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SIMON'S DEFEAT.

The defeat of Mayor Simon of Portland for re-election came as a surprise to many people of the interior country. Those who reside a distance from a metropolis get their views and form opinions largely of affairs in such metropolis by the constant reading of the daily newspaper. This being true it would have seemed that Rushlight, the successful candidate, had no chance whatever of becoming mayor.

Evidently the Portland press for once grabbed the wrong horn of the dilemma, or else the people—the voting strength of Portland—is different from many other localities. It is hardly probable that Rushlight would have polled the vote he did if all that was

said about him is true. No doubt there are many men better qualified for the place in Portland than Mr. Rushlight. There is no doubt that his public career in the past has not been interwoven into the Golden Rule, but the point of interest to outsiders in this election is the fact that Simon's methods and the methods of his friends to force him into the mayoralty race failed to win.

In this state where it was presumed the man who had to be sought with a dark lantern and grappling hooks, and was brought forth before an admiring public, would be the strongest candidate, it is now plain to be seen such presumption is absurd. Mayor Simon wanted the office of mayor again. His close friends admit that, but they also admit he never would have been a candidate had not the plans used been adopted to get him into the race. Like many politicians Mr. Simon wanted to hear gutteral tones from the populace urge him to run. He wanted to hear the band play, "See the Conquering Hero Comes," and with that he would step forth from his place of seclusion leaning on the strong arm of a "citizens' committee" and say, "I do not want the office, but if my people insist I will do the best I can."

Simon and all of his followers have now learned that such tommyrot and hypocrisy cannot be cashed at face value. They now realize that it is necessary to get in the game and state your case before the voters if you would win.

But this is not the first time that Simon and his many followers have guessed the people wrong. His career, as told by old-timers is one that is laden with poor judgment of the people.

He might have made a better officer than Mr. Rushlight. Many good people believe he would. But the manner he demanded his nomination was so repulsive to those who did the voting in Portland gave the opportunity of swatting him right and left, which was done in the most earnest way.

buyers as well as sellers, and there wasn't one buyer in all that army of 2,000 sellers. Why? Listen to Judge Blair, who at Denver recently talked about how he represented Justice in the matter of those Adams county sales:

"I prosecuted the vote seller only. In the first place, he was easier to catch. In the second place, the buyer, I believe was honest. I mean by this that he was working for his party, his attempt to buy votes was a sincere effort, according to his light, to help his own side, while the vote seller had no principle nor even a party loyalty to back him."

We would like to make some comment on this that would do somebody some good somewhere. It is impossible. The failure of Justice, the rank impartiality of Justice, the recoil of the judiciary and other live matters suggest themselves, but the editorial spirit quails and would produce more drive! should it expatiate on this latest lay-out of morality and judicial policy. We are but human. Even the greatest among us editors is occasionally rendered speechless. Here's where we're speechless. We leave Judge Blair's kindly exposition of the briber's honesty and superb sincerity as the last word to be said.

"THIS IS MY 71ST BIRTHDAY"
Ex-Empress Carlotta.

Carlotta, ex-Empress of Mexico, and princess of Belgium, was born June 7, 1840. At 17 she met Archduke Maximilian, younger brother of Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, and two months later they were married. For five years they lived at Miramar castle near Trieste. Then came a great turn in the fortunes of the young couple: In 1863 Maximilian was offered and accepted the crown of Mexico, and supported by the French army, they endeavored to establish an empire in Mexico. The disasters that followed, culminated in the execution of Maximilian on June 19, 1867 which are familiar to all readers of history. Within the short space of eighteen months Carlotta was bereft of father, husband and empire. Her mind was unable to withstand the shock and at the early age of 26 she was an incurable lunatic. For the past forty-five years she has been confined in a retreat at the Palace Lachen, in the outskirts of Brussels. The present king of the Belgians is her nephew.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY
June 7

- 1618—Sir Thomas West, Lord de la Warr, for whom the state of Delaware was named, died in the Azores, born in Hampshire, England, July 9, 1577.
- 1765—First American congress called by vote of the Massachusetts assembly.
- 1801—Thomas Francis Marshall, famous Kentucky orator born in Frankfort, Ky. Died in Versailles, Ky., Sept. 22, 1864.
- 1848—Whig convention at Philadelphia nominated Zachary Taylor for president.
- 1880—Congress appropriated \$100,000 for the erection of a memorial of Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown.
- 1893—Edwin Booth, famous actor, died in New York city. Born near Baltimore, Nov. 13, 1833.
- 1905—Norway withdrew from the union with Sweden.
- 1910—Goldwin Smith, famous author and publicist, died in Toronto. Born in Reading, England, Aug. 23, 1823.

Politics and Politicians

Buffalo is in the field for both of the national political conventions. Parkersburg, W. Va., is now under the commission plan of government. Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas, will shortly begin a nactive campaign for reelection. United States Senator Perkins of California was a sailor in the days of his youth.

The Florida legislature has passed a bill to enable the cities of that state to adopt the commission form of government.

Isaac R. Sherwood, of the Ninth Ohio district, is now the oldest member of the House of representatives in point of years.

The University of Virginia has as many graduates in the present United States senate as Yale and Harvard universities together.

W. H. Thompson of Grand Island, announces that he will be a candidate for United States senator from Nebraska in the democratic primaries next year.

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Arcade THEATRE

"Italian Coast Scenes"—(Gaiumont)—Like all of this company's out-door pictures this leaves nothing to be desired. The view points selected could not be improved upon and the photography is beyond criticism. "The Winning of the Stepchildren"—(Vitagraph) — Showing how a step-mother undertook to win the love of the children of the man she was to marry and how well she succeeded. It is a simple home play that will please you, and its a Vitagraph. "The Attainment of Thias"—A very strong dramatic picture with Egyptian settings. The "Hoyden"—This film tells the story of a tomboy girl who develops into a woman in three short years. The comedy is lively and the theme is different from any worked out in a picture story so far. Song—"Hurrah For the Summer Time" by Mr. Bernie. Mr. Greenaway, drums and effects. Matinee every day at 2 p. m.

WHERE WE KEEP SINNERS

The reader must have read considerable about that debauching of voters in Adams county, says the Cincinnati Post. There were nearly 2,000 arrests of small farmers, newly naturalized foreigners, a doctor a two, even a minister or two, for selling their votes at from \$2 to \$20. The thing had been going on for years and had become such a drain on campaign funds that the opposing democratic and republican committees got together and resolved not to buy, as a matter of self-protection.

Judge Blair fined the guilty by the hundred and disfranchised for five years 1,600 of them. With pleasure we saw that long line of political sinners filing from the presence of Justice, denuded of their base gains and dishonored before their countrymen, for to sell one's vote is one of the blackest of sins, a foul crime against all of us, the government.

Yes, we looked that procession of ill-fed, half clad farmers and farm hands over and said that Justice is a fine old female who would practically assassinate our form of government. But there seemed to be something wanting in that procession. Maybe Justice with the bandage over her eyes had failed to see something. Ha! When there is a sale there must be

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THE LONG HOPE.
And if beyond the sunset's gold
And purple splendor of the west,
And if beyond the surf beat bold,
Beyond the mountain's highest crest,
Beyond the dim horizon's mist,
Beyond the pathway of the stars,
Beyond the eagle's loftiest tryst,
Beyond the planets' cars,
And if beyond the daily round
Of life's consistent monotone,
Beyond the deepest music's sound,
Beyond the sculptor's dazzling stone,
Beyond the artist's canvas warm,
Beyond the architectural dream,
Beyond the tumult of the storm,
Beyond the world of things that seem,
If dreamers build another world
More real, more permanent than this,
Where sails are not in vain unfurled,
Where man may know, not dream of, bliss,
Who'll rob the dreamer of his hope,
The long, long hope of all mankind?
Who'll cut the saving lifeboat's rope,
And leave man to a tempest blind?
So far along the upward way
Some mighty power hath brought us on,
Judged by the past the future may
Make man all nature's paragon,
So let not boasting nescience strive
To fix the boundaries of the soul.
Courageous spirit, keep alive
Thy hopes of an eternal goal!
—Frederic Allison Tupper.

Hard Luck.
"Poor fellow!"
"What? Bilkins?"
"Yes."
"Why, I thought he made a lot of money."
"He did. And then he lost his head."
"Too bad! What happened next?"
"Next he lost his money."
Needs to Economize.
"Wilson is looking mighty shabby."
"Yes."
"I didn't suppose that he was so awfully hard up as all that."
"He isn't. He is just trying to impress his wife."
They Mention It.
"Is your wife a suffragette?"
"I never asked her."
"Then she isn't."
"How do you know?"
"You wouldn't have to ask her."
The Reason.
"He is a man of many words."
"Garrulous, is he?"
"Not at all."
"How can that be?"
"He edits the dictionary."
Not Afraid.
"You are scared."
"No such thing."
"Then what makes you shake so?"
"Out of sympathy for the fellow I'm going to lick."
Probably.
"Truth crushed to earth will rise again."
"In order that somebody may take a fall out of it, I suppose."
A Crime.
"I am a self made man."
"What?"
"I am, sir."
"And still out of jail."
Variety.
"I understand he has lived a checkered career."
"Partly striped also."

THE JAPANESE TREATY.
The importance of the treaty with Japan cannot be gauged solely from the standpoint of its attractiveness to our country. The treaty so recently negotiated and ratified is an additional guarantee of the friendship which has so long existed between the two countries, a friendship so strong that we can well regard with complacency even the mischievous and malicious rumors so persistently circulated by friends of neither government and which so utterly lack foundation in fact.—President Taft.

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