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A biennial event and an evil incidental to every political campaign is the robbing of candidates by unscrupulous newspaper publishers. While the number of this class of newspaper pirates is very small, yet there are enough of them to successfully pursue the graft and thus darken the interior of every newspaper with the shadow of distrust and suspicion. The old head, who has been in the political game for several seasons, has paid the price and does not keep his hand on his pocketbook when he enters a newspaper office. He has learned the identity of the grafters and if necessity or political expediency requires him to patronize one of them, he bargains for what he wants like an old woman in a second hand store and pays for it as soon as he gets it. But the neophyte in the political game enters and is welcomed with a smile, a salutation "you're going to win" and the grafters golden text, "I am doing all I can for you." The neophyte is pleased to hear such apparently sincere promises and is led to believe that he has met an enthusiastic supporter of influence. He proceeds to cross advertising without asking the price and without paying for it. "Just send me your bill," he says. Or finding it not convenient to visit the grafter's den, he sends an ad and writes, "Insert and send bill." Then when the Ides of November have passed and the elect have been designed by popular vote, the neophyte gets his bill from the newspaper grafter. If among the lucky ones in the political lottery with an eye to the future he pays, but for the next one or two rounds he puts every newspaper publisher into the same class, the eventually he cleans the clean from the unclean and acts accordingly. If defeated in the first heat, the neophyte protests vehemently. If intending to stay on the track, he pays in a smothered rage. If he concludes to make his first heat his last heat, he throws off considerable lava and may pay.

The respectable newspaper publishers wish there was some way of getting rid of the grafters but they do break in and their evil influence must be tolerated. But it is our opinion and a view shared by a number of the old birds on the political roost that the newspaper grafter extends his larceny habits into other fields of prospective income sufficiently to stunt his influence and his support and the use of his advertising columns is a detriment rather than a benefit.

Mayor Harley has great admiration for the Oregon delegation, but only as letter writers. Their failures are numerous. They are posers, considered from the back-woods, and little is heard of what they have accomplished for their own state. Chamberlain has lost what little influence he had. McNary is too new at the game, Hawley is a "stick" McArthur does not appear to have any weight, and Sinnott is looking only after the Eastern Oregon rabbit industry and Eastern Oregon interests. In all, they are a galaxy of "hind teat" artists.—Woodburn Independent.

If Mr. Harley is such a wonder as he acclaims himself to be and the Oregon delegation is as weak as he claims it is, why doesn't he throw his hat into the ring and seek the seat now occupied by the "stick." If Mr. Harley is "on to" how certain congressmen get "things" for their state and if a representative's ability is judged by the amount of "pork" he can secure for his state, we want Mr. Harley in Congress just as quick as we can put him there. He has been leading the people to think, in a series of articles written in Washington, that all a senator or representative has to do when he wants something for his state is to run down to the department which controls it, rush in and demand, "I want a quarter million's worth of pork." This will cause the dignified gentleman presiding over that particular department to get down from his high stool, wrap it up instantly and hand it over without parley. So if the distinguished gentleman from Astoria can pull this stunt, he should be sent to congress, but what assurance will he give us that the first time Congressman Harley starts a drive for "pork" some department head would not throw him out.

Mr. Harley and the Independent notwithstanding, we note by the daily press that the Oregon senators, and especially Mr. McNary, are continuously busy in the interests of the state they represent. Not perhaps getting a

large amount of "pork" or numerous offices for friends but securing relief and assistance for worthy constituents and enterprises.

The Congressional Record has been withdrawn from circulation outside the city of Washington in order, it is told, to save paper. With the Record gone, we will not be able to learn much about what is going on in Congress for the daily newspapers give that branch of the government but little space and that is generally colored in the interest of the party. And the people should know more about congress and what is going on there. If the Record was generally read, the country would be better off for the masses would soon learn their friends and enemies. It would be far better to let the Record circulate and conserve on some other publications. For example, the weekly letters sent by the bureau of public information to weekly papers which are seldom read and never published as all the "news" it conveys has been printed in the daily papers several days before.

President Campbell of the State University has gone East. For the sake of the University it is hoped that he talks with nobody connected with an Eastern school or college while absent. Somebody might send another camouflage message to the Oregonian.

Without going into the question of whether the Non-Partisan League is good, bad or indifferent, if the principles and policies of the opposition to it in Oregon are the antidote, the cure would be worse than the disease.

STAY IN EUROPE SHORT WRITES HILLSBORO SOLDIER

That mail service to and from France has greatly improved is indicated by the receipt this week by Mrs. G. H. Carter of a letter written on January 26 by her son in France, only about three weeks being required for the letter to cross the Atlantic and the breadth of the American continent. He acknowledges receipt of letters and newspapers from Hillsboro and says he likes France better every day. The soldiers are learning more French every day, he says, and when they get back friends may not be able to understand them. Speaking of coming back he makes the significant statement that he does not believe the return is very far distant. All other soldiers who have gone abroad. None, of course can give his reason, but after arrival all appear to become convinced that the end of the war is not far distant. Persons who have commented upon this believe that it is the result of the new arrivals gaining an inkling of the preparations made by the allies which were hinted at by Colonel MacMillan in his address in Hillsboro when he stated that he could not divulge plans, but his hearers could rest assured that the Germans could never break through and would certainly be driven beyond the Rhine.—Hillsboro Independent.

ALL HAVE THEIR UNDER-DOGS

Good Reasons Why People's Sympathies Are With the Fellow Who Is Temporarily Down.

Our sympathies naturally travel the line of likes—that is, the things we feel in ourselves, we feel in others. We applaud the under-dog, because we so often have been the under-dog. We like to lift the other fellow up when he is down, because we also have been down. Sympathy starts at home—or else it isn't sympathy.

Your periodic moods of failure and disappointment are your under-dogs. So, instead of walking past these under-dogs of yours and casting no sympathy their way, pause to give them your heart and your hope, and soon the picture and fact will be your over-dogs—your victories and your genuine achievements.

No under-dogs can possibly appeal in importance to the under-dogs of your daily experience.

Perhaps you will applaud alone the under-dogs of your personal glooms and shadows, but what of it? As Lowell says: "Daily, with souls that cringe and plot, we stuns climb and know it not." What difference, what odds, so long as over your "manhood head the skies?"

Courageously cheer the under-dogs of your experiences and stay proudly by them until their fight becomes a factor of your kingship.—George Matthew Adams, in Good Housekeeping.

GLASS STAINED BY X-RAYS

Experiments Have Shown These Produce the Same Effect as the Light of the Sun.

It is well known that glass exposed for long to sunlight acquires a violet tint. In very old houses the windows facing south are often distinctly violet. Experiments recently made in the laboratories of the General Electric company at Schenectady with X-rays prove that these can be used to dye glass in many colors, principally an amethystine violet and an amber yellow, but also green and bright yellow. These colors, according to Mr. W.

sentral, who conducted the experiments, are due to modifications of the physical structure of the glass and not to chemical alterations. The color can be made to penetrate to any desired depth, from a mere surface tint to complete coloration of the entire substance. And the same method can be applied to tinting porcelain, enamel and precious stones.

An interesting and important fact about this glass that has been colored by long exposure to X-rays is that it becomes impervious to the radiations that have transformed it. Thus it can be used as a protection against the glare of the sun or the snow and against the X-rays themselves.

Miners Live Long.

It is an extraordinary fact that even when deaths from accident are included, the rate of mortality among miners of Great Britain is materially lower than that among any other big class of labor, except agriculturists, and appreciably lower than the average rate of mortality among males. This fact was discovered by Doctor Tatham, while acting as superintendent of statistics in the office of the registrar-general. Doctor Tatham points out that while the risk of fatal accidents among the coal miners is much greater than among other males, generally, their risk of death by disease is much lower, being 16.6 per cent less than all occupied males, and 23.2 per cent less than that of all males. While coal miners appear to suffer more than the average mortality from bronchitis, they show marked immunity from consumption, their mortality from that disease being less than half the average. From diseases of the nervous system their mortality is 18 per cent lower; heart disease, 10 per cent lower, and from disease of the liver, 10 per cent lower than among all males.

Hereafter there will be a show at the Isis every night except Sunday with a change of program every day except Thursday. On Monday and Tuesday nights Triangle shows are booked. Watch the Triangle program as it is a bunch of good ones.

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THE FRESHMAN

BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL
Friday Evening, March 1

Characters

John Worden Guy Prather
The Freshman and center of interest.
"Picadilly" Jerome Raymond Hall
"Bugs" Stevens Clarence Loy
"Owl" Griggs Gilbert Loy
"Tiny" McGrath Lesley Loy
Sophomores of Lakeville University.
Professor Lock Cyril Reynolds
Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy.
Horace Harold Reynolds
Colored factotum and oldest inhabitant.
Mary Lock Alma Wells
Daughter of Professor Lock.
Judith Blair Marjorie Reynolds
The President's daughter.
Miss Porter Hazel Van Avery
Of an aristocratic family.
Violet Lena Snyder
Whose mother keeps a boarding house.

Music

Misses Hazel and Mildred Van Avery.

Act I.

Scene—The University Campus.
John Worden, on his way to the registrar's office meets Jerome and Stevens, who promptly haze him by making him repair the brick walk in front of the University. Mary Lock, thinking he is a real brick-layer, engages him to fix the garden wall of the Lock home.

Act II.

Scene—Garden of Professor Lock's home. Mary Lock gives a tea party and in the course of events finds out Worden is a Freshman. In trying to help the other Freshmen, Worden is caught and Mary promises to help him.

Act III.

Scene—End of Astronomy lecture-room. The Sophomores lock Worden in the lecture room but with the aid of Mary he escapes and warns the Freshmen. In the explanations that follow, they find out who Worden really is.

THE OLD SAILOR AND THE RECRUIT

