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About the only silent curfew I know of is when a girl yawns in the presence of a gentleman caller.

LAUGHS

His Mite "George, where are your school books?" "When notices appeared that books were wanted for the wounded, I gave mine to them."—Humoristice Listy (Prague.)

Here's Something Yucue They had cut off a Chinaman's queue, and were painting his head a bright blue; So the Chinaman said, As they daubed at his head: "When I sueue yueue, yueue'it rneue what yueue dueue."

A Bright Boy "Boy, why did you give me the signal to duck out of my office yesterday afternoon; did you not know that the lady inquiring for me was my wife?" "Yes, sir; that was why."—Houston Post.

Betrayed Senator LaFollette was talking about the dodges and squirms of a certain corrupt railroad official. "For all his dodges and squirms," said the senator, "the man was well shown up. It's like the case of Smith.

A collector entered Smith's flat, pushed into the parlor, and said to Smith's little son: "Where's your father?" "Gone away," the urchin answered, according to orders. "Gone away? Humph! Where to?" "That closet there," was the reply.—Washington Herald.

Down in Mexico "Who led the army in that recent expedition?" "I did," replied General Tamala. "I thought the attack was led by General Concarne." "It was I who prevented great loss of life. He led them going forward, but I led them coming back."—Washington Star.

In Bad Shape "It—er—seems," said he, regarding the unfortunate with scientific interest, "that the attacks of fever and chills appear on alternate days. Do you think—is it your opinion—that they have, so to speak, decreased in violence, if I may use that word?" The patient smiled feebly. "Doc," said he, "on fever days my head's so hot I can't think, and on ague days I shake so I can't hold an opinion."

Well Named "Why do you call this show 'The Astronomy Burlesquers?'" "Because it is composed of a few stars and several heavenly bodies."

Jaded "Where are you going on your vacation this year?" "Oh, dear, I don't know. There's really no place left to go." "Have you been to Niagara Falls?" "Oh, yes; I passed by that one night."

Straw flour is Germany's newest food material. Quoth the German press bureau: "Straw contains four times as much albumen, and from four to five times as much fat as the potato." If you have an old straw mattress in the house, don't throw it away. Kat it, and be strong.—Puck.

PARTY GOVERNMENT

ANY idea of getting rid of bosses is absurd, so long as we have party government." Thus spoke Boss Barnes to Colonel Roosevelt when the latter was governor. Barnes ought to know. For years he was the big boss in our wealthiest state.

What is the full meaning of this? Every candid man knows that party bossism means an alliance with big and little crooks and thieves; it means an alliance with corporations and trusts that steal franchises, secure special privileges through favorable law, and rob and plunder the people; it means confederacy with vice and crime and all that is nasty and vile in humanity, provided the votes can be delivered.

If Boss Barnes speaks truly—and he doubtless does—as long as we have party government we will have these vicious conditions. They go with party government, like pustules with the smallpox. For years the public has been trying to rid itself of the pustules. The next move will be to cure the disease.

There are still those, however, who, drawing their inspiration from the cheap claptrap of party orators, will seriously prate about political parties being necessary to the existence of a republic. They are—just as necessary as fleas are to the existence of the dog, or ticks to the range horse.

In the early history of the country we had no political parties as they exist today. In those early times the party, so-called, was the following that crystallized around an idea advocated by some man or set of men. Permanent parties did not exist except for the purpose of promulgating some idea. The candidate's platform was generally made by the candidate, and came from his heart.

These parties, so-called, changed rapidly. That cause of intellectual slavery, party loyalty, was unknown. Abraham Lincoln was identified with three different so-called political parties in two years. Since his time the political party has grown to be an organization along militant lines. It has its generals, colonels and captains, who rule with despotic powers. It has its spies, and punishes all who refuse to obey its dictates as deserters. It issues letters of marque and reprisals to its favorites, who ruthlessly prey and plunder the public.

Unlike the Romans, the spoils and booty are not divided among the soldiers of the legions, but all is kept for the generals and their patrons. It is an organization on the military plan, but not for offence or defence on the part of the nation, but, like the armed retainers of the barons of the old days, its use is to rob and plunder the peaceful people of the land.

Such is party government in America. It is the political bastle that holds imprisoned the best thought, the noblest aspirations, the holiest purposes of our citizens. It must be destroyed, every vestige effaced, before we can be free.

A LITTLE PAINT

A WONDERFUL transformation can be made at small cost with a little paint. As an example, the appearance of the historic Nash hotel has been improved a hundred per cent by its new coat of white. The paint has not only improved the appearance of building, but the appearance of the city.

The example set by Captain Nash should be followed by the other property owners, especially those of Main street. The old red brick structures should be painted white, for a red brick face in a business block is obsolete.

If the buildings on each side of Main street were thus transformed, it would modernize the appearance of both street and city and make it one of the most attractive streets in the northwest. It would add to its cleanliness and beauty. The cost would be slight, the improvement so marked that one would scarcely recognize the street as the same thoroughfare, now lined with a miscellaneous assortment of structures of various colors.

The Commercial club and ladies of the Greater Medford club should take the subject up at once and see if a concerted effort cannot induce the owners to co-operate in really creating a city beautiful.

RED HEADED GIRL HEADED FOR FRISCO

CHICO, Cal., April 23.—Ten minutes after receiving a telegram from the authorities at Medford, Ore., requesting the arrest of William Fraser, George Gordon and a red headed girl traveling in a red automobile, officers here landed Gordon, but the others escaped. Gordon declared the car was stranded nine miles north of this city and that he had come here to get aid. The officers readily took the bait and with two automobiles hurried north. Later the travelers were located south of Butte City. They were headed for San Francisco.

The three mentioned in the above dispatch passed through this city Sunday morning, and inquired as to the condition of the roads over the Siskiyou. Frazer is alleged to have stolen the auto, and fraudulently collected on a number of unfinished painting contracts at Roseburg. He is not wanted in this city.

Attention A. P. & A. M. Grand Master Bristol wishes to meet all Masons at Ashland, Oregon, Friday evening April 23rd, on his official visit to Southern Oregon. Special interurban car leaves Main and Central 7:30 p. m., round trip 50c.

WOULD ELIMINATE ASHLAND CEMETERY

ASHLAND, April 23.—If agitation will do it, Ashland cemetery, one of the old landmarks and located in nearly the center of town, will be eliminated. The city has three cemeteries—Hargadine, Ashland and Mountain View, the latter being the later and modern. The east side school is located on the edge of Ashland cemetery and the burial ground is surrounded by a residence section. Preliminaries will seek to have interments cease in the Ashland plot and later will follow the removal of all bodies to Mountain View. This is a matter of sentiment and much contention will arise over the result. The East side Parent-Teachers circle is back of the movement. This organization advocates the removal on sanitary grounds as against sentimental prejudice. Furthermore, the parent-teacher element assert that children attending school in that locality are being brought up in an atmosphere of uneasiness in the cemetery environment, a circumstance that is difficult to deal with, especially in those of tender age.

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 26 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 47 and 47-J9 Ambulance Service Coronor

"WHO WANTS TO WEAR MUSSY SKIRTS?" SAY MASQUERADERS



Jessie Mosby (left) and Georgia Gerson, in their boys' costumes

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 16.—"Boys have an easier time than girls and, besides, who wants to wear a lot of mussy skirts!" So spoke Jessie Mosby, 18, of Glendale, Cal., when she and her chum, Georgia Gerson, were detained by the police for masquerading as men. "Overalls are a lot better than ball gowns," continued Miss Mosby, "and it's easier to get work as a man." The two girls with their brothers, Elmo Mosby, 16, and Glen Dewey Gerson, 15, were all arrested as they were walking toward Fresno, 180 miles. The girls were overalls.

HOUSED BY ROCKEFELLER

(Continued from Page 1.) The trial of the labor leader follows three or four others in several counties of the state. It comes immediately after the two trials necessary to convict Louis Zancanelli of killing George W. Behler, a Baldwin-Felts detective, who was under a \$10,000 bond on a murder charge at the time he was shot on the main street of this city in November, 1913. The case of Walter Bell, another Baldwin-Felts detective, free under bond on a murder charge, was continued, and those of four miners dismissed to clear the ground to reach Lawson. The manner in which the prosecution of these cases is being pushed shows that a great effort is being made to fan the smoldering embers of the labor war. The fact that \$100,000 of the \$100,000,000 Rockefeller foundation fund is being spent in this state cannot prevent expression of the grave dissatisfaction felt at the conduct of these cases.

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IT Theatre

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press as a scheme to give the Rockefeller interests a district judge who would go to any limit to satisfy the demands of those who wanted to show the world by legal results that the Colorado coal barons were right and the miners wrong.

Before his appointment Hillier was an attorney for the coal companies. He made speeches during the campaign, according to affidavits presented by Hawkins at Zancanelli's first trial, denouncing the strikers as outlaws and deserving of any mercy at the hands of the state. These affidavits, made to show why another judge should be called to preside at the trial, were ignored by Judge Hillier, who proceeded to try the case himself.

Ruling after ruling was made against the attorneys for the defense which astonished even the spectators. Yet in spite of this the jury disagreed, voting eight to four for acquittal. The second trial followed at once.

The county commissioners are required by law to certify 300 names as jurors. After only thirty of those had been exhausted it was suggested by Northcutt, who loomed large for the prosecution in this case, too, that the judge summon an open venire from the streets.

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