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THE PERIL OF LONG-TIME CANDIDACIES.

It might be well for Messrs. Reed, McKinley and Harrison, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, to give some thought to the pranks which fate has played on the men who have put themselves too early and too prominently on the presidential track. For nearly two-thirds of a century no persistent presidency-seeker has succeeded in his designs except one. This is James Buchanan. And even to him the honor did not come until after he had retired to private life on account of old age and declining health, and after the fires of ambition had grown dim. Buchanan's name had been before the convention of 1844, 1848 and 1852, and in two of those years he had seen far smaller men than himself—Polk in 1844 and Pierce in 1852—carry off the candidacy. In 1856, when the prize went to Buchanan, he probably did not seriously expect or desire it.

In the early days of the government the popular choice was usually pretty clearly indicated. Everybody knew in 1788 and 1792 that Washington would be chosen, and after his refusal to accept a third term the choice was seen to lie between Adams and Jefferson, the success of Adams, the chief Federalist aspirant, being reasonably well assured. The feud between Adams and Hamilton and the unpopularity of the alien and sedition laws of Adams' administration left no room for doubt that Jefferson would be the people's favorite in 1800, for though under the law at that time the electors did not disjunctively indicate their choice for president and vice-president, and Jefferson and Burr, both republicans, had an equal number of votes, every elector desired that Jefferson should have the higher office. Madison and Monroe stood so squarely in the line of succession that there was no doubt at any time during their canvasses that they would be elected.

Jackson and Van Buren had been on the presidential track for years before they reached the white house. Jackson had been in the hands of his friends two or three years prior to his defeat in 1824 by the second Adams, and he remained in that condition until his election in 1828. The vendetta shortly afterward between Jackson and Calhoun made Van Buren Jackson's political heir and sent him to the presidency in 1836. After Van Buren no persistent presidential aspirant ever reached the goal of his ambition except Buchanan, who has been mentioned. The fatality which clung to Clay, Webster, Cass, Seward, Douglas, Blaine and Sherman in their efforts for promotion is historic. Polk, chosen in 1844, Pierce in 1852, and Garfield in 1880, were dark horses. The first Harrison, elected in 1840, was far less prominent in his party than Clay, while Taylor, elected in 1848, had never been thought of in connection with the presidency until a year or two earlier. To the country at large the nomination of Lincoln in 1860 was unexpected, and while Grant was thought of in 1867 and 1868 in connection with the presidency, he himself did not seek the office. Hayes in 1876, Cleveland in 1884, and Harrison in 1888 were new entries on the national track. This record talks eloquently to aspirants about the folly of listening too early and too persistently to the buzzings of the presidential bee.

WORK OF AN ELEVATOR.

The Oregonian recently spoke of the immense amount of work done by the elevators in the chamber of commerce building, and gave the number handled by the one most used at about 2,500 per day. Beside the showing made in some of the deep mines of the Comstock, the elevators spoken of are "not in it." The Consolidated Virginia and California mines were worked through a combination shaft, the shaft was divided into three compartments and the cages, which are simply iron frames with a wooden floor and an iron bonnet, or in other words elevator, were about three and a half feet by four and a half feet. Two of the compartments run cages with two floors, or double deckers, and the other cage was a three decker. The main ore body of these mines lay between the 1,400 and 1,700 feet levels, so that the average lift was 1,500 feet, as against, say 80 feet in the chamber of commerce elevators.

The work done by these cages in twenty-four hours was approximately as follows: There were 800 men sent down

and brought back, 1,200 tons of ore was lifted, besides the waste rock that had to be handled, the powder used was sent down and five tons of ice, the picks, pads and drills were sent up to be sharpened, and besides this 100,000 feet of timbers (board measure) were sent down, or 3,000,000 feet a month. The double deckers carried eighteen men or two tons of ore, and the three-deckers twenty-seven men or three tons of ore at a trip. This will give some idea of the number of trips that had to be made to handle the vast amounts of ore and lumber, none of which was moved less than 1,400 feet perpendicularly.

The accidents were not frequent either, and such as occurred were generally the running of the cages into the sheaves. This term may need some explanation to those who have never been about a deep mine. The sheave is an iron wheel, rimmed, hung directly over the shaft, and from 30 to 50 feet above it. The engine is generally set from 50 to 80 feet away from the shaft, and the cable which is composed of steel wire ropes, half an inch in diameter, and seven to eleven of them placed side by side and woven together, and is therefore flat, is taken from the drum over the sheave and down to the cage. An indicator on the drum perpetually tells the engineer at what point in the mine the cages are, and it seems that accidents could not occur. Yet carelessness or wrong reading of the indicator sometimes sends the cages into the sheaves travelling at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, and usually killing most of those on them.

PERSONAL MENTION.

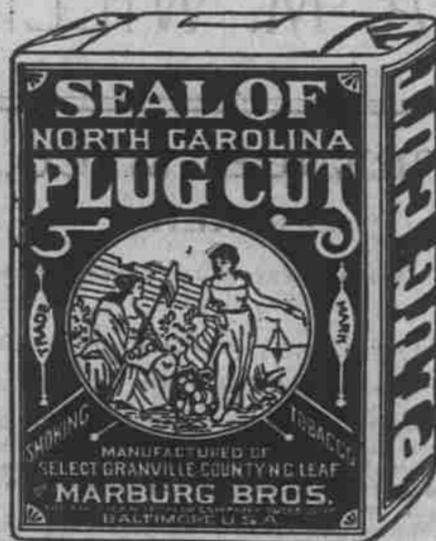
Mr. H. M. Beall made but a brief stay, leaving for home this morning.

Mr. Wm. A. Jones, deputy supreme commander Knights of the Maccabees, is in the city and intends organizing a subordinate body of the order here.

Mr. Charles Tibbets, the genial express messenger, received a telegram yesterday from California announcing the serious illness of his father, and calling him to his bedside. He left this morning, and it is probable will never return, as should his father's illness terminate fatally, he will remain with his mother.

Real Estate Transactions.

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Program.

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- Piano Duet.....Alma Schmidt and Lone Ruch
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 "One of the Penalties of Greatness".....Mrs. Faulkner, Mr. Hampshire, Dr. Sutherland.
 "In the Other Sense".....Miss Etta Story and Mr. Bert Phelps.
 "Imitating Their Elders".....Constance French, Jamie Huntington, Mrs. D. M. French.
 "The Skeptical Aunt".....Miss Michell and Miss Boss French.
 Recitation.....Miss Ethel Grubbs
 Vocal Solo.....Miss Myrtle Michell
TABLEAUX.
 "Aunt Eliza's Last Chance".....Mrs. Varney, Mr. S. B. Adams and Others.
 "A Stand Off".....Mr. S. L. Brooks and G. D. Snowdon.
 "Proof Positive".....Gertrude Rowland, Mrs. Crowe, Mr. Toimie and Others.
 "A Fumble at the Altar".....Miss Patterson and Dr. Sutherland.
 "The Most Unkindest Cut of All".....Miss Minnie Lay and Mr. Fred Wilson.
 Violin Solo.....Mr. Burchstorf
 Quartette.....Mesdames Huntington, Condon, Corson, Varney
TABLEAUX.
 "Preferable Indeed".....Miss Patterson, Mr. Hood, Mr. Earl Sanders.
 "The Brilliant Spirit of Repartee".....Miss Rose Michell and Mr. Fred Wilson.
 "After His Solo".....Miss Ruch, Mr. Burchstorf and Others.
 "Circumstances Alter Cases".....Mrs. D. M. French and Miss Lone Ruch.
 "Too Old for That".....Miss Etta Story and Mr. S. B. Adams.
 "The Ring Generation".....Constance French, Jamie Huntington, Mr. S. L. Brooks.
 "An Unfair Advantage".....Miss Michell and Miss Ruch.
 "Fraud on the Face of It".....Miss Grubbs, Mr. Truman Butler and Others
 Searf Drill (in costume).....Seven Young Ladies
 Winding of the May Pole.....
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