

no higher, no cleaner, no more free free partisan blindness. Instead of purifying moral conditions and exercising their ballots for the accomplishment of reforms which they demand in private, the Idaho women embraced the evils and voted their ticket. It has lost them many a staunch friend of equal suffrage. They have not made good their claims of political purity.

Desertion of families is coming to be one of the commonest crimes on the calendar, and Oregon has no law for the adequate punishment of the wretches guilty of it. Half the victims of the reform schools, poor houses and aid societies, come from the desertion of a family by either a brutal father or mother. The family does not suffer this crime alone. It becomes a burden on the state, increases taxes by making more dependents upon public charity, and has a demoralizing effect on society. It is too easy for heartless beasts to shake off the parental responsibility. It is too easy for shallow lunatics to wed, bring their swarms of brats into the world and then unload them on the tender mercies of the community. It is too easy for giggling girls to elope with some penniless and brainless "masher," against the protest of parents and friends. When the delusion and the novelty passes away, the family or is herself deserted, and the enrollment in the poor house, the reform school and the charitable institution is increased. The community must rear the offspring of folly. Nothing short of five years imprisonment should be given for desertion of a family.

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NO DICTATOR YET. The Morning Tribune, of this city, in its extremity of partisan narrowness, says in an effort to applaud President Roosevelt, that the president expects to take an active part in the election of United States senators in several different states this winter.

The president would severely rebuke such sentiment, were it entertained by any considerable number of people. He is too intelligent, too broad, too much of an American to foster for an instant such a policy. This sentiment is one of the red flames of political anarchy, more dangerous than Herr Most's wildest dream of freedom, that flashes up in all civilized governments at times, exhibiting an insane partisan fanaticism, that would be pitiable were it not perilous.

Such an interference by the chief executive in the affairs of a state would be resented bitterly by the people. The president of the United States, under the present constitution, is the servant, not the dictator of the people. The states have reserved certain inalienable rights, certain principles of self-government, guaranteed under the constitution, which no president can usurp or set aside!

It is disgusting to think of a president of the United States descending from that exalted position in the machinery of the government to mix in partisan politics, to besmirch the office by engaging in a factional brawl in Oregon, Montana or New Jersey, in the selection of a United States senator.

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Twenty-one department stores in New York City claim to have lost \$500,000 through shoplifters during the past year, and have combined to abate the evil.

George Murray, a restaurateur at Cambridge, Mass., was beaten to death with a hammer by unknown parties in a box in the restaurant, during broad daylight.

Levi Brisson, of Plainfield, Conn., is the father of 43 children by four wives. His 15-year-old daughter, Mrs. Lucile Leclair, gave birth to triplets November 14.

John Vanderook, a correspondent of unclouded veracity, lately visited Pope Pius and avers that his health and strength have greatly failed during the past 16 months.

The wireless telegraph system between Newport, R. I., and Nantucket, is owned and perfected by the government, has been opened for commercial purposes.

More than \$50,000 horse-power is used in generating electricity for New York City, and a cloudy afternoon, making early lighting necessary, costs the lighting companies \$50,000 extra.

Rev. Philip B. Pendleton, rector of St. George's Episcopal church at Schenectady, N. Y., and one of the highest authorities on the history of the Episcopal church, is dead, of cerebral hemorrhage.

Northwest News. The run of silverside salmon is about over, apparently, while the supply of halibut is much greater than usual.

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