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THE COMMON TOUCH

Hard for us to figure out is why an aloof man, with snobbishness in his heart, ever runs for public office.

Only rarely does a candidate of this sort win. If he emerges victorious from a battle of ballots, it's usually because his opponent beat himself by rubbing too many people the wrong way.

That's one of the hazards of being an extrovert. Nothing, not even a friendly nature, can save a politician if he makes a habit of telling it like it is, and steps on the toes of the wrong people too often.

In this case, the pompous, puffed-up man opposing him at the polls becomes, in the minds of many voters, the lesser of two evils. But, in ordinary circumstances the chronic snob is a loser at the polls, and deserves to be.

Don't every lay your money on a man who waits until three weeks before election to discover the many so called unimportant people in his community. Being ignored isn't accidental, if it has happened to you repeatedly.

Campaigning, face to face, isn't easy for the fellow who has to come down from his self erected throne on the mountain top, and grovel for support from the peasants in the valley.

For one thing, the inflated egotist awakens to the dismal fact that his circle of carefully chosen friends is a great deal smaller than the multitude outside that circle.

Worse still is the realization that this multitude is mostly made up of people he has never condescended to speak to on the street, chat with across a counter, or compliment at a teller's window when he visits the bank.

Sadly, he finds himself almost totally among strangers, as he passes out his political cards to pedestrians. Often, the local citizen he thinks he is stopping turns out to be somebody from somewhere else.

Even if it is a local citizen, there's something slightly absurd about having to introduce yourself to people you've passed hundreds of times for tens of years without speaking. In short, the snob is out of place in politics.

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Historical Gleanings

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LANDS OF THOMAS SINGLETON COART
Under the Wills of Thomas S. Singleton and W. G. Singleton, Thomas Singleton Coart became seized of the following tracts of land--a one sixth interest:

A grant to Spyers Singleton for 300 acres, Book 3 P. 63, May 27, 1775: Lying in Craven County at the head of Brice's Creek and Cat Fish Lake, beginning in the Southwest or back line of a patent of land granted to Thomas Daves for 640 acres, and at a point 56 poles from the west corner of the same, &c &c to the first station.

A tract granted to Spyers Singleton for 300 acres, Book 3 P. 64, May 27, 1795, lying in Craven County, situated on Cat Fish Lake, beginning at the Lake side the 4th corner of said Singleton's 100 acre survey, dated May 4, 1795, then along the third line of said survey East to the third corner of the same &c to the beginning.

A tract of land granted to Spyers Singleton for 100 acres, Book 3 P. 65 May 27, 1795, on Cat Fish Lake, beginning at a cedar and two laurels, at the eastern edge of said lake by a small Bay or Cove, then 100 poles East, then North 160 poles, &c to the beginning.

A tract granted to Singleton-Daves and Spaight for 3200 acres, Book 3 P. 66, May 28, 1796, South side of Trent River in the Pecosin, both sides West prong of Brice's Creek, beginning at two marked laurels in Singleton's cut path to the Cat Fish Lake, being the beginning corner of the 5120 acre survey &c to Singleton's 100 acre survey, &c to Henry line, &c to Spaight and Daly's patent for 640 acres on Long Lake, then with their line South 46 West 278 poles to David Barrons's 400 acre patent on Long Lake, then with Barrons line NW 120 poles, then with his order line SW 160 poles to the said Barron's Patent on Great Lake for 640 acres, being also the corner of the above said Singleton's Dave's and Spaight's survey for 5120 acres, &c to the beginning.

A tract of land granted to Singleton-Daves and Spaight for 1920 acres book 3 P. 67, May 14th, 1798, on the South side of Trent River, on the Cat Fish Lake, beginning at a cedar and two laurels on the eastern end of the said Lake, being the beginning corner of Singleton's 100 acre survey, then running with said Lake Southerly and Westerly, its various courses to

Village Verses

URGENT REQUEST

Science works miracles,
But what every gardner needs
Are flowers that will choke out
All those thriving weeds.
The colors, that won't matter,
Make them yellow, red or blue,
Rather small, or large and tall,
Just teach them what to do.
—JGMcd.

MIRROR MIRTH

The hardest task of a girl's life is to prove to a man that his intentions are serious.

Economists now say we move in cycles instead of running around in circles. I sounds better, but it means the same.

The only kind of letters a woman likes to receive from a man are those which should not have been written.

If a loafer is not a nuisance to you, it is a sign that you are something of a loafer yourself.—Edgar W. Howe.

It takes a strong constitution to withstand repeated attacks of prosperity.—J. L. Basford.

The best way to convince a fool that he is wrong is to let him have his own way.—Josh

Billings.

Any event, once it has occurred, can be made to appear inevitable by a competent historian.—Lee Simonson.

There's too many folks of limited means who think that nothing's too good for them.—Frank McKinney Hubbard.

Be frank and explicit. That is the right line to take when you wish to conceal your own mind and to confuse the minds of others.—Disraeli.

There are only two kinds of people who are really fascinating; people who know everything, and people who know nothing.—Oscar Wilde.

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