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ABOUT SHORTER HOURS.

Ed Howe, who publishes the Howe Monthly at Atchison, Kansas, takes

a whack at Shorter Hours propoganda, in these words:

"The most persistent Yankee scream is:

"Shorter hours.
 "Let me tell you something that is true and important, and which possibly you have not thought of before:

"What we need is not shorter hours, but longer hours. No man can make a real success in life working short hours; every man who gets along in any calling is a Rat, and works more than union hours.

"There are high-priced men in this country who work only six hours a day; there are thousands of men receiving big salaries in the public service who do not average that.

"It is not enough; short hours is the trouble with most people who do not get along. Investigate the men in the bread line, and you will find that this is the trouble.

The trouble in Mexico is short hours of work, and long hours of

dissipation, and agitation for still shorter hours.

"We Yankees do not work too hard; long hours is not one of our wrongs, but short hours, and making them shorter from year to year, is one of our mistakes."

LEGISLATURE HARMONIOUS.

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best interests Stewart voted for Selling—and John Gill voted against Selling.

The election of Ben Selling is a hard rap to the state disturbers. By disturbers we mean the democratic contingency which is always "anti" and frequently masquerades under the cloak of non-partisanship. The Portland Journal could have had nothing happen that hurt worse than Selling's election to the speakership, likewise the East Oregonian and the Medford Tribune and a number of smaller newspapers over the state.

They were all for Eaton because in him they saw a chance to create discord, and further than that it is well known that Allan Eaton and Oswald West have been training with each other for some time. Eaton's election over Selling would have meant a West victory, and a West victory means a Journal victory, and a Journal victory means a continuation of hypocrisy and a prolongation of the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde brand of politics which has been so successfully carried on in Oregon for the past eight years.

The only present state officer who seemed to use to enjoy the result of today's proceeding was Thomas Kay, state treasurer who is all wool and full 36 inches in width every day in the calendar year.

We could see no smiles on Secretary of State Olcott's face, neither could we see a reflection of joy in Ralph Watson's countenance. Our old friend Babcock, who has just been displaced in order to give Fern Hobbs a lucrative job, rejoiced, of course, for he hates the very anatomy of West and all that goes with him. But Babcock could hardly be called a state officer, for he has an "ex" in front of his title now.

There was little demonstration over the Selling victory because every man who voted for Selling apparently is here to work, thus fulfilling the promises he has made to folks at home.

Representative Woodell from Union county voted for Eaton much to the amusement of the old time legislature observers. His name is the last one

on the roll and long before the reading clerk in sonorous tones yelled "Woodell" Selling's election was assured and Woodoll's vote could not have changed the result. On every hand could be heard, "Why did not that man vote for Selling. Eaton was beaten, and he could have got in out of the wet and done some good for his constituents by standing with the organization even if he had expected to support Eaton." But Jim Woodell stood pat. He had promised Allan Eaton to vote for him and he delivered the goods.

Apparently Woodell and the other democrats in the house lost sight of the compliment they could have paid President Wilson's administration, and forced upon the house recognition of a democratic party by putting up a democrat for the speakership. The way President Wilson is playing party politics at this time would indicate that his appreciation of such an act of the Oregon Democrats in this legislature would have been considerable.

In the senate there will be some fun when Senator Strayer of Baker county gets his knife sharpened for that Blue Sky law. Ralph Watson, who is at the head of that department, is expecting something to happen, and well he may expect it for Strayer is down to Salem with a firm determination of revising that law so that mines in Baker county can be legitimately promoted. In other words Strayer believes no mine was ever a mine before it was a prospect and that no prospect can be developed without taking a chance. He is not backing any wild cat mining but he will demand a more elastic attitude of the Blue Sky officials toward Oregon mining, and when Strayer gets squared for action they will all know that Baker county has a senator in this session.

Senator Kiddle has started out waving the olive branch of peace. Today one of the democratic senators saw fit to arraign Kiddle's party in rather severe language. In fact the arraignment was quite eloquent and caused considerable oratorical exertion. When the senator had concluded, Kiddle presented him with the fag end of a Christmas tree that he had picked up in the lobby indicating that the twig represented the olive branch of peace, greatly to the amusement of the entire senate.

Ike Bingham, who a few years ago said he was through with politics, just as everyone says that very thing

occasionally, is back from Lane county holding down a seat in the senate and appears to be thoroughly interested in reducing taxes.

Another man who has periods of

"being through with politics" is Frank Davey of Harvey. He is a member in the house from Harney this

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