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"The country editor has come to town. He has left for a time his sanctum, his devil, his esteemed contemporary and the spid pumpkin contributed by Uncle Ebenezer Hayseed upon the celebrated occasion when he called in to pay a year's subscription. The pumpkin, glowing through the dust of the office window like a serene and golden sunset, was the last thing the editor's eye rested upon as he climbed into the smoker with his pass in his pocket, to dare the temptations of the great city. But when he returns vanquished and bankrupt from his encounter with metropolitan sin, the pumpkin will glow no longer, for 'our wife' will have baked it into a batch of those luscious pies. May they take all the bad taste out of his mouth and reillumine his soul with the peaceful light of bucolic innocence. May the forms not be pined nor the devil drunk when he gets back, and may all his delinquent subscribers pay up forthwith, either in cash or cordwood, for he will need both. The joys of the city are expensive, and winter is at hand."—Portland Oregonian.

The Oregon Press association held its annual session in Portland recently, and every "colonel" of the band had a royal good time. We have failed to hear of any one of them blowing out the gas, mistaking a street car for a bath tub, the city jail for a public library or the Madison street bridge for a cow corral. If any of the boys visited the Oregonian it was doubtless through mistake, for the average country editor would as readily think of taking a slide through Portland's sewer system or lodging in a cold storage plant as he

would of entering the portals of the building with the tall tower, inhabited by a select set of jackasses who go lumbering o'er the journalistic field with the self-made idea that they and they alone are "It"—a lance or two of eminent encyclopedia students and penny-a-liners, clustered together for the purpose of fertilizing the moss-backs who infest the Oregon metropolis. The Oregonian may be a great newspaper, but there is not a paper in the state that would be guilty of speaking of the craft in terms of ridicule such as permeates every line of the above excerpt.

Putting on his asbestos front, Wood prints this in his paper, with the evident purpose of deluding his readers into the belief that he is not a frazzled fake, a grotesque freak of tainted manhood, but the coagulated quint essence of beauty, form and vigor; the sort that would make J. Ham. Lewis "go 'way back and sit down." Read it: "S. O. Correll, the courteous secretary of the Baker City Fair and Speed Association, has honored the Leader with a ticket to the district fair at Baker City, September 19 to 23. The pass admits the editor 'and wife'. There's a vacancy here, a longfelt want, an aching void, that evidently ought to be filled, in our friend Correll's opinion."

Frank C. Baker, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, has amended his invitation to the "peace conference" so as to include "all republicans who desire to attend," and has written Committee-man Williams, of Polk county, to that effect. He says that he desires the district primary law to have a fair trial, and that the committee expects all republicans to express their choice of candidates at the primaries, and afterwards to stand by the ticket nominated at those primaries. The meeting will be held in Portland on October 12.

PRIMARY ELECTION LAW.

Baker City Maverick. Oregon politicians, whether they seek merely to pull the wires or land an office, in the year of our Lord 1906, will have to organize bureaus on publicity, the policy of which will inevitably be "every man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost." This is one thing the primary election law will force, unless the meeting of the bosses in Portland on October 12, results in the incubation of some scheme to defeat the purpose of the law. Look into the complicated situation.

Suppose two men are candidates for the same office; Walter Moore and Jesse Snow, for instance, are both seeking the office of sheriff. If either succeeds in capturing the party machinery to aid him in securing the primary election out from its scabbard will flash the other's scalping knife and somebody will loose his top-knot at the regular election. Human nature is not strong enough to resist the temptation for revenge, nor is party organization sufficiently potent to prevent it. It is altogether different from being defeated in a convention. There one candidate measures his ability and personal popularity against his opponent, in a more or less open field—at least, where each knows the other will be governed by the conventionalities that govern conduct at a five o'clock tea. In this contest, too, the party organization is supposed not to take a hand, its work being by the rules of the game, confined to efforts to elect the convention nominated ticket as a whole.

Party managers will be quick to recognize the danger of setting the machinery in motion to defeat any influential member, and therefore it would seem to be quite clear that the individual candidates must do their own hustling. This was shown in the last city election in Portland.

There the system was adopted of buying space in the papers, running display advertisements as anteprietary-election campaign documents. This plan will doubtless be followed quite generally in coming state and county elections. In fact, aside from a personal canvass, it is the only feasible method, unless one should issue a document based on the theory of a mining company prospectus.

There is one thing certain; it looks good to the printer man, especially if he be unattached by the tie of strong strings and powerful pulls. Locally there is going to result some excruciatingly embarrassing situations. The capital prize in the Baker City political lottery will be the circuit judgeship, and it is going to be a fight to the finish, with bare knuckles, clubs, sharpened cutlasses, chained shot, explosive bullets—all laws of civilized warfare being held null and void. So savage a contest do circumstances indicate, that one would conclude that somebody aspires to own a judge.

What is the Democrat going to do when Judge Travillion orders that paper to support Sam White, and Colonel Butcher insists that the weight of its influence go into the scale with Judge Clifford? What will the Herald do when Attorney Lomax issues an edict to the business office to whoop things up for Attorney Drowley, when Hon. John Rand suggests, in his no less forcible but more diplomatic manner, to the editorial department, that nothing be said against Democratic Candidate Clifford, and Attorney Hart holds a caucus with both ends of that publishing proposition and demonstrates in a practical manner that it will be to the material welfare of the Herald to get in and drill for Attorney Hart? There will have to be some quick side stepping on these memorable occasions.

NEEDS RADICAL REFORM.

(Spokesman-Review.) The present flurry in the government printing office at Washington has served to remind the people that the Keep commission is still at work, or rather that it is renewing its work after the summer vacation, and its final report on the way the business of the nation is transacted in the various departments of the government will be awaited with a good deal of interest. It has become a crying scandal, through exposure made within the past year, that there is in the government, in spite of the civil service examinations, absolutely no system such as obtains in every good business house of testing employees—putting them at the work for which they are best adapted and paying them accordingly.

The Keep commission has discovered that promotions involving increase of salary do not necessarily mean any change of work requiring better equipment and greater knowledge, but are made exclusively by reason of length of service. Clerks in different departments who do identically the same work are paid quite different salaries. This makes mere machines of the clerks—and it is said the hustler soon realizes that he will get along just as well by taking things easy.

A Washington correspondent tells us an actual occurrence of a clerk who, on being appointed, started in to work with an activity that disorganized the entire office force where she was engaged. She piled up work for other clerks in so unaccustomed a manner that the chief clerk deliberately specified what she was to do, and when she remonstrated, saying she could finish that in two hours and wanted to know what she was to do the rest of the day, she was told to "string out the work as long as you can and then read the newspapers."

The incident shows a condition which calls for radical reform. When the commission has fully investigated and reported, it is expected the president will have some very strenuous times making the desired changes.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that City of Athena warrants Numbers 1 W to 497 W will be redeemed at the office of David Williams, treasurer of the City of Athena, Oregon, and that interest on the above warrants ceases after this date. Dated Athena, Oregon, September 19, 1905. David Williams, Treasurer.

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