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Lack of interest continues to characterize the presidential campaign. With the eventful day a little more than three weeks away, campaign managers are declaring that a lack of spellbinders is one of the causes. The brass bands, the partisan speeches, the torchlight parades and street arguments are not in evidence. Indifference, or a very mild interest, is quite generally apparent.

The main reason that national baseball has for years been a favorite sport is that there has been a general belief that it has been played on the square, as well as on the diamond. The disclosures over last year's world series came as a jolt to the fans. For a time, at least, there will be skepticism over the honesty of players. Truly, a few crooks are able to cause a lot of trouble.

November 11 has been proclaimed a legal holiday in the state of Washington. This was done in recognition of three noteworthy events: Washington was admitted as a state to the union November 11, 1889; actual hostilities ceased in the great war November 11, 1918, and one year later, on November 11, occurred the Centralia massacre.

Gilliam is one county in Oregon where there is some real live interest in politics. It is not, however, over the question of whether Senator Harding or Governor Cox is going to occupy the white house. It's the selection of a county school superintendent. Three women are seeking the office—and all are out to win. This will give the election a personal touch which will at least kick old General Apathy to one side.

Oregon Normal School officials have clearly demonstrated that where there is a will there is a way. It was their belief that it was possible to successfully have a symphony concert by a company of musicians of national renown. They sensed that it would be an undertaking of no small proportions, yet confident that such an attraction would appeal strongly to all music lovers—and this, of course, includes everybody—they shouldered the responsibility. The result was gratifying, to say the least. The concert was a thrilling, delightful affair, and from a financial standpoint more than expectations were realized. It is very rare, indeed, for a concert company of the size and standing of the Minneapolis company to give a program in cities of the size of Monmouth. The way is paved—not the highway—and it is probable that similar high-class entertainments will be provided occasionally in the future.

It is apparent that there has been no needless delay in the trials of the five men charged with the slaying of Til D. Taylor, sheriff of Umatilla county. Of the five who planned the murder, one has been sentenced to be hanged; two have been given life imprisonment terms and the other two have been found guilty of murder in the first degree, with no recommendation by the jury of court clemency, hence it is probable that they will be sentenced today to be hanged. No sympathy is being wasted over these men. They deliberately murdered a man who had won state-wide admiration for his fearlessness and yet without brutality in handling "bad men." When they planned the affair they were aware of the penalty for such deeds, without a question of doubt. Cowardly at heart, as all bad men must be, their declaration that they would shoot their way out of jail if necessary and the eventual enactment of the deed has taken from them the sympathy which is ordinarily extended to the unfortunate. While there is a grave question in the minds of many as to whether capital punishment is justifiable, it is deeds of this kind which has made a majority of the people of the state in favor of it.

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The teletype is a simple, compact instrument which prints the messages on a strip of paper one-half inch wide, similar to the ordinary ticker "tape."

Its inventors assert it will operate for long periods without adjustment or attention beyond supplying it with paper and ink. It is said to be so simple it can be operated by any one with an elementary knowledge of electricity and mechanics.

Any reasonable number of receiving stations may receive news by its use from one central transmitting station. These may either be connected all on one wire or a number of wires radiating from a central station may be used.

The same principle is used in the teletype as in the simple Morse telegraph, only by omitting a series of clicks the movement of the keys causes the machine at the other end of the wire to print proper letters. Instead of sending out dots and dashes, which require skill and training in transmission, the operator merely presses a typewriter key and the receiving machine prints the required letter.

A small motor, such as is used to supply power for many modern office appliances, operates the teletype. The rolls of "tape" on which the news is printed are large enough to receive from 15,000 to 16,000 words before replacement.

Flattery.

It is impossible to tell the whole truth to an average human being and still to remain on terms of friendship with him. There is little friendship without make-believe. If two men are close friends, you may take it that they have been pretending to a considerably higher estimate of each other than they would set down in a perfectly honest diary.

It is not necessary that they should deliberately lie to one another, but they must discreetly conceal a certain amount of the criticism that is going on all the time behind the bones of their skulls.

What is said in a spirit of truth is set down to malice. Can a man be your friend if he steals the crown from your head? Can he be your friend even if he steals a single jewel from your crown—especially the paste jewel? We have all—the greatest and the meanest of us—paste jewels in our crowns. Will a true friend point them out to a world that is already overmuch inclined to scoff? Or will he not rather organize a clique that will pretend to be dazzled by diamonds?

Man is not only a realist. He is also a lover of romance. He dreams of what he would be quite as often as he deplores what he is. He cannot help being attracted by people who make his dream appear true. There are some men who are such intense egoists that they can believe in the truth of their dreams without any assistance from other people. Southey agreed that his "Madoc" was "the best English poem since 'Paradise Lost.'" There was no need to tell him so; he knew it already.—New Statesman, London.

Unconquerable Souls.

The soldier who sent his people the tunic he had worn in battle and wrote from the hospital, "You will observe that there are nine bullet holes in it, but I was awfully lucky, only five of 'em hit me," has a rival in an Ohio boy of nine, whose cheerful acceptance of the "bludgeonings of chance" are thus instanced:

"My life has been a very lucky one," he wrote in a "composition." "When I was three years old I fell downstairs and cut my head. When I was five years old I was looking at some hens and a dog bit my leg.

"When I was eight I went with my brother in a carriage, and the horse fell and threw us out of the carriage; my brother lit on his feet and I lit on the horse's back.

"Last year I was playing and ran into a wagon and cut my eyebrow, and it has left a mark.

"One day I went into a slaughter house in Chicago and a big sheep ran after me and knocked me down and broke my arm.

"I have had a very happy life."

The Lure of Fame.

"What makes you keep to your nefarious trade after so many promises to reform?"

"Well," answered Bill the Burg, "I never had no education much; an' at the same time I'm jes' as anxious as anybody fur a little intellectual recognition. I keep thinkin' that if I stick at it a while longer maybe I'll be wrote up in all the papers as a 'master mind.'"—Washington Star.

Knew Him.

"Huh! Just look at Bilkins—heels over head in debt again."

"Why, he looks mighty prosperous—driving a new car and dressed up like a show window."

"Yes—that's why I know."

New Harbor for Tokyo.

Japan plans to spend enormous sums during the next few years in the construction of a deep sea harbor for

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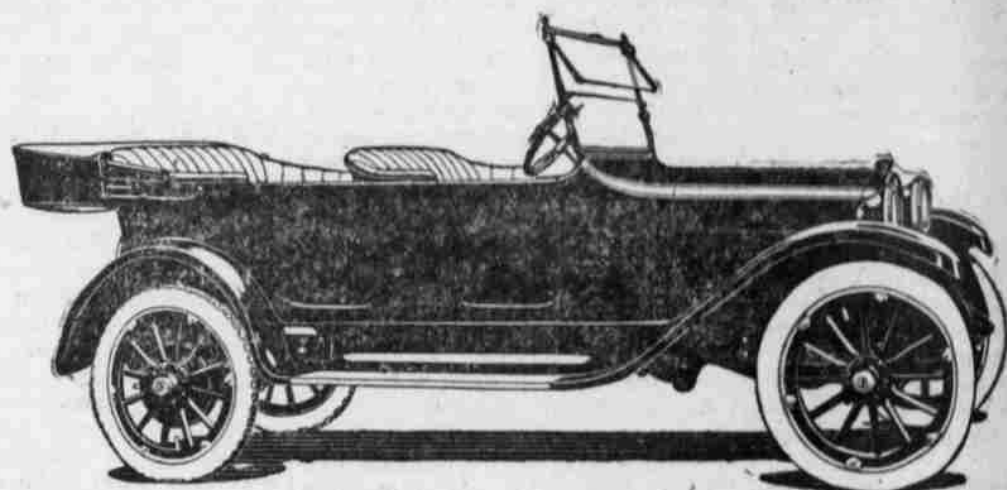
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