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To the Editor of the Times,
(The Kicker.)

East, west, north, or south;
big or little; blond or brunette;
wherever we find a member of
the human race we will discover
that human nature is the same.
From the time we were first born
we are natural kickers.

Far back, before man left his
first history scratched upon the
surface of some stone, we might
find the warriors of the tribe
holding a jolly revolution because
the chief ate all the flesh from
the bones and gave them none
except the remains. Generally
when the kickers got the best
of the argument they held a
great joy-fest and picked the
kings bones by the mellow light
of the full moon and appointed
the man who could eat the most
the successor until time to break
the fast again.

Following the carefully pre-
pared lines of ancient, mediaeval
and modern history, again dis-
closed the appalling fact that
kicking was and still is the fad.
Caesar fell because he was kick-
ed, and Caesar fell for Cleopatra
because she was some kicker.

Ever since that time men con-
tinued to fall because they meet
with a kicker. Most men like it;
but this is the only kind of kick-
ing they do like.

Let a male kick them, or the
public while they are in office,
and see what a mess is made im-
mediately.

The first place a benighted
male citizen of the city goes
when he visits uncle Henry on
the farm, is behind the team in
the mule stable. After that he
practices caution. You will find
it the same way with the man
who milks a cow the first time.

The same principle applies to
the man in the public service.
The position is a new one and he
is more than likely to sooner or
later overstep his ability and
land on the toboggan, only he
slides toward the little stars in-
stead of back to old mother
earth where he belongs.

In the mean time along come a
delegation of self appointed fool
killers and begin to kick him as
he slides by on his celestial
voyage.

This kicking is a brutal way to
wake a man up but he generally
comes to when he sits down for
the first time and finds that he
would rather face the public

standing up. Here then is where
he gets the first chance to do
some real thinking.

You see the human anatomy is
so constructed that a sitting man
generally reclines with a hump
in his shoulders which cuts off
a big percentage of the blood
supply from the brain case.
Thus without proper nourish-
ment the unhatched thoughts
perish before they even take the
semblance of an idea. So here's
three cheers for the kicker and
his progeny. By I. W. S.

Work Well Done

The city election held Tuesday
placed the reins of our city gov-
ernment in new and untried
hands. All that remains now is
for the new officials to prove the
worth as administrators of a
municipal government.

Too much cannot be said of
the wise, economical, and care-
ful work accomplished by the
retiring mayor. He has
done all within his power to
make this a desirable town in
which to live, and his able advice
will account for a good deal of
the economy so timely practiced.

We will take the liberty to say
this, however, and we believe it
to be true to a large extent. He
has lacked the co-operation so
necessary to proper conducting of
the city affairs. The place of a
public official is at best the cen-
ter toward which all the kicks
are directed; but we must say
that Mr. Vincent retires from his
office with less of these kicks
than the majority of his prede-
cessors. It now remains for his
successor to profit by the good
example set.

A new comer here last Sunday
was telling the boys how he in-
tended to "harvest the money
next year, by planting potatoes
and onions together—both are
soaring in price now, but Ed
Barry says: "It won't work—
the onions will get into the pota-
toes' eyes and they can't see to
grow. Ed ought to know as he
is "King Murphy" in the East
End.

Archie Pike has had several
orders for potatoes from Cali-
fornia but owing to car shortage
was unable to fill them.

John McLeod and son of
Skookumville hauled much baled
hay to town for shipment the
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