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**WHY AN EDITOR SHOULDN'T RUN FOR OFFICE.**

Under the heading: "Bede Shouldn't Worry," Lew A. Cates, former editor of The Sentinel, has the following to say in his Dallas paper:

Editor Bede of The Cottage Grove Sentinel, defeated by his home town for the republican nomination as a state legislator, should have remembered before slying his castor into the political arena that under any ordinary circumstances men and women are trampled to death on election morning in their frantic effort to cast their ballot against the candidacy of a newspaperman and at night otherwise perfectly good citizens risk a jail sentence to get at least ten votes against him as repeaters. And all because of the convictions he is compelled to exploit, if he is honest in his profession. He may be the light of his community from divers and sundry viewpoints, dealing out complimentary notices by the yard and exploiting the resources of his respective locality by the rod, but, generally speaking, he is everlastingly and pre-eminently N. G. as timmer for high office. He is chock full of knots, warts, woodpecker holes and decayed spots. Editor Bede shouldn't worry. There are others.

Not having made a campaign for the job nor having asked for a single vote and having been so fortunate as to miss the nomination by a few votes, the editor of The Sentinel can now, with editor Cates, enjoy the humorous side of the situation. Here's one choice tidbit of humor:

One of the best friends The Sentinel has campaigned against its editor because The Sentinel had said that the County Judge, if he properly looked after the affairs of the county, earned more than \$100 a month (which is less than the average wage paid printers in Portland). All other candidates for the Legislature, with possibly one exception, thought the same thing, but not being in the newspaper business had not said so. There were many other circumstances just as deliciously humorous.

An editor should never run for office, for if he conducts his newspaper in a manner to catch the votes he can not be fair to his readers and if he conducts his newspaper the same as he would if he were not running for office he can not get the votes—and those who vote against him may be his best friends personally and ardent supporters of his newspaper—may even admire the newspaper for having the backbone to say what it thinks.

Electors will vote for a man they don't know, or one who has never had the gumption to express an opinion, rather than for one who they know disagrees with them on some point, and the editor who runs for office is inviting himself to hypocrisy.

Another good reason why an editor should not run for office is because he has a bigger duty to perform in suggesting to others what they should do.

But the most important reason why an editor shouldn't run for office is because he can't afford it.

[Editor Cates' comment might be somewhat misleading. The Cottage Grove candidate carried Cottage Grove and surrounding country by a large plurality of the vote cast. Cottage Grove defeated its candidate by not getting out votes enough.]

**YELPING AGAIN.**

The Portland Spectator, always interesting and usually sane, becomes inane and childish when discussing labor unions. In a recent issue it spews all over an otherwise interesting editorial page because President Wilson recognized the unions as a necessary and component part of our civilization. Vituperation, hot and sizzling, is heaped upon the head of our President in a manner that would be disgusting were it not so plainly the result of a chronic and amusing peeve.

It is a matter of psychological knowledge that it is possible for human beings to go insane on one subject and be perfectly rational on all others. This is apparently the condition of The Spectator.

It is time that The Spectator learned that organized labor is here to stay, that the principles of organized labor are favored by a large majority of the people of these United States; that a majority of employers recognize the necessity of organized labor; and that even the laborer outside the ranks would not vote against organized labor, knowing full well that his condition has been raised to the same standard as that of the member of organized labor—and that because of the efforts of organized labor.

The Spectator would better spend its time and expend its energy in trying to do something for the Oregon employer. There The Sentinel would be glad to help—and there is yeomen work to be done.

In spite of the fact that Cottage Grove has two high class printing offices, neither one was asked to quote prices on the recent invitations used at the high school commencement exercises. Yet, of course, there would have been a howl that would have risen to heaven had not the newspapers (published in conjunction with the job printing offices) spent good money in sett'ng type to tell about these same exercises. For some reason there seems to have been a studied effort on the part of the high school management during the past year to slight the

A smile makes many hearts lighter besides your own.

A unique way to prevent race suicide might be to let women have one extra vote for every baby in the family.

It always seems to parents that their children have about three times as much enjoyment as they did as children.

There's almost as much pleasure in giving away something you don't want as there is in getting something you do want.

Many folks still wonder why the appendix was put in man. It is our humble opinion that surgeons could testify that it serves a very useful purpose.

newspapers, the very instruments whose hearty co-operation could be made worth so much and could be so easily secured.

**WHY A PRIMARY AT ALL?**

The Sentinel is one paper which has had the nerve to intimate that the Oregon system is not sacred and that there are a great many ways in which it might be improved. The Sentinel has, during the last three years, suggested several improvements.

So eminent a person as Judge Lowell of Pendleton has come to the same opinion, or has spunked up enough courage to say what he may have for some time believed. Commenting on the enormous expense of the election, Judge Lowell says:

Roughly speaking, the state and counties expended last month in election expenses \$200,000 probably, and private individuals spent half as much more, with a result that would have been in substance the same had all the candidates appearing in the primaries submitted their claims to the people directly at the November election. There would have been a few names added to the list. Mr. U'Ren would have been on the ticket, and possibly a few more, but the voters would have expressed their choice between all, and the man receiving the highest vote would have been elected to the office to which he aspires. Now, however, we must go through another campaign and another election, solely as a matter of habit, wholly without reason.

Is it not wise that we adopt the second choice system, abandon the primary altogether, let every candidate go direct to the people at general elections, and give the offices to the high men, counting both first and second choice to reach the result?

Perhaps the people will then vote. Now they will not. Out of an estimated population of 750,000 we must have 300,000 legal voters. Only 229,500 registered altogether, while less than two-thirds of those who registered voted.

This suggestion is in line with what The Sentinel has said before. We can not have all these fancy frills like primary elections, school supervisors, county agriculturalists, commissions for demonstrating how a family of ten children can be raised on \$9.00 a week, and such like, without paying for them. If we object to paying for these things, regardless of whether they are luxuries or necessities, the thing to do is to cut them out. The primary and general election could be combined without depriving the elector of any of his rights and privileges and a saving would be made to Lane County alone of \$10,000 for every election thus done away with.

Along this line, one of the newly enfranchised women voters recently made the following comment in the Eugene Register:

One way to reduce the rate of taxes, it seems to me, is to cut down public expenses. If I am wrong, some man—some politician—can be trusted to set me right. We have been told repeatedly during the past month that it cost the state \$200,000 to conduct the recent election. This, too, in the face of the fact that out of 300,000 eligible, less than one-third voted in the primaries. Of what use or benefit is the primary anyway?

To me it seems a quite unnecessary bother and expense. Many women, myself among them, were debarred from voting in the primary because of the fact that they would not swear to party allegiance. Others—I personally know of several—swore that they were republicans or democrats, with the privately avowed intention of voting as they pleased at the finals this fall.

The primary has never been a satisfactory system, either in Oregon or anywhere else. It can never be made to do the work for which it was intended. It can never be so hedged about with restrictions that Republicans can be compelled to help nominate only members of their own party or Democrats be prevented from attempting to nominate weak candidates in the other party. Even in the last election we have seen how a man can cancel his registration in one party and the same day file as a candidate for office in another party. We have seen a Socialist desert his own party and receive a Republican nomination. Even candidates for office urge those of other faiths to perjure themselves so as to help them into office in the opposite party.

The Sentinel would consider it unwise and a grave error to drop the primary until it had been given a thorough trial, but it now thinks the people have had sufficient opportunity to judge as to whether or not it is what they want—whether it is worth the price.

**Things We Think**

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

Most folks think they could run a newspaper—but most of them are wise enough not to try it.

Just for curiosity we would like to see a love affair carried on the way it is described in books.

A man may lead a woman to the altar but it ends there.

Isn't it funny that when a man is going to the devil they call him a good fellow?

How's a woman ever to be president? No one can ever attain that position until long after the age of 25.

Those who live under a cloud never see the silver lining.

Some folks write spring poetry—but some of their critics eat onions.

Things said behind a person's back would often give him pleasure if said to his face.

WHERE CASH BEATS CREDIT **HAMPTON'S** WHERE CASH BEATS CREDIT

Note a Few of Our June Specials

Ladies' White Crepe Embroidery Dress, \$8.00 and \$10.00 values.....	\$3.99	Ladies' 25c Stockings in colors, per pair.....	10c
Ladies' \$1.50 White Waist.....	\$1.00	Men's \$7.50 Panamas Hats.....	\$5.00
Children's \$1.50 Dresses.....	75c	Men's \$5.00 Panama Hats.....	\$3.50
Children's \$1.25 Dresses.....	63c	Men's \$3.00 Panama Hats.....	\$2.50
Solsette in different colors, 25c value.....	19c	Men's \$1.50 Straw Hats.....	\$1.25
		Men's \$1.00 Straw Hats.....	75c

great desire to become wealthy—therefore few hesitate to marry when the opportunity presents.

The person who is most indispensable on a job is the one who doesn't waste his employer's time thinking about it.

The person who is satisfied with himself and the way he does things, is a dead one—and he might as well be, for he hasn't anything to live for.

The parent who gets any enjoyment out of punishing his children isn't going to do the children any good by punishment.

We don't care whether or not there are marriages in heaven—but we would like to know if there are any moving picture shows there.

The man who loves a girl well enough to eat her may not be displaying the best of taste.

No sober thinker ever endorsed temperance.

Our distrust of mankind comes from knowledge of ourselves.

A new fashion in dress is for a man to wear electric lights—just as the men didn't see enough already.

Some folks wouldn't give away ten cents if they didn't expect a dollar worth of advertising.

The money spent on wars and preparing for their possibility, would, if properly used, educate the population of the world to the utter foolishness of war.

\* A weekly newspaper with plenty backbone—The Sentinel.

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Absolutely Pure  
 Absolutely has no substitute

Many mixtures are offered as substitutes for Royal. No other baking powder is the same in composition or effectiveness, or so wholesome and economical, nor will make such fine food.

Royal Baking Powder is made from pure, Grape Cream of Tartar. No alum, lime or acid phosphates.

**BEAVER BOARD**

PURE WOOD FIBER

Beaver Board makes a most satisfactory wall and ceiling, and the most attractive show windows. Now is the time to think about painting. We have the best quality, prices and stock of Sherwin-Williams' Paints, Prepared Lead, Oils, Varnishes. Let us figure with you.

**Cottage Grove Manfg. Co.**

No other paper, daily or weekly, reaches one-quarter many people in the Cottage Grove country as does The Sentinel.

**Don't Get Fresh**

Don't apply when buying meat. You should always get fresh meat—and you always get it when you buy from

**City Meat Market**  
 BARTELS & ERNEST, Props.

I have just enough time to make that Suit for you

Full Line of Winter Samples Now on Exhibition

**BOHLMAN :: The TAILOR**

**CADE OF PORT ORDERED BY HUER**

Two Gunboats to T Head off Munition for Mexican Rebels.

—A new crisis in situation was brought a blockade the p 1 of Tau a cargo of rebels aboard from New York, flying the intention to blockade that he proposed to against his sovereignty as purpose of the United S the attempt to bloc present interference with was indicated when Beer issued an official state that while no new of given Admiral Badger, no change in the polic government in reference that the port of Tampico to all commerce.

an attempt to carry out blockade decree will be i Admiral Badger to the navy department Cruz. He advised that the gaboats Zaragoza and B left Puerto Mexico had pr Cruz and were steaming to

**Orders Blockade of Tam City.**—The foreign c sale to the legations noti that the port of Tampico blocked by order of Presi The United States go was also notified through minister at Washington.

**CRUZ PRICES SO**

May Open Army Food to Restore Normal Costs Cruz.—Brigadier-General announced that he contemp a commission of Me American army off investigate the increased co in Vera Cruz since the co

complaints have reached the that wholesale dealers and have been squeezing the r and hotelkeepers. Severa are known to have consi on hand, but they are up the prices.

General Funston may to sell army subsist normal prices.

Deputies Guard John D. N. Y.—To guard ag of John D. Rockefeller his son at Pocantico I to be possible due to agments in Colorado, 16 p the White Plains county placed on the Rockefeller es

**PRESIDENT BELITTLE HASTY WAR SPI**

apolis, Md.—President W special interest in closing of the naval academy class by his declaration young men of the navy shoul to fight for the public wel not merely on the drop of a open some slight punctillo." of the "flag incident" at and its subsequent disap from the discussion of Me this reference to punctil short of being a caus ated with smiles and kno

the president also told the y that the boys dow Cruz would leave as their impression on the peopl the fact of their self-co the way they fought.

great crowd of 5000 perso cadets and relatives of the graduates, filled

**Found Against Plum**

Moines.—Indictments wer against 36 officials and of the National Associat Plumbers and officials of organizations in Illinois, Wisco Minnesota, Missouri, and Iowa by the federal The indictments charge in restraint of trade in of the Sherman anti-trust specifically alleged that the Association of Master Plum been operating in violation of since its organization in 188

**10,000 Workmen Strike**

Pittsburg.—Ten thousand wor employed by the Westinghouse l to the plant of the Westing Electric & Manufacturing com Westinghouse Machine com the Pittsburg Meter com