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A "YELLOW DOG" BILL.

The Salem house passed Friday a bill fathered by Representative Jackson that may be considered a party measure by some and so pushed through the senate, but it ought not to be so considered, nor passed. It amends the Australian ballot law so that a voter by making a single mark at the top of a ballot may vote the whole party ticket straight, instead of making a mark opposite the name of each candidate for whom he wishes to vote.

This bill might have been properly entitled, "A bill to Make Voting Easy for Lazy, Hidebound Voters, and in the Interest of Yellow Dog Candidates."

The Australian ballot law in its present form is intended not only to provide for a secret and unpurchased ballot, but also, by the very provision now sought to be changed, to encourage intelligence, thought, discrimination and conscientiousness in the voter. The man who on going into a booth, or before going there, to make himself ready to vote, scans his ballot, picks out his men and marks each name as he goes down the list, will necessarily be a better, more intelligent voter than one who to save a few minutes time or because he doesn't care what sort of men he votes for except as to their politics, exercises his elective franchise by voting a straight ticket, possible yellow dogs and all.

An elector can vote the straight ticket now if he chooses and can do so easily. The names of his party's candidates are not dispersed alphabetically among those of other candidates, but are grouped together; and all he has to do to vote his ticket straight, if that is his desire and intention, is to make a dozen or twenty marks, one opposite each name. This surely is not too much thought and labor to bestow upon so important a civic duty as casting a ballot, exercising an act of sovereignty.

The design of this bill, like that of Senator Bailey's to amend Statement One of the primary law, is to rehabilitate a party machine at the expense of government by an intelligent, vigilant, discriminating increasingly patriotic electorate. It is a step backward, and solely in the interest of would-be party bosses, whose slogan on election day is, "Vote 'er straight"—without discrimination or care for consequences, for good, bad and indifferent candidates alike.

The bill is a sop to laziness, an encouragement to the passing spirit of hidebound partyism, a premium on ignorance, a slap at patriotism. It may not accomplish much evil, but its design and intent are wholly retroactive and civically vicious.—Portland Journal.

HOW TO KILL A TOWN.

A town that never has anything to do in a public way is on the way to the cemetery. Any citizen who will do nothing for the town is helping to dig the grave. A man that curses the town furnishes the coffin. The man who will not advertise is driving the hearse. The man who is always pulling back from any public enterprise is throwing bouquets on the grave. The man who is so stingy as to be howling hard times preaches the funeral sermon, sings the doxology, and thus the town lies buried from all sorrow and all care.—Exchange.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The reason that Christmas comes but once a year may be because it takes that long to get over it.

Appreciate your friends while you have them, for you may not have them long after you go broke.



All the world takes a rap at the man who allows it to see that he has made a mistake.

The jingle of sleighbells sounds like the clinking of double eagles in the pocket. Ever hear it?

Don't wait for a good chance. If any chance at all comes along, make it good.

The one queer thing about money is that the desire increases with the supply and nobody ever has enough.

No woman could hold a candle to Venus, but what woman would want to be a candlestick?

The servant problem will solve itself when every man learns to cook his own dinner and every woman learns how to make him wash his own dishes.

People who have the air of having pre-empted all the wisdom of the universe by that same token ought to have a guardian appointed for them.

Make the Best of It.

Be in a measure anyway contented with your lot. This world may have its faults, but it's the only one you've got. Though minus is your real estate and slender is your purse, just keep a-thinking things might be cooked up a whole lot worse.

You might have fallen in the lake. Not knowing how to swim; You might have broken on the ice. Your very shapely limb; Disaster very painful might be camping on your trail—For all I know, you might perhaps be tightly locked in jail.

Perhaps you have a dollar bill—That's more than some possess—That, for a minute anyway, will argue down distress. And if you have a winter suit And coal enough to do, That's better than some men you know who haven't got a sou.

By looking at your neighbors you may get some joy in life. Be thankful that you didn't draw a large and warlike wife. Cheer up and make the best of it; To worry say "Shiddoo!" Because you know that you can live somehow if others do.

Afraid of the Deluge.



"I'd like to get a wife."
"Why don't you advertise?"
"I only want one."

Exempt.

"Oh, would I were a genius!"
"What great work would you accomplish if you were?"
"Great work nothing. They never have to make good. That's why they are geniuses."

What the Old Man Thinks.

That Christmas comes but once a year is mighty lucky, too. For if it came a dozen times When we heard Santa's reindeer chime We'd grab our pocketbooks and clear. Nor bid fond friends adieu.

More Joyous.

"You look like an escaped convict with your hair cut that way."
"Well, I'd rather look like an escaped convict than like one that hasn't escaped."

His Incapacity.

"I never argue with a woman," said the opinionated man loftily.
"No, nor with a man either, I should judge," replied the woman he did not crush.

Conceited Thing.

Young Lady—Why are you always so solemn at a wedding?
Old Bachelor—It always reminds me of my many narrow escapes.

Not a Good Circulator.

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"In what way?"
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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and has qualified as administrator of the above named estate. All parties having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, at the office of J. R. Neil, at Jacksonville, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make settlement of such indebtedness promptly.

G. J. GRIGSBY, Administrator. Date of first publication of this notice. February 7, 1907.