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HOW THE PRESIDENT LEADS.

When the fight of the Insurgent wing of the Republican party broke out Speaker Cannon and Senator Aldrich, who dominate the House and Senate respectively, succeeded in controlling President Taft to the extent of having every item of patronage cut off from the insurgent Republicans.

No Insurgent Senator, of whom there were 11, and no Insurgent Representative, of whom there were about 45, could secure the appointment of a cross-roads postmaster.

During the last few weeks the people have had a say in this matter. They have had a shot at Senator Burrows of Michigan and Senator Hale of Maine, two notorious standpat Republicans and bitter enemies of the Insurgents. The voters have endorsed overwhelmingly LaFollette of Wisconsin, the leading Insurgent of them all, and Poindexter of Washington, scarcely less radical.

Now after the president has cut off patronage from the Insurgents for more than a year, he comes out and announces that hereafter Insurgents shall have all of the pie that can be found and that no discrimination will hereafter be made against them.

President Taft reminds us of a certain perfervid French orator who was addressing a mob that suddenly ran away from him. He followed, crying: "When they run I must go, too, for I am their leader."

County Superintendent Ford calls attention to an error in last week's Bulletin, wherein it was stated that school district divisions were made without notice to the old districts. He says he always requires legal notice to be given in all districts affected, old and new. In justice to Professor Ford and the other members of the Boundary Board this correction is cheerfully made. The statement complained of was based on the practice that prevailed prior to the present administration. Old districts did not then have notice when part of the territory was to be taken for a new district. A particular instance is that of taking the Laidlaw district from the Bend district. The Statute is a little ambiguous and the former Superintendent took the ground that notice to the old district was not required. That this practice had been changed had not previously come to the notice of The Bulletin. It is certainly in line with rational improvement of the public service.

Why do so many disinterested people manifest so much concern, activity and ingenuity to defeat enforcement of the law? Is this an evidence of good citizenship? Is the law a hideous monster which must be crushed at all hazards? Or is it hideous only to some people? And, if so, why?

Might it not be well to have the City Council meetings held in a room which can better accommodate the growing audience? Last night 22 persons were in the Recorder's office—and it seemed a wee bit small.

THE POKER.

Hardly Changed Since the Days of the Early Metal Workers.
 As the first fireplace was a circle of stones at the mouth of a cave, so the first poker was a piece of green stick. It was necessary to have something to knock the logs together with when they began to burn through the middle, and as primitive man did not wear boots he could not use them to kick the hot embers into place, as some of us do to this day. That was a refinement, if it can be so called, which came later. The green stick lasted until the age of iron and was then superseded by a handy piece of metal which possessed the advantage of being stronger and of not burning away. But since the days of the early workers in metal we have made no advance.
 The poker has hardly, if at all,

changed through the ages. It is, as it always has been, simple and severe of outline. It lends itself to no vagaries and to little ornamentation. It is one of the few things which no one has ever patented, because it may be said to have leaped from the first foundry perfect and complete in every respect. The only notable attempt at improvement has been to make the poker of brass with a twisted column, but even then the iron poker lurks at the side and is known as the curata, because it does all the rough work. The ornamental poker is not a poker at all, but a sham, an upstart masquerading under an ancient and honored name and gaining credit for duties which it is unable to perform.—London Globe.

A GREAT BATTLE.

The One Known in History as the "Victory of Victories."
 The battle which is known in history as the "Victory of Victories" took place at Nehavend, in Ecbatana, and was fought between the new Moslem power in 637 and the empire of Persia, then one of the most powerful of the eastern monarchies. It was one of the most absolutely decisive battles in the history of war, and it was all the more amazing by reason of the fact that it was won by a people who twenty years before had been unknown barbarians, lost in the deserts of Arabia.

Arabian historians place the Persian loss in a single day at 100,000 men killed. This may be and probably is an exaggeration, but the fact remains that the Persian dynasty came to an end when the battle was over and that Zoroastrianism, which had been the religion of Persia for over a thousand years, was at once supplanted by Islam. Its modern representatives, as is well known, are now the Parsees of India.

The victory was so absolutely decisive that it extended the Arabian dominions over the whole of the region lying between the Caspian sea and the Indian ocean. With the exception perhaps, of the battle of Tours, no single fight ever made such a difference in the after history of the world.

She Knew the Reason.
 He was smoking and musing over the ways of the world. "Odd, isn't it," he said at last, "how few people attain their ideals in this world?"
 "In what way?" inquired his wife suspiciously, for she was not a woman to be caught off her guard.
 "Well," he replied slowly, "I was



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thinking of Wilmer when I spoke. He had an ideal woman that he was always talking about when he was in college. She was tall and stately in his dreams, and he seemed to have no place in his heart for a small woman, and yet—and yet—

"Well!"
 "Why, he finally married a little thing who hardly comes to his shoulder. I wonder why it was."

"Perhaps, Fred," she said very slowly and distinctly, "he is like the majority of other men and was afraid to take any one of his size."
 He changed the subject.

A Shocking Tree.
 There is a peculiar tree in the forests of central India which has most curious characteristics. The leaves of the tree are of a highly sensitive nature and so full of electricity that whoever touches one of them receives an electric shock. It has a very singular effect upon a magnetic needle and will influence it at a distance of even seventy feet. The electrical strength of the trees varies according to the time of day, it being strongest at midday and weakest at midnight. In wet weather its powers disappear altogether. Birds never approach the tree, nor have insects ever been seen upon it.

Old English Fairs.
 Fairs and fountains were formerly held in churchyards in honor of the saint to whom the church was dedicated. In consequence of these popular gatherings being much abused they had to be suppressed in the thirteenth year of the reign of King Edward III., as appears by the following extract, quoted by Spelman: "And the Kyng commandeth and forbiddeth that from henceforth neither fairs and markets shall be kept in churchyards for the honour of the Church. Given at Westminster, the VIII of Octobre, the XIII year of Kyng Edwardes reignes."—London Queen.

Very Suggestive.
 Mrs. Towne—There was a spelling competition down at our institute the other night. The pastor gave out the words. Did you hear about it? Mrs. Browne—No. Was it interesting? Mrs. Towne—Rather. The first three words he gave out were "increase," "pastor," "salary."

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