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#### VIOLATED LAW

of the Oregon system is the are to blame? corrupt practices law. Unserupulous men should never

The corrupt practices law forbids and ultimate justice will prevail all forms of fraud and corruption in for regularity and purity in campaigns. It aims to give the moneya freeman's ballet in freedom.

It is a measure passed by the peotiment demanding its religious observance.

But here is a gang of unscrupulous politicians violating the corrupt practices act by flooding the mails with anonymous stuff, attacking Secretary Olcott and commendton and notorious disregard of the corrupt practices act. It is a proceeding that, if permitted to go unpunished, will encourage other viola-tion. tions, and in the end, there will be a breakdown of this splendid measure. The violation is so open and no case so brazen or so thoroughly deserving of punishment.

When men refuse to sign stuff of fraud, and the people passed the migrants within the last 30 years. corrupt practices law

frauds. should act.

# FUNERAL FLOWERS

urging, we read, the families and in.

try, and the movement for its limita- drift out into the country at large. But many of the reserves have been

# OREGON'S DUTY

OUR years ago Oregon Republicans sent delegates to the solidly against the platform

They misrepresented the Republicans of Oregon. The rush now of all legislative candidates to take Statethe state. '

No such misrepresentation should occur this year. The Republicans lans, Mexicans and Cubans. should elect only progressive dele-

There are hard-shelled reactionaries among the candidates for delegate in each party. One Republican who voted against the direct election

a candidate. Oregon could render no higher service to the nation than by sending are inexorably and uncompromising overwhelming indorsement.

The nation needs fighting incurthege from the places of power.

Progressiveness in the aptidoty for the red flag of revolution.

## THE RED PLAG

FORESHIP ADVENTURENO REPRESENTATIVE FORESHIP AND PROPERTY AND PROPERTY AND THE PROPERTY AND . 4 m sanction of the government," says Jersey governor necessarily means s a correspondent on this page

But it ten't the fault of the flag it is the fault of the people. They was by Governor Wilson . have the ballot. They have the numbers. They have the power, and there will be an election ness November.

The people are the government. They are the source of all power They get exactly the kind of government they vote for If they let a few capitalists bamboogle them in a way to bring about the conditions NE of the very best features the capitalists or is it the people who

The Journal has an abiding faith in American Institutions. It realizes be permitted to break it down. All that abuses have cropt into public who favor good government should affairs, but it is confident that when strive to sustain it in all its author- men become patriots instead of party

The Journal sees in the American evetem a condition in which every lot, and free to act in every capacity on his own volition. It looks upon build for the party. less man the same chance for office the flag as typifying the first real safeguards so he can go to the polls ing the condition of men under every on the broad horizon of the welfare

that ever floated. The Journal has an abiding conple, after a legislature rejected it. fidence in the ultimate wisdom of at the time seeking a reelection, it It has the highest sanction that can the people. There never were so is not likely that Mr. Roosevelt be given any law, It is a measure many signs of improvement in gov- would ever have written Mr. Harristraight from the public heart in a ernment in this country as now. The man, "I shall want you to come desire for public welfare. No law eagerness with which the Oregon sys- down and look over the message." has done more to purify the politics tem has been seized by distant states With a lengthened period and but of Oregon. No law deserves more is one instance of the movement all a single term allowed, there would all to be backed by a strong public sen- along the line for purification of be fewer elections and there would government and the furtherance of be an abandonment of the use of ultimate fustice.

stripes. It believes that if the people nating themselves. But best of all. cannot govern themselves with there would be an end forever to equality and justice under the Amer- the dangerous ambitions of men and ican system, they cannot do it under the service idolatry of people who ing Frank Fields, rival candidates any other system. It believes that propose third terms in the presifor secretary of state. It is a wan- if, as claimed, a few men get all the dency. It would put an end for all good things under the stars and time to a peril that Roosevelt pointed stripes, they will get them just the out, that McKinley denounced, that same under the red flag of revolu- Jackson exposed, that Jefferson fore-

## IMMIGRANT ALIENS

manifest that The Journal knows of T IS stated that 65 per cent of the day, owning farms or working on they send voters it is complete proof who have entered the country as im-

000 immigrants are working in our inquiry that thousands of families, and cast off their shackles of servi-The district attorney's office coal, copper and iron mixes. In the having spent all their money, fol- tude and stand as man to man; as com- has for its very vital spark the element an engineer on the London & Birmingsteel and iron industries 600,000 are lowed that by pawning most of their employed. Ninety per cent of those furniture, save their beds, and then building and keeping in repair our took to staying in bed all day to will the star spangled banner be able side by side into the unknowable. HE UNITED HEBREW CHARI- grants also within the last 30 years. of the police being called by the the people who made, and still make, it TIES of New York are trying When the textile workers in the Midland Railway company in that possible for it to float in the breeze to divert some expenditure on Massachusetts and other eastern town to stop some 400 boys and on earth. Then, indeed, will it be a

limit, the practice of sending flow- than three-fifths of it, in five eastern worked it by lamp and candle light slaves to join the fight for their emaners to funerals at great cost, and to cities; herded in colonies, living in the fight of their emaners to funerals at great cost, and to cities, herded in colonies, living in from six inches to five feet deep use the money so saved for char- filth and squalor, where the English until by Saturday they had out beftable purposes. These directors language is all but unknown. Certain tween 40 and 50 tons. This they memorial to the loved ones who have the willingness of the new arrivals over \$4 a ton. The young miners floral decorations which, literally, after an apprenticeship, demand and the railroad that they were higher wages, they are discharged bringing them all about their ears. The present custom is of univer- and newer arrivals take their places.

would add largely to the charitable grants and forget to take credit for one pit increased from 70,000 tons a part of its press organization. That be used for other purposes. Mr. Bird, funds, the need for which is ever emigrants. It is often said that the in 1891 to 1,277,000 tons in 1911.

growing.

United States receives a million or the said that the competent and wholesome administra- save this to the taxpayers. Lock These tributes, however, to the more immigrants yearly. The fig- a depth of less than 4000 feet it Why reiterate these facts for the purmemory of the lost one, prompted by ures from the office of the commis- is now stated will amount to some pose of dilating upon the alleged excluthe affection and respect of surviv- sioner general of immigration, as the 5,700,000,000 tons, or enough to and not political bunkum are to be the he has not ing friends, carry too much solace balance entering after deducting maintain the present output for 930 measure of fitness of a public servant

the day that call loudly for restraint. grants of the Teutonic and Kettic deep pits with narrow seams. The other races from southern and east- volve throwing much of their export His seven years as public prosecutor ern Europe—South Italian, Hebrew, trade to German and American op- lie commendation of his ability and in national convention that went Polish and South German, Rou- erators. Can they work for less, tegrity in that offce. This commendation of his comme plank that proposed to declare for Ruthenians and others—was 64.1 and 96 cents for his assistant, or for 1910 and 57.9 for 1911. The "hutch drawer," a miner must get average of illiterate immigrants for out five tons of coal a day A brake 1911 was only 2.2 per cent of the boy gets 54 cents for an eight hour ment One shows how completely they and western Europe, but 31.9 per The disclosures of the various Teutonics and Keltics of northern shift, a pony driver 84 cents a shift. cent of the Slavs and others from minimum wage commissions will southern and eastern Europe, and make interesting reading - since 31.5 per cent of the Armenians, Syr- they will examine sales and profits

gates. The Democrats should elect illiterate immigrants, and still more Legislation for excluding nearly all than now of the undesirables is be-

#### ing strongly pushed. WILSON IN ILLINOIS

plank at Chicago four years ago is HE decisive victory of Woodrow few remarks of Charles H. Carey, a versed yesterday in the Illinois sembly of Portland lawyers: primaries, in which the Demo-

against Wilson.

state, and local influences figured lowed to absurd conclusions." heavily in the voting.

The influences that Governor Wilson is compelled to go against are dations against labor in the not easy to overcome. An alliance name of the stars and stripes of reactionaries and progressives in should be written on only one side of and under its protection, and with which it is the field against the New Jersey governor necessarily means a correspondent on this page.

a correspondent on this page. tions that would otherwise be easily

#### ONE TERM FOR PRESIDENT

paylik president of the United the Century on this name.

described by the correspondent, is it Declaration of Independence, was a generations of free men. It stands for minister to France during the conatitutional convention; and he wrote friends, urging a single term of perhars six or seven years for the president. He forcesw, as has since apneared, that the first term of a president would logically lead to planpawns, every abuse will be remedied ning and manipulation for reelection to a second term.

A single term of six or seven years in the presidency would make the and under its protection, and with samegon all the vile practices that so man is a sovereign, every man a free- president a pairlot instead of a party long disgraced the state. It provides man, safeguarded in his secret hal- man. It would inspire him to build for the country instead of trying to

> Realizing that he could not serve liberty that mankind ever enjoyed, a second term, the claims and conmankind than all the other flags rowed one of building up a party wealth-living in poverty and degradamachine for perpetuating himself in office. But for the fact that he was

patronage, that insidious agency that The Journal's flag is the stars and presidents secretly us in renomisaw and against which Washington admonished his countrymen.

## COAL STRIKE SCRAPS

farmers of the United States to- TF some of our true bred American reporters had been on duty test? them as farm laborers, are those I in England during the great more scraps like the following:

The London Daily News found on railroads have come here as immi- keep warm. A Sheffield paper told to fulfill its promise of protection to funeral ceremonies to the suc-cor of the poor. This institution is usable immigrants have been counted coal that some of them found three but so long as a capitalistic class

this as in so many other customs of The percentage of alien immi-cents per ton, rising to 64 cents in law.

#### as well as wage and other costs. THE LAWYERS

AST night, 200 lawyers listened not have deliberated on those Wilson in Wisconsin was re- lawyer, who said recently to an as-

"Under our codes, an elaborate an system of technical rules of pleading has grown up. Much time is attempted to gather have a himself abstinence habits of the local baseball to both these conventions men who cratic voters gave Speaker Clark an system of technical rules of plead-

platforms that will ring with inaur- against the field. Clark was the ben- ties to definite fesues are obstrucofficiary of the Harmon and Under- tions to ultimate justice. Courts wood support. There is a strong re- and lawyers now make justice a secgents. It needs statesmen who will actionary element among the lilinois ondary consideration. They proceed atrive to drive reaction from the Democrats, particularly in Chicago, on the theory that the rules must be to bring victory to the party who or patty? seals of the mighty and special privated it told heavily in the fight adhered to, even though the result is Speaker Clark had an additional ought not to win, and they have advantage, in that Illinois is next built up fine theories of the law undoor neighbor to the speaker's home der which precedent must be ful-

# Letters From the People

### The Red Flag.

Salem, Or. April & .- To the Editor of The Journal-In an editorial April 2, The Journal says in regard to the red flag of revolution as uphald by the L W . . . . "The real public to States should be limited to one this country knows but one flag; and an to furgive a pretty one who pattorm. Excellent reasons for the that fing is the stars and stripes. That remises her. plan appear in an article from fing has behind it the traditions of 125 years of American liberty. It has back Thomas Jefferson, author of the of it the history and pride of four the sovereignty of the citizens as contrasted with the sovereignty of the autocrat. The American people love to lie like a gentleman. that flag, and they have no place for a red fing and its threat of revolution. There is no room here for red mouths or red flags."

The question arises, what is a flag flag is but a symbol of the principles of the government it represents. For 133 years capital has committed rimes and depredations against labor in the name of the stars and stripus tion of the government.

Liberty Equality! Justice: symbolized in the "stars and stripes."
What a mockery! Justice? We see mills and factories in the dead of winheeler and ward striker from the polls. It surrounds the voter with and freeze. We see millions of men, unmelested and unhindered, to cast sun. It is a flag that means more to of his country instead of the nar- women and children—all producers of

Housilty? Countless thousands of little children born and raised in the slums, mid fifth and slime. Education, proper nourishment and protection from weather extremes are things to dream of but not to have. And all are the children of workers who get a pittance which insures justice and equality to

Liberty! Freemen! We see millions of American citizens chained to the wheels of industry which crush out their very lives in the form of profits and dividends for their masters and a and all! Slaves to a system of legalized robbery and exploitation of the many Conditions on every hand echo the collow mockery of the name. Freemen? They struggle on day by day, year after year, hopelessly, cheerlessly, suffering untold miseries and rivations. And when some become ambittered at existing conditions and cry out against the wrongs that are perpetrated, and advocate a new order of

and agitators.

My God! What would you? Would you have them go on and on stlently their existence compels us to recognize watching the suffering and hearing the a certain inscrutable power which is becries of the oppressed and raise no pro-

strike we should have caught near, your protest against a system of conceivable. He calls this power the and his parents' religious beliefs caused proclaims them free; then and then only clied to each other by being projected ture. as the emblem of the greatest nation

minutes' walk from the center of tige of meaning from the flag, just so friends of deceased persons to put The over-supply of unskilled for- the city. They came across it on long will you see red banners waving stop to, or at least to materially eign labor is centered, as to more Friday night, and the town boys and hear "red mouths" calling the wage

# In Favor of Allan R. Joy.

Portland, Or., April 8 .- To the Editor think that so a much more lasting employers resort there, tempted by sold to the carts that came for it at of The Journal-I would like to answer through the columns of The Journal a Mr. Bird, but Mr. H. is the trickster if passed away would be provided than to work for a pittance, and during had no respect for the Midland railby sending the costly wreaths and interminable hours. When they, way, and dug so close to the street Journal concerning the candidacy of Mr. ment and always has made it during Evans for district attorney. Invariably this campaign, to-wit: "I will work for these communications have been signed the flat salary provided by law and will Much has been said of the prossimilarity of the letters and the fasal observance over the whole coun- Many of them are mechanics who pective exhaustion of British mines, miliarity and confidence with which this sheriff receives \$4500 per year flat sal-"unknown" discusses Mr. Evans' past ary and from \$4000 to \$6000 per year record and future plans, one would be extra through profits on feeding tion would have to be extensively Many writers on the evils of alien understated. In the Scotch county justified in assuming that he stands county prisoners. This is tax money, accepted to do much good. But it immigration quote numbers of immi-United States receives a million or The available coal in that county at tion of the law is a foregone conclusion. to the relatives to be suppressed. It those leaving, are, for 1910, 817,619, years. The common rate of pay for then Allan R. Joy deserves the support of every citizen interested in the rigid, the miners in that district was 44 fair and impartial enforcement of the

Mr. Joy's record in the city council races of northern and western Eu- minimum wage demanded there is has demonstrated him to be a man unrope was 31.1 for 1910 and 36.3 for \$1.44 a day. The coal owners assert in his loyalty to the right and untiring 1911. The percentage of Slavs and that to raise those wages would inmanians, Servians, Portuguese and when to obtain \$1.44 for himself, tion may be found in the public records of Park county. Mr. Joy's private life and moral character is without a single smirch. What further assurance can be given the voter that the important office of district attorney will, by the nomination and election of Mr. Joy, be placed in safe and capable hands?

It must be remembered of Mr. Evans that occupying a subsidiary position unter is very different than occupying a ice as judge of the people's court, toposition where maturity of judgment, executive ability and fearlessness are as important factors as honesty and efficiency in the trial of cases. Mr. Joy well combines these important essen-AST night, 200 lawyers listened this and is the man preeminently fitted for the place. Be fair and truth-ful Mr. "Unknown." Do not speculate against the judicial recall. Why

The Sheriff and Flat Salary.

# COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE.

The largest buts in the human frame

Things people give you may seek you

Plats blis, but sobody saims to want

We may feel others doesslonally, but

we all get fuoled in time. There is danger in going to courtbe it priminal or matrimonial

We all like our friends to be perfeetly frank about other people.

Berare of a woman who always agrees with you. She doesn't.

It's awfully hard for a homely wom-The average man is willing to spend

thinks she looks her age it's up to him

ception of taxes.

You may think there is no fun in being good, but do you get any real enjoyment out of being otherwise? A hand at bridge has enabled many

rates her from society. When a woman tells what she had at a fashionable restaurant she takes pains to mention all the expensive things on the menu.

woman to cross the gulf that sepa-

I met a man with a welrd, strange captains of industry, men who control the necessities of life of a whole na-tion, closing the decre of their mines, will and crased as with straining glare, he kept jotting figures down. What trouble, politics, prices, or love. dazed and crazed as with straining glare, he kept jotting figures down. Butter street in Stayton. Begiare, he kept jotting figures down. What trouble, politics, prices, or love, blocks west there are 48 children unmakes these thus distraught and dour? It seek, around, below, above, to find what's a killowatt hour. Olimated family leads the list with six.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

or R P Harper, the new poster-nguital of the Pandiston Pressylvery sutered upon his duties, flori visit-congregation in southern. Uses

Painter Prass: Stiver Lake now but a seven day mail service from Berd, but Painter is still a bank number-with only siz. It is up to us to get busy, if we are to get what is our just due.

The city anusci of Medford has structed the recorder to advertise toda for the construction of a pubmarket building, plane and specification for which have been completed.

Hypener Gazette-Times: Harley Walter Mattheon killed two bolocal cently mear Sthen crock, and width I ing cats they killed 12 porcupines, animals are guiting very thick then creek.

Hillahoro Argin: The county court beginning to perfect arrangements for an immone amount of road work in Washington county, and by the end of the month crushers will be operated to their sapacity.

Burns News: The barbers of Burns have unanimously decided to charge it money for any old thing-with the ex-When a woman asks a man if he high price of fuel and other expenses make it she like a gentleman.

The Prinavilla Review's column remaintenences of pioneer days, reprinted tiomatic, and it will always be so till we under date of May 8: Warf Wagner brought up 12,000 pounds of freight with an eight horse to from The Dalles. rne team on his last trip

Medford Mail-Tribune: The 100 foot steel girders which are to span Butts creek on the new outself to be con-structed near Eagle Point by the Pa-ciffe & Emstern, have arrived. The new bridge is to supplant one endangered such winter by flood waters. bridge is to supplant one such winter by flood waters.

Starton Mail: There is no race gui-

# SEVEN GREAT FOUNDERS

#### Herbert Spencer.

was intimately connected with the the unknowable constitutes the great widespread scientific movement of the weakness of Spencer's philosophy. latter half of the nineteenth century. in return for their toil. And all under and it is this which gives to his system failure to solve the questions remains the protection of the stars and stripes its special significance in English thought.

He analyzed the wonderful new progress in science, which was branching out in all lines, and applied his conclusions in the formulating of a supreme law of the universe. He was the friend and co-worker, along a somewhat to all confidence in natural law, and living hell for the workers. Slaves one different line, of Darwin and Huxley. As he said himself, he was always an ful. however, seems to have believed only that there given over to the formulating of the evolutionist. At first, was no "special creation," but that the law of evolution, as applied

of a gradual process. The philosophy of Spencer, called work of ten volumes, the prospectus of which was issued in 1860. Although burdened with ill health, he succeeded in completing this work in 1896. Very civilization, they are labeled red mouths briefly, the system is as follows: Spenchind all phenomena, prove that all thought, both scientific No! Raise on high the blood red and religious, must eventually be halted, opens up many new veins of thought. banner of freedom; cry aloud far and for the reason that it reaches the ingovernment that allows such things to unknowable. Thus, in science, the him to be familiar with both Quakeriam continue. Condemn the old, proclaim further knowledge is increased the more and Methodism. He was practically self- But politics and I are twins. the new, and when the workers unite it comes in "contact with the surround- educated, having declined an offer to ing nescience." Religious thought, also, go to Cambridge. For nine years he was

This casting of all unsolved prob- Tomorrow-John Locks.

attempt to make the people believe otherwise is a trickster." What does Mr. Hollingsworth mean by this? Does he mean that the sheriff makes only the flat salary out of that office and no more? If he does he is wrong and he knows that he is wrong infer from it that he does not intend to work for the flat salary provided by law, but intends to take in addition the profits made on feeding the county pris-

oners. N. H. Bird is the first and only candidate for sheriff who stands squarely on the flat salary proposition and not any one is a trickster in this matter. Bird makes the following statecounty prisoners. This is tax money, save this to the taxpayers. Look through all of Mr. H.'s statements and literature and see if he has promised in one place or at all to save the taxpayers this profit. You will find that

Why not elect a man who will make this saving as soon as he is installed in office, a man who is capable, a man whose only fault is that he is alto-gether too honest? Mr. Bird has met every legal obligation, every moral obligation and every promise he has made or entered into during his long career in Portland. Give us an honest sheriff -that is what we want. H. G. THOMPSON, A. M., J. D.

O. R. Downs for Justice of Peace. St. Johns, Or., April 8 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Recently I have seen several letters in your paper calling for information regarding the various candidates for office.

In St. Johns there is one candidate asking for the office of justice of the peace. His name is O. R. Downs. He the present incumbent and is giving satisfaction. His past experience in the office has qualified him for better servsoldier and faithfully served his country when his services were needed, and now he is faithfully performing the duties of justice. He Is unable to do hard work and can and will, if nominated, satisfactorily discharge the duties of justice of the peace. Above Above all, he stands for good citizenship. D. C. LEWIS.

The W. C. T. U. and the Ball Team. Portland, Or., April 9.—To the Editor Portland, April 9.—To the Editor of The Journal—I noticed in last Sun-day's Journal the ad of Mr. Hollings—state president of the W. C. T. U. is by progressive. In both national conyentions there should be sturdy men
who will fight to the last ditch for
who will fight to the county. And candidate who would tan to say through your columns that
the bold, and struggle on the call to the the call for the W. C. T. U.
believe that Portland is a mighty fine
by possing the call for the W. C. T. U.
to attend the call for the W. C. T. U.
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The philosophy of Herbert Spencer, lems of metaphysics into the realm of apite of the fact that the system Itself ncludes that this is inevitable, the unsatisfactory. Spencer seems to have partially realized this later, when he contends that his later accounts of the unknowable will counteract the effect. This hardly settles the question, however, when we contemplate that a really inscrutable unknowable would be fata! make all knowledge more or less doubt-

The second part of the work existing order of things was the result entire scheme of progress of the universe.

Spencer necessarily labored at such synthetic philosophy, he propounded in a work under a handicap. Coming as did at the very beginning of progress in science, his attempt to anaprogress in science, his attempt to analyze all of scientific knowledge must fall short, for he could hardly estimate the total production of a period which Like thinkers sometimes do. er argues that the ultimate questions of was only just begun. Further, he took He looked at me a moment more, metaphysics are unsolvable but that a position part way between scientific and technical philosophy, placing himself open to attack from both sides. Thus it is scarcely probable that his system will be long lived, although it.

Spencer's father was a schoolfnaster

we do appreciate this fact, which, by the way, is not so uncommon among ath letes in these times, as they have have learned that total abstinence habits are favorable to strength and endurance. It s altogether likely if the Portland team would play their opening game on other than Sunday that many women would avail themselves of the

opportunity of attendance. We suggest that the ball team, in oken of their appreciation of the work of the W. C. T. U., in creating an interest in the study of the value of total abstinence, which doubtless accounts for the temperance principles of the college boys composing this team, play their opening game on a week day that they pretend to be.

the ladies may attend.
ADA WALLACE UNRUH,

#### State President W. C. T. U. Defends His Views.

Portland, April 6 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I am too much of a stranger in these parts to get involved in a discussion with some of your citizens, but I have been much interested in the letters written your paper by a Mr. Walker and a Mr. Harris. The man Harris claimed to be a resident of St. Paul and referred to Portland as a "dot on the map." I think that his reference to Portland should stamp him as a man devoid of judgment. As to Mr. Walker, who seems to have traveled a great deal, if you believe what he writes, it might be a source of information to him to know that I have been a resident of St. Paul for 22 years, and am more or less'acquainted with the situation there I have been a considerable taxpayer all that time. I only expressed delight in my letter to The Journal with things as observed them in Portland. Of course if Mr. Walker wants me to believe otherwise, good and well. I can return to

I still think it is a good town, but I was very much impressed with the beauty and cleanliness of Portland, particularly its streetcars. You know it is only nine miles from St. Paul to Minneapolis, and for so many years I have paid 10 cents to ride from one place to the other. My 10 mile ride to St. Johns for 5 cents was something of a surprise Maybe I should not have been surprised. wit, justice of the peace. He is an old I am certain that I was under the impression that the car was clean, but if it was dirty it must be that I am not used to the character of superior cleanliness that some of the letter writers to The Journal seem to have in mind. I regret that I have been under the

impression that most of the citizens of Portland were boosters, and apologize to Mr. Walker for forming the opinion. You know I had got the idea that Port land was a very good town to live in, but if I am to express my regrets for expressing my-grace me to raise a howards. So after self in so crude a way. However, I still this I'll be like Peary and Amundsen

# One Term for Presidents

From the Century

It is remarkable that is the presen-

dential period from two possible terms

ition) compaign the program of the regressive has not long ago in-cled a proposal to change the presi-

four years such to one of six or

eight yands with instigitity, as provided by tills requity introduced in both houses of congress. Suth a reform is certainly in line with their professed desire and purpose in giving to the people a more actival control of affairs. The power first may be and sumetimes has been wisided by a president for his own resiscition, or for that of his chosen cardidate for the succession, is enormores and constitutes a possume to the will of the pumple. It is, in part, is prevent such influence that the martierstant is orged in place of the spoils system, and it is to the credit of our recent presidents that by extending the operation of the former that have dis arded the spotterned's view of the putof of appointment-though, to be exact this power has often proved a beamerang. (Who was it that said that every postoffire appointment made his six enemies and one lukewarm friend? But, nevertheless, so long as there are many offices higher up than the ciertcal class to be filled by the executive and specher tarm is in sight providents will continue to have the temptation to associate the two in tietr minds. From Jackson to the present day the usage has been uniform and uniformly object well-known disadvantages which each quadrennial contest produces, beginning two years before the election and lasting to the end of the term, are too important to be ignored. Among them are the intrigues pro and con which cause legislation to be considered from factional or political points of view in stead of on its merits; the diversion of time and effort from the most efficient performance of the duties of the presidency and of congress, and the affect of the tradition (whether it may lack real basis) that presidential year to a bad one for husiness. Let us imagine the reform accomplished. Think what the office would guin in dignii and worth; how free the president would be to plan and pursue his public policies exempt from partisan considerations, and how much freer members of congress would be so to consider them; how independent he would be to stand for the people, of whom he is the chief exponent, because he is the only official elected by all the people. like fame and the opportunity of establishing it by great services, unthwarted by patronage or the hope of patronage would be to him a daily inspiration, and whatever might be thought his policies, he would leave office with greater self respect and a higher regard from his fellow citizens of all political faiths than is now possible it the atmosphere of detraction in which a high minded president must live. How ong shall it be before this nation of business man" awakens to the folly of permitting the personal equation to distract attention from the real business of government?

#### By Miles Langlefoot Overholt

POLITICS

"What do you think of Roosevelt's play?"

I asked a business man.
I said, "He's IT, say once a day,
And then he gets the can."
The man held up a listening ear,
Then said: "How did he bat last year?"

I met a farmer guy, And said: "I'll bet a pair of pins That Clark does not get by." "Well, I dunno," he jerked his face,

'He's purty good on second base I saw a banker, quies, staid;
"Who'll make the race?" said I,
"Are Harmon workers unafraid?
And will they do or die?"
He said, and counted o'er his stocks
"That guy's a bear cat in the box."

Twas hopeless so I ambled in And told the boss my tale.

) well," he said, "some men must win,
And some are bound to fail. You can't depend on cult or class— Er—let me have your baseball pass."

# Pointed Paragraphs

A man is willing to admit he was a pretty baby. . .

Some people can't see a joke with a magnifying glass. . . Grass widows are never as green as

It's an excellent idea not to want the things you can't get.

The better the doctor the less he has to say of his ability.

The lion was the king of beasts be-

fore the octopus got in the game.

A marriage can be arranged in heaven if the girl has no mother to promote it. Did you ever stop te consider how

fierce your thoughts are and how mild your actions? . . Occasionally we meet an ordinary man who has no more friends than a

When a man begins by saying "Of

### course it is none of my business, but "you may as well stand aside and let him butt in.

The Two Poles

baseball umpire,

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet. His prose-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Daily

The poles, which had been lost for ages, discovered are at last; brave men tolled on by weary stages, through snow and howling blast, with frozen hands and ears, and solved the problem which had worried the world a thousand years. And terrors dire came forth to greet them, and dangers thronged the way; and polar bears oft tried to eat them, as horses eat their hay. The arctic night came down and found them intrepid in the gloom; and arctic phantoms shricked around them, and walled of death and doom, 'Yet uncomplaining and undaunted did these explorers roam, until they found the poles they wanted, and shipped the blamed things home. Thus victory comes to the bidder who pays the price of toll; and I'm ashamed when I conbelieve such men as sider how I raise huge turmoil o'er lit-Walker, Harris and the other man the obstacles that face me when I my whose name I have forgotten, I can only task pursue; I plainly see it must distle obstacles that face me when I my