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Today's Elections

Today elections are being held in 42 states and three territories. Oregon, Maine and Vermont have already elected state officers and members of the Sixtieth congress. In 24 of the states a governor and other state officers, in 20 of them also, a legislature; in 10 minor state officers or justices of the supreme court; in two, congressmen and a legislature, and in seven, congressmen only are to be elected. Oklahoma is to vote on a state constitution, and Arizona and New Mexico on joint statehood.

The terms of 30 United States senators—15 Democrats and 15 Republicans—expire March 1, 1917. Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky and Arkansas have already selected Democrats and Georgia has a legislature which will elect another while Maine and Oregon have legislatures which insure the return of Republicans. Of the 21 states in which it is to be chosen today a legislature that will elect United States senators 14 are now represented in the senate by Republicans and 7 by Democrats.

A national house of representatives is to be elected—the Sixtieth congress with 386 members. The present house is composed of 250 Republicans and 136 Democrats. Maine has already elected four Republicans, Oregon, two, and Vermont two.

There is fusion on two state tickets—the Democratic-Populist in Nebraska and South Carolina. Pennsylvania leads this year with the greatest number of state tickets—12. Parties are numerous, those having tickets in the field being the Independence League, Citizens', Commonwealth, City, Reform, Jefferson, American, Anti-administration and Lincoln Republican. Six of them, however, are confined to Pennsylvania.

The Socialists have tickets in 25 states, the Prohibitionists in 23, Socialist Labor in seven, Populists or Peoples' in three, while the public ownership has a ticket in one state.

The Democratic candidate for state treasurer of Oregon at the last election pledged himself to forego taking any interest off state funds held on deposit, and content himself with the \$4500 a year salary. The promise did not help him any with the voters, although the Republican candidate preserved an ominous silence. It will be interesting to note how M. Steel, the new treasurer to take office when the legislature meets, will look upon this question. It is a very simple sum in mathematics that the state treasurer could pocket off the low estimate of \$200,000 on deposit in the banks \$40,000 a year on a two per cent agreement. That interest on state deposits is what makes such an intense scramble for the office. There should be some way for the state or county to get interest on funds held on deposit against the day they may be required.

Rabbi Wise, at New York, says President Roosevelt scorns consequences. Exactly. No other president has had the temerity to send his cabinet officers over the country with word that he, the president, desired a party victory. Theodore

Roosevelt is president of the whole country—he should be big enough to keep his hands off state elections, where the issues usually have little to do with national politics, are local both as to men and measures. By the way, they tried that on Oregon the president was anxious that Withycombe should be elected. And the people elected Chamberlain.

The usual thing where several parties are concerned in wrong doing has happened at San Francisco, one of the corrupt board of supervisors confessing the graft and manner of robbery. It is all very well for the parties interested in such doing so long as they have a prosperous time, but let adversity come the temptation to run to cover is great. Self protection is the first law of nature.

Occasionally it pays to meet the demands of the blackmailer. For instance Francisco Messina, a prosperous New York tailor, refused to pay \$400 demanded by the Italian Black Hand Society. A dynamite bomb was thrown against the front door of the tenement house in which he lives and conducts business with \$8000 resultant damages.

The moving picture show of the Nelson-Gans fight refused to work after the thirteenth round at Portland the other night when the spectators were refunded their money. That is often the way with the prizefight itself, except we never heard of any admission money being refunded no matter how rank a fake it proved to be.

Law has delays in other counties than Lane and other states than Oregon. Harry Thaw, millionaire murderer of Stanford White at New York last June, is just about to be put on trial. That will be more than four months after the killing. Too much delay.

The Albany Daily Herald is out in a new form, small pages and many of them. We don't like it—the publishers will agree with us in a short time. The Herald, however, has been greatly improved in many ways.

Some of the Republican papers of the state are opposing Bourne's election to the senate by the coming legislature. Looks like a concerted attempt to take Jonathan's barrel again.

You will be able to find out about the election tonight by coming to the office tonight or call a: up by phone up to midnight. The returns will be posted as fast as the press associations can enter them.

Crops in the most fertile province of China, Kiang-su, have failed and ten million of the twenty-one million of population are face to face with famine.

Current Topics of Interest

Seattle last year led the world in divorces per capita, one in 263 population. New York, which has a decent law, had only one in 4036.

Lane county will have to shirt-waist, says the Albany Democrat. Clackamas county has 75 divorce cases on the circuit court docket.

A railroad from Snake river into the rich and celebrated gold mining camps of Orocopia is the latest report at Baker City.

Following was the order of the popularity of the leading novels of the day during October: Fighting Chance, Coniston, The Tide of Bonquet, the Awakening of Helena Ritchie, Jane Cable and the Treasure of Heaven.

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It Is Safer to Steal Now Than Ever Before

By Rev. MADISON C. PETERS of New York

FAILURES of banks, with millions of cash and securities stolen, are such common occurrences that the daily chronicles no longer startle us. Are we the most dishonest people on the face of the earth? Is our society HOPELESSLY CORRUPT? Steal a dollar and the world will kick you. Steal a million and the world will feel honored by being kicked by you. It is nearly always safe to be a BIG THIEF.

Felony is felony, whether committed by a bank president or a bank burglar. It is high time that we look upon these financial crimes as high treason against public property and PUBLIC MORALITY. The high social standing and influential family relations of these scoundrels only AGGRAVATE their crimes.

I have kept in close touch with public affairs in this city for twenty years, and I do not hesitate to say that in all that time it was NEVER SO SAFE AS TODAY to be a big thief.

THE MACHINERY OF THE LAW LIES STILL IN POLISHED INACTIVITY, WHILE THE OFFICERS OF THE LAW ARE RESTING AND TALKING.

The love of display, of luxury, of rivalry in family and social life is tempting many men to steal. THE MOST FRUITFUL SOURCE of temptation and disaster is the attempt to lead \$50,000 existences on \$10,000 incomes.

THE GIRL OPPOSITE

We were both staying at the same summer resort in the mountains, she at the hotel opposite mine. I never tired of looking at her and wondering about her. She was quaint, and when I have said that I have said all I can say by way of description. I fancied her an embryo actress or one ambitious to be an actress. Then I put her down as a would-be scribbler, one who would, if she could, write stories of the Outlaw kind. Whatever I thought her, I never attributed to her anything commonplace.

Her room fronted mine. Before appearing dressed for the afternoon and evening she would stand before her mirror combing her hair. And such hair! It was ravishing. Its depth and length were only to be compared to a high catarract. On one occasion when she was walking from the window I saw that it swept the floor. Every afternoon at 5 I would take my position at my window, close the blind so as not to be observed and watch through the slats for her to display her magnificent tresses.

One evening, returning from a walk in the mountains, I passed the Devil's well. A stream tumbled over a ledge, and beneath was a basin which small boys said had no bottom. It was the well. As I approached a woman came from beside it, and through the dusk I recognized "the girl opposite." She was alone and a long way from the village.

"You are out late," I said, "for a woman. Aren't you afraid?" "The place fascinates me," she replied, with a gasp. "I was dreaming. Is it very late?"

"Eight o'clock, and the twilight is not so long as it was earlier in the summer."

"You are a gentleman; I know you are. There is a freemasonry between ladies and gentlemen which circumstances cannot do away with. I'm sure I can trust you to take me to the hotel."

"You may, certainly." She put her arm through mine, clinging to me as though frightened at the loneliness of the place. We walked between towering rocks and along the margin of the stream, which now boiled and bubbled and now resolved itself into little lagoons. Coming to a bridge under which it flowed, she stopped and leaned on the rail, but not releasing her hold on my arm. The full moon shone through the narrow gorge, the beetling crags standing out in bold silhouette on either side.

"Isn't it beautiful?" she said, turning her face to mine.

The moonlight softened her complexion. It lighted her eyes. Her lips were in close proximity to mine. What could I do? What did I do? I kissed them.

"What have you done?" she asked. "I have trusted to your honor, and you have taken advantage of a poor girl in this lonely spot."

"Forgive me," I said. "The temptation was too much for me. I will not offend again."

We walked on. Not for a moment did she cease to cling to me, leaning more and more upon me as we proceeded. She seemed tired, for, though I bore a great deal of the weight, I could not get her on except at a snail's pace. Every now and again, when we reached a spot where the stream wound far below us and the face of the rock shot up far above us, she would pause and, leaning on a guard rail, look out upon the moonlit scene, apparently forgetful of the hour or her distance from her hotel. And I, too, was forgetful. I forgot more than once that I was a gentleman with a lady under my protection, and a kiss was the result of each failure to remember.

Was it the wildness of the place or the girl that cast a spell over me? At any rate I was bewitched. It was near midnight when we reached her hotel and stood in a dark corner of the piazza, I holding her hand and pouring forth a torrent of words, every one glowing with love. Then after a rapturous kiss she stole into the house.

WAS A WEST ACROSS THE FENCE TO MY ROOM.

I caught sight of my face in the mirror. My eyes were as wild as the environs of the Devil's well. My heart was beating like a drum. I wondered if the girl was not a denizen of the spot so aptly named. Was not her stay at the hotel opposite a pretense, her real home at the bottom of the well?

As I looked at my excited image the spell fell away and I cursed myself for a fool. Undressing, I got into bed, leaving open the shutter, and the moon shone through the window. I was again in the gorge. We were standing on the bridge. I was enthralled.

The next morning I fled. Before any of the guests had risen I was on a train steaming for the city. When I reached it I dragged myself into the crowded, dingy street and to the deserted house where I lived. There I struggled till midnight to resist a temptation to go back to my enthrallment.

In a week I was myself again. During the following autumn I was walking down one of the principal streets of a city when I noticed a crowd about a shop window. I paused, and, craning my neck, looked over their heads. Above the entrance was a sign denoting that a marvelous hair restorer was sold within. A woman stood in the window with her back to the spectators combing her hair, which swept the floor. She turned and met the gaze of the crowd with a hardened stare. She was "the girl opposite."

I, too, turned and walked away. EVERETT L. GARDINER.

Another Sullivan in the public eye! James E. Sullivan of New York, the athlete and manager of athletics who was so signally honored by the King of Greece recently for his services in connection with the Olympic games at Athens last spring. Mr. Sullivan, who was a prominent figure in connection with the world's fair at St. Louis where he had charge of the physical culture department, is secretary of the American Athletic union and was American commissioner to the Olympic games. His work in this capacity was so much appreciated that King George started him out for special honor and conferred upon him the golden cross of the Royal Order of the Savoir. The bestowment of this decoration is the exclusive privilege of the king. The Royal Order of the Savoir is the most honorable order to Greece. Its membership includes sovereigns, ambassadors, cabinet ministers and commanding generals.

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