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Independence, Oregon, Friday, November 9, 1917

After being charged with being a pro-German and traitor, in one of the most exciting campaigns in the history of the city, Hylan, Tammany candidate, was elected mayor of New York Tuesday by a large plurality. Mitchel, the present mayor, attempted to succeed himself on a so-called "straight American" platform and had Roosevelt and other celebrities campaigning for him who shouted "treason" and "sedition" at Hylan and Hillquit, the socialist candidate, from every street corner. Mitchel made such a poor showing that he was only a few thousand ahead of Hillquit, who is an outspoken peace advocate and pacifist. The socialist vote jumped from 35,000 to 140,000. If we would believe Roosevelt there are 440,000 traitors and 225,000 patriots in New York City. The result of this election in our opinion does not indicate that the people of New York City are disloyal but rather that the vote ought to be sufficient warning to all that it does not meet with popular approval to raise the cry of "traitor" at any time unless the charge can be backed up with substantial and reliable proof.

Prohibition, which has been sweeping nearly all before it in recent years, received a serious setback last month when an attempt to make Iowa "dry" by constitutional provision was defeated by a small majority, tho the "wets" added no territory for the state is "dry" by legislative enactment and will continue to be so. The anti claim that the Iowa vote indicates that prohibition has reached its limit and that the country will now swing back—not to the old saloon days but to a properly restricted sale of liquors. If the liquor interests had been so compromising a few years back, without doubt there would not have been such a large "dry" area as there is at the present time.

A number of Oregonians, who in their youth used to husk corn back in the corn belt for three cents a bushel, may be interested in learning that twelve cents is now being paid in many places. An average husker could pick his sixty bushels a day and would receive \$1.80 for his work. At twelve cents a bushel it amounts to over \$7 a day. As the corn husking season averages about five weeks, the picker generally gets in thirty days of work which would give him \$216, with his board thrown in. Then each community has a number of huskies who can pick eighty bushels. They would collect \$288 at the end of the season.

We have been sent a copy of an illustrated bulletin, recently published by the merchants of Woodburn, "telling of the resources of one of the most favored lands on earth," but Woodburn's best ad is its newspaper. One must only glance at it to satisfy himself that it is published in a corking good town. In order for any place to hold its own against present day competition, its merchants must use modern methods which Woodburn merchants have been doing with great success.

The Russians having concluded to take a rest and the Italians getting a good beating, puts it up to our Uncle Samuel to take off his vest as well as his coat and proceed to make himself more of a factor.

Having "got" Allen Eaton, certain citizens of Eugene will now have time to figure out whether it hurt Eugene or Eaton the worst.

The Game of Love

By JAMES BRAINARD

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Two young men were drawing on the gloves in the robing room. There was no one else there at the time.

"Jimmie," said Edgar Partington, "which is it to be tonight between you and Alice Turnlee? Is she going to coddle you or to snub you?"

James Williamson was maddy in love with the girl mentioned. She would neither accept nor reject him.

To Partington's remark, Williamson's only reply was a sigh.

"Jimmie," continued the former, "no matter how bright one is, in the brain of everyone of us there is a stupid spot. In your brain this spot is a want of perception of a girl's whims. If you understood Alice she wouldn't trouble you very long; you'd soon bring her to her senses."

"What would you do if you were in my place?"

"The first time the girl gave me any of her nonsense I would drop her as I would a hot potato."

"I'm not up to that. If I should bring about an irreparable breach between Alice and myself it would ruin me."

Someone came into the room and the dialogue ended. Partington and his friend went down into the dancing hall. Alice Turnlee during the evening treated Jimmie more disdainfully than ever. She did not save a dance for him. Moreover she danced four times with another man. Jimmie was in agony. After the ball he and Partington walked away together.

"Jim," he said, "you are in danger of losing Alice."

Jim groaned.

"Only a quick coup will save you. You are incapable of making it yourself; but if you will do what I tell you I think we can bring her round."

"She's lost to me," was the despondent reply.

"We'll try a desperate remedy."

After a long argument Partington succeeded in securing a promise from his friend to do exactly what he told him to do, and not to do what he forbade him doing. The first thing Jim was told to do was to keep away from Alice till Partington permitted him to resume his attentions. At the end of a week Jim received a note from Alice stating that she had two tickets for the theater and would like him to be her escort. Jim rushed at great glee to his mentor and showed him the note.

"Tell her you have an engagement for that evening," said Partington.

Jimmie was horrified but he had promised to do what he was bidden, so he reluctantly wrote the note as directed.

Jim was in agony about the matter and when his friend having asked him to go for a walk with him on the very evening he had been invited to escort Alice to the play, steered him into the very theater to which she had the tickets. Alice was there with her brother for an escort. Jimmie did not dare look at her for sometime and when he did she stared at him without nodding to him.

"The game is working fine," said Partington.

"What game?"

"The game of love; don't you see how troubled she looks?"

"No, I don't. You've blighted my life."

"Not if you trust to me and keep up your courage."

Then came a period of entanglement between Jimmie and Alice, during which Partington found it difficult to keep his pupil from going to the girl he loved and begging for her forgiveness. But Jim kept on the track and destined for greater sufferings. In due time he met Alice at another dance. Partington ordered him to keep away from Alice and not ask her for a single dance. Jim obeyed. Indeed he did not believe that she would give him a dance. When he and Partington went away together the latter said to his friend:

"The game's nearly played out, old man. I danced with her and I saw at once that she was suffering. She seldom heard what I said to her and kept looking for you whenever you were near her."

"You don't mean it?" said Jimmie.

"I'll go to see her tomorrow and we'll make it up."

"No you won't. If you should do that she would begin to tense you again at the first opportunity. She must come to you."

"She'll never do that."

"Yes, she will."

"Why do you think so?"

"Because I'm going to tell her that you have got another girl."

"She won't believe you."

"Yes she will. She knows that you and I are chums and will naturally suppose that I know the secrets of your heart. Besides I shall say to her that she is more worthy of you than the girl you have taken up with, and that she was very foolish to throw you overboard."

"Well, you engineered the matter so far; you may as well finish it."

Partington did as he said he would do, and the result was that Jimmie received a very penitent note from Alice asking his forgiveness and promising not to do so any more. Before he went to see her Partington said to him:

"If you don't want to undo all I have done for you, don't give away the scheme. It's time now for you to take the matter up for yourself."

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"SI" NOT POPULAR IN DALLAS

When Si Benson gets through writing "blackhand" letters to himself, he might try running for office. Then he would find out just how popular he is among the citizens of the state.—Observer.

Notice of Proposed City Budget

Notice is hereby given that the city council of the city of Independence, Oregon, will meet on the 21st day of November, 1917, at the hour of 7:30 p. m. thereof at the City Hall for the purpose of discussing the proposed city budget for the next ensuing year, and the tax levy of said city for said year, of which the following is a copy of such proposed budget, to-wit:

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Interest on street intersection and sewer bonds, | \$2,094.60 |
| City marshal and night watch salary, | 720.00 |
| Street cleaning, | 960.00 |
| Public library, | 240.65 |
| Light and water, | 2560.72 |
| Street improvements, | 1,190.03 |
| Fire department, | 600.00 |
| City physician, | 30.00 |
| City treasurer, | 80.00 |
| City engineer, | 50.00 |
| City recorder, | 150.00 |
| Refunding bond to pay off May 1st, 1918, | 1,000.00 |
| Total, | \$9,676.00 |

PROBABLE RECEIPTS FOR ENSUING YEAR:

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| Pool and billiard hall license, | \$ 40.00 |
| Shooting gallery license, | 25.00 |
| Merry-go-round license, | 25.00 |
| Moving picture show, | 50.00 |
| Dray license, | 78.00 |
| Fines from recorder's court, | 25.00 |
| Balance in general fund, estimated, | 126.50 |
| Junk license, | 40.00 |
| Total, | \$409.50 |

PROPOSED MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY FOR ENSUING YEAR:

GENERAL TAX: A general tax of \$3,850.48 for general municipal purposes, and \$962.62 for street improvements.

SPECIAL TAX: A special tax of \$2,310.29 for sewer sinking fund and interest on sewer bonds; a special tax of \$2,262.16 for street intersection bonds sinking fund and interest; a special tax of \$240.65 for public library.

All tax payers of said city are hereby invited to be present at said time and place to discuss said proposed budget and tax levy with the city council.

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By order of the City Council,
Cecil A. Swops,
City Recorder.

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