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Mr. Elbert Hubbard, that unique crank, seems to know a little about everything, including the newspaper business, of which, in his erratic way he says: "I know the taste of glue rollers, the mysteries of the waiting galleys, the slap-dash, the billy-bombed quality of the editorial room. Some of the best men on earth are newspaper men—journalists are different. The newspaper man works for the paper that hires him; hates the people the owner hates; caps the paper's game and partakes of its prejudices; and wears out his life in loyal service for the management that does not give a tinker's tool for him or any body." Hubbard is the fellow with Paderewski locks and is the daddy of the Roycrofters. He is the head guy and chief "muck-raker" of a little 2x4 publication which a diseased thinktank prompted him to appropriately or inappropriately name the "Philistine." He sets himself up to be an iconoclast of the first water, and the way he goes after ideals, creeds and beliefs, puts a fellow in mind of the bull in the China shop—with no Chinaware in the shop. Compared with Brann, this Hubbard is a mere novice, and were the Texan alive today, he might be induced to give the Fra a job of stamp-licking in the front office. Hubbard was brought to public notice through the medium of newspaper "roasts," which cost him nothing. All he was out for the advertisement thus bestowed on him was perhaps the insignificant appreciation that was extracted from his little, shriveled soul when he came to realize that he was being "boosted." This is the first boost he has ever received in this paper. It will be the last.

Milton has had a taste of municipal ownership in her water and electric light system. It tastes so sweet to her that she is alert for more on the same line, and it is no surprise that she refuses to take the Northwestern Electric & Gas Company into partnership in her electric light and power system. It is further noticed that the fruit town has turned down the proposition of exclusive franchise made by the company back of the Walla Walla-Milton electric railway. The town realizes the value of the oyster and does not propose giving it away its franchises and valuable privileges. Evidently Milton, out of her experience with her municipal light plant, believes her franchises to be worth as much to her as to the company that seeks them. With this fact in view,

she will turn down the exclusive franchise proposition and allow the Walla Walla-Milton road the same trackage privileges she grants to the Walla Walla road. If there is any money on the side, it will flow into Milton's coffers and not those of the companies. The day of bonus giving is passing away. Incorporated cities and towns are coming to the point where exaction of payment for valuable privileges is made, just as it is made in all other business ventures.

Thursday's Oregonian contains a complete expose of the franchise steal of Portland, whereby the "first families" of Oregon's metropolis robbed the people out of millions. The Oregonian has the sympathy of the state at large in its fearless campaign against these plunderers—Western Leaders. Yes, but is not the Oregonian to be considered a poor campaigner in championing the cause of the people of Portland after the plundering is over. Especially would this appear to be the status of Scott's paper, when you consider that the Oregonian was being published in Portland at the time of the steal, and its editor was a member of the committee that founded the charter which made it possible for the endless chain of graft in Oregon's metropolis.

With the construction of the North Umatilla Irrigation project assured by the federal government the irrigated lands of the county are destined to increase in valuation. Not only will this be true of the land directly under the scope of the government system, but to such tracts as Gardena and others under private and corporation ditches will the attention of the homebuilder and investor be drawn. Every indication goes to prove that Gardena tracts will advance rapidly in price, for it is now assured that the Walla electric road will pass through that section.

With the exception of a few instances, the wheat yield in this vicinity gives evidence of being normal. From 30 to 45 bushels per acre is the report that comes from the fields in which harvest operations have commenced. Truth of the matter is, when cutting comes, all hot weather prophecies are knocked into a cocked hat by a yield much better "than I expected."

George Mitchell's trial cost King county about \$1,800. Now, if Esther Mitchell and Maud Creffield demand separate trials, and they doubtless will, the state will have to pay over \$3,000 more for Oregon's criminals and be forced to maintain two women the balance of their lives. Pray, what have we done to be so imposed upon?—Seattle Republican.

And now William Randolph Hearst is accused of dictating certain clauses in the proclamation issued by the American Federation of Labor, to Union men.

San Francisco has more troubles now than she can handle. First the earthquake and fire demoralized everything, and now a full fledged strike is on.

The Odessa hangman has struck, but his strike will probably not cause much sorrow to the Russians who may have been condemned to death.

### A REAL PLATFORM.

Walla Walla Statesman.  
A Winston Churchill, the novelist, who has accepted the endorsement of the Lincoln Republican club for the governorship of New Hampshire, makes the illuminative suggestion that "the broad issue and general platform should be the non-interference of the Boston & Maine railroad or of any other corporation in the politics and government of the state."

Mr. Churchill has defined not only a real issue but the most important issue in American politics. His platform applies to nearly every state and to the national government as well. More and more the question in political conventions is not what individuals shall control the party machinery, but whether that machinery shall be a corporation annex.

This is the issue in Iowa, where the railroads are opposing the renomination of Governor Cummins. It has been the real issue in Wisconsin during La Follette's long fight, as it was in Michigan under Pingree. It was the issue in New York last fall which overthrew Boss Murphy, and it was the issue in the democratic state convention in Pennsylvania the other day when Guffy was defeated.

Whenever the issue can be clearly drawn there is never any doubt as to the result. The difficulty is in making the issue clear, and the chief work which satellite politicians perform for corporation employers is in drawing herring across the trail. No more artistic example of this work can be found than in the Iowa contest, where the corporations took advantage of the Governor's tariff revision views to make a campaign against him on the issue of Dingleyism.

If Mr. Churchill can make the people of New Hampshire understand that the real question is whether they are to have self-government or government of the Boston & Maine railroad, there can be little doubt which they will select.

### GAMBLING A RELIGIOUS DUTY.

A missionary lay beside a fire of birch logs in the Maine woods, smoking a black cigar and watching his guide grill trout.

"Speaking of gambling," the missionary said, "I know of a sect that regards it as a religious duty, like fasting or prayer."

"This sect is the Hindoos. They, one day in each year, gamble like mad from sunrise till sunset. The day is the festival of the lamps, a day sacred to Lakshmi, goddess of wealth. A tremendous lot of money changes hands in Lakshmi's honor."

"All this gambling is done to test the financial success that will attend on each person throughout the year. If a gambler loses, he knows a year of hard luck is ahead of him. If he wins, he knows he may expect a twelvemonth of prosperity."

"Strange to say, a good deal of cheating accompanies this religious gambling."

### HE HAD MISSED HIM.

An Englishman who had his doubts about "Irish wit," asked a friend, accustomed to go to Ireland yearly on fishing trips, if he had ever met any not specially prepared for the English market.

"As I was going to the fishing station on the morning of my arrival," he answered, "an old fellow came along the road, who, on a former visit, had done me several little services. 'And how is Michael?' I called, approaching him. 'Sure, it's Mr.!' exclaimed my friend, recognizing me. 'And how have things been with you since I saw you last, Michael?' Without a moment's hesitation he answered, 'Sure, the cork screw's got rusty since your honor was here!'"

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| 9:12 a. m.    | Walla Walla, Dayton, Pomeroy, Lewiston, Colfax, Pullman, Moscow, the Couer d'Alene district, Spokane and all points north.                                                                                | 9:42 a. m.    |
| 12:30 p. m.   | Mixed, Walla Walla to Pendleton.                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| 4:53 p. m.    | Fast Mail for Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker City, and all points east via Huntington, Ore., also for Umatilla, Heppner, The Dalles, Portland, Astoria, Willamette Valley, Tacoma, Seattle, all Sound Points. | 4:53 p. m.    |
|               | Mixed, Pendleton to Walla Walla                                                                                                                                                                           | 7:05 p. m.    |

M. W. Smith Agent, Athena

### Trust to Nature.

A great many Americans, both men and women, are thin, pale and puny, with poor circulation, because they have ill-treated their stomachs by hasty eating or too much eating, by consuming alcoholic beverages, or by too close confinement to home, office or factory, and in consequence the stomach must be treated in a natural way before they can rectify their earlier mistakes. The muscles in many such people, in fact in every weary, thin and thin-blooded person, do their work with great difficulty. As a result fatigue comes early, is extreme and lasts long. The demand for nutritive aid is ahead of the supply. To insure perfect health every tissue, bone, nerve and muscle should take from the blood certain materials and return to it certain others. It is necessary to prepare the stomach for the work of taking up from the food what is necessary to make good, rich, red blood. We must go to Nature for the remedy. There were certain roots known to the Indians of this country before the advent of the whites which later came to the knowledge of the settlers and which are now growing rapidly in professional favor for the cure of obstinate stomach and liver troubles. These are found to be safe and yet certain in their cleansing and invigorating effect upon the stomach, liver and blood. These are: Golden Seal root, Queen's root, Stone root, Bloodroot, Mandrake root. Then there is Black Cherrybark. The medicinal principles residing in these native roots when extracted with glycerine as a solvent make the most reliable and efficient stomach tonic and liver invigorator, when combined in just the right proportions, as in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Where there is bankrupt vitality—such as nervous exhaustion, bad nutrition—and thin blood, the body acquires vigor and the nerves, blood and all the tissues feel the favorable effect of this sovereign remedy. Although some physicians have been aware of the high medicinal value of the above mentioned plants, yet few have used pure glycerine as a solvent and usually the doctors' prescriptions called for the ingredients in varying amounts, with alcohol.

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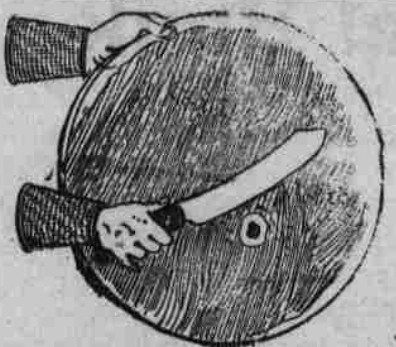
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