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If Mulhall is a "liar and blackmailer" what is the Chicago Tribune? No applicable word has been discovered yet to apply to such a sheet.

The Pontiac Daily Leader says: "The publishers of the Dwight Star and Herald have announced that they will increase the size of their excellent weekly publication within a short while, to sixteen pages."

It is said the Sherman men are on the inside on minority appointments, and that the Deneen people will be out in the cold. It is hoped Governor Dunne will recognize the ablest republicans regardless of labels.

The Chicago Tribune's pet blackmailer—Mulhall—is in trouble. Congressman Underwood, the democratic leader of the House, says Mulhall is a "liar and blackmailer," and that he never saw him until the present inquiry.

The more the plum tree is shaken at Springfield, the more kicking there is. A good sized plum fell into the hands of a Chatsworth man, when Mr. Kerrins was appointed superintendent of the Pontiac State Reformatory last Friday. The plum in some manner was supposed to be shaken into the hands of Mr. Whalen, of Flanagan, but it was not to be.

The new school law is an improvement along some lines. The county superintendent is not the one who furnishes the questions or final judge of the examinations. A new form set of questions are sent by the examining board of the state and this board is the final judge. Also, hereafter all certificates except third grade are good in any county in the state, the third only in the county where received. Another feature of the law is those who wish to continue teaching must keep improving and in time get a first grade certificate. A third grade certificate is good only one year and cannot be renewed but once; a

second grade is good for two years and renewable twice. A first grade is good for three years and renewable indefinitely for three year periods.

The newspapers are reporting the arrest of Joseph Medill McCormick, of Chicago, the progressive of progressives, and one of the reported owners of the Chicago Tribune, as having been arrested at Syracuse, N. Y., on a charge of making a disturbance on the 20th Century Limited. It is said he was arrested and taken from the sleeper in the night in his pajamas. He pleaded guilty and said he took too much bromide (?). He is one of the financial backers of the third party and the suffragette movement, and they have to like it. McCormick is named after the once famous editor of the Chicago Tribune, Joseph Medill, and if the latter doesn't turn over in his grave it will be a wonder, but then Mc., old boy, is a fair representative of the Tribune.

KIND WORDS FOR THE BAD BOY.

Every bad boy who has reached mature years—and who save the molly-coddles was not a bad boy at one time or another?—will be glad to read the kind words applied to mischief makers by a judge of the Portland Juvenile Court. Speaking to the National Conference of Charities and Correction, held in Seattle, he uttered these thoughts:

Give them a chance. A boy isn't necessarily all bad because he tells a fib or loots an orchard.

A boy is not necessarily morally or mentally deficient because he tells a lie.

A child may steal and still not be defective.

It is a mistake, in my opinion, to treat a minor offender as a defective because of some petty offence. I've robbed many a cherry orchard myself.

There is not only wisdom for courts of correction but cheer for nervous parents in these frank remarks. Small boy badness crops out behind the most saintly boy-choir faces and despite the most utter perfection of parental character. It ought, perhaps, to damn and blight and destroy beyond repair. But it doesn't. To the contrary, it seems to have a certain wholesomeness as of the earth itself, and the boy who is never bad is almost as unhealthy and unsound a product as the boy who has never had his clothes mussed beyond recognition or covered himself with dirt.

You can put it either way you please—that there is no such thing as a bad boy, or that all boys are bad. But the truth is clear. Badness in the

genus "boy" is a deceptive and artificial term used to describe a perfectly normal habit of life—as normal as measles, whooping cough or marbles or falling in love.

AN INDEPENDENT VIEW.

The politically independent Chicago News prints an editorial on "Progressive Party Strength."

That topic might be treated as briefly as the writer of a famous work on Ireland treated the subject of his shortest chapter—when he set down the heading, "Snakes," and under it six words: "There are no snakes in Ireland."

The Chicago independent paper's editorial writer does not express in six words the opinion that the progressive party has no strength. But he does convey that conclusion in about 300 words—as follows:

"Under the New York primary election law members of a political party must enroll themselves as such in advance of the primaries in order to be able to vote for party candidates. In the recent enrollment voters of the progressive party in the state who prepared to participate in the primaries were only one-tenth as many as the 390,021 who voted for Roosevelt for president last November. The progressive party enrollment in New York City is but seven per cent of the Roosevelt vote. The other political parties made a much better showing. The democratic enrollment for the state was 50 per cent of last year's democratic vote, while that of the republicans was nearly 65 per cent of the republican vote.

These enrollment figures seem to bear out the contention that many of the voters who supported Roosevelt for president last year are not confirmed adherents of the progressive party. The great majority of the Roosevelt supporters, in fact, are real independents, upon whom the obligations of partisanship rest lightly. Such voters can not be organized into a compact party group that will fight unitedly on all occasions. It was not to form a new party they broke away from the old parties last year.

"Progressive party leaders, if they wish to accomplish important results in politics, should bear steadily in mind that they do not possess a following that can be directed in the old way. The city election in Chicago last April showed this. While Roosevelt last November secured more votes in Chicago than any other candidate for president, five months later the progressive party's city ticket ran third.

"The progressive party vote of 1912 showed dissatisfaction with the meth-

ods of the old parties rather than a desire that a new party be created to follow in the footsteps of the old parties."

WHERE FARMERS ARE RICH.

Writing on "Private, Ownership in Mexico," John Kenneth Turner in the Metropolitan Magazine says land holdings are concentrated to a greater degree in Mexico today than they were in France in 1789. Seven thousand families hold practically all the arable land. If the distribution were proportionately the same as it is in the United States, Mr. Turner finds that 1,000,000 Mexican families would be in possession of titles to landed property. In the state of Morelos, the center of the Zapatist revolt, 12 proprietors own nine-tenths of the farming property. In Chihuahua, the center of the agrarian revolution in the north the Terrazas family holds nearly 20,000,000 acres, which comprise nearly all the tillable soil of that state. The greater portion of the state of Yucatan is held by 30 men, kings of sisal hemp. The territory of Quintana Roo, which is double the size of Massachusetts, is divided among eight companies. "When I visited Madero on Jan. 27, he unrolled a map of lower California showing the land gifts of General Diaz. That territory, equal in area to Alabama, had been sold in five vast tracts for about three-fifths of a cent an acre."

In the United States the farmer is a humble person; in Mexico he is a king of millionaires. The typical farm in Mexico is not 160 acres, nor yet of 1600, but of a 1,000,000. The Madero holdings in Coahuila run into the millions of acres. Nowhere in the world, not in India nor Egypt nor any country, are found the vast cotton plantations that are discovered in the state of Durango.

In a news dispatch regarding the operations of the rebels, which recently appeared in the Mexican papers, it was casually mentioned that on one farm in the state of Puebla, the Atencingo, the rebels had burned 2,000,000 pesos' worth of sugar cane. If the crop standing in the fields was worth 2,000,000 pesos, how much might the farm itself be worth?

Instead of showing a tendency to break up, Mr. Turner declares, this system has been steadily growing stronger. Always, since the rule of Spain was fastened upon Mexico, land has been held in huge tracts, and there have been feudal lords and serfs. But Spanish time and later, after the independence, a considerable proportion of the common people had farms of their own, which insured them a fair measure of freedom.

Fine Job Printing at this Office.

TEXT OF SUFFRAGE BILL.

Complete Copy of New Illinois Law Giving Women Vote Is Issued.

Following is a true copy of the Illinois law which gives women the right to vote.

There has been much talk as to how the law reads and this is the first publication of the complete bill that has been made in this vicinity.

The bill is known as Senate Bill No. 63.

The law reads: A bill for an act granting the women the right to vote for presidential electors and certain other officers, and to participate and vote in certain matters and elections.

Section 1—Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois, represented by the general assembly: That all women, citizens of these United States, above the age of 21 years, having resided in the state one year, in the county ninety days and in the election district thirty days next preceding any election therein, shall be allowed to vote at such election for presidential electors, members of the state board of equalization, clerk of the appellate court, county collector, county surveyor, members of the board of assessors, members of the board of review, sanitary district trustees and for all offices of cities, villages and towns (except police magistrates) and upon all questions or propositions submitted to a vote of the electors of such municipalities or other political divisions of this state.

Section 2—All such women may also vote for the following township officers: Supervisors, town clerk, assessor, collector and highway commissioner, and may participate and vote in all annual and special town meetings in the township in which such election districts shall be.

Section 3—Separate ballot boxes and ballots shall be provided for women which ballot shall contain the names of candidates for such offices which are to be voted for and the special questions submitted as aforesaid, and the ballots cast by women shall be canvassed with the other ballots cast for such officers and on all such questions. At any election where registration is required women shall register in the same manner as male voters.

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THAT REMINDS US

That a woman said the other day that "half the men who condemn slit skirts have nearly broken their necks trying to see one."

That the following is the decision of the City Marshal, Boulder, Colo.: "The women of this town must either wear clothes a little less revealing, or keep on the shady side of the street."

That this paper is receiving some fine compliments since we enlarged, and new subscribers are being received every day. Many thanks.

That there has been a lot of things to be thankful about this week, and the biggest one is that the thermometer has been behaving itself.

That a friend wants to know which is the worst—an impediment in one's speech or his income.

Livingston County Boys Make Good Showing on Motorcycles at Columbus, Ohio.

Indianapolis, Aug. 4.—Leslie Allen, of Odell, Ill., won the 100-mile motorcycle race here Saturday before a crowd of five thousand people in the remarkable time of ninety-eight minutes and fifty-one seconds, which clips the former state record held by Frank A. Houff, of Terre Haute, by nearly six minutes.

J. L. Carroll, of Ft. Wayne, was fatally injured, when he lost control of his machine and struck the inside fence about 100 yards from the tape in the fourteenth mile.

"Bob" Perry, of Ohio, led the race for the first ten miles, with Carl Goudy, of Fairbury, Ill., pushing him hard. Perry and Goudy put up the most spectacular and fastest riding ever seen at the fair grounds track. They circled the oval on numerous laps around fifty seconds, the best of which was 51½ seconds.

Allen's riding was consistent throughout. He set a pace of about fifty-nine seconds per mile and kept it up during the entire race, allowing himself one stop for oil and gasoline. By winning the race, Allen became tri-state champion, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and came within four minutes of the world's record.

The Chicago & Alton Railroad Company will sell week-end excursion tickets, Dwight to Chicago and return, going any train Saturday or Sunday except Alton Limited; good returning up to and including 10 a. m. Monday. Not good on Red Hummer. F. D. Scoville, agent.—Adv.

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