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Representative George Tennant got a rasping from Judge Frater that he will not soon forget for the part he played in killing the divorce bill which Judge Frater had fathered before the late legislature. Tennant made a feeble reply to the flaying given him by the judge and counter-charged by declaring that Judge Frater had granted divorces by the scores that he under no circumstances would have done had he been on the bench. What George Tennant would or would not do, if he were on the bench, is more than any sane man could even predict, and for that reason it is hoped that the voters of the county will never so forget themselves as to put him on the bench. As a member of the legislature Tennant was undoubtedly the poorest makeshift that ever went from King county, and that is saying a great deal. He did not seem to be able to either speak, talk or think, and when he did try to express himself he made a most dismal failure.

Will the direct primary law destroy the Republican party? is going the rounds of the politicians and the press just now, and the consensus of opinion is it will. It is a fact that there is less party harmony among the Republicans of the state at present than ever before in the history of the state, and it is said to be due to the effects of the direct primary law. The sheriff of the largest county in the state has already declared he is not responsible for his nomination and election to any political party and sooner or later some of the state officials will make the same declaration, and then sooner or later the Republican party will have been completely destroyed. Thus reasoned a well known Republican, who has been prominent in the councils of the party for the past twenty years. In this, however, The Seattle Republican is not in full accord, on the contrary it verily believes the direct primary law a good thing and should be perfected from time to time as conditions arise.

Direct Primary Under Fire.

Graves and Cotterill, both Democrats, were the real leaders of the strongly Republican state senate. Unfortunately these two able men, the one representing the liberal or whiskey element and the other the moral reformers, were rarely in agreement. But between them they furnished the best brain of the senate. These two with Paulhamus stand out prominently above the dead level of mediocrity that existed in the senate of the eleventh legislature.—Yakima Democrat.

Hot Air and Not Brains.

They certainly furnished the hot air for the senate, but as to having furnished the brains for the senate, sounds about as truthful as if those gentlemen would give it out the Yakima Democrat furnishes the best brains of the weekly journalists of this state. Such rot makes one feel like saying, What conceited asses some alleged human beings seem to be.

Notwithstanding that the election of a United States senator took practically none of the time of the legislature, it is now farther behind with its work than any of its predecessors. But, at that, the budget shows that it has appropriated so much money that taxes will have to be increased and the people should be thankful that the legislature has not had the time to create a larger deficiency.—Puyallup Republican.

Perhaps one could be more ungrateful, but it is very doubtful. The above paper is owned by E. L. Boardman, the present state printer, for whom the legislature, that his paper is roasting, passed a handsome deficiency bill. If that is not "the most unkindest cut of all" then by whom could it be inflicted as well as when and where.

Acting Governor Hay would do well to exercise his prerogative and veto some of the appropriation bills or else fire them back to the legislature with a pruning knife attached.—Rockford Register.

Selfishly Selfish Journalistic Critics.

None of the appropriations reached your immediate locality and that explains your willingness for Governor Hay to use his pruning knife on the omnibus appropriation bill. That the legislature was entirely too liberal with its appropriations, may be true; but it savors of a dose of sour grapes for a newspaper to advocate the use of the pruning knife simply because its community did not get part of the swag. Some folk seem to be so selfishly selfish that they are jealous of themselves.

JAMES WEIR.
Statesman From King.

The legislature completed its labors late Thursday night and its members have gone home, taking with them everything that they could carry away from the state capitol.—Olympia Chronicle.

Olympia Chronicle Insults Members.

While the legislature was in session each member thereof was one of God's noblemen and he was wined, dined and danced until he became so "full" of good things that it frequently required the use of a carriage in order for him to get to his hotel without first investigating the numerous street hog holes, and all this was done by Mr. Olympian that Olympia could bleed the state treasury, but no sooner was the legislature out of commission and Olympia safe for another two years than her cringing cowards fall to and begin to kick the dead man. Olympia is the most God-forsaken hole in the state and instead of the state spending money improving it the state capital should be moved to Tacoma, where the people all over the state could get in and out of the capital city in one and the same day.

More than one state senator will go to his political grave while trying to explain in the next campaign why he spat in the face of the people by voting to screen and protect a corrupt state official—whose guilt no honest and intelligent man, who has read the charges, doubts for an instant.—Puyallup Tribune.

Nichols-Schively Investigation.

That's a matter of opinion. May perhaps the constituents of the state senator, who voted against an investigation, believe on the subject as did the senator and he was voting their sentiments. Then again may perhaps the state senator voted as he did because he was convinced that the Tribune's state senator was playing the game with loaded dice. There is no doubt but that the investigation that promises to cause consternation in many of the state institutions as well as some of the state offices, was brought about to drive J. H. Schively out of office and was founded on political feud rather than on facts, so far as the public was aware, and if the state senator took that view of it then he was justified in voting as he did, and his vote on that piece of legislation should not militate against his re-election, but if he voted against the investigation because he was unduly influenced by those under the ban of suspicion then Mr. State Senator should have to travel a rocky road to get back to the legislature.

WEEKLY COMMENT.

The German government is exercised lest the United States annex the government of Liberia after she will have assumed a protectorate over her, and the leading periodicals of the German empire are warning the officials to watch the Americans, who, they declare, are on a policy of conquest. Suppose the United States government does annex Liberia, what has Germany to do with it. Liberia is an independent government and established by former subjects of the United States, and who has a better right to annex

that government if she desires to be annexed than the United States? The United States, rather than see some foreign power absorb Liberia, Hayti and all of the West Indian Islands that have independent governments, should see to it that all of them come under the protecting folds of the Stars and Stripes if they are to be annexed by a foreign power. But let's hope there will be no need for any annexation and that the commission will unravel the tangled web and a stable government will be put on foot.

How perfectly natural for some folk to strain at a gnat and yet gulp down a camel; to see a pigeon on a barn, but not observe the barn; to struggle to remove a mote from the other fellow's eye and overlook the beam in his own. Thus it is with the editor of the Seattle Daily Times, who for the past ten days or more has been in a veritable state of hysteria over "Jack Johnson and his white wife," and has felt called upon to station himself upon the watch wall of "white supremacy" to give the danger alarm of black men capturing white women. The colonel has been seeing things for a number of years and his state of mind is evidently not improving.

Alden J. Blethen vs. Jack Johnson.

If it be true, as the editor of the Times alleges, "that the people of this part of the world are distinctly opposed to miscegenation," then we are at a loss to account for the four million half caste white and black folk "in this part of the world." By "the people" we judge the editor of the Times means the white men "in this part of the world," and yet we would hate to think the editor of the Times is despicable enough to charge even by innuendo that the white women are responsible for the four million mulattoes, yet they must be if the white men are as bitterly opposed to the miscegenation of black and white folks as the editor of the Times declares they are, or the white men "of this part of the world" encourage the miscegenation of white men and black amoritas, but do not favor equal privileges to the white women for black Othellos.

The editor of the Times goes on record as having no sympathy for a black man marrying or cohabiting with a white woman, but is as silent as the moonbeams about the white man and the black woman. But all of this claptrap about "Johnson and his white wife" is a gallery play to popularize the paper by inciting race strife. Tillman made himself not only United States senator, but a millionaire as well by playing on the same vulgar violin of race prejudice and did so when there was no more actual danger of "nigger dominancy" in the South than there was of Indian dominancy in the West. We are not advocates of black and white miscegenation, but despite our protest the white man plunges headlong into the black sea of miscegenation and is thereby slowly but surely absorbing the black man, and in a half century more the black man, like to the poor Indian, will be the white man.

The Sixty-first Congress is now doing business at the old stand and following in the wake of the last it has elected Uncle Joe Cannon, who has been declared the czar of the United States, speaker of the house of representatives for the ensuing year. However, in re-electing him the new house to an extent clipped his wings, as the rules of the house were greatly modified over what they were last year. Speaker Cannon represents the old school of politicians and the sooner he is driven from power the better for the entire country, for there seems to be little if any doubt but that he is the direct representative of the "special interests" of the country, and he makes his rulings in keeping with their wishes. It is to be regretted that Representatives Cushman and Humphrey of this state remained loyal to this old politician, who has long since outlived his day of usefulness.

When United States District Attorney Joseph B. Kealing of Indianapolis resigned his position rather than prosecute Delvin Smith and Joseph Pulitzer for libel, he showed that he did not have a single ounce of manhood in him, and was as unfit to hold the position that he did as an African ourang-outang. He took the oath of office to do his duty as an officer of the law and not as a private citizen. He may have been in full sympathy with the editors as a citizen, but as an official he had no other recourse but prosecute them according to the findings of the grand jury, and when he resigned rather than do that he plainly showed that he was not only a coward, but a most unreliable man, and he should not in the future be entrusted with grave official responsibilities lest he again betray his trust.

Joseph Kealing Moral Coward.