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BUYING SENATORS.

Ruth Hanna McCormick spent \$250,000 to be nominated for United States senator in Illinois. Others, it is charged, spent \$750,000 in her behalf.

Ruth probably can afford to spend that much money to get the job, and that amount is better spent in that manner than in many other ways.

And \$250,000, a quarter of a million dollars, or even the million that it is charged was spent, is not an unreasonably large sum to be expended in reaching the several million voters of a state like Illinois.

Senator Deneen spent \$25,000 and was defeated.

But there is great danger in our complacent attitude toward the expenditure of such sums of money to secure public office.

Not that this writer believes that any of those who expend such sums plan to make the investment pay. Those who are spending such sums have no need to make the investment pay.

But do we wish our congress filled with those who can afford to pay a quarter of a million, a half million or a million to satisfy a yearning for public office?

If we do not frown upon an expenditure of a quarter of a million dollars, upon the expenditure of a million dollars, there is no reason for frowning upon the expenditure of several millions of dollars.

Are we to make United States senators the playthings of those with the ability to pay any amount that may be necessary?

The primary system for nomination for office was supposed to take political preference out of the hands of political bosses and make opportunity equal for all.

But more than ever high office has been made possible only to the wealthy.

Senator Deneen spent \$25,000 and was defeated. His fame has extended far beyond the state which he represents. He must have been well known to the voters of the state.

Yet under a system designed to give equal opportunity to all he spent three times what the office pays annually and yet was defeated by the daughter of a wealthy father, a woman of great wealth who she did not earn.

As the number of voters increases this condition will become aggravated. Ability will be as sought against wealth, and our laws will be made by those who serve us as a pastime, by those seeking a new way of spending their money.

We can no longer brag about this home of the free and land of the brave if we are to make public office possible only to those who buy public office as they buy a new motor car or a toy for someone else's baby.

There may be better ways to curb this growing evil, but a direct way, and a quick way, would be by a limitation placed by congress upon campaign expenditures, and such limitation would have to apply to amounts that might be spent by friends in promoting any candidacy.

A return to some form of a convention system would be preferable to the expenditure of millions in a campaign for a United States senatorship.

A New York educator says she is in favor of long skirts because they give a teacher dignity in the classroom. Maybe that is so, but somehow we can't imagine dignity as dependent on any kind of skirt.

Maybe not, maybe not, but can you imagine dignity without a skirt?

It's a good thing that we do not found our faith in mankind on the promises made by office-seekers.

Graphic Outlines of History

By KARL K. MILLS



SAN FRANCISCO IN 1848

In 1848, the discovery of gold was made in California. Immediately a rush started from the eastern states, in the hope of sudden wealth. In a year's time the population of California was large enough for a state. The people applied to congress for admission to the union, and the state was finally admitted in 1850.

Our ability to eliminate for you the myriad of details, is widely commented upon and appreciated.

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Mortician
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15-YEAR-OLD MURDERERS.

Within the past week two chore boys have slain their employers. One lived in Oregon, the other in Washington.

Neither one had anything of great value to gain by the murder even if he got away with it.

Both had been befriended by kind-hearted persons.

In one case the boy had been scolded or wanted to borrow the family car, or something equally inconsequential.

In the other case the lad feared losing the job which had been given him by the kind hearted couple whom he slew.

There was no sudden fit of temper. There were no mitigating circumstances.

Following the war we blamed many heinous crimes upon war service in which life was not as much as a scrap of paper.

But these boys had no such experiences.

What has come over our youngsters that taking life means so little?

Homes rent asunder is given by some as an explanation.

But unhappy home surroundings are not sufficient explanation.

Jealous and automobiles and weakened parental control may account for some of the minor crimes, for crimes between the sexes, but the deliberate taking of life is quite another matter.

And this attitude toward taking life is not peculiar to any social position.

We have had boy murderers from homes of the wealthy, from families where there has been every educational advantage.

We who have reached, or are about to reach, the half century mark can say that these things didn't happen when we were kids, but that doesn't solve the problem.

Centuries ago, if history is correct, human life was given as little value as is placed upon it by these boy murderers.

Are we, in the most enlightened period of the world's history, returning morally to the most unenlightened?

It almost seems so.

MOTHERS' DAY.

We may be cross with our wives and our kiddies, we may be a bear around the office, and we may be able to find excuses for the one who is cross with our actions, but there are few who become so hard boiled, so entirely lacking in sentiment, so careless of the rights and happiness of others that they are not touched by thoughts of mother.

There is something in the sound of the word, something in the things the word brings to mind, something in the love and tenderness associated with the word, that softens the heart of the most hardened, that causes the busiest to pause for the moment, that causes the most unsentimental to experience a tug inside.

Even one who can not remember a mother's love has nevertheless a reverence for the one who went through the valley of the shadow of death and who could not remain to direct in the right way the little feet that she pressed lovingly to maternal lips.

Next Sunday is Mothers' day. Its observance is a modern observance, sponsored by a fraternal organization, the Eagles, but it has become the most sincerely observed of the many days of observance we have during the year.

Let those whose mothers are yet here not forget the few words of love, by mouth or letter, that will be considered by the recipients as ample reward for many sacrifices during years given to the service of son or daughter.

Let those to whom mother is but a memory not forget the white rose that signifies thought of one who gave up a noble struggle.

THE GOVERNORSHIP.

With only one contest, that of the governorship, attracting any special attention, with the primaries only a week away, the situation remains much the same as it has for several weeks. The friends of various candidates are saying what the Sentinel said weeks ago, that 50 per cent or more of the voters have not yet definitely decided who will get their votes, and this condition is likely to continue up to the time of opening the polls.

A large percentage will go into the polling booths without a definite choice.

If all those who have not yet made up their minds should decide upon one candidate, they would nominate him.

The Sentinel believes the race is yet between Hall, Corbett and Norblad, that the strength of the three is remarkably equal and that none can claim his election certain. The Sentinel continues to support the one which it believes best qualified, Senator Hall, and it believes that if all who are convinced that he is the best qualified all-around candidate cast their votes for him he will be a winner by a safe plurality.

Half of a salted peanut has been found to supply the calories for an hour's intensive thinking. No longer need "peanut politicians" be an opprobrious epithet—Oregonian.

But we know of some who are several bushels behind with their peanuts.

In Oregon there are 3.48 divorces to nine marriages. If we could change the divorces to the same proportion of children we might get better results.

Often a girl mistakes for beautiful love a hideous, misshapen passion that sooner or later grasps her in its cruel, slimy tentacles and drags her down to hell.

It's a hard job for a small man to make a bluff go, but often that's the only chance he has.

To do something worth while is often the cheapest kind of pleasure.

The Elusive Tack

If you are not so clever as a carpenter and frequently hit your finger instead of the tack, stick the tack through a piece of stiff paper and hold the paper instead of the tack. Then you can bang away until you finally do hit it without any accident.

First Coffee in West?

The story runs that Capt. Gabriel de Clieu brought the first coffee plant to Martinique about the year 1723, depriving himself of part of his supply of drinking water in order to keep the little plant alive on the long voyage from France.

A yard of cheese cloth, dipped in coal oil and allowed to dry thoroughly, makes an excellent dust.

Church News

The Highway Baptist Church.

Louis Henry Randle, pastor.—Church school, 9:45, W. L. Leonard, superintendent; morning worship, 11, the church will observe Family Day in honor of mothers and an effort will be made to see how many families attend 100 per cent, special musical numbers have been arranged and the pastor will preach on "Homespun Religion." Junior R. Y. P. U., 7, the H. B. Y. will accompany the W. W. G. to Springfield, where they will give a play, "Two Masters," in the Baptist church there; evening service, 8, subject, "Choosing a Second Wife." Prayer service will be held at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) in the church and the pastor will be the leader. The subject will be "Baptism, the Baptist View vs. the Disciples' View."

The Church of Christ, Sixth street and Gibbs avenue, where more men than women attend evening services.—Bible school, 9:45, Clem. Sarff, superintendent, the men of this school meet at this hour with the community men in the Arcade theater; at the 11 o'clock worship hour the Fraternal Order of Eagles will observe Mothers' day according to the custom of their order; special music will be given by Miss Helen Ostrander and Miss Uldine Gartin and by N. J. Nelson, the minister will give an address; C. E. groups, 7; communion of the Lord's supper, 8, followed by sermon, "Mothers of the Bible." The women's missionary society of the church will meet at 2 o'clock Wednesday and a prayer meeting and workers' conference will be held at 7:30. Choir practice will be held Thursday evening, I. G. Shaw, minister.

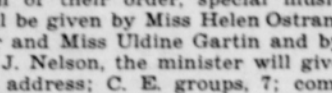
Presbyterian Church.—A Mothers' day service will be held at the 11 o'clock service and Pastor Duncan P. Cameron will preach on "Son, Remember." Special music has been arranged by the choir. For the 8 o'clock service a special musical program has been arranged by the choir under the direction of Miss Esther Silsby. This service will be in observance of national music week and will include both vocal and instrumental numbers. Rev. Cameron will speak on "The History of Music."

First Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Charles P. Johnson, minister.—Mothers' day will be observed with appropriate services Sunday. At the 11 o'clock service a special anthem will be sung by the choir and the sermon will be in honor of mothers. The pastor has asked everyone to attend the church service and wherever possible to bring his mother. At the 8 o'clock service the choir will sing an anthem, a song service of old songs will be held and Rev. Johnson will preach on "Mother, Home and Heaven." Sunday school will meet at 9:45 with Mrs. C. E. Umphrey, assistant superintendent, in charge. Epworth League, senior, intermediate and junior groups, will meet at 7. Prayer meeting will be held at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday).

Church of Christ.—(London, 12 miles south of Cottage Grove.)—Sunday services: Bible study 10 a. m., worship 11 a. m., scripture study 7:30 p. m.

Lutheran Mission—Adventist church, west Main street; Martin P. Sloan, pastor.

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Pentecostal Assembly of God.—East Main street, across from S. P. station. Addie B. Dugg, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; church service at 10:15 a. m.; young people's meeting at 7 p. m.; evangelistic services at 8 p. m.; meetings Bible study, Wednesday; prayer meeting Thursday; services with young people in charge, Friday; street-meeting, Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Seventh Day Adventist Church.—West Main street, Saturday. Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m.; church service at 11 a. m.; prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday any one welcome.

Free Methodist Church.—Corner of Monroe avenue and south Fifth street—Miles Pitcher, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; church service at 11 a. m.; prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday any one welcome.

Howdy Folks.—Phat Hart was seen going down the street the other day, with a roll of music. Who said he could not carry a tune?

We heard a party thinking out loud the other day, and the sum and substance of the thought was that cows must be pretty much ashamed of themselves when they see some flappers chewing gum.

News dispatch from New Jersey tells about a cloud of moths flying up the street. Maybe a Scotchman opened up his purse.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO OPEN UP YOUR PURSE AND BUY LIGHTING FIXTURES. WE WILL LET YOU IN ON THE SECRET THAT YOU CAN DO BETTER NOW THAN LATER ON.

Height of Sarcasm. Sending an appliance cord to the telephone company when getting the right number.

In the underworld, "a yard white" means a pint of gin. And the code name for canned heat, no doubt, is a yard of crepe.

Our new lighting system will soon be ready for operation: With steel posts from Ohio, glassware from New York, wire from New Jersey, and electricians from Eugene. A big time will be had in the old home town.

Oscar Woodson, who is a regular booster for Fada radio, let us in on a plan he has to put his name on the first page of the papers. Oscar plans to offer \$25,000 to the first man, woman or child who swims the Pacific ocean. He says if they can't swim they can drink it dry and walk across and he will pay the money just the same.

Rickey's Riotous Rhyme. Jack and Jill once ran a still To make the family richer. The scheme fell down, and they have left town, A patron was a snitcher.

Which will be about all for today.

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