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SMOOTHING THE WAY.

The Outlook, an Eastern magazine, is smoothing the way for T. R. Roosevelt to accept the nomination for a third term, and, owing to the colonel's connection with the Outlook, it is thought to be significant of the ex-president's inclination toward another season in the executive mansion.

It says in part:

"Those thinking it unsafe, to elect a president for a third term, should recall the fact that objections to a third term were formulated against a third consecutive term."

We would consider an excuse of that nature a real take-in, a subterfuge, but perhaps anything will answer to ease a person down from a statement they do not wish to stand by.

The magazine concludes the discussion as follows:

"The situation can perhaps be made clearer by following a homely illustration; when a man says at breakfast, 'No thank you I won't take any more coffee,' it does not mean that he won't take any more coffee tomorrow, next week or next year."

The people of Redding, California, are up in arms because one of their light and power corporations has absorbed the other and they are now charged double the rate they paid before. It is the old story of combination—one company "selling out" to the other and taking stock in the consolidating concern for its pay—while the dear people pay the fiddler.—Ashland Record.

Commenting on Mr. LaFollette's illness Colonel Roosevelt said the progressive movement is greater than any individual; which carries the suggestion that what the Colonel meant to say was: There is another individual in the movement.—Telegram.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Last Saturday night the High School Basket Ball team met and defeated the Chemawa Second team 40 to 14. Following the game the faculty, members of the board and the home team were entertained at a very delightful banquet, given in their honor by Mr. Sickafoose.

There was much secret discussion among the Freshies, supposedly concerning Washington's birthday. Wonder if the little ones were planning a program in honor of the Father of our country?

C. L. Starr, our former county school superintendent, visited us Monday.

Thursday being Washington's birthday school was dismissed.

The High school was honored by a visit from Mr. Ostrom last week. We are glad to see the interest manifested by the citi-

zens in our work.

The two societies of the High School, the Laurean and the Philomathean held their weekly meeting last Friday afternoon and installed the new officers for the coming semester. The following program will be rendered this afternoon by the members of the Philomathean society: Vocal Solo, Oma Beckley; Reading Zaidee Putman; Jokes, Reta Marks; Piano Duet, Belle Rogers, Maude Beckley; Farce, Nellie Shew, Velma Heffley, Marie Morlan, Ranie Burkhead, Stella Hoan, Gladys Thompson, Mildred Force, Robert Thompson; Song, Society.

Jean McInturff, a former student of the H. S., was visiting school Thursday. She is now a Junior in the Salem High School.

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A Hunt For a Will

By JOEL R. WITHERS

Hearing that there would be an auction sale of furniture in a dwelling house the owner of which had recently died and that among the lot were some rare old pieces, I determined to attend the sale. This was because of a fancy I had for such things and not because I could afford to possess them, for I was poor. I went to the sale to see the

articles, not to buy any of them.

Among those present was a girl who watched the proceedings with an interest very different from the rest. She attracted me so far that I forgot the rarities in her. It seemed to me that she was waiting and watching for some particular thing to be put up for sale. It came at last. A desk perhaps a hundred years old made of rosewood and handsomely inlaid was pulled forward where all could see it, and the bidding commenced.

Some one made a beginning by offering \$20. The girl I have mentioned bid twenty-two. Another bid of twenty-five followed. A number of persons seemed to want the desk, and it was run up to a hundred dollars, when the girl ceased to bid. I cannot forget the look of disappointment, almost of despair, with which she gave up her effort to possess it. Why it was so desirable to her I could only conjecture. She did not appear to be a person who could afford luxuries, so I concluded that between her and the desk there must be some association. Perhaps it had belonged to one near and dear to her.

I had been saving in a small way and had \$300 in bank. I determined to bid as high as what I thought the desk would bring in case I wished to sell it again and offered \$110. My bids were raised till I finally offered \$200, when the others dropped out and I secured the desk.

Turning to the girl who had been so interested in it, I told her that I didn't need it and if at any time she wished to possess it and had the means to pay for it I would be happy to sell it to her for what I had paid. In reply to this she asked me if I would permit her to make a thorough examination of the desk for something she thought might be concealed in it. I gave her the address to which it would be taken and told her that she might call the next afternoon.

As soon as I got the desk I opened every drawer, searched every pigeon-hole, rapped my hand in every receptacle it possessed. It had evidently been thoroughly cleaned out, for I could not find a scrap of paper. The same afternoon the girl came, and as soon as I showed her the desk she began to press her fingers on every part of it.

"Oh," I said, "you are looking for a secret drawer."

"I am."

At this I joined my efforts to hers, but without avail. I not only pressed with my thumb, but with a little hammer, tapping continuously for half an hour. Nothing came of it. Then I invited the girl to tell me what she was looking for. She said that the house and furniture belonged to her mother's brother, who had died childless. He had always liked her and had once said to her, "I'll fix you some day." He had died without a will. There were a great many heirs-at-law to the estate, and she, not being a blood relative, would get nothing. She was not strong and could not very well earn a living by working like other girls. In fact, she had tried to do so, but had been obliged to give it up. Her uncle had once showed her this desk and told her that he kept in it his most important papers. It had not occurred to her that he meant her to take note of what he said till after his death, when no will was found.

I would have knocked the desk to pieces, but could not afford to lose the money I had put into it, and the girl had no means of her own to pay for it. She went away very much disappointed. I took her name and address and told her that I would do some more hunting and if anything was discovered would let her know of it. But this was simply to break her disappointment, for we had made a thorough search.

A month passed, during which I thought a good deal of the matter and tried to locate a space capable of holding a secret drawer, but I could not tell with certainty without taking the desk apart. My taste for old furniture led me to read any book I could find on the subject, and in one of them I saw it stated that some secret drawers in desks made during the eighteenth century had been of metal instead of wood.

Then an idea occurred to me. Among my odds and ends was a pocket compass. I took it to the desk and held it near where a drawer would likely be if at all. I had not gone very far before I got a deflection of the needle. Moving it about near this point, I at last came to a place where there was the greatest deflection. With my knife I ripped off a strip of veneering and uncovered a round button the size of the tip of my finger. Out popped a steel drawer about ten inches long, but not over an inch square. There was a rolled paper in it, which I removed and found to be a will. Unfolding it, I saw that the entire estate bequeathed by it was to be given to the girl whose name and address I had.

There is a sequel to this story, but the subject matter of that is a love affair.

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