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**PANDARUS AND CRESSID.**

It will be with a feeling of relief that the people of this state will read of the adjournment of the legislature and that the curtain has dropped on the farce. Elected on a platform pledging the legislature to the strictest economy, its ninety members met at Salem, but many of them avoided the capitol. The senate organized and undertook to do business. The house attempted to organize and the majority of the Republican members and two of the Democrats, mindful of their pledges to the people before election, met and tried to do the work they were sent to do. Thirteen Populists, three bimetallic league members and two Democrats stayed out, violating all their anti-election promises, and, assisted by some seven or eight Republicans swore, and still wear, Joe Simon's collar, prevented the organization of the house.

Backed by large sums of money, Jonathan Bourne opened his parlors and invited the flies into it. The thirteen Populists to a man walked in, and there they have remained, dead to every sense of decency, deaf to the demands of their constituents, deaf to the entreaties of taxpayers. They surrendered bodily to their bitterest enemy, the Oregonian, that but a few short months before so scathingly denounced them as socialists, anarchists and repudiators.

Deluded by the honeyed words of praise, uttered by the rotund Mephistopheles under the big tower, they swallowed the sweet morsels and licked their chops for more. Circe made no worse or lower brutes of Ulysses crew, than Bourne has of the motley job-lot of political pot pourri whom, with wine and women, he deluded to their undoing. As Delilah shorn Samson of his strength, so Bourne has snatched the political olla podrida bald headed. And they, poor fools, like Snip and his fellow-actors in "Midsummer Night's Dream," pose before the public with their lantern and their thorn-bush, each a bandy-legged Pyramus, gluing his swollen lips to the hole in the wall in their wild attempt to kiss Mr. Bourne's Thsibe. Bottom was not more an ass than these, and Bourne, Simon and the Oregonian, as the audience, shout stentorously "Well roared lion!" "Well run Thsibe!"

But the farce will soon be over. In one short week the curtain will fall, and instead of Bourne's harem and his wine shop, the whole aggregation of drivelling idiocy will go home, if its members know enough to find the road, to face the constituents whom they outraged, accelerated in their departure by a vigorous kick from the erstwhile bland Jonathan.

To the members who so faithfully remained at their posts the country owes a vote of thanks. The people are not deceived by the cry of the Oregonian that they who were in the house ready at all times to organize, are the ones who are responsible for the hold-up. They know better just as the Oregonian knows better, but they have no object in lying about it.

The Populists have gotten into the grave dugged for them by their enemies, and this is the only redeeming feature of the whole affair. The result may after all be beneficial to the country. The Populists as a party are not to blame for the action of their unlucky thirteen, any more than the Republican party is to blame for the action of its traitorous contingent. But the result shows to what extent the Multnomah ring is willing to debauch its political ene-

mies and to befool its own nest. It shows what Simony and Scotmony will lead to. It shows that the wanton Populist, Cressid, smiles alike on Troilus and Diomed, and that Pandarus has a worthy prototype in the side-whiskered Jonathan. It shows that Thersites may be as dirty a cur, though housed in a pressed brick block, as when spying on the Grecian camp he poured his bitter-sweet poison into the ears of his outraged master.

One can easily imagine the adolescent Populists, while toying with the wily Bourne, repeating Cressid's touching farewell to the husband she had just left, as she surrenders herself to Diomed:

Troilus, farewell! one eye yet looks on thee: Yet with my mind my other eye doth see. Ah! sad our sex, in us this fault I find—The error of the eye directs the mind. What error leads must err, Oh! then, conclude minds swayed by eyes are full of turpitude.

Thersites' comment completes the picture.

**PASSING OF THE WATCHDOG.**

Peacocks Supplanting Towser as the Household Protector.

"The place of a watchdog on the farm or country place," said State's Attorney McGuire the other day, in making some observations about mad dogs, reports the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "might be very well taken by peacocks and guinea fowls. I long since adopted peacocks alone to guard my place, and nothing can come around the premises night or day without causing an alarm from them. They are more watchful than any dog I ever owned. My experience with guineas has not been so extensive, but I believe they are also sure to give an alarm, or rather a good many alarms, if any strange man or beast should venture near them by night or day. Perhaps the days of the watchdog would be numbered if it were generally known how well peacocks and guinea fowls would take his place. Then, certainly, with fewer dogs there would not be so many cases of hydrophobia."

The statement of Mr. McGuire as to the watchfulness of peacocks was borne out by numerous Howard county farmers, among the number being County Commissioners Hess, Dorsey and Smith, and Mr. James L. Hobbs, who superintends the farming operations of Senator Gorman. Mr. Hobbs stated that he long ago discovered what excellent protection peacocks afford about a place, and down on the senator's farm he always keeps six or eight of them to guard the premises. So it appears that peacocks are useful as well as ornamental.

**Geology.**

The scientific beginnings of geology are said to have been treated of in Chinese works long before the Christian era. Some degree of geological information is displayed in the book of Job, several passages of which have been held to indicate an exact knowledge of the different strata of the earth. The science is treated of by Aristotle, Pliny, and Theophrastus. Geology did not become what may be called an exact science until the present century.

**A Blind Mayor.**

The Aberavon (England) town council lately unanimously elected as mayor Mr. Henry Richards, who is totally blind.

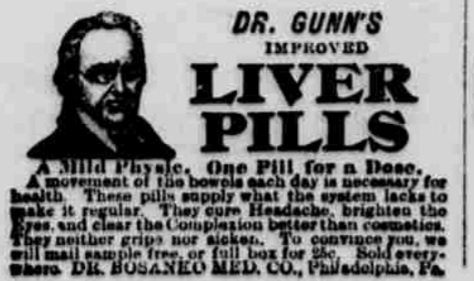
**Bull Fighting on Bicycles.**

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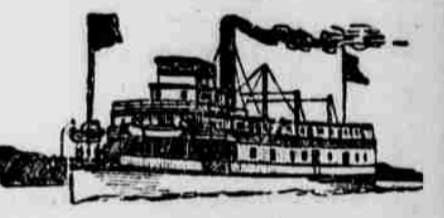
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