



Callouses are the Mark of Amateur Thief

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Most of the thieving in offices of government is done by appointed officers. Elected personel is not so well addicted to high finance.

Moral Suasion?

Ordinary remedies fail of correction so it seems there is a good word for the electors' old fashioned way of brushing their servants' ear back, after the fact. But I am not advocating it because I realize stealing is extensively accepted as a means to resuscitate an emaciated larder or to dispel the dread that it may become so, prematurely. It is not within my province and my fellow-man may do as he damn well please—that is his freedom—and come to such agreement as he may with law.

No word of mine shall tilt the scales one way or another until law itself starves or goes berserk.

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Labor Journalism says "Write for the waste basket."

Taint so neither; get a barrel. And when you get that barrel full you're a second Mauri Jokai, Zola or Ibsen or all three put together.

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If politics could have remained pure it would have done better. But what's the use of ifing; an egg can't remain forever fresh.

Grade A politicians are few and far apart—do better buying eggs. But so the best of dozens has one or two off-color eggs and if you crack them into an omelette immediately the country goes to the dogs.

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It is getting harder each day to show a callous but nevertheless, politically speaking, in view of the tendency toward larceny, it would pay the electors to choose inexperienced representatives for government positions. Production of a callous should be sufficient proof of a man's inexperience in the art of stealing for

himself or his friends, no matter how he acquired the callous.

Note: The income from thievery is so great that little and infrequent action is inspired—some of our dynamic representatives steal only once in their whole lives. Naturally they can't show a callous—even though they deal with heavy industry.

Lawyers are representing workers in the halls of legislation—why don't they send the milkman once in a while—and other lawyers across the pond challenge them to a game of "slaughter the suckers."

Let the milkman declare all wars.

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It never can be said democracy failed in the U.S.A. What we have here is machine politics. And that is predestined to fail. It never has failed to fail anywhere any time before. Politics is a profession. Professionals are representing amateurs in Congress—I might call the professional politicians "the silent dynasty" only they make so much racket, everything considered.

In the lesser field of ward politics they learn all the fine tricks of artful dodging to keep out of jail and when they are letter perfect or saturated with depravity they are "kicked upstairs" as they wisecrack.

You'd have to vote pretty fast to beat that setup, wouldn't you? Say every Tuesday? And extra election for last Tuesday? Even then you cannot beat it because—machine production is fast.

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Sex education is having its innings and educators threaten to tell all . . . That can mean but one thing: Parents will now be taught what every child knows. It is unreasonable to think half illiterate educators would essay to paint a lily or improve on letters perfect.

Step up, maw and paw—don't be bashful.

Upon second thought, mebbe if the economic czars placed more pro-vender on the table there might be less "running around" and milder hysteria about the question of marriage. Education cannot cure that which they voted for; special privilege, unabridged and carte blanche. Besides, they haven't what it takes. Their knowledge is confined to errorless ambling to the pay window.