

puzzles him. When we shake hands he doesn't know whether we are rubbing our antennae or trying to pull each other limb from limb. Street cars to him are just little sardine boxes into which we rashly swarm, only to emerge from just as distractedly. False teeth are a strange thing to him—he suspects that all of us can take ourselves entirely apart if we have a mind to. And what must be his impressions when he dissects a mince pie?

Naturally scientists take a lively interest in Mr. Skygack. Prof. Dopemoutsky of the University of Rawhide, has written a paper which argues that Mr. Skygack's feet are so exceedingly flat from standing on a canal boat and poling it through the canals of Mars.

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#### GETTING DELEGATES—AS IT IS DONE BY TAFT

New York, Feb. 10.—A little sidelight was thrown on politics as politics is worked by Colonel D. C. Collier, of San Diego, today.

Collier is president of the San Diego fair and exposition planned for 1915, and when Collier heard today that the senate committee on expositions had carelessly sidetracked San Diego's plea for national recognition—just recognition, not money—of their exposition, he blew up.

Before expressing his feelings, Colonel Collier pointed to another bit of news in the day's papers. It was that in which Secretary Hilles, for President Taft, claim-

ed the California delegation to Chicago.

"See that," said Collier. "That is the answer to the side-tracking of San Diego's request.

"President Taft or his campaign managers—I don't know which—entered into an agreement with J. J. Moore and J. G. McNab, president and director of the San Francisco Pan-American fair, to favor the "world's fair" to be held at San Francisco and refuse to recognize the San Diego fair.

"In return, Moore and McNab promised Taft—or his campaign managers—an instructed delegation.

"Well, there's one satisfaction. Moore and McNab can't deliver the goods. They can't get an instructed delegation from California. California is progressive, and won't send a delegation for Taft."

All of which is very fine, but isn't national politics a grand, big, honorable sort of a proposition. Yes? No?

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Pittsburgh, Pa., thinks it's having cold weather because thermometer has gone down to 8 below.

August Hoge, 89 years old, Waukesha, Wis., acquitted of murder of 83-year-old wife. Jury only deliberated 4 minutes.

Former Gov. Folk, of Missouri, has retired from the presidential race, thus making things easy for Champ Clark.

Not that Joe Folk ever was in the race so darn deep.