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WHAT IT WILL MEAN

The election of Mayor Fawcett will mean an absolute repudiation of the subsidized press and the efforts of special interests to rule Tacoma. It will also mean another thing, the moral force of which will be far-reaching and be spoken of when Mr. Seymour and Mr. Fawcett have faded from the limelight.

The fact now exists beyond contradiction that immediately following enfranchisement of Washington women an immediate attempt was made to construct a feminine political machine. That machine is now at work in Tacoma. It is a noticeable factor that a few North End women have been placed as the ringleaders, and nightly and daily they are haranguing their sisters who have not seen fit to become known as politicians.

When Seattle decided to remove H. Gill, the issue was on strictly moral lines, and it was a fine sight to see the women unite and vote for upbuilding of their homes. Tacoma's recall situation arose over a moral issue. Yet what have we now?

A day or so before the anti-treating election we found women advising that another woman should not vote for what her conscience dictated because it would aid the man who had fathered the ordinance. Some of these same women are now active in telling other women how they should vote.

The day of the anti-treating election found a ward in which bestial dives had flourished repudiating Mayor Fawcett and signifying that the dive element was true to Mr. Roys who had permitted them to run. Good people and thinking in the same ward voted for the ordinance, but the ward was lost.

Mayor Fawcett is meeting with every discouragement possible to place in his path since the anti-treating law carried. The subsidized press which fought hand in hand with the Royal Arch is finding fault with what the people voted for. Mr. Roys, whose declaration that he would allow vice to thrive, is being overlooked by those behind the feminine political machine.

As was said at the opening of this article, Mayor Fawcett's election will be a repudiation of those who would control Tacoma by special interest and vice. Mayor Fawcett's election will also prove that the effort made to herd women of Tacoma into a political machine for use of the subsidized press has also been stamped out.

Trying to Fool Us, Bill?

Is cousin Bill Taft playing possum? Is he letting all the criticism about his war maneuvering get ripe, so that he may then disclose that Japan and Mexico were dictating about a Japanese naval station at Magdalena bay, and thus confound his critics? There are plenty who are suspecting this, particularly in southern California, where army men are doing more or less talking.

Magdalena bay is the greatest natural harbor on the western coast of Lower California, if not in all the Pacific coast from San Diego to Panama, and it could be made one of the greatest naval bases in the world. A Japanese naval base there would be like a bloodthirsty mosquito on the end of Uncle Sam's nose, and Mr. Taft would be forgiven by the people for doing most anything to keep that pesky insect from buzzing around while he was running his Panama canal.

That Japan, after working us in that treaty matter, should sneak in and try to corrupt our dear southern neighbor, Mexico, would be very Japanese indeed. The Jap has a way of getting folks to rely on his honor and then not letting his right hand know what his left hand does, that is very fetching.

We trust that Mr. Taft hasn't made a humiliating one-sided treaty to keep out Japanese workmen and then had to call his troops to keep out Japanese armies. A good many folks are thinking that this is just about the size of it.

OBSERVATIONS

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TACOMA'S proudest moment will occur next Tuesday evening if returns show that the special interests failed in their efforts to befuddle our women.

ACCORDING to Mr. Seymour's public speech, ex-Mayor Wright when holding office, aided in shutting off competition against the Seymour gas company. This morsel from Mr. Seymour greatly chagrined his supporters. The public always likes to know of any dealings between city officials and owners of private corporations.

Every day brings indications that the women of Tacoma have become aroused to the fact that an effort is being made to swing their vote under false pretenses. What a stunning blow it would be to their misleaders should the women absolutely put the stamp of disapproval on crooked politicians.

MEN have from time immemorial fallen prey to the plots of selfish politicians. Is it asking too much of our newly enfranchised women that they teach men a lesson in their first mayoralty vote?

THE Diary of Father Time
You mortals, who claim that "misery loves company," should turn your attention to a meteorite, the next time you have an attack of chills and fever, for these pieces of stone or metal are at one and the same time both so hot that their surface is fused to a black cinder, and so cold that if they fall into pools of water, they are found an hour afterwards coated with frost. Take a tip from an old man and modernize your phrases, "hot as Tophet" and "cold as Greenland" to hot or cold as a meteorite.

COME NOW, LET'S SMILE AWHILE



JOSH WISE SAYS:

"Flames destroyed the Noobrooder residence on the edge of town, but the gallant fire ladders saved all of Aunt Hulda Noobrooder's preserves. The fire had such a start that it had to be them or the piano."

Press Agent Lobster—Who is the leader in the cast? Manager Shad—Why, the starfish, of course.

Happy Family Mrs. Scrapplinton—A clergyman receives five or ten dollars for marrying a couple, and by and by a lawyer is paid a hundred dollars for getting a divorce for them— Mr. Scrapplinton— Well, it's worth that much more, ain't it?—Puck.

His Reason. "Had a puncture, my friend?" The chauffeur looked up and swallowed his feelings with a huge gulp. "No, sir," he replied, "I'm just changing the air in the tires. The other lot's worn out, you know!"—Idea.

What They Are There For. "They cheered Colonel Windup thirty minutes after his speech." "Oh, well, men who work by the day will do anything to kill time."

"What cured him of flirting?" "He started a flirtation with a lady who turned out to be selling an encyclopedia at \$200 a set."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

She—"But, George, you could never support two." He—"Well, I'm only looking for one."—Newark Star.

Just the Thing "Can you give my constituent here a job on your railroad?" asked the state senator. "But he can't talk English." "Well, give him a job calling trains."—Kansas City Journal.

OUR DAILY BIRTH-DAY PARTY. Norman Haggood has just as much right to have a birthday as anybody else. Possibly he has more occasion to celebrate it than we have some others. For Norman is an awfully good fellow, and he's on our side—that is, he's helping in the fight to win back the heritage of the American people.

As editor of Collier's he sends up a weekly howl that gets under the hides of the vested interests. He's the chap who called Ballinger a shyster, and got away with it. 'Rah for Norman! He's only forty-three years old today.

THE DARLING! "George," she asked, "is your watch correct?" "Yes," replied George, with a merry laugh. "It is keeping better time since I put your picture inside the case."

"Oh, you flatterer! How could that be?" "Well, you see, when I placed your picture inside the case I added another jewel!"

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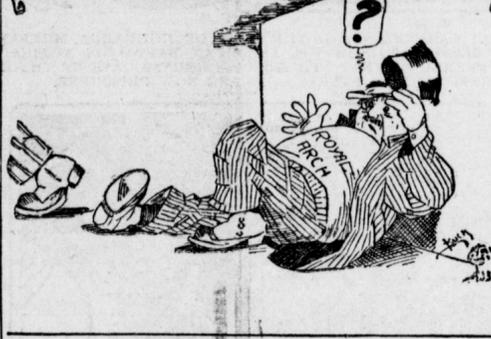
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CHOW CHOW

They named the old battleship Texas "San Marcos" before they shot her up. San Marcos—San Marc—Easy Mark.

"There's a little brightness in every day," smiled Tom Johnson. He was supposed to be on his death bed. Who shall dare say that Johnson isn't truly great?

Men who kick little dogs are afraid of big dogs.

Signs of Spring A sponge bath just before retiring induces sleep.

Some men smoke 10-cent cigars and feed their family on chuck steak.

It's easy to blame things on your wife's son.

Geologists estimate that the German potash deposits will last 600,000 years.

Hungry? So great is the demand for whale meat in Japan that the Japanese government has limited the number of whaling vessels.

Explosions. Coal dust ground fine enough to pass through a 200 to the inch mesh screen will explode on contact with flame or an electric spark.

New South Wales has reclaimed 2,000,000 acres of land by irrigation.

Camp Stove. A cooking stove has been invented by a Colorado man which folds into a compact bundle of rods.

Being at the top of the ladder isn't being above suspicion.

The probity of some men is beyond the reach of any probe.

QUEENS TALLER THAN KINGS

With two exceptions the queens of all the European countries are said to be taller than their husbands. Queen Helen is more than a head taller than the king of Italy, Queen Victoria is more than half a head taller than Alfonso of Spain. The czar looks small beside the czarina. The German empress is a trifle taller than the kaiser, and for that reason always sits when their photographs are taken together. King George of England is shorter than Queen Mary. The two exceptions are the queen of Norway and the new queen of the Belgians.

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THE TACOMA MARKET

Table with columns for Retail Prices, Hay, Feed and Grain, and Vegetables. Includes items like Round steak, mutton, beef, and various produce.

In the Editor's Mail

Everybody in Pierce county reads this column. Short letters from Times readers, of general interest and without personal malice, will be printed. Write about anything or anybody you wish, but do not have malice as your motive. Many letters are not printed because they are too long. Keep 'em short.

Editor Times:—Concerning the mayoralty campaign, one of your correspondents stated "When the church people unite with the saloon people it is enough to make the devils laugh and the angels weep." Perhaps there are others who think similarly; therefore allow me to say a word.

"One robin does not make spring." That some members of the Safety league are church members does not say that the "church people" of Tacoma are leagued with the saloons. I object to the inference that the praying men and women of this city are hoodwinked into pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for the "Royal Arch" and the Stone & Webster Company. We may not make a great hullabaloo, but we are thinking some.

A few church members and a preacher or two have displayed more zeal than wisdom in their attacks on Mayor Fawcett. Others are longing for the "flesh pots" of the city hall.

Has He Been True. The question before the people now (and the common people know this, trust me) is not whether or not Mr. Seymour is a better man morally or a more competent man mentally than Mayor Fawcett, the question is—has this man Fawcett betrayed the people who elected him to office? Has he shown such incompetency or lack of moral stamina as to warrant his expulsion from office at the very beginning of his term and thus have his reputation besmirched wherever a newspaper is read his detractors set forth as sufficient cause to destroy a man's reputation as if it were of no more consequence than the snuffing out of a candle?

Mr. Seymour was a citizen of Tacoma a year ago. Why did not his friends whose needs seem all of a sudden so great, bring him forward then and herald his good qualities? To have elected him then would have meant disgrace to no candidate. His election now means an effort to disgrace a man who has done more for the common people of Tacoma in six months than the old bunch could accomplish in 10 years or ever would accomplish unless they had a change of heart.

Recall Cause. Mr. Seymour knows as well as the most common man or woman among us that the mayor's recall is the result of the anti-treating ordinance, and Mr. Seymour admits that the enforcement of this law would be worth ten years of his life, yet he is willing to bind himself to the enemies of this ordinance to disgrace the father of it. If Mr. Seymour had his white

wings fairly sprouted, this one act would give the working people serious doubts whether the "cloven hoof" had not made even a better bid than concealed growth than the wings and would soon sap the strength from his shoulder appendages.

"He could make some savings in the light department." So could Mr. Fawcett if the park board paid its bills to the city.

An ingrate is the most contemptible creature on earth. Can the church people, can any honest working man or woman cast his or her vote against Mr. Fawcett without coming under that classification?

Fawcett Grew Stronger. If Mr. Seymour were running for mayor at a regular election we could honor him and perhaps even vote for him. Or if he had no facts to put before us that Mayor Fawcett has become wholly unfit for the office we would honor him as a reformer.

But Mr. Fawcetter, is a better man today than he was a year ago when the people put him into office. Why should anyone try to oust him, except the "Special Interests", whose wings he successfully clipped.

Cheer up sister, the devils may grow and the angels laugh, but April 4th over the triumph of the square deal. J. G. GAISER.

Editor Times: The real cause of the violent opposition to Mayor Fawcett on the part of one of our dailies is his municipal ownership ideas. Mayor Fawcett is right about the city owning our telephone and street car systems, and engaging in other municipal enterprises, and our people should not be misled at this critical time by the wiles and intrigues of the secret corporation influence back of the opposition to him. Mr. Seymour is not advocating these advanced ideas, and therefore should be defeated, for we want a leader in this line, and not one who must be pushed.

Not only public service corporations should be owned by the city, but why not industries, tenements, and even certain lines of commercial enterprises. There will certainly be steel mills in this section in the course of a few years. It would be vastly better for the cities of this section to build and operate their own steel mills than for them to wait on the steel trust to build them and reap the enormous profits to be made out of the steel industry in this section. Tacoma should issue bonds and build a \$1,000,000 steel mill now. That would make a handsome profit is beyond any reasonable doubt, and the disbursements of the enormous wage roll would benefit every other industry in Tacoma. This wage disbursement would continue for all time. There is really no reason why the people of a city should not combine to create an industry to give themselves employment.

Mr. Fawcett has shown himself eager to advance the city's position at every opportunity. He has made no false steps, and because the Bell Telephone company and other corporations are seeking his downfall with a candidate who appeals especially to the women voters, it is the duty of the men and women voters to be on their guard that the city's welfare is not sacrificed.

Municipal Ownership Advocate.

TWO OF THE BEST "Pearls of Wheat" "Times Want Ads." One package of Pearls of Wheat free with every 25 cent cash want ad inserted in the Tacoma Times this week.

"OSGAR und ADOLF" The Worm Turns at Last By Condo

Comic strip panels with dialogue in German. Characters Osgar and Adolf are shown in various situations, including one where Adolf is being pulled in multiple directions. The dialogue is humorous and includes phrases like 'SNET UP! DISS ISS NO TIME FOR PERSIFLETCH.' and 'I VANT A 24-HOURS DAY OR, BY GOLLY, I QUIT DER CHOB!!'