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A PRINCELY TIP.

John D. Rockefeller has again given a striking evidence of his liberality by making a waiter, who served him at dinner in New Brunswick, New Jersey, the munificent tip of five cents, accompanying the gift with the sage advice to put the money in a savings bank. While there has not yet been any report that Standard Oil has advanced a notch, it is certain that the people will be required to make up for the donation and when John D. begins the erection of that marble palace in Queen Anne Gate, where he hopes to hobnob with London swifdom, it is possible that he may regret squandering that nickel. Collis P. Huntington once made a similar gift of three cents to a seeming tramp, who applied to him for the price of a meal, and he told the party to buy "sinkers" with the coppers, as they were filling. Chickens always come home to roost, so the former Southern Pacific magnate found to his cost, for the poor chap proved to be a shrewd railroad promoter, down on his uppers at the time, and it took just three millions of unpaid dividends for the S. P. to afterwards secure control of a little Arizona branch line which the hungry beggar had cinched. It does not always pay to give too lavishly, nor to hand out advice with one's giving.

MUST OBSERVE NEW LAW.

Although many, if not all the candidates, for President of the Senate or Speaker of the House may not be aware of the fact, yet their campaigns for election come within the regulations of the corrupt practices act adopted by the people last June.

Section 10 of the act specifically provides that the term "public office" shall apply to the presiding office of either branch of the Legislature. Such candidates would not, however, be bound by section 8 of the act, limiting campaign expenditures, for that section applies only to a candidate "who has received the nomination to a public office." But they are apparently subject to the provisions of section 19 of the act, which forbids, directly or indirectly promises of appointment to any position of honor, trust or emolument.

Under this regulation it will be dangerous for aspirants for presiding offices to promise committee chairmanships, by means of

which these contests have frequently been decided in the past. They are also bound to the terms of section 26, which prohibits treating, with the hope of influencing votes, and by section 37, which makes it unlawful to become a candidate for the purpose of defeating another candidate and not with a bona fide intention to obtain the office. The section relating to promises of appointment is apparently the one that applies most directly to the contest for the Speakership and the Presidency of the Senate.

AN INTENTIONAL SLIGHT

Benton County Ignored By Portland Papers.

It is a well known fact that Corvallis and Benton county are always intentionally slighted or openly misrepresented by the Portland papers whenever an opportunity is offered, but no more marked illustration of this utterly uncalled for antipathy could possibly be found than the description given by the Pacific Northwest, a Portland farm journal, of the trip recently made by the Southern Pacific demonstration train through the Willamette Valley.

This train, as is universally known, was prepared and fitted out at Corvallis. Its prominent demonstrators were nearly if not all from OAC at Corvallis, at which point it stopped over one night, but in all the write up of the trip, occupying several pages and exhaustively describing the 442 miles covered, the 27 principal agricultural centers stopped at and the resources of the sections passed through, not one single mention in the entire article is made of either Corvallis or Benton county.

This might be passed over as a matter of forgetfulness on the part of the writer who accompanied the train, were it not for the fact that every other stop and all the different counties in the Valley were given prominent mention.

Such a spirit is too narrow for impartial criticism and well deserves the contempt of every resident of Benton county.

Working for Waterways.

Representative Hawley, of this state, has started in at the beginning of the Congressional session to land everything he can for Oregon, especially in the matter of rivers and harbors improvement. Not only will he work for all the projects indorsed in the report of the chief of engineers, but for rivers and harbors along the Coast, and he feels reasonably confident of getting appropriations for Coos Bay, Tillamook Harbor and Siuslaw, as recommended in the special report of the engineers. He will also undertake to persuade the rivers and harbors

committee to include in the bill such appropriation as is necessary in connection with an appropriation by the Oregon Legislature to purchase the canal and locks at Willamette Falls or build a new canal on the opposite side of the river.

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