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UNDIGNIFIED CONTENTION

Just now the American public is being treated to the spectacle of a squabble, between two of its most honored sons, as to which shall have succeeding honors for the highest gift in the hands of the people. It might not appear so heinous were it only a home spectacle, but the world is the audience before whom these men are making a "show" of themselves, and not a very dignified one either.

These men are applying charges each against the other which are not complimentary, neither is the language, nor the manner in which it is used suggestive of the polished statesman, true and good, but it is more like a couple of selfish boys quarreling over something that each desires without regard to the other, or to their own merits. The spirit which is abetting these two men in their strife is the same one which enters into the strikes, lockouts and labor and capital troubles, generally, and is only a few degrees removed from the dynamiting class and, hence, should be looked upon with disgust, and the men made to feel the weight of public censure by their retirement.

The office to which they aspire is a dignified position and one in which great good can be accomplished, or great evil can ensue, and it should only be bestowed upon great and good men, those who are not hunting eminence for themselves but who seek it because of the good they can do and are desirous of doing for the welfare of the people, such only are worthy to lead this great nation and enforce its laws.

But take those who are striving for the presidency as are Roosevelt and Taft, to the extent that their selfishness shines out through their actions, and what guarantee have we that they will not use this high position to their own exaltation and not for the benefit of the nation.

The HERALD is independent so far as politics are concerned and believes that where men who have been so intimate and closely associated as have been Ex-president Roosevelt and President Taft, fall out and make damaging charges against each other, that neither are ideal nor safe statesmen to place at the head of this great nation.

TALKING PICTURES

Quite a large following, of the citizens of Monmouth, were in attendance at the moving picture show, Saturday night, to hear the pictures talk.

As a matter of fact the pictures did not talk, but the delusion in some instances, was so exact as to appear that the talking or music actually came from

the lips of the pictures thrown upon the screen. This was especially true of those represented as whistling and dancing.

While we are so constituted that we do not take as much interest in the pictures as many others, yet, we like to keep in touch with the march of progress, and when we think of the wonderful exactness which science has exercised in bringing together the rhythm of the music and the moving figure in the picture we are led to wonder how much more the mysterious fountain of knowledge will yield up to the inquiring mind of man.

While much has been done to bring the talking machine to perfection, there yet remains one of the barriers to success to be overcome, and that is, the metallic sound which very often grates harshly upon the ear of the listener. When this defect is remedied the machine will be very nearly perfect.

Reforming the Presidency

According to the Portland Journal there is a movement on foot to have a plank inserted in this year's platform of the republican party providing for the following:

1 The term is extended to six years.

2 No person who has been president shall be eligible for re-election.

3 No nomination for a president or vice-president shall be made prior to the election of members of the electoral college.

4 Presidential electors are to be chosen, one from each congressional district by direct vote of the people.

The president of the senate shall exercise the ministerial function of opening and counting the votes of the college.

Commenting on the scheme the Journal offers the following:

"We have the present spectacle of a president of the United States and the only living ex-president of the United States rushing around, personally scouring the country in an undignified scramble for votes. The only two living men who have reached the summit of official position in the greatest nation on the globe are making stumpy speeches in which, with only a beginning of the campaign made they are hurling at each other charges, countercharges, insinuations and innuendo, and resorting to methods that ill fit the most exalted office in the world.

"Those who are agitating a change in the presidential tenure have, in the present extraordinary situation, mighty arguments for their plans.

"The fathers never intended the presidency to be a prize for which a president and ex-president should "slug each other over the ropes."—East Oregon.

White Africans.

That race in northern Africa known as the Berbers is white, and if they dressed like our own people and had the habits of Americans or Europeans they could easily pass for such. The Berbers are believed to be descendants of the white inhabitants of ancient Europe. They are Mohammedans. Blue eyes, fair hair and rosy cheeks are quite common among them, and many of the women are strikingly handsome.—Harper's Weekly.

THE MUMMY'S REVENGE.

Punished the Man Who Cast Reflections Upon Its Beauty.

A correspondent of the Egyptian Gazette relates a strange adventure that happened to him. He visited the Cairo museum, accompanied by a friend, and in the course of his inspection came across the mummy of Ahmose I. in the case not far from the jewel room.

He turned to his companion and made some remark about the extreme ugliness of the mummy's face. No sooner had he made that remark than he was overcome with a feeling of suffocation as if a cord was being tightened around his neck. The feeling lasted for about a minute and then gradually began to pass away.

The correspondent adds that he and his fellow traveler were considerably shaken by the incident, which was all the more extraordinary in that he had never had a day's illness in his life.

Doubtless scientists and medical men will have their theory for this incident, but all the same it has an uncanny flavor. There is indeed a popular superstition, whether fathered by the dragomans in order to mystify and overawe tourists one cannot say, that the mummies still retain the powers of wizardry which in the fullness of their life they were credited with possessing. As a result many folk absolutely decline to look at the mummified remains of Egypt's ancient kings, as they aver the spirits of those personages will wreak their vengeance on them for their profane gaze.

I personally know level headed, rational residents who, fascinated by the Sphinx, can stand and look at it for an hour on end, but who would go in mortal terror of their lives if they were in its presence to let fall any personal remark about its ugliness or dilapidated condition.

It is said that superstition is dying out in this age of civilization, but in the land of the Pharaohs it is still as alive as ever. Incidents like the one above serve to keep it well alive.—Cairo Cor. London Standard.

No. 10,071

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

At Monmouth, in the State of Oregon at the close of business, Apr., 18th, 1912.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 97,311.55
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	730.85
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	15,000.00
Other bonds to secure Postal Savings	2,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	45,409.76
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	11,000.00
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks	6,565.99
Due from approved reserve agents	42,048.51
Checks and other cash items	425.51
Notes of other National Banks	110.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	300.84
Specie	18,862.45
Legal-tender notes	18,862.45
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	750.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	300.00
TOTAL	\$241,804.49

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	30,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,499.06
National Bank Notes outstanding	14,490.00
Dividends unpaid	—
Individual deposits subject to check	143,419.62
Demand certificates of deposit	1,102.06
Time certificates of deposit	47,635.15
Certified checks	25.25
Cashier's checks outstanding	146.75
U. S. Deposits Postal Savings	1,325.60
Liabilities other than those stated	—
TOTAL	\$241,804.49

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County of Polk,)

I, Ira C. Powell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRA C. POWELL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of April, 1912.

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