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ALL GOVERNMENT IS POLITICAL.

It is claimed as a fault that politics enters into prosecutions for timber land frauds.

In the very nature of things all that our government does or undertakes to do is political.

Public sentiment is formed along solely political lines, and eventuates in political action.

There cannot help but be a great deal of politics in the federal timber land prosecutions.

There will be a great deal of politics in the prosecution of the Marion county indictments.

The only reforms that are accomplished are through the application of practical politics.

Politics involves responsibility to the people. Politics throws one machine out and puts another in.

The machine may be good or bad. It may have character, conscience and intelligence, or none.

The difference means good government or bad. The people are ready for more of the good sort, and less of the bad.

BUNCOED BALLARD PEOPLE.

Rumor That Railroad Shops Were to Be Moved to Town Caused Boom.

If a tall, good-looking stranger with a bundle of maps under his arm, can be located by about 150 irate citizens of Ballard there will be a lynching bee or something just as interesting, says the Seattle Star.

Two weeks ago a gentleman, as he was then spoken of, answering his description, arrived in Ballard. For two days he walked about the city carrying several sets of blue prints under his arm.

After two days had passed he called on the city engineer and for two hours the men were closeted, brooking no interruption.

It was not until the second call, however, according to the story told, that the stranger, who gave the name of Black, confided in the utmost confidence of the city engineer that the Northern Pacific railway was about to move its shops from Tacoma to Ballard, and he was there looking for a suitable location.

The opportunity was too great and, according to the story, the engineer confided the news, in the same confidential way, to his best friend. This friend had a best friend, who received the tip in a similar manner, and it so went around until in two days 150 "friends" had the information in confidence.

Then followed options, on which good deposits were paid, and the lucky possessors of the information went to bed and dreamed of never having to work hard again.

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the Northern Pacific officials here if the tip was a good one. He hid himself to a friend in the local office and there he got "the blow that killed father."

This news was carried to Ballard and, contrary to its forerunner, was told in the open. Further investigation resulted in the alleged discovery that the mysterious stranger was in with the owners of the property.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable.

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A Public Duty.

Scarcely more than a generation ago the buffalo ranged the western plains in countless herds their numbers so great that no written estimate can be considered an exaggeration.

These two great assets of the people, of use and beauty, were improvidently wasted because no public-spirited persons or association had the foresight or interest to protect them from the small band of selfish men who were the destroyers.

The passing of the buffalo and wild pigeon is a forceful commentary on the indifference of the people of those days. Are the people of this generation showing any greater degree of interest in the wild life of the present day, much of which is rapidly decreasing in numbers?

A simple proposition, in fact a public duty, is now before the American people: Shall the sea-birds be preserved for future generations? Unfortunately this class of birds gather in colonies during the breeding season, and are thus in greater danger than the wild bird that breeds singly.

guard during the three months when the birds are brooding their eggs. The part the public can take in this great economic and aesthetic movement is to supply the necessary funds.

The seashore without the sea-birds would be like a garden without flowers or a landscape without trees. Unless active measures are taken now to prevent this disaster it will surely come; then, reader, it will be too late to do more than grieve.

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BOUNTY SWINDLERS CAUGHT

Defraud State of Utah and Take Coin to California

In seeking to recover some of the money looted from the Utah state treasury by a rapacious gang of bounty swindlers the officials of the Mormon state have traced \$15,000 or \$18,000 to San Francisco. The spoil was brought here by the wives of two members of the ring—John Gorman, with 20 aliases, and John Meyers, who is also plentifully supplied with false names—both of whom are in Salt Lake under arrest.

Utah has been the victim of gigantic bounty frauds, having, it is estimated, been swindled out of \$100,000 in 12 months. The ring is now broken up and three of its members are serving sentences on charges of conspiracy to defraud the state.

The same gang, with the same old skins, previously worked the states of Nevada, Idaho, Nebraska and Texas. It is believed the ring, when smashed by the Utah government, was contemplating a raid on the California treasury.

Lay Rails to Dufur.

The Dalles, Ore., June 22.—Track-laying on the Great Southern railroad from The Dalles to Dufur has begun in real earnest. Already about five miles of track has been laid, and the first large bridge crossing Fifteen-Mile creek is being built.

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