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BEING ABOVE PARTIZANSHIP.

It is always refreshing in this age of partizanship when a man is run across who administers his office without regard to party, appreciating the fact that he is as much a servant of one party as the other, just of the people, and who rises above his party and deals fairly with all of his fellow men. Such a man has been Ben Olcott, secretary of state. The people hardly know whether he is a Democrat or a Republican so non-partizan has been in his work as secretary of state. The result is that just now strong partizans are up in arms against him and are doing their best to defeat him. It is to be regretted that there are not more men like Olcott in public office. He has been fair and conscientious and is a man of strict integrity, but he is not a rabid partizan.

IGNORANT AUTOISTS

In regard to the widespread mechanical ignorance among autoists a writer in Farm and Fireside says: "The number of persons who have no practical knowledge of mechanics and yet run their own automobiles is so amazing that I have often been asked: 'How do they do it? How can a young girl who doesn't know a crank shaft from a carburetor run an auto with such grace and skill? How can a professional man with his head stuffed with medicine or law have the nerve to venture miles away from a repair shop?' "A small-town merchant who has run a large touring car for three years admitted to me the other day that he didn't know the principle of a gas engine except that it responded to his control. He said that some day he hoped to study it all out, although he didn't see how that would help him to get any more service out of his car. This case is not exceptional, but simply help to show that automobiles are very nearly 'fool-proof.'"

FOR DELEGATE.

Editor Democrat: While asking the Democrats of the First District to give me their support as delegate to the National Democratic convention, I deem it but fair to give them a brief statement concerning myself and what I stand for.
I am just a plain farmer 63 years of age. Was born in Indiana but have spent 62 years of my life in the Willamette valley, all on a farm, except two years when the people of Linn county honored me with the office of sheriff, which I tried to fill honestly and right. How I succeeded I am willing to leave to the judgment of the ones I tried to serve.
Am a life-long Democrat and a firm believer in the principles of true Democracy. Always willing to abide by the choice of the people and will so act in this case. I heartily endorse the policies of our great president, Woodrow Wilson, who will be our standard bearer.
I am in favor of efficient preparedness for defense, believing that our safety from attack depends largely on being prepared to resist a foreign force. I cannot understand how anyone on the Pacific Coast can consistently oppose strengthening our defense, exposed as we are along a long coast line. The Pacific Coast is too dear to me to think of it being used as a battle ground in the future when it is in our power to so fortify it that we will be almost immune from attack.

If elected I shall take it that my district is in favor of preparedness for defense and will so vote to have a plank of that kind in the platform. I believe it is better to spend money for defense than take chances on paying a heavy indemnity to some foreign foe in the future. I have sons and grandsons and am decidedly opposed to war, but should it be forced on us I want my sons as well as other's sons to have an equal chance should we be called on to repel an invasion.
C. C. JACKSON.

MISFITS
Peter Collins who lectured in the city recently told a neat little story about a man who was insisting on an answer of yes or no. He retaliated by asking this question: "Have you stopped beating your wife," and insisted on an answer by yes or no.
That used to be the old examination way in a law suit; but witnesses are gradually being treated as human beings.
Children used to be treated as things to be seen and not heard. Now they are looked upon as embryo men and women, with intellects to be developed.
Of all fool things about the worst are the slogans of candidates for office in this state, as published in the latest publication of the department of state.

Here are a few:
Republican victory means prosperity.
Roosevelt and reunion.
Justice, economy, efficiency.
Impartial justice, my own boss.
Square deal to all.
Equal justice without favor.
Fewer and better laws, more common sense.
Efficiency and economy.

Sometimes lessons can be learned only by a severe experience.
Bad Case Spring Fever.
Ship me somewhere west of Ennui, to other side of Have-to-Work; Pin a blooming tag upon me, bill me to the town of Shirk; Purge my sordid recollection of the jester's bells and cap; Find me some Utopian section where there's no does a tap!

Ship me somewhere west of Ennui, get a fishing rod for me; Get me bait and doggone y', go away and let me be; Never mind about provisions from a grocer's musty shelf—Devil crabs and like divisions!—let me forage for myself!
Let me stay there, west of Ennui, 'way beyond the tolling zone—I am selfish, but doggone me, I prefer to be alone!
Ho! my bones are fairly achin' for a camp along a creek, And the music of the bacon as it sizz-

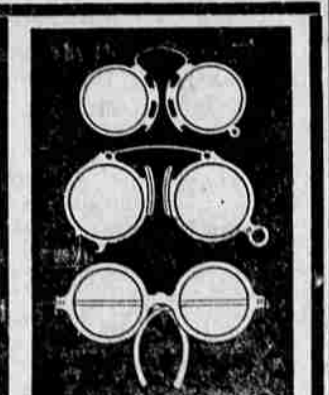
zles on a stick!
—Buffalo Evening News.
Prepared.
"I'm thinking of getting married, pa. What's it like?"
"You had a job as janitor once, didn't you?"
"Yes."
"And you had a position as watchman once, didn't you?"
"Yes."
"And you worked a while as a caretaker, didn't you?"
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