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MR. MITCHELL'S INNING NOW.

The Journal commented the other day on the homecoming of United States Senator John H. Mitchell, and the evident strength of the man in the politics of Oregon.

It is highly amusing to observe the anxiety on the faces of those who fain would ride into lucrative office upon the Senator's say-so, and memory is tired of times when many who now hang upon his varied word scorned him as a political castaway.

But, that which amuses one man not always amuses the other fellow. It depends upon the point of view. For instance, suppose there be a man of prominence who erstwhile has excoriated the now omnipotent Senator, castigating him in language that would do honor to the verbal punisher of his Satanic Majesty, and saying him alive with the vitriolic oburgation that is the product only of those who perfectly command the English tongue.

It is humiliating in the extreme for such a man to bow to the superior will of one who once was prone to regard the case as almost hopeless, but who, with indomitable will, went to work to woo the Goddess of Political Fortune, and who wooed and won her.

But these are the exigencies of politics. He who enters the field, to cultivate which brings office and preferment must expect to accept the conditions as he finds them, not always being able to compel circumstances. Circumstances are sometimes troublous, and so it is for all who one time opposed Senator Mitchell, and who now hope to rise upon the Senator's consent.

MISSION OF THE JOURNAL.

The people of Portland in general and advertisers in particular are cited to observe certain alterations in stereotyped style of contemporaries that might never have occurred had not this paper come into this field.

Let the good work proceed. It is in support of the contention of the negro preacher that "the world do move."

It is fun for Democrats to read the frantic editorials in Republican newspapers arguing that there is no significance in the rows over tariff revision, in the Republican party in Iowa and Minnesota. If they exercise not care they will "protest too much."

FROM OTHER VIEWPOINTS.

THE REAL NEEDS OF IOWA.

What Iowans particularly want is a larger market for corn and hogs and cattle. What they do not want is to be cheated out of all the benefits of their labor by protected pets who claim the right to charge them more than they charge South Africans, Siberians, South Americans and others who compete directly with them.

THE TRUE POLICY OF NEGROES.

Let it once be fully engrained upon the racial polity of the negroes that a black criminal is the double enemy of his kind—an enemy to its struggling effort to command respect and confidence and an enemy to its morale—and much will have been accomplished for good.

THE MACHINE VIEW.

Governor La Follette seems to play the country against the city. He wants to "sock it" to the railroads and other corporations. He vetoes a dog tax law because "upon the farm the watchdog and shepherd are as much a necessity as the other domestic animals, which they protect and guard."

CHANGE OF WORK NECESSARY.

Perhaps the cure of what has been called Americanitis—the nervous exhaustion arising from overwork and overcare—is to be found not in recreation, but in change of work and change of methods.

employment to serve as a relief from the daily routine. If our work could be varied so as to give employment to all the faculties perhaps we should need no very elaborate apparatus for play.—Washington Times.

A DEBATABLE SUGGESTION. Should not all Judges be elected by the people, for limited terms, that the people may hold them responsible for their interpretations of the laws and for their exercise of the absolute power which the writ of Injunction gives them?—Chicago American.

DUTY OF DEMOCRACY. The duty of the Democratic party seems clear enough. Its policy has been marked out for it by the logic of the situation. "Tariff revision" should be the Democratic war cry until tariff reform is achieved, whether that be soon or late.—Nashville American.

GOOD NEWS FROM MR. HILL. Mr. Hill has come to be regarded as the mouthpiece of the railroads of the Northwest, and what he has to say on matters affecting the roads may fairly be taken as the views of those who are interested in railroad ownership and management in this part of the country.

Mr. Hill's statement will be hailed with delight by all those who have feared that the railroads would have the old lobby on hand at Olympia to fight against any and all commission legislation. As the roads, according to Mr. Hill, are not concerning themselves about the matter and do not care what happens, there will, of course, be no occasion for the services of railroad attorneys, agents and boosters at the state capital and a railroad commission bill should go through on its merits.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

No girl has a right to take a kiss from a man and not give it back to him. The most successful discoverers are those who let other people do the searching. There is nothing so foolish as trying to tell the age of a woman by the age of her children.

WHAT CIVIC PRIDE MEANS.

There can be none too many sermons preached upon the subject of civic pride. It is a theme fruitful for Portland, for certainly Portland needs more of the spirit that would make Portland the center of a municipal esprit du corps calculated to absorb the interest of all who live here.

Co-operation for the advancement of this city's good does not involve lack of differences as to what is best. There may wage discussions vehement in the extreme, yet these discussions need not detract from hearty union after decisions have been made and plans formed.

Some danger exists that the enthusiasm for the Lewis and Clark Centennial will engender ill-feeling. Contentment has been somewhat heated, and as in all such instances there has not been only pleasantness among the contestants.

Civic pride means that there may wage ever so heated controversies over mooted questions, with absolute unanimity after the decision has been made. It means that, no matter what site may be selected for the Fair, every citizen, man, woman and child—in the City of Portland proposes to stand loyally behind the board of directors and the superintendent and all of the officers, in a combined effort to make the Exposition an unqualified success.

It is the same with reference to the Ekis' carnival. Now that all matters have been arranged relating to privileges and street rights, every person living in Portland should lend what assistance he can to forward the enterprise. For civic pride means that when the good name of the city is at stake in a matter of entertaining and hospitality, no one shall fail to do his part in the work of carrying out plans.

Civic pride will be good medicine for the disease of apathy that may afflict any city. Civic pride will furnish up the Town of Portland and make it a place in which to live will be much more a delight than even it now is. It is fair to say that there is no place on the Pacific Coast where there are greater possibilities than right here in Portland.

TWO WAYS OF FIGHTING.

The manner in which President Roosevelt addresses himself to the task of compelling Congress to enact proper legislation for the relief of Cuba illustrates how differently he operates from the ways of his predecessor, Mr. McKinley. Roosevelt certainly believes in the strenuous life in politics, and proposes to exemplify his beliefs.

Mr. McKinley would have adopted different tactics. There would have been little talk of hostility to the President. There would have been a dearth of the Rooseveltian strenuousness, that promises to create brilliant political pyrotechnics through the nation and make every state election like a Fourth of July celebration. Mr. McKinley would have applied the salve of favor dealt out with a master hand.

Therein lie the points of difference. One was a born diplomat, the other is a fighter. One won by conciliation, the other tries to win by virtue of force. One was the smooth, polished McKinley, whereas the other is the bristling, strenuous, combative Roosevelt, who likes a fight better than anything else in the world, and who, were he to care for anything else, could not have it. Fighting seems to be the necessity of his nature. It remains to be seen whether or not he can win out against the instructed politicians who appear to be arrayed against him.

BORROWED A GOOD CUSTOM.

Few people know it, yet it is true that Portlanders who when listening to the evening concerts at the Hotel Portland raise and remove their hats during the playing of national airs, are but imitating a custom that was imported from England.

It is, indeed, a pretty custom, and one of us un sentimental nature who does not thrill at the thought that it is a common bond that ties all our 80,000,000 people, and that the tie is visible when the strains of the national airs are heard.

English people never remain seated when they hear the music of "God Save the King." It is by common consent that the irrefragable custom has gained prevalence, and visitors to the English Isles or to colonies of the Empire observe with admiration that the response to the occasion is ever spontaneous.

Manager Bowers, of the Hotel Portland, is deserving of thanks from Portlanders for giving them the musical treats that may be had by any one who will go there or upon the convenient seats opposite, Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. The excellent orchestra of Signor De Caprio renders programs upon these evenings that are worth especial praise from the standpoint of the musical critic.

EDITORIAL PITH.

One need not be a psychologist, a pedagogist or the parent of 17 children to agree with Dr. Stanley Hall concerning the efficacy of spanking as a deterrent when applied to wayward children under 10 years of age.

Admirers of those qualities which in the dashing Tracy, under happier circumstances, might have marked him a great genius will not be at a loss to write down the secret of his untimely finish at the hands of a small besieging force.

It is true, as reported, that the cause of yellow fever has been found, then one more germ will soon be put out of commission. Silence is hunting down these foes to human life with merciless persistence and there are hopes that this century will see many of the heretofore dreaded scourges of humanity rendered practically harmless.—Baltimore American.

But there are many Bryan Democrats "who will have to be reckoned with when the time comes." These men are still under the spell of the Nebraska leader. His two defeats and the failure of all his predictions have not shaken his hold on their admiration and affection. They still dwell upon the fact that, though defeated, he polled over a million more votes than any other Democratic nominee for the Presidency, and they accept with unquestioning faith his very lame explanations of the shipwreck of his prophecies.

It is easy for a millionaire philosopher to tell a young man how to live on \$5 a week and put money in the savings bank. If you see a couple walking along the street and the man goes on while the woman pauses to look at the shop windows it's a sure sign they are married.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Matrimony has spoiled many friendships. Any man can make his wife do anything she wants to.

One way to teach children to be good is to set an example. Much of the charity that begins at home is too weak to travel.

The skillful hunter is not a theorist, but a man of practical aims. Lots of men suddenly become near-sighted when they start out to look for work.

A homely girl always believes a man who says that pretty girls make poor wives.

An appropriate present for a girl is anything she can wear; for a boy, anything he can eat.

When a woman admits a thing she expects a man to admit that her admission doesn't count.

When a man proposes he doesn't seem to realize that it may result in his losing control of himself.

Often a woman is so inconsistent that after making up her mind as to her age she is unable to stick to it.

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Alfred Austin, England's poet-laureate, will probably be tried for treason, having written the following into the Coronation Ode, as a definition of Edward's peculiar type of Kingship:

For 'tis not crown nor purple men reverse, But the majestic mind and regal soul, Which, through flashing clathors, help to steer A realm unto its goal.

Certainly, if there were a penitentiary for alleged poets who murder the vernacular and destroy all canons of language and rhyme and reason, Austin would receive a life sentence, and serve it out to the bitter end, unless he were mobbed before he could be transported from the court room to the prison.

United States Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, wants harmony among Democrats and would very much like himself to be a center of that harmony as a vice-presidential candidate. Wouldn't he make it a hummer, with something like \$75,000,000 to contribute to the campaign fund? He should appeal strongly to the Democrats of the East who usually follow the campaign methods of the Republican national managers.

Do the English people accept this sentiment as in keeping with their virtually making the King a figurehead: "Transmitters of a race whose right to rule should seem and be divine."

Most persons of other countries appear to think that the divine right of Kings is a doctrine that is interesting only in that once sensible folks believed in it.

St. Louis girl has inherited \$1,000,000 and is going to Morocco as a missionary. Surely the pen is no longer mighty, or some naughty newspaper man of this mighty West might convince her that the conversion of one heathen is a large-sized scoop.

It might be considered news, but it strikes us that a bald statement that "John Doe died and left \$20,000,000" is irrelevant. Should John take the coin with him it would be a four-column scoop.

Strange that a person who is all Tongue should be absolutely speechless, when approached concerning Oregon's political matters. A hundred like him wouldn't make a "rumor."

Kitchener is to receive a title and a quarter of a billion dollars, and yet "The Thistle," a publication, writes and prints an article on: "Does Courage Pay?"

"But not your trust in riches," said the psalmist, a piece of advice literally followed by those who can afford it. They put their riches in the trusts.

It may be all right to use horseless carriages with railroad speed, but the fate of Charley Fair suggests that he hadn't auto.

Let's see! Fulton invented the steamboat, but that's no reason why Charley should be steamboated.

Achilles sulks in his tent and the Senatorial battle is consequently afar.

INTERESTING PERSONALITIES.

A firm is doing business in Washington street, Buffalo, under the name of English & Irish. Still more odd is the fact that English is an Irishman and Irish is of English parentage.

Miss Clara Barton arrived in New York on Wednesday. She says that while in Russia the Czar put the imperial trains at her disposal, and when presented to him, she bent to kiss his hand, following the custom of the country, but he drew back, saying: "Not you, Miss Barton," and shook her own hand heartily.

It is claimed that Representative Littlefield of Maine is the fastest talker in the House. He is a terror to the official stenographers. Henry U. Johnson of Indiana, who served several terms in Congress, was probably the fastest speaker ever in the House. He talked more than 300 words a minute. Mr. Littlefield sometimes gets very close to the 300 mark.

The Empress Dowager of China is a great supporter of the stage, says the London Express. Since her return to Peking she has been the round of the theaters, and is disappointed at the talent, so has sent to Shanghai for Hsiao Chiao-lin, the Celestial Sir Henry Irving. If he succeeds in pleasing her Majesty she is to be given a peacock's feather; if he fails he will be accorded a public funeral.

Signor Creatore arrived in New York a few days ago with an Italian band of some half hundred performers and has taken the town by storm. According to published accounts he is more of a "concertionist than Strauss and Sousa put together while conducting his band. He appears to cajole, command, urge and inspire the players by turns and generally works them into a musical frenzy that is almost pathological.

At Evian-les-Bains, France, there is a doctor who does not waste time. When he makes the round of his patients he carries in his carriage a basket of homing pigeons. Before he leaves the house he writes out a prescription and fixes it under the wing of a bird, which flies straight to the dispensary. An assistant makes up the medicine, a cyclist delivers it and the patient receives it, all within a few minutes of the doctor's departure.

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THE AUGUST MAGAZINES. SOME SUMMER LAUGHS.

"Love me little, love me long." Was the burden of his song, And the maiden made retort, "How about when you are short?" —Philadelphia Record.

FEMINE BAREBALL FAN. "I see you attend nearly every game. Do you understand it thoroughly?" "No," replied the pretty girl in the white duck suit. "I hate the game—but that pitcher is mighty handsome."—Colorado Springs Gazette.

MISTAKE SOMEWHERE. "Then the police didn't raid the pool room?" "No. When they got there they found that somebody had neglected to give the tip and the place was running in full blast."—Puck.

FINE DETECTIVE AGENCY. The editor of a Massachusetts paper writes—first person singular: "I know men who have to take up the daily paper to know where their wives are." Really, the newspaper is indispensable, and every well regulated family should take at least one.—Minneapolis Times.

PERFECTLY NATURAL QUESTION. "All right, sir," said the smooth, cheerful looking summer boarder, as he settled up with the proprietor of the seaside hotel. "Now, when may we move in?" Not unnaturally he thought he had bought the place.—Sarasota Herald.

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