

# TIMES EDITORIALS

## Let the Truth Prevail!

### Justice to G. O. P.

It is exceedingly unfair to the republican party to accept statements made by W. M. Whitney, "hand-picked" Seattle candidate for congress, as real sentiment of the rank and file of the republicans of this state. Whitney is today making the clownish statement that nonpartisanship is "sexless and un-American."

Two years ago, Whitney, as republican chairman in King county, failed dismally to represent the sentiment of the rank and file of his party when he denied rightful assistance to "dry" watchers at the polls.

The vote for the dry law during a monster republican landslide distinctly shows how utterly Whitney was apart from the rank and file of republican voters. Likewise, today, he fails to represent any one but himself in his absurd characterization of nonpartisanship.

To describe nonpartisanship as "sexless and un-American" is to belie the republican party efforts to secure a nonpartisan tariff board, which Whitney himself says he favors.

Whitney apparently would have the question of preparedness discussed as a partisan matter rather than as a nonpartisan American matter.

He would place an "un-American" stigma on our superior and supreme court judges, who are already being elected as nonpartisans. He would place a "sexless, un-American" brand on our mayors, councilmen, school boards and other city officials elected under nonpartisanship today.

Whitney's individual views for or against nonpartisanship are inconsequential. They are referred to here merely to point out that his individual opinion is not that of the republicans—the rank and file—of this state.

Also because there are a few other party "leaders" like him who are viewing with alarm.

The republicans helped to make our judges, mayors, councils, and other officers nonpartisan and they're going to extend this principle to county and state officers for exactly the same reason—to get rid of party bossism and slavery.

Portland, Ore., is scandalized by the mysterious disappearance of 1,000 cords of wood from the city wood pile. From recent observation of the Portland political situation, we are led to suggest that the shortage is caused by the holes left when the colored geuts crawled out.

### John's Latest

And now old Rockefeller is after our education for keeps. His General Board of Education has issued an attack by Abraham Flexner on our school curriculum, and there's money to push the attack, all right. Flexner would strike from our present school courses formal grammar, dead languages and the old classics.

The time to fight this latest Rockefeller movement is now, and here's formal notice of our opposition.

There hasn't been no time since teacher first undertook to learn us grammar that we hain't felt the pressing need of it, and to send a child through school without being learned how to parse a noun or decline a verb, and to us "mayn't" when "can't" isn't properest would be simply treason to that child.

As to dead languages, we'd like to ask where anybody would be at in medicine, law, horticulture, floriculture, even hog-raising without familiarity with Latin or Greek. Indeed, most all of professional success depends upon having a grasp of terms in deceased languages that will puzzle the ordinary people.

Indeed, even in the exalted profession of journalism, we are sometimes saved by spring a Greek or Latin quotation or origination which we feel that nobody will understand any more clearly than we do.

No. Let the dead languages live. If Mr. Rockefeller will start a war on some of the living language that's being gradually created, we'll take pleasure in joining in his educational roar.

### Seattle's Wetness

There is good evidence for believing that the prohibition law is being grossly violated in Seattle. Since the first of the year 65 new drug stores have sprung up in King county, most of them in Seattle.

Tacomans returning from the Elliott bay metropolis report that the near-beer palaces are dispensing openly a beverage from which the "near" has been removed, and that almost any cafe will serve you booze. At least one of the big clubs is peddling liquor over the bar.

Now in one sense all this may be Seattle's business, and not Tacoma's. In another sense it is Tacoma's business. The enforcement of the dry law will only be effective when it is uniform over the state. Tacoma has an obvious right to demand that Seattle be made to observe the law.

The people of this state voted for the prohibition law. It is un-American not to enforce it. Not to enforce it strictly will serve to keep up an agitation that should by this time be definitely and forevermore settled. The state has more important affairs to deal with.

Does this situation carry a suggestion to Gov. Lister?

Some thought-provoking suggestions are embodied in Mr. Peters' concluding article on the Walla Walla penitentiary printed in today's Times.

We hope you have read his whole series. We urge that at least you do not fail to read this one.

Prison reform is advancing rapidly, but, as Mr. Peters remarks, it still has far to go. Every citizen of Washington ought to help hasten its progress at Walla Walla.

### Way to Justice

Mental examinations of persons on trial are advocated by many reformers as the next progressive step in criminology.

Additional arguments for the establishment of psychopathic laboratories in court houses come from a study of 164 delinquent girls which was conducted by the New York probation and protective association. Only 15 of these girls had reached the mental development of adolescence.

Mental deficiency is reported as the cause of waywardness.

Inefficient girls who could not "keep their jobs" were recently examined by an employment bureau in an eastern city. Of the 180 cases studied, 34 per cent were found so retarded in mental development as to be considered deficient.

The psychopathic laboratory has proved of such value in the Chicago courts that judges would not hear of returning to the old ways.

"One great advantage of the examination of youthful offenders is that it makes possible the identification of insanity before it has progressed so far as to cause the victims to commit murder or other serious crimes," says Harry Olson, chief justice of the municipal court.

"Extension of the laboratory idea in connection with the courts all over the country will in time enable society to recognize practically all those who are suffering from mental disease, and finally to extirpate it."

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

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.

**WHAT IS JOABING?**  
Editor The Times:  
The coming of strange new words goes merrily on, necessitating periodic revision of popular dictionaries, incessantly contributing to the opulence of fortunate owners of this lucrative business.  
Recently appeared in your valued and influential journal, a word that the closest scrutiny of the Standard, Webster's Unabridged, or the Century dictionaries fails to reveal; neither can it be found in the latest issues of the Britannica or University encyclopedias; nor any other modern lexicographic work that the benevolence of Carnegie makes available to the good people of Tacoma.  
Just what does "Joabing" mean?  
Can it be that you have originated a verb defining a self-appointed censoring of what is good for us to look at, to write, or to read?  
A. F. WILDT.

### OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



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Many a man who is let in on the ground floor crawls out through the cellar door.

### THE OLD TUNES ARE BEST

We are in hopes that by the time the colt show comes off next fall the band can play afew new pieces of music, as it is they have played the same music since the organization several years ago.—The Altamont (Mo.) Times.

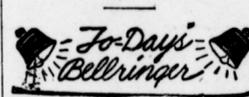
### WHAT CONGRESSMEN ARE FOR

Congressman W. A. Ayers has our thanks for several favors extended of this office recently. Mr. Ayers seems to be alive to his duties in Washington.—The Conway Springs (Kan.) Star.

### BUILDING NOTE

Our two leading public characters seem to be Col. House and Vernon Castle.—Judge.

They may be leading, but by only a nose (or a front-porch, to adhere strictly to form). There are other buildings of note. There's Villa, for instance, and Henry Cabot Lodge, not to mention the Grand Central Depew and Gilman Hall. And outside we encounter P. G. Wodehouse, with Henry Hutt. If you wish to pursue the subject to the last ditch, add Edward Cave, the appropriately named editor of Recreation.—Jim and Eddy.



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### SPEEDING IT ON

The musketry instructor had just been giving lesson on the rifle to one particularly "green" set of recruits. At the end he asked: "Now, is there any ques-

tion you want to ask?"

One dull-looking Johnny Ray stepped forward, blushing awkwardly.

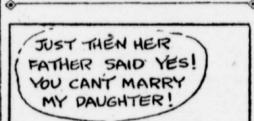
"Yes, my man?" said the instructor, encouragingly.

"Plaze, sor," stammered the searcher after knowledge, "is it roight that the harder Oi pull the trigger-thing the farder the bullet goes?"—Tit-Bits.

### NO OTHERS NEED APPLY

WANTED—A seven-inch baker and eight-inch dishwasher. Apply at Salem China company.—Adv. in the East Liverpool (O.) Review.

**A SOFT SNAP**  
As Picture by Charlie McKee, Manager of the Tacoma Theater.



### TURKS SUFFER SEVERE DEFEAT

LONDON, April 6.—Reports received yesterday by the war office state that the Turks suffered a severe defeat yesterday at the hands of the British troops on the Tigris river near Um-del-Henna.

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# ANSWERS

BY CYNTHIA GREY

Q.—I am to be married next month to a man who was engaged once before. He gave the first girl a diamond ring and she is still wearing it. The ring he has given me is only a ruby. Do you think he is treating me fairly? Should I speak to him about it?  
TESS.

A.—It all depends on which you value more—the ring or the man. The other girl has the ring, you have the man. She probably thinks you have the better part of the bargain. No, I should not speak of it to him. Probably the ruby is all he can afford at present.

Q.—Is it proper for a young lady to wear to a leap year dance flowers which were presented to her by her gentleman escort? Is it proper for a gentleman to give her flowers when she has invited him to the party?  
FLOSS.

A.—There are few rules governing leap year affairs. The gentleman has a fine sense of courtesy, and you should appreciate it and wear the flowers.

Q.—Can you tell me of anything I can put in the rinse water besides bluing to bleach white clothes that have become yellow?  
TIMES READER.

A.—Make a solution of one part turpentine to three of alcohol, and use one tablespoonful in water used in the last rinsing.

Q.—The strings of my piano seem to stretch and will not stay in tune any length of time. I live in the basement of an apartment. Do you think the dampness causes this? Also please tell me what to do for my fern. The leaves turn brown and fall off.  
R. E. L.

A.—Probably there are abrupt changes of temperature in your apartment which cause the trouble with the piano. Place it against an inside wall, as far from the heater as possible. Your fern acts as though the gas is affecting it. Give it more water, light and ventilation.

Miss Grey maintains office hours each Wednesday from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. when she is pleased to meet any Times reader. On other days she replies to questions only by mail or through her column.

# SAVE 20 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR

BY GEO. W. PERKINS

Chairman of New York's Food Committee.

Have you ever stopped to figure how much more you would get for your money if you bought food by the pound instead of by the package?

Food that is wrapped and sold in attractive looking packages must of necessity cost more than the same food sold in bulk, which means sold by the pound.

The box or jar containing the food and the wax paper costs money. The printing on the wrapper costs money. And it costs money to fill the packages and seal them. Therefore, you cannot possibly get as much food for your money when so large a part of your money has to pay for the box, wrapper, printing, etc.

There are several reasons why so many foods are put up in packages.

First, the package looks pretty, appeals to the eye, and makes the food seem more appetizing. Second, most of the packages are air tight and dust proof, and for sanitary reasons a great many people prefer food in packages.

As a matter of fact, it is possible for your grocer to keep on hand, in bulk, exactly the same foods as the packages contain, and it is also possible for him to keep them in bulk in a perfectly sanitary manner, so dust and dirt cannot reach them.

We have looked into the matter of the relative cost of certain articles bought in package as compared with the same things bought loose or in bulk. The articles referred to were purchased by our own investigator, the quality was compared, and the articles weighed and measured in our own office. The following will give you some idea of the result of our investigation:

**ROLLED WHITE OATS**—A package that contains 1½ pounds costs 10 cents. You can buy the same article loose for 5 cents a pound. If you buy 3 pounds at a time, the 3 pounds will cost you 12 cents.

**TAPIOCA**—A package contains 12 ounces and costs 10 cents. You can get 16 ounces for 5 cents if bought loose.

**VINEGAR**—A quart bottle of white or cider costs 10 cents. It costs 5 cents a quart loose.

**TEA**—In a 10-cent package there are 2½ ounces. In bulk you can get four ounces for 10 cents.

**SODA CRACKERS**—There are 4¾ ounces in a 5-cent package; you can get 7 ounces for 5 cents loose.

**GRAHAM CRACKERS**—33 in a 10-cent package; 48 in 10 cents worth loose.

**BACON**—In a 20-cent par there are nine slices, weighing 5 ounces; 19 slices, weighing 12 ounces, can be bought for same money in bulk.

**MACARONI**—A package containing 12½ ounces costs 10 cents. In bulk you can get 17 ounces for the same amount of money.

**STARCH**—A 5-cent package contains 13 ounces; 16 ounces can be bought in bulk for 5 cents.

### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

(That Tough Kid Must Face the Boy Scouts Now!)

BY BLOSSER



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