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FARCICAL FORMALITIES.

The American people are getting mortally tired of the campaign formalities; the nominating speeches, notification speeches, speeches of acceptance, and all like rot, in their quadruple play and repetition; it is irksome and stilted and unnecessary. Especially out here in the Northwest, thousands of miles from the scene of political initiative and the leading personalities of the hour, is the farce of it all more plainly apparent.

The old campaign rooster and his raucous crowing are things of the past and not as acceptable as once they were; the people are getting their eyes open to the travesty of it all and their hearts are calloused against the bitter mockery and shameful faithlessness of the men and systems that stand for it: it goes no further with the average man of sense, who flushes now when he thinks of the assinine acquiesence he lent to the frauds of the past.

We have had a man-President, who has taught us a few things about selfpoise and the dignity of things political, and wrought within us a yearning for cleanliness and honesty and frankness in our public relations. aside from all the other things he taught us. We can stand for an infinitely simpler code and practice in the transaction of our greater affairs. and the faster we see them reduced to sheer democratic standards and divested of the complexities and the "dust-throwing" artificialities, the sooner will the nobler balances between the people and their servants, high and low, be struck, to the lasting good of the land.

THE INSURANCE BURDEN.

Marshfield business men are wonderfully patient as a general thing. and in nothing they contend with is this trait so apparent as in their abiding the notorious and burdensome fire insurance rates prevalent here. They exceed anything applied to like territory in the whole Northwest and are a weight against which all common sense and every rule of business protests with exact justification; but the patience of the people seems impervious to the strain and permits the continuance of it without tangible and open protest.

An analysis of the rates in this district, and their application, would open the eyes of the insured to a line of imposition of which they are at the moment unaware, but, if we are not mistaken, would create a sudden sentiment against which even the San Francisco over-lords of the business, would no longer contend, shameless as they are in this particular instance.

There is also talk of the existence of certain discriminations that are in vogue here, but what there is to that must be left to further inquiry now afoot. The salient fact remains | that Marshfield is under a highbinder dictum in the matter of rates and the sooner she chucks the whole business and carries her own risks until she is fairly met on equitable terms, the better for all concerned. and not the least the companies doing business here.

THE "PIVOTAL STATE.

There is a general superstition that New York is ever and always a presidential pivot. History does not support this theory. The state was lost by General McClellan in 1864. Then in procession it was carried by Mr. Seymour, lost by Mr. Greeley, carried by Mr. Tilden, lost by General Hancock, carried by Mr. Cleveland, lost by Mr. Cleveland, carried by Mr. Cleveland, which brings us down to those years of political blizzards when Mr. Bryan lost it twice and Mr. Parker once. Until the Nebraskan's time the state swung like a pendulum between the parties .-Alfred Henry Lewis.

With the Toast and Tea!

GOOD EVENING.

our duty, as we understand it. &

THE GYPSY TOOK ME.

The gypsy took me by the hand and fixed me with a leer, But soon I ceased to ridicule and soon I ceased to jeer, For the gypsy read my character as

plain as brightest day, I tell you now, the gypsies know-no matter what you say.

"Your character," said she,

strong.

Your intuition's never wrong. You're firm but kind. I also find

You have a most unusual mind. And oh, what tact! It is a fact

I never saw a hand so lined. You're brave and ready for fight For what you think is just and

right. At any hour of day or night. Your line of love is very clear. You've broken many hearts, I

You'll live to be a millionaire. Such hands as these are very rare. Such hands a gypsy seldom sees. I wish you joy-one dollar, please."

joined our waiting crowd outside and dropped them just a hint, My addle-headed rival quickly turned a greenish tint.

The silly fool said, "Wait a bit," and trotting in he went

And listening hard we heard these words come floating through the

"Your character, I see, is strong. Your intuition's never wrong. You're firm but kind. I also find

You have a most unusual mind"-

Oh, naughty gypsy to deceive! To thus abase your gift! For after many thoughtful hours I

have perceived your drift, To me, of course, you told the truth -the truth alone would serve.

But when you saw that donkey's hand you didn't have the nerve! ANON.

The man who claims he inherits a taste for liquor usually acts as if he thought family traits should be carefully preserved.

Ella-So Algie has been heartless- to have a legal marriage ly deceived by a woman, has he? change of name? Did she lead him to think she loved

Bella-No; that's just the trouble. She let him believe she didn't care a rap for him, and then when he proposed for a lark she accepted on hotel, or Ferry & Flanagan, will 2

consumed \$25,000 worth of shirt- the hands of our collector.

MANAGEMENT WE have noticed quite a number of those articles so real hot * that it is no wonder spontaneous Let us have faith that right ombustion set in on the California makes might, and in this faith, ogods, but some of them are so chilly M. C. MALONEY.... rditor and Pub. Z makes might, and in this faith. Z goods, but some of them are so chilly DAN E. MALONEY.... News Editor Z let us, to the end, dare to do Z they might be used for refrigerators.

> ABRAHAM LINCOLN. & His coat is rough and shaggy, ** But his tail is very waggy, For he wasn't educated with

> > whip. He never knew a tether Or a muzzle made of leather; He's a free and independent little rip.

He thinks it mighty funny To pursue a frightened bunny

Or to chase an angry squirrel up a trunk Though he's hardly finished growing,

He has reached the point of knowing There's a difference 'twixt a woodchuck and a skunk.

He will cock a saucy ear up At a whistle or a chirrup;

You should hear the merry music of his bark. When he comes to me careering Through the door yard or the clear-

ing Like an infantile tornado on a lark

Such a friendly little fellow! Though he's pretty nearly yellow. But he's coming for a confidential

talk, And his pleading eyes are saying That today was meant for playing, So I rather guess we're going for a walk.

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Sometimes a clock does not . ◆ run—sometimes a store's ad ◆ ♦ does not run. A "run-down" ◆ · clock or ad are about equally · unsatisfactory, unserviceable, · misleading.

Curious thing about it is that . [• a merchant who would think it • ♦ absurd to have a run-down" or ♦ out-of-repair clock will, some- . times, deliberately let his ad • stop running. It's not wise, nor • ♦ good business, nor defensible on ♦ 🗒 any known grounds-but it is . C sometimes done.

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