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INSURGENCY.

Victor Murdock, insurgent congressman from Kansas, tells of the thing that clinched him as being in revolt against present political conditions. He was a new man in congress but an energetic member and he was there to serve his people—no one else. He learned that the government was paying too much to the railroads for the carrying of the mails. Through a close investigation he discovered that the department was using a weighing system adopted in 1873 and that it merely meant the railroads were getting \$5,000,000 per annum more than they should get. He figured that all told the roads had been overpaid to the extent of \$74,000,000.

Murdock took the matter up in the house and quite naturally expected to correct the abuse. He got the matter well started and had the subject under consideration by the proper committee and was in line to succeed. But just at that stage of the game word came from somewhere to the committee chairman that the postal charges must remain as they were. So the chairman reversed his former position, turned the proposition down and the house endorsed his report. It was then that Murdock became a revolutionist. He saw the domination of machine politics and decided he would either have to resign his seat in congress or get in and fight the system. He took the latter course and has been an influential and aggressive member of the insurgent brigade in the lower house.

Other insurgents have had their convictions firmly moulded through just such experiences as befell Murdock. There are those who start forth as mildly insurgent. They are republicans or democrats who believe in honest government and the square deal, but are not very brash about declaring themselves. But they find out very shortly that those on the other side of the game are not at all modest in their demands or scrupulous as to methods. They find that big business concerns break laws and resorts to improper influence and actual corruption to sustain their ends. They find that our government is in reality a plutocracy and by no means a "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

The most significant thing about the insurgent move is that the principal insurgents are big men who have been up against the game at close range. Roosevelt, La Follette, Cummins, Pinchot, Murdock, Garfield and a host of others who have been in high places constitute the chief leaders

of the insurgent or progressive cause. It is noteworthy that those men seem more pronounced and radical in their views than the average insurgent voter. It is because they have looked upon the "system" at close range and know what it is.—East Oregonian.

President Taft has swung round the circuit and passed on pretty much the same as Brook's comet is doing. Just what good such visits do a community is pretty hard to discover whether it is the comet or the President which passes by, as the former does not stop to tell its business and the latter has not time to tell when he does stop, and probably would not do so if he had time. If such visits were of sufficient length he might get acquainted with the country and its needs, but from their ephemeral nature it looks like a junketing expedition to size up political chances for a second term as chief executive of the nation.

The baseball season is closing and Oregonians generally are manifesting interest in the National game, the interest being intensified by the close struggle that has taken place for the penant and slight lead of the Oregon players. Some two months back Big Jim Jeffries made the prediction that the Vernon team would forge to the front and win the penant. Well, that team fought good and hard for the bit of cloth but Jeffries judgment is proving about as good in this instance as it was when he went up against Jack Johnson.

Girl Wanted.

Backward, turn backward, Oh Time in your flight, and give us a maiden dressed proper and right; we are so weary of switches and rats, Billy Burke clusters and peach basket hats. Wads of jute hair in a horrible pile, stacked on their head to the height of a mile. Something is wrong with the maidens, we fear. Give us the girls as they used to appear. Give us the girlies we once knew of yore, whose curls did not come from the store. Maidens who dressed with a sensible view, just as dame Nature intended them to. Give us a girl with a figure her own, and fashioned divinely by nature alone. Feminine styles getting fiercer each year, Oh give us the girls as they used to appear.—Ex.

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A Clew.

"My husband is missing!" declared the stern faced woman, marching into the police station.
"Indeed?"
"Yes, indeed. He's been missing since yesterday. Don't stand staring—make a note of it. Since yesterday, I say!"
"I'm sorry, ma'am."
"When I want your sympathy I'll ask for it. Till then be good enough to keep your mouth shut. Now, where is my husband?"
"How should I know?"
"You ought to know. What are you paid for? Where is he? Have you no clews?"
"Well, ma'am, I have"—
"Have you any clews—yes or no, quickly."
"Yes, ma'am, I think I have one."
"Out with it! What is it? Come; don't keep me waiting!"
"Well, ma'am, I think I—I think I know why your husband left home!"

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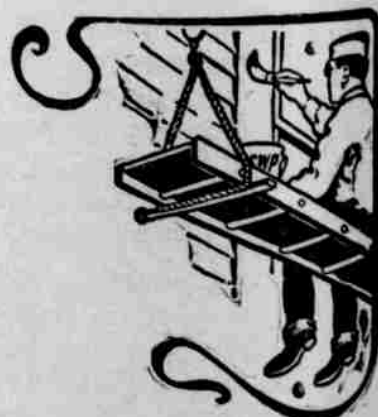
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