

How for 5 Minutes Tom Marshall Thought He Was President of U. S.

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(Secretary of the Navy in Wilson cabinet.)

"Now see here, Bacon," drawled Vice-President Marshall in his intemperate way, "the people of the United States elected me Vice-President without ever seeing me or that chair. I expect in the next four years to have to sit in the senate chamber and listen to many long winded speeches which you and other senators will deliver, but I'll tell you right now I ain't going to have any additional punishment inflicted upon me by having to sit in an uncomfortable chair, too big for me, and so high my legs will not reach the floor. Dignity or no dignity, I will not do it. No, not if I shatter every tradition of the honorable senate."

He held his unlighted cigar, as his eyes twinkled merrily, not in keeping with the serious manner and words. The line of that characteristic remark was early in March, 1913. A few days after Thomas R. Marshall had been inducted into office. The place was the vice president's room in the Capitol. The dramatic personae were Vice President Marshall and Senator Augustus O. Bacon of Georgia, who was chairman of the committee on rules, and, therefore in charge of the order and furnishings and traditions of the senate chamber. If there ever was a stickler for tradition, precedent, regularity, decorum, dignity, and all the other things he regarded requisite to the highest legislative body, the name of that stickler was A. O. Bacon. He looked the part of a senator. A Roman toga on his shoulder would fit him to a "T." He was tall, with the weight of averdupois and staleness of carriage. He was, moreover, one of the ablest lawyers in the senate. His devotion to form and tradition were equalled only by his honesty and sincerity. If you were disposed to smile at the fetch he made of senatorial precedent you were checked when you realized his equal devotion to integrity which becomes a senator.

The Sergeant at Arms Rebuked

"Where is the vice president's chair?" asked Senator Bacon, as, with veneration even for the furniture in the senate chamber, he entered the chamber one afternoon on March after-noon when the elevation there the presiding officer sits, saw something was wrong. He could have detected the absence of a lead pencil. It troubled him for a second, and then, in the place of the beautiful and gilded and gilded chair that had held the place on honor on the elevation for more than a century, his eyes rested upon a little "dinky chair," as he called it. He regarded the presence of such an insignificant chair in that lofty place as an indignity to the senate. His wrath arose at the sight.

Senator Bacon sent for the sergeant at arms of the senate and demanded: "Why what authority was the vice president's chair moved from its place and that little 'dinky little thing' put in its place?"

That officer saw indignation and re-

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buke, perhaps a loss of his office, in the dark cloud of disapproval on the face of his superior. He hastened to prove an alibi for himself.

"I removed it, sir," he said, "by direction of the vice president."

And it was that which carried Senator Bacon in post haste to the vice president's office, and to hear the quaint and original answer of Mr. Marshall.

This incident is illustrative of the spirit that characterized the late vice president. From his youth he had never been physically strong, and yet in all the years he rose superior to everything that stood in his way. His playful nature, his fine spirit of making light of trouble, his way of laughing at the frailties of himself and fellows, and freedom from taking himself too seriously won him regard and admiration of all who knew him in the flesh, and many thousands also knew him only by his piquant humor and cheerful philosophy.

Thought He Was President

One night during the critical illness of President Wilson, Vice President Marshall was at a great gathering in Atlanta, ready to speak. Just as he was to be introduced a gentleman walked hastily on the stage and whispering to him, said: "A message has just been received that President Wilson died five minutes ago." He could not doubt the truth of the information. How did it affect him? What did he do? He directed that a song, a familiar religious hymn (it was Sunday night) be sung, and, with his wife, quietly left the hall during the singing. It was a solemn moment in his life. Speaking of the moment when he thought he was to be president, he said: "There was no sense of elation, but first by grief for my dead chief, and second by the awful responsibility that would fall upon me. I was resolved to do my duty, but I can truly say I dread the great task."

Some Tried to Oust Wilson

People in the country generally did not know the feeling in Washington during the days that President Wilson lay ill, hovering between life and death. For weeks he was unable to attend to public business. Would he live? That was the question on every tongue. In the absence of definite statement as to the nature of his illness, all sorts of gossip circulated. Some sensational long distance diagnosticians seriously stated that Mr. Wilson was unable to discharge the duties of chief executive—"inability to discharge the duties of said office" to quote Article 2 of the Constitution, and that Vice President Marshall should assume the duties in accordance with the succession prescribed in the Constitution. This sentiment was not confined to the senate. Even a member of the cabinet felt that some step must be taken and sought the advice of the president's physician. When it was stated that the president was improving, no effort was made to depose Wilson for inability. But there were senators, who did not like Mr. Wilson, who were determined to oust him. Chief among them were Senator Fall, of Teapot oil notoriety. He and others of like mind could not be content until two senators were directed to go to the White House in person (a scandalous performance) to make a personal diagnosis, under the pretense of discussing with Mr. Wilson the Fall Mexican resolution. Of course, when they saw Wilson was improving and had more sense in a day than Fall has possessed in a life time, the nefarious program of ouster was abandoned.

The Crucial Test

In this painful week the position of Mr. Marshall was one that tested the man in him as nothing else could have done. If he had said the word, or said nothing, a resolution would have been introduced in congress declaring the presidential office vacant. Such an effort would have stirred up the bitterest resentment and have put brother against brother in all the country. It would have had a serious effect in the delicate foreign relations. But the bitterness it would have entailed would have been the most serious result. Mr. Marshall, hearing of the contemplated action, put his foot down on the proposition. He would have none of it. He sincerely hoped Mr. Wilson would survive. As long as he was ill with hope of recovery he thought such an attempt would be ghoulish and in addition might affect the sick man disastrously. No friend of his would ever have part in such a movement. It was not attempted. That was a crucial test. Marshall met it like a man, like a comrade to his chief, like the sensible American citizen he was. There was not always agreement between Wilson and Marshall. "There was always national respect and each honored and respected the other great man."

Most Famous Epigram

In lighter vein, when people were heatedly debating what was the greatest need of the American people, Mr. Marshall caught the popular approval when he declared: "The greatest need of the American people is a good five cent cigar." This bit of verse symbolic of the man and his life, had wide vogue:

"When men are calling names and making faces,
"And all the world's a-jangle and a-lar,
"I meditate on instellar places
"And smoke a mild seegar."
And he pronounced it, in his own fashion—"Seegar!"

Studied the Scriptures

An eminent jurist once said no man could be a real philosopher unless he loved to smoke a cigar and loved to read the Bible. From early youth Mr. Marshall heeded the injunction: "Search the Scriptures." All his writings and speeches were shot through with Bible teachings and Bible illustrations. He meditated upon the Word as he smoked, and his cheerful and unpretentious and unshaken faith prove that these sermons in the lives of men are "burning words." He died as he had lived, the one Bible in one hand and his drooping cigar in the other.

Bankrupt and \$500,000 in Debt in 1920, Out of Debt and Has Annual Income of \$40,000 in 1925



Broke and hounded by creditors of \$500,000 a year. It was a hard five years ago, W. L. Jourden, Los Angeles real estate man and electrical engineer, has paid while every cent and now has an income of \$40,000 a year. He is not content to be released legally from his debts. He insisted upon paying 100 cents on the dollar.

MINING NEWS OF SOUTHWESTERN OREGON

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Mine Promotion.

GRANTS PASS, June 20.—There are certain activities connected with the development of any industry which by their very nature are susceptible of a larger proportion of crooked work than any other. This fact has led to a nomenclature generally regarded as not praiseworthy to put it mildly. These activities have to do with the promotion and are just as essential as any other part of the building up of an industry. The ordinary return a man gets for his work is based upon the difference between the value of the thing to one man and the value of it to another. In the promoters line of work the wider he can make this margin, the bigger his pay, and inasmuch as there is no fixed standard by which the value can be determined it is natural for him to make that margin as great as possible by whatever means presented.

It is conceivable, however, that both parties might be taken into the confidence of the promoter and a fair value for his services arrived at and paid without question, leaving everybody satisfied. The old idea that two parties to a bargain must in order to be successful in a business way, each trying to beat the other has for some time been regarded as obsolete. Secrecy in business is no longer regarded as an essential or even a desirable factor, and the biggest businesses in existence today in the mercantile field are successful in the degree to which they apply fair dealing with their customers and those from whom they buy, and any attempt to build up a business in this day upon the basis of "caveat emptor" is foredoomed to failure. Any merchant who deals in merchandize of any character is entitled to be paid for his services; he is entitled to be paid for his knowledge; for his labor; for his financial risk; for his investment; and for the service he performs for his customers, and a man who has a mine to sell, and who has come to the trouble to be familiar with it and is able to perform definite service to the buyer is entitled to be paid for it and paid well.

The term "option bond," which has come to be regarded as appropriate is regarded by the bureau as applicable to one whose activities as a broker are confined to what practically amounts to a holdup, that is to an individual to ascertain the presence of a buyer, or a prospective buyer and to secure options on the ground in which he may be interested at a certain figure, boost it to a non-negotiable degree and then stand between the seller and the buyer with the option as a club and hold them up for all the traffic will stand. In spite of the fact that the records of such operations in this district show that they almost invariably fail of their purpose, due to the disinclination of the ordinary American citizen to submit to any kind of a holdup, it is still done, and still falls so far as the "option bond" is concerned. It carries in its train, however a series of unfortunate consequences to the industry in general, which are of so serious a nature that the bureau has felt in duty bound to protest against this sort of thing.

Make It Unanimous

The July issue of Mining Truth telling about the mineral wealth of southwestern Oregon and the progress of its development is receiving great support from the mining men and the various Chambers of Commerce of the district, including the state chamber. It is a rare opportunity to tell the world of what we have, and every business man, company, civic organization, etc., should take as many copies as possible and make a wide distribution of this issue. Subscriptions can be made through the mining bureau at the rate of 15 cents per copy.

Regular Meeting Postponed

The regular monthly meeting of the bureau has been postponed from July 4th to July 11th. Members please note and arrange to attend.

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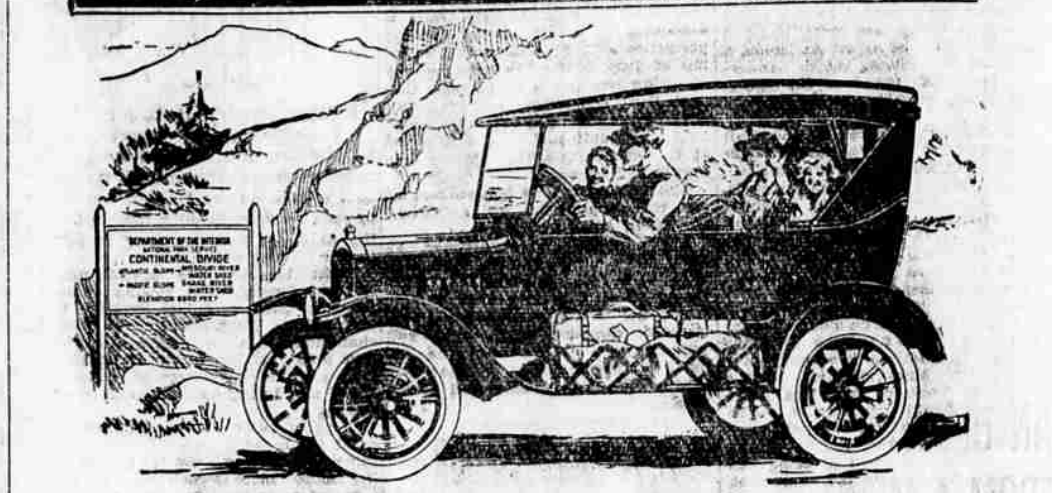
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of \$20 gold.
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Do not set sprinkler so that it will interfere with traffic on sidewalk.

Do not have leaky faucets or fixtures on your premises.

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