were more Japanese births than whites, they being respectively 313 and 275.

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CARRANZA WILL BEAR WATCHING

With Carranza suddenly discovering that an army of 30,000 is necessary to chase the bandits of Northern Mexico, and sending it in a body accompanied by a strong force of artillery to do the work, it behooves General Pershing to keep a close watch and also his powder dry. If the Mexicans were reasonable human beings no one would suspect ulterior motives in the movement, for they would know the futility of attacking the United States army. But they are not reasonable human beings, instead, only a mob of ignorant and foolish creatures led by selfish men who would sacrifice them on the altar of avarice ambition and greed. It might be a good thing should they attack the Americans, for that would mean that we should have to take possession of the country and bring order out of the chaotic conditions prevailing. It will have to be done in the near future, and might as well commence now at at any time.

Twenty-four hours after his arrest, William Smith was on his way from Spokane to the penitentiary at Walla Walla, starting his journey yesterday. He was charged with gagging, assaulting and robbing two women in their homes. He was taken into court by a back door, heavily guarded, as officers feared an attempt to lynch him, pleaded guilty and was rushed to the train. If this kind of speedy justice could be administered generally there would be much less crime. It is not the severity of the punishment that deters those of criminal instincts, but the certainty of it.

Great Britain is now ahead of the world just an hour. Sunday all the clocks in the empire were moved ahead sixty minutes in an attempt to "save daylight." To a disinterested outsider it would seem the same result could have been reached without monkeying with the clocks. If would seem that beginning work at seven instead of eight, or starting to work an hour earlier at any old job would have accomplished the same result. Maybe it is a put up job to get the better of the Germans by attacking them an hour before they are prepared for it.

Henry Estabrook is evidently no longer a candidate for the presidential nomination. He had opened headquarters at Chicago, but after sizing up the situation and hearing from Oregon, he pulled down the blinds, closed the doors and quit. He will not be "numbered with the slain," preferring to retire "just before the battle mother," as indicative of the time to withdraw in good order.

With the fiercest battle of the war raging at Verdun, the Austrians and Italians in a death grip, the Russians and Turks facing each other ready for a desperate conflict and England providing another billion and a half dollar war fund, it does not look like an opportune moment for President Wilson to make peace proposals to warring Europe.

Salem having a Fourth of July celebration and Cherry Fair combined, and then charging admission to any of its attractions, will be a serious mistake. It would be about like inviting a friend to your home for dinner and then presenting him a bill for his entertainment. If we cannot have a celebration free for all it is better we have none.

Cheer up, Oregon is not the only place it rains. Yesterday all the American league games were postponed on account of rain. Remember this is spring, and what can you expect to find in the spring but water?

The Englishman is nothing if not methodical. He could not go to work an hour earlier in the morning unless the clock was set ahead, so he could tackle his job at the usual hour by the time piece.

The governor set aside May 26 as bird day. It might be an appropriate time for him to study the habits of the crow.



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When I was working on a farm, and brandished, with my strong right arm, the muzzle-loading hoe, I said, "I'm tired of such a grind; some softer snap I'll have to find, and to the town I'll go." I got a job in Stucker's store, and there I worked three months or more, and still was short of bliss; and so I muttered, with a sob, "I'll have to hunt another job—there is no fun in this." I wrote insurance for a while, and as I walked mile after mile, to rope some "prospect" in, I said, "I'm weary of this stunt; some other graft I'll have to hunt, at which a man may win." I got a job at grooming swine, and found it wasn't very fine, nor what I had desired; and so I raised my voice and swore, as I had often sworn before, "This labor makes me tired." I never found a job I liked; from every form of toil I hiked, until I broke my tugs; that's why they're taking me today out to the poorhouse, far away, where paupers swat the bugs.

Odd Fellows Open Session at Roseburg; Encampment Elects

Roseburg, Or., May 24.—With the biggest attendance for many years the annual session of the grand encampment of Oddfellows and the Rebekah assembly of Oregon opened in Roseburg yesterday. The session of the encampment were featured by the election of officers, consideration of official reports covering the past year, and addresses by several members of the order.

Officers elected for the ensuing year follow: Earl A. Williams, Freewater, grand prelate; Sol S. Wilker, Oregon City, grand high priest; A. H. Knight, Canby, grand senior warden; E. E. Sharpe, Portland, grand scribe; W. W. Francis, Albany, grand treasurer; P. A. Hunt, grand junior warden; Robert Andrews, Portland, grand representative; R. F. Kirkpatrick, Prineville, grand marshal; S. A. Broadhead, Tillamook, grand sentinel; Gilbert Brown, Lakeview, grand outside sentinel.

Order's Condition is Healthy
Official reports submitted yesterday showed that the order was in a healthy condition despite a slight decrease in membership during the past year. The falling off in the membership was attributed by the officers to the unsatisfactory financial conditions prevailing in Oregon.

Among the speakers at the encampment sessions were George Kellogg, past grand master of Washington lodge of Odd Fellows; A. B. Schamp, of Sutherlin, past grand patriarch of the grand encampment of Minnesota, and J. T. Apperson, who has the distinction of being the oldest living past grand master in Oregon.

The Rebekah assembly met in the evening here at 8 o'clock and conferred the assembly degree on a big class of candidates. The afternoon's session was devoted to the transaction of general business, consideration of officials reports and addresses by Mrs. Rose Palmer, president of the order, and other officers.

Degrees are Conferred
The reports showed that the Rebekah assembly was gaining in membership and was in a sound financial condition. Late in the day the Rebekah assembly took a recess and witnessed the conferring of the degree of chivalry by the patriarchs militant. This was one of the feature events of the day's sessions.

Last night the Rebekah degree was conferred on a class of candidates by Elma Lodge No. 49, of Grants Pass. The patriarchs militant degree was also conferred.

The annual sessions of the grand lodge of Oddfellows convened early today and will remain in session until Friday noon. Officers will be elected by the Rebekah assembly Thursday. It is estimated that there are 1500 visiting Oddfellows and Rebekahs in the city. Accommodations have been provided for all and thus far the sessions have been unusually harmonious and enjoyable. John E. Hall, grand master, is presiding over the grand lodge session.

Silverton News

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Silverton, Or., May 24.—The Sons of Norway, assisted by the Young People's societies of the Stand and United Lutheran churches celebrated in a most patriotic manner the 17th day of May that is held so dear to those so far from the fatherland. The W. O. W. hall was profusely decorated with ferns and flowers intermingled with the American and Norwegian flags. There was a large crowd in attendance and the program was excellent. Rev. J. C. Roseland delivered the oration which was given in a most pleasing manner, and listened to with much pleasure by all present. Refreshments were served this large gathering of people and music, with games of various kinds, rounded out one of the happiest occasions for all who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Smith were over from Salem the first of the week calling on Silverton friends.

Floyd D. Browne left for Portland Thursday where he will spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Frank Wray and Martin Smith motored over to Salem last Sunday.

Miss Bertha Bronkley was in the city from Mt. Angel for a week end visit with her friend Isabelle Bergeron.

Mrs. G. A. Webb went to Mt. Angel and Canby the first of the week to visit relatives and friends.

D. C. Kinney and A. P. Simeral are in Newport as delegates from this city to the state convention of the W. O. W. lodge.

Mrs. Hammond is spending the week with her daughter Miss Josephine at Corvallis.

Hon. T. A. Riechart of Summerville, Oregon, was a welcome caller at the Oscar Benton and Thomas Skaffe

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homes Monday.

Mrs. George Hurst is a guest of Salem friends this week, going over on Friday of last week.

Dr. A. E. Wightman is expected home the last of the week, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Wightman's mother and brother.

Mrs. Helen D. Harford, who has been working in the interest of the W. O. W., will hold another institute.

Messrs. John Kubberness and Harry Bray with their wives enjoyed a motor trip to the county seat Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Martineau have been enjoying a pleasant visit from their daughter, Mrs. M. M. Stam who returned to her home at Jefferson

Friday.

Superintendent James and Principals Straughan and Conkle attended the Field meet at Salem on Saturday last.

H. Good went to Portland on business Monday of this week.

J. E. Hosmer was a Portland business caller on Friday and Saturday.

MADE RECORD RUN

New York, May 24.—Smashing the transcontinental automobile record, Dobby Hammond, driving an Empire car, arrived at Broadway and Forty Second street yesterday having traveled the 3384 miles from San Francisco in six days, ten hours and 59 minutes.

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