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THE GLORY OF THE STUMP

The whirlwind speaking campaign of the presidential candidates and the intense enthusiasm with which each is everywhere received give the lie to the tradition that the old time influence of the stump orator has declined.

We had begun to believe that the glory of stump speaking faded with the advent of the telegraph and the daily newspaper. But the fact is that the fast specials carrying the orators from point to point, and the network of steam and trolley roads that feed in the crowds, enable a presidential candidate to address more people in a week at this day than he could on an entire campaign 50 years ago.

The newspapers have not by any means become the whole thing in directing popular thought in politics. The American citizen likes noise and red fire in his politics. The hottest issue that has been injected into this campaign—the charges against Foraker and Haskell—were made from the stump, though the author of them owns a string of newspapers.

But the character of stump speaking has changed. In former days, when people had less to read than they have now, when the telegraph was in its infancy, when communication was slow and newspapers fewer, the stump speaker brought information and ideas to the masses which they could obtain in no other way. Today, when the telegraph has brought New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Minneapolis and New Orleans within a minute of each other, and when every hamlet has its political organs, there is no lack either of information or ideas. There is too much of them.

The man who in the old days was satisfied with one newspaper today needs two or three. One of them takes one view of a situation, the second differs from it and the third takes a view which resembles that of neither of them. After a few weeks of conscientious study the reader has no idea where he's at.

Then the stump speaker comes along and straightens him out. This is the function of the fin de siècle gentlemen of the stump today. They meet a mass of hearers who have become puzzled—who are all at sea—regarding the issues. The stump speaker braces them up and restores their wavering allegiance to the party to which they belong.

The spoken word is undoubtedly better than the written one for stirring up enthusiasm. It brings out the vote better than any other medium can do, and this is especially true of the "safe" districts, where the voters believe the victory of their party to be a foregone conclusion.

MUST PUT HONEST MEN IN OFFICE

Since the commission plan of city government, modified by provisions for the referendum and recall, began to go into actual operation in a number of cities in the west and south, some doubt has been voiced by well meaning people as to the safety of intrusting so much power to the people.

"A vicious majority," writes one man, "could secure the removal of a conscientious official for merely doing his duty."

We pass over the question whether a majority of the voters of any city could be "vicious," and call attention to the fact that the people have been extremely conservative in their use of the new powers conferred by the new charters of cities like Des Moines, Ia., and Dallas, Tex.

In the latter city, in its second year of commission government, the referendum had to be called into operation but once. That was to vote on a telephone franchise granted to an independent company. It was granted by a divided commission, and opinion was divided as to whether one or two telephone systems were best for the city. There was no dissatisfaction with the terms made by the commission with the company, and there was no suggestion of graft.

So the voters voted on the general question and by an overwhelming majority sustained the grant to the independent concern.

Even more significant, perhaps, was the recent action of the voters in Oklahoma City, where they decided by a small majority to reject the new charter providing for a commission, the rejection being due largely to the fact that the charter provided that all street railway franchises should terminate at the end of seven years from the adoption of the charter. This was, if not unconstitutional, unfair. Certain parties had put their money into street railway properties on the basis of franchises granted for certain definite periods. To try to cut short these periods was plain confiscation.

The public saw this plainly, and in spite of the usual disposition to take a kick at a public service corporation on general principles, they voted against the charter. That was a very conservative act.

The only time there has been any suggestion of the use of the power of "recall" provided by the Des Moines charter, was a few weeks ago when the chief of police cleaned out pool rooms and slot machines. His activities antagonized the bad element of the town and they said: "We will get even. We will have you recalled." So they opened offices and started a petition. And they failed to get anywhere near enough votes to start a recall, and the bluff was abandoned. A majority of the people of Des Moines were not—were not—vicious. They had no sympathy with the element which wished to violate the laws with impunity.

As a whole the people can be trusted. It is the few who constitute a mob; seldom or never a majority. That is a well worn but true saying that a few people may be fooled all the time, and all the people a part of the time, but no one can deceive all the people all the time.

The trouble with our present aldermanic city governments is not their democracy, but their lack of it. Instead of having too much the people have too little power. It has been filched from them by irresponsible officeholders, by irresponsible parties, by irresponsible political machines and by irresponsible corrupters of machines, parties and officeholders. The people have carelessly scattered power and responsibility here and there and then gone off and paid no attention. And while their backs were turned they have been robbed.

Enterprising cities like Dallas, Des Moines and Galveston have overhauled the system and taken the power again into their own hands.

SAYS AN OLD FASHIONED WOMAN

Instead of ironing baby's cap, stretch it over a large bowl, after washing and starching. Remove when dry and it will be ironed and shaped right. Press the ribbon or lace with a warm iron.

Two tablespoonsful of turpentine in a bucket of water for rinsing wash fabrics will prevent fading. Rinse before washing.

The leaf of horseradish gives at once instant relief from neuralgia, cramps, sore throat, pin in the stomach and kindred pains and aches. Warm the leaf and apply to body.

When baby begins to take no-

lice, hang a soft red ball where he can see it, and later, when old enough, where he can reach it.

Sweet potatoes placed in water to which a teaspoonful of vinegar is added will prevent discoloration after peeling.

GLYCERINE FOR STAINS.

To take tea or coffee stains from white goods soak the spots with glycerine and let the goods stand for several hours untouched. Then wash with soap and water.

The Press, 25 cents a month.

DIANA GROWS DRAMATIC

JOINS A STREET FAIR AND TELLS ABOUT IT IN HER OWN WAY



BY FRED SCHAEFER.

"SO I VAMPED EARLY THIS MORNING BEFORE ANY OF THE REST WERE UP."

I. Again I have a severe attack of adventure-lust, or yearn to be up and doing.

What put the bug in my head is this ad. in the Dramatic Snapper: "WANTED—Girl for street fair stunt; no experience necessary; must be good looking; old hens keep off; we pay all. Skiddoo's Colossal Carnival Co., Slabtown 12-18; Tunkville 19-25."

How often I had wished I could see a street fair from the inside, and here was a chance! Slabtown isn't far, and I could duck down there and take a look, and if

the job would suit, what a frolic it would be.

But it was no use asking ma and pa about it. They would raise the roof at the idea. They always throw up to me that for a girl of 20 summers and some winters to boot I've got too much ambition and not enough sense.

So I wrote them a note saying I was going after a position in a nearby town and I would let them know how it panned out. I left it on the dining room table and vamped early this morning before any of the rest were up.

Ain't I the little truant, though.

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A WORD FROM JOSH WISE.

"Little adde to little" broke the camel's back.

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HER ENGAGEMENT BOOK

"Really, I must go," declared pretty Irene Dennison, drawing a diminutive, red bound book from her shopping bag. "See this book? This is my engagement book and see what I have down here for 4 o'clock this afternoon? 'Meet Mabel at Bloomingdale's.' It's fifteen minutes of four, so I simply must fly!"

Harvey Wagner looked at her glumly.

"Oh, pshaw, cut it!" he cried. "Oh, I couldn't possibly do that!" cried the girl. "I always do what my little engagement book tells me to do, when it tells me."

"You'd never do exactly the opposite of what it says?"

"No, never. You see I'm superstitious about it."

He looked long after the car which bore the girl away and then with a sigh, started back. He started suddenly as his eyes espied a familiar little red bound book lying on the sidewalk. Irene had dropped her engagement book!

Perhaps Harvey's actions, after he found the book, were rather peculiar, but "everything is fair in love." He wrote industriously in the little book for a time and then, beaming satisfaction, he placed it in his pocket. That evening he managed, unobserved by Irene, to replace it in her shopping bag.

Three weeks after this incident, and to be exact at 9:35 o'clock in the evening, Irene accepted Harvey's proposal of marriage. But strangely enough Harvey's elation was short lived. At 9:45 o'clock he looked at Irene dolefully.

"I know, dear, what made you accept me," he said. "I know how superstitious you are, and so, happy as it would make me to marry you, I can't honorably do less than release you!"

Irene sat up very straight at this with a look of wonderful astonishment on her face.

"Why, why, what do you mean?" she cried.

"I mean," said Harvey doggedly, "that I know you have accepted me at this time because you found a memorandum in your engagement book to do this thing at this time. And, as I wrote that engagement in your book, I say I can't honorably take you."

"Why, why," stuttered Irene in her surprise.

"I know, too," went on Harvey, sorrowfully, "that you kissed me at the times you found set in your engagement book. I've kept track of all the times and compared them with the times I set down in your engagement book. Dear, I only wish you did like me enough to marry me, but I can't honorably have you to do it when I know you've only accepted me out of superstition."

"Well, I never!" cried Irene, with great vehemence, as she rose and pulled the little red book out of a desk. "Will you look at that!"

"There's not a one, beyond the ones I made," said Harvey, in a moment.

"Do you know what that means?" asked the girl. "It means that I haven't looked into the book since that time. It means that since that date I've been so taken up with you that I haven't cared about any engagements except the ones I've had with you. And further, it means that I didn't know your entries were in the book. There! Oh, you big, silly, honorable goose!"

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HE CARVED A COOK

Frank Jones was arrested by Patrolman Scott last night on a charge of cutting Harry Weston, a colored cook, with a knife. The fight occurred in the Rexford saloon on Main avenue. The cook's temple artery was severed and bled profusely before the flow was stopped in the emergency hospital.

FATHER HELD FOR INSANITY

As the result of a trial on a charge of threatening the lives of his son and daughter, Hugh L. McKelvey will be examined for insanity. In Justice Mann's court yesterday McKelvey's children testified their father had deserted them and their mother back east 18 years ago. The daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Holderman, and her brother, age 17, came out here recently and met their father. Justice Mann bound McKelvey to the superior court under \$500.

SUES ON SON'S INJURY.

Philip M. Sharpnack, in behalf of his son, John W. Sharpnack, has filed a suit against the Spokane Sash & Door Co. for \$2,000 damages alleged to have been sustained to his left hand through the careless operation of a planer by the foreman of the mill where the plaintiff was employed.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

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EUCLID AVENUE TO DIVIDE WARD

Voters in the upper precincts of the Fifth ward will be asked to sign a petition on election day asking that the ward be subdivided into two wards, with Euclid avenue as the dividing line. The upper ward would thus include the immense section above the north bluff and extending east to Hill-yard.

This section has now what was ordinarily considered a requisite population for one ward and is growing rapidly. The interests of the upper and lower portions of the Fifth ward are different and it is thought the best results can be obtained by a division of the ward.

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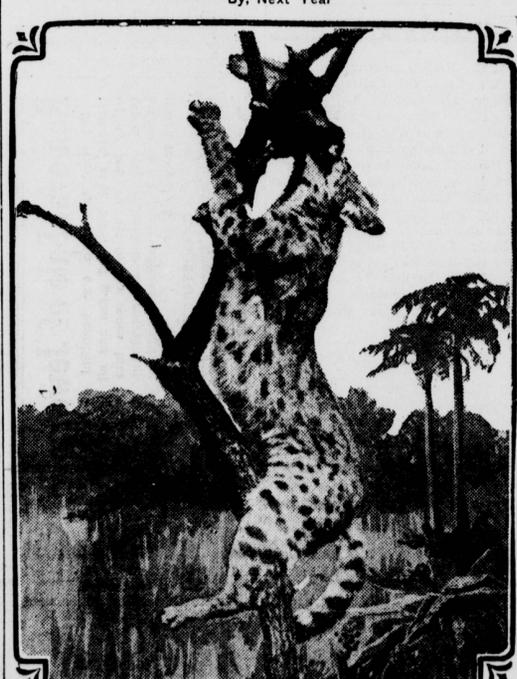
This Is Not So Hard



The picture represents two words from the arithmetic. What are they?

TEDDY ANIMALS IN AFRICA

Wild Beasts That Roosevelt May See, May Kill, or May Be Devoured By, Next Year



THE SERVAL.

The serval, or bush cat, as it is called by the Dutch colonists of southern Africa, is a very pretty animal. It is only about 18 inches in height and two feet in length,

exclusive of the tail, which is 10 inches long and covered with thick, bushy hair. The bush cat is in great demand on account of its pelt, which has a ready sale among furriers.