

CURRENT COMMENT

The shooting of Theodore Roosevelt last Monday by a crank was an unfortunate affair, but was no more than could have

Crank Shoots Teddy Roosevelt.

been expected of a crank. Cranks seem to have always lived and they probably always will. They may be necessary evils, but if so, it's hard to figure out anything they are good for. The remarkable thing about cranks is that they always seem to strike at the men higher up. There is no comment to be made upon the shooting of Roosevelt and the worst punishment that should be meted out to the crank is life confinement in an insane asylum. The man that shot Lincoln had gone insane on the subject of the Civil war; the man that shot Garfield was insane over the political dispute in the Republican party; the man that shot McKinley was crazy over the rights of the Anarchist, and the man that shot Roosevelt was as mad as a March hare over the political controversy prevailing in this country. None of those men were responsible for their acts, despite the fact that they took the lives of the leading men of the land. All of them, except the one who shot Roosevelt were legally murdered, and public sentiment in all human probability, will force him to suffer the severest punishment the law can inflict.

Edward Cudihee has made King county an ideal sheriff and he will do it again, if elected in November, which seems probable.

The penitentiary officials of Wyoming sowed to the winds and reaped a whirlwind, which they rich deserved. Everything points to the fact

Wyoming Convicts Lynched Officers.

that, the officials winked the other eye while the convicts lynched an accused criminal, but one degree of crime always begets another, and the convicts did the job so nicely that they were moved to lynch the officers and break for liberty, in which they were more or less successful, as some of the officials are dead and a number of the convicts are terrorizing the community in and about Rawlins. For the persons sworn to protect the law and to maintain its dignity, to aid and abet its wilful breaking is simply fostering crime by the wholesale. It's the old old story of Poco and Jocco, two barnyard cocks. The latter, after a running fight with the former for a year or more was finally whipped and driven out of the barn-yard. As a revenge he sought a neighboring fox and piloted him to Poco's roosting place and then stood by and crowed while Poco was being eaten, but Mr. Fox was not so considerate as Joco expected, and not having quite his fill, he was soon on Joco and he, too, met his fate. It was "funny" to the officials to see the prisoners lynch an objectionable character, but the taste of blood aroused the animal of the prisoners and at a convenient time the officials were similarly treated. He that diggeth a ditch for his neighbor will himself fall therein.

Ed Cudihee is one of the few real Americans running for office in this state and therefore merits your support.

Whether or not you are a baseball fiend did not count for much in the final wind-up of the world series between the Boston and

World Series Exciting Ending.

the New York teams, as everybody was doin' it, watching the bulletin boards, but, thank God, it's over and until the football fools get busy the country can take a breathing spell. The Bostonians won the series in one of the most exciting games that was ever played in the world. Roosevelt may have been seriously wounded, and Woodrow Wilson lost his voice, but those were but passing incidents in comparison to the baseball contest, which ended last Tuesday. The final game stood two to three in favor of Boston and the respective advocates of the teams went wild with delight as the score was marked up. Nothing in the whole country now attracts one-half the attention and comment as the baseball games, and it continues from the time the season opens until it closes.

While sheriff of King county, Edward Cudihee never had a jar in the office, and his administration was so fair that no one had complaint to make.

It may look to some persons as if the general government is making a feeble effort to muzzle the press, by forcing the various papers to tell the government all about themselves, but we do not see it in their light.

Newspaper Ownership Made Public.

In our opinion the law is a useless one, but if the government officials can accomplish anything from the publicity, then let them go to it. Who has an interest in a newspaper should be no secret. The stockholder is in no sense responsible for the management of the paper, and it can serve no purpose to have that bit of information on file. From a journalistic standpoint, it may be rather inquisitorial, but it certainly can not injure the paper. The papers have insisted that the stockholders of big corporations be made public and there is no reason why they should not take a dose of their own medicine.

Sheriff Edward Cudihee looks good to me.

The war in the Balkans between the Turks and the Montenegrins is still in its incipency, though a few sharp engagements

Balkan War Moves On.

have been reported, in which the Turks came off second best. Thus far no general European war has been precipitated as was predicted before the first gun was fired, nor does there seem to be any general excitement among the European powers over the situation. The probabilities are the powers will intervene and effect a settlement of the trouble or they may permit Turkey to lick the stuffins' out of the lit-

tle fellows that are now barking at her heels. While Montenegro has been more or less successful in the small engagements that have been pulled off in the war, yet in the end she will be the loser, and if the powers do not intervene, she will, like all the rest of those countries, be forced to pass under the Turkish yoke.

The reason Ed Cudihee has been able to hold the friendship of the people is because he has always treated everybody right.

The presidential campaign in the United States will soon, like the world's series of baseball, be a thing of the past. Eighteen

Closing Days of Big Campaign.

days more and the tale will be told, or it will at least be told at. Perhaps the people, owing to their divided condition, will not be able to tell the tale and it will have to be taken to the house of representatives of Congress to be told, but even then, it may be told with difficulty. The election, however, will be pulled off the 5th of November, when the people will say, through their ballots, who will direct the destinies of this country for the ensuing four years. While this paper is for Taft, without any qualifications, yet his chances do not look the brightest. The odds seem to be quite in favor of Woodrow Wilson, though Teddy the Terrible is still a popular ideal. If Roosevelt should capture New York and a few more of the larger Northern states and likewise capture one or two Southern states, he would at least be able to throw the election into the house, where he would have more than a fighting chance of election. The house, it is said, is evenly divided as to Wilson and Taft, but a compromise might be made on Roosevelt. In case the house was unable to elect, the senate, in all probability, would elect Sherman over either Marshall or Johnson. The finish of the campaign, however, can not be looked upon as exciting. Taft is growing in strength, but it is argued, not fast enough to bring to his cause any very favorable results.

When Ed. Cudihee left the office of sheriff he did not hang about looking for political jobs, but went into business, and he is now one of the successful business men of the county.

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