

Just Folks


## THOSE PRESIDENTIAL REMOVALS

The two features of Preident Harding's executive or-
der, summarily dismissing the director of the bureau der, summarily dismissing the director of the bureau of Engraving and Printing and thirty other officials and experts, with which the public is chiefly concerned are:
First, The manner in which the removals were made without warning and without charges, thus subjecting them to suspicions which tended to blacken their charac-
ters and bring disgrace upon them and upon their families. Second, The plain violation of the civil service law, which provides that no one in the classified service may be emoved except upon a charge in writing, and permitting sault upon the policy and the principle of the civil service ystem in which the republican party has slways professed to believe.
It is contended that President Harding was clearly this, Senator Caraway (Dem Ark) who introduced resolutions, one requesting the president to give his reasons, and one for a committee of investigation, replied:
"The president is not above the law, although for the argument sake I may concede that he may disprace and re-
move these redress; he may exercise the authority vested in him and override the statute, but in doing so if he acts without just cause, he will more disgrace himself in the high office he holds than he will disgrace these humble citizens whose rights to make an honest living he has sought to destroy." Democratic politicians are not disposed to criticize the president if he simply removes democratic office holders and replaces them with republicans, provided the purpose is avowed and it is done openly and legally. The criticism comes when it is done in a manner that tends to destroy characters and assassinate reputations. The failure to give reasons or file charges was followed bv the publication of stories in the press which placed the discharged of ficials under suspicion of various forms of fraud and dishonesty.
Believers in civil service, however, and they still number millions of people throughout the country, can find no justification for the arbitrary removal of these officials with out charges, whatever may have been the motive. Their position is that the departments of the povernment are either to be run under the civiliservice mertit system to be filled by political partisans under the old offices are to be filled by poiltical partisans under the oid spoils system which resulted in the barter and sale of appointments and the worst forms of political corruption
until public sentiment wasalmost unanimous in getting rid untilp
of it.

## WORKING OUTDOORS

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NE chilly day a citizen happened to be occupying a seat in a street car with an eloquent young woman the doetrine of the equal type who was preaching to the gospel of the common pot, the duty of the man at the desk to take up pick and shovel in order to give his less fortunate neighbor a taste of the luxurious desk. Passing a gang of street workmen she exclaimed:
"Look at that! What do we know, what do you and I know of the terrible suffering of those poor men, conWemned to work on such a terrible day at such awful labor. them. You and I ought to suffer like that in order to know how these unfortunate brothers live."
"Lady,' 'replied her seat companion, "don't you ever again make the foolish mistake of pitying a man because he works outdoors. I work outdoors. And I want to tell you that it is rarely ever necessary for an outdoor worker to suffer at his work. As a rule he will live longer and enjoy himself better while he lives than the man condemnd to work under cov. Hose street laboress are not sufering. If they are honest workmen they like the work,
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ment of values. $O$ our race thrives in the open. It wilts unment of values Our race thrives in the open. It wilts un-
der roof. Take all men off of hard outdoor work and put der roof. Take al men of of hard
them on soft jobs indoors and this planet would be for rent in a few short millenniums.
One reason why the farmer element is called the backbone of the country is that it breathes fresh air, takes rough work, learns to like it and does not stop to pity it-self.-Portland Telegram.
At the special session of the legislature Senator Eberhard stood faithfully by the interests of Umatilla county and Eastern Oregon. Why should he not be returned to the state senate. Is it good poiicy to
has thus served his constituents?

At any rate, it did not rain here yesterday.




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