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Nothing was ever accomplished without work. The iniquitous land laws, through the operation of which millions of acres of the public domain have passed into the possession of speculators and land-grabbers, will not be repealed unless there is a united effort made by those who see the urgent need of reform along that line. Resolutions favoring repeal will avail nothing unless the American people can be aroused to action. There is work for every patriotic citizen in this campaign to save the most valuable asset for the settler and homemaker.—George H. Maxwell.

The comparative strength of the parties in the first meeting of the Fifty-eighth congress will be, in the senate, 57 Republicans and 23 Democrats, and in the house, 205 Republicans and 178 Democrats. In the house of representatives there will be 318 members who have never served before, and in the senate 12 senators who will see their first service, except that of the 16 days' extra session of the senate last spring.

Just before the close of the campaign in Ohio, many of the mills and factories of that state closed down, attributing the cause to the prospects of Tom Johnson's election. This ruse of Senator Hanna's was sufficient to elect his man for governor. Now it remains for the senator to prove the truth of his assertions by smoothing out the industrial wrinkles in Ohio by starting the mills full force, with increased wages, to correspond with the increasing dividends of the capitalists.

While the other important features of the irrigation meeting are engrossing the attention of the people of Eastern Oregon, the election of an Eastern Oregon man for president of the association should not be overlooked. It is important that this association continue in active existence, and have an interest in the actual reclamation of the desert, as well as in the commercial enlargement which the settlement of the arid land will bring to the metropolis of Oregon. The Eastern Oregon counties contain all the arid and idle land. In this district the actual battles of irrigation must be fought out, and every possible agency must be brought to bear to hurry up this task. The efforts of the state association can do much by their activity in encouraging and aiding the government engineers in arriving at their conclusions, and if these officials are practical irrigators, having interests in this arid district, it will add greatly to the efficiency of their services to the engineers.

The man with a family and the family with children are being boycotted more and more each year. It is a common occurrence to see a sign on houses for rent to the effect that families with children were not wanted. Business men advertise for families without children, farmers want men without children to take responsible positions, and the practice of barring out the man with a family is growing rapidly. In some lines of work, and in some institutions, a family with children has no chance of securing employment, no matter what the emergency. The man who has a family is turned down and must take the jobs left over after the best have been taken by the more fortunate. If that expression is applicable, this custom is disheartening, and demoralizing. It places a premium on "boarding house families" and retards the home-building spirit. It places a handicap on some of the best men in the community and turns many worthy people from entering the struggle of the commercial and professional world, in utter disgust.

PENDLETON'S ELECTION.

The interest being taken in the municipal election in Pendleton, is something terrible. Out of a city of 6,500 people, the astonishing fact is heralded to the world that 316 voters have registered in readiness to plunge into the campaign.

Two out of the three editors have signified to their willingness to pay their poll tax and cast their ballots.

In a voting population of 1,200, the registration books are groaning under the weight of 316 patriotic citizens' names.

Out of about 25 enthusiastic and active attorneys in the city of Pendleton, five have deigned to don the armor of citizenship and will vote for a mayor.

Out of about 20 physicians, three have been struck with the enthusiasm and have entered their names on the rolls. Out of seven ministers who are deeply interested in bettering conditions, one has registered to vote.

Out of about 40 regular merchants, 35, including liquor dealers, have registered, and out of not less than 400 laboring men in the city, 74, including the bartenders are on the roll of honor in Judge Fitz Gerald's office.

It is a hot campaign, viewed from the registration books. There is room for 1,200 names on those books, and the enthusiasm is so warm that fully \$50 of the legal voters of the city have utterly failed to present themselves in the sum of \$2 for street poll tax, and claim the rights of citizenship.

It is interesting to study the "vocations" entered on the registration books. Out of about 50 professional gamblers registered, not one has overcome his modesty enough to enter his occupation. They are all "laborers."

Hereafter when a voter presents himself as a laborer, Judge Fitz Gerald will cause him to exhibit the corns in his hands. To add a spice to the monotony of the registration books, some few of the profession registered as "farmers."

It is a warm campaign. Out of 50 clerks in the city, 14 wear the proud distinction of being sandwiched in on the roll between bankers and "laborers."

The trade represented with the greatest number is the carpenters. Nineteen of them are shining lights on the list.

Fifteen farmers plowed through the enthusiasm to the recorder's office to register, and five modest liquor dealers are found on the rolls of the faithful.

In fact, the enthusiasm is so great that the voters forgot about the city election. There is no issue that is engrossing the public mind. The city is in the pink of financial condition. The present administration has made a good showing, and while there is a temporary flurry over the gambling issue, both the candidates for mayor have expressed themselves in favor of a business administration, with thorough, practical business policies, instead of politics to rule.

ROASTS SOCIETY.

Mrs. Robert J. Burdette of Los Angeles, Cal., made a scathing arraignment of the "four hundred" class in an address before a local woman's club recently.

"The 'smart set' is nothing but an excrescence on real society," said Mrs. Burdette. She declared that no such aggregation could ever be other than an insignificant factor in the life of a great nation.

"When asked to consider the society woman," said Mrs. Burdette, "a large proportion of the not over thoughtful will immediately hang on the eye line of their mental picture gallery the portrait of a chameleon-like creature that baffles recognition, as she reflects the horse show, the ball room, the street, the banquet hall, the boudoir, the automobile, as a creature that is all things to all men and nothing to any man."

"She is a creature whose favorite companions of what is called the sterner sex are insipid and brainless

creatures, who are called men only because they are not women. She is a woman whose whole life is one of questionable gaiety, who smokes at dinner with the men, and who drinks rather too much at times. The announcement of her engagement brings a smile with the uplifted eyebrow, and her divorce suit is accepted as a matter of course."

An old tippler had become so shaky that he could no longer pour out a glass of whiskey without spilling the contents all over the place. "It's rather a bore," he said, "from one point of view, but you've no idea how useful it becomes when I wish to put the sugar on the strawberries."—John Bull.

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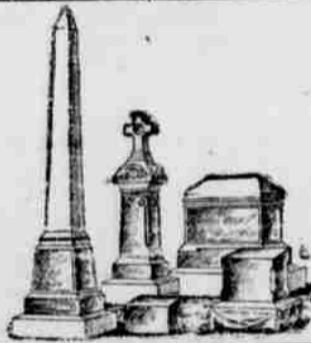
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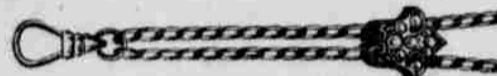
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