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## THE KNOCKER

The "Knocker" is a personage frequently met with, as each city, town, village or hamlet usually affords its specimen, and sometimes several of them. The knocker, outside of knocking is not confined to any one occupation nor profession, as this class is associated in all the walks of life.

To look at him he is not different from other human beings, and you would not recognize him were you to meet him with only a passing greeting. But engage him with a desire to learn the beauty of his town or neighborhood, its advantages, prospects, social conditions, etc., and you will soon recognize him as a knocker, else you will think his locality a very undesirable place to live in and wonder why he don't move out.

The knocker is generally an all-round hand at the business and will knock anything from his native city to a man's, or woman's, good character, when an occasion presents, and being of a jealous as well as a zealous nature, his big hammer is always ready. No sooner are the good characteristics of a place or person extolled than he is ready to deal out his blighting influence by picking out flaws, fancied or real to the disparagement of the place or party praised.

As said before he may follow any profession or avocation, and he will knock anything that offers itself as a mark to his poisoned conception, although the thing that excites his jealous nature may be only an exaggeration of his morbid imagination. These creatures follow all kinds of professions and not infrequently climb into places of responsibility where they exercise great influence.

One of the most prominent types of this class is the partisan knocker who busies himself in disparaging the characters of political opponents whom he fears may become too popular to suit his purposes. There are several bright marks in the political arena, at present, and the knockers are working diligently. Secretary Bryan seems a good target, his "grape-juice" policy versus wine, being used as a reason for attack. We presume that when Abraham Lincoln refused to set wines and liquors before the delegation who notified him of his nomination for the presidency of the United States, that the knocker had his hammer ready. We know that he busied himself with Mr. Lincoln until long after that gentleman's clay had returned to dust, his untimely death being the result of knockers' plotting.

We should honor the men and women who do their best, give praise instead of blame, and when their way is rough and rugged, lend a helping hand.



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SUPERB STATUARY FOR PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

**T**HE illustration above shows some of the colossal works of sculpture to be set in the vast courts of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. At the left are figures of a Tibetan Lama and an Arab Sheik which will be in the group "Nations of the East," over the Arch of the Rising Sun in the Court of the Sun and Stars; next is "Sunshine," and at the right is "Rain." A. Jaegers, Furio Piccirilli and A. Stirling Calder are the sculptors.

### Those Who Do Right Take Chances

As a witness yesterday before District Attorney Whitman's investigation in the New York state highway graft from Governor Sulzer gave the reasons why he came to be attacked by Murphy. It was because he had refused to appoint James E. Gaffney commissioner of highways.

According to Sulzer's sworn statement he declined to appoint Gaffney after a conference with Senator O'Gorman. From the senator the governor learned that Gaffney was Murphy's chief "bugman," that as such he had attempted to hold up a state highway contractor for \$100,000 and that the appointment of Gaffney would have been a disgrace to New York.

For his refusal to appoint Gaffney trouble broke out between Murphy and Sulzer. It resulted in the impeachment of Sulzer by a legislature that was entirely under the thumb of the boss. The impeachment came after Sulzer had been acquitted of all the serious charges that had been made against him. It was a legal lynching and was pulled off because Sulzer had sufficient nerve to decline to make an appointment that in his view would have been disgraceful.

Yet throughout the Sulzer trial the bulk of the press took every opportunity to denounce the governor and to give tacit approval to Murphy. Sulzer was blackjacked as was never a governor anywhere before him and his virtue was his only crime.

Is it any wonder that political independence is such a scarce article? Is it any wonder good men shun office as they would a plague?—East Oregonian.

### A Big Steer

Through the kindness of Mr. Frank Hill, of Orillia, we have before us a copy of the Birmingham, England, Daily Mail, which gives an account of the giant fat steer Pat, which has been shown at county fairs about England.

This steer would show American farmers that they don't raise all the big animals. Pat weighs 214 stone or 2998 pounds. The paper also tells of some potatoes which weighed seven pounds. There are some good farmers over there all right.—Kent Journal.

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## NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

### Court House Notes.

#### REAL ESTATE

Charles A Robertson to Harry O Fawcett, lot in Kingwood Park, \$10.

Jessie Hill to G H Robbins and wife, .08 of an acre, t s r 5 w, \$10.

James P Anderson and wife to C E Dodson, lot in Independence, \$100.

Virginia A McDaniel to State of Oregon, 120 acres, t 7 s, r 6 w, \$240.

W P Mars and wife to H A Beckwith, lot in Dallas, \$1.

Haris Ladstock to Anne Ladstock, 10 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$1.

I R Gillihen to Mary E Gillihen, in Independence, \$1.

Clarence E Kurre and wife to A M Bingham, lots in Independence, \$1500.

J G McIntosh and wife to Lillie Mae Rickman, Thorps, Independence, \$550.

C L Crider and wife to Jesse A Barham et al, lot in Dallas, \$10.

Harbor Sound Inv Co to Frank Holm, lot in Blue Ribbon, Oregon, tract, \$10.

W H McCarty to Margaret McCarty, 1365 acres in t 8 s, r 8 w, \$1.

J L Murdock and wife to Martha L Chapman, lots in Monmouth, \$100.

Mary E Brown to James Ross and wife, tract in Dallas, \$25.

J L Hanna et al to A L Sperling and wife, lot in Independence, \$1.

Thomas D McCain and wife to Ann M Donaldson, lots in Buena Vista, \$250.

E P Sine to Calvin D Eppley, Hartley & Craig Fruit Farms, \$10.

Amos H Holman to Arthur G Cutler, lots in Dallas, \$8001.

F W Waters and wife to Louisa Thomas, lot in West Salem, \$10.

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I am in touch with many prospective buyers and traders. Consult me. I have lands that can be bought or traded almost anywhere you desire it.

### Washington Lands

80 acres, 9 miles north of Goldendale, 12 acres cleared, mostly in apples, 60 acres good land, balance rocky; good house and barn.

320 acres, 3 miles from Centerville, prairie land, 225 acres under plow, part of land is second swale, part of uncultivated land can be plowed, the balance is pasture land; hog-tight fences, mostly new; well, springs, windmill and tank, house, new barn and other buildings. Owner does not need cash and has farm machinery to sell on reasonable terms.

120 acres, 10 miles north of Goldendale, 8 acres under plow, 16 acres slashed and burned. 200 to 225 bearing fruit trees. 300 more two year old apples. All good land and lies nearly level. Irrigating ditch and good creek. There are 1000 cords of wood standing. Large 7 room house, barn. Price \$6,000, mortgage of \$600. Will trade for improved ranch of equal value.

The timber soil is volcanic ash and red shot, and it is suitable for all kinds of fruit, berries, alfalfa, grain, potatoes, etc.

Land is easily cleared, as the timber is scattering, in some cases the timber will pay for the cost of clearing, and an average cost is \$25 per acre.

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