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**A LUCKY** Weather prophets have PROPHET not been in favor in the last couple of years. Since Cleveland became president a second time every thing has been topsy-turvy and all signs have failed. Prophets of weal have failed of a vindication in events, and even the government weather bureau has gone wrong. But Rev. Irl R. Hicks, the west's own prophet, has in it all and through it all, borne his banner high up in the air, and success has often perched on it. Hicks foretold the light showers which marked the early part of May. He also said that "for a few nights after the 8th or 9th it will be quite cool with frost, possibly, in northerly directions." His predictions for May, and in fact his predictions for all of the months since January, were borne out by the facts. Hicks says, after the falling temperature and rising barometer of the middle of the month will come reactionary storms, beginning on the 24th. "The storm diagram shows that a Venus disturbance begins about the new moon on the 24th, which fact evidences that the period, 24th to 28th, will bring active and continued storms. \* \* \* May will end in the midst of growing warmth, and with hard storms developing in the west and starting on their eastward march." It is interesting to note that Hicks prophesies much rain for June. "That many storms will take place in June seems inevitable. Overwhelming rains may not come but the chances are good for such. Have your broken, cracked cisterns repaired, connect and repair your spouts, and clean out and strengthen the embankments of your ponds." Here's wishing that the elements may sustain the venturesome Hicks!

**COMMENCEMENTS** A few days more AND and June will be WEDDINGS here, June the month of weddings and commencements—the season of orange blossoms and fluttering diplomas. The scarlet and cream and the various symbols of college fealty will be reared aloft; the bunted degree will surrender to the toil of the earnest student; the commencement orator will tell of the doom of nations or fly before us to the high heavens of student vision; music of Lohengrin and Mendelssohn will hail the march of mated loves, and the flowers of June will scent the air with the delicious perfume of Spring. Whether the rain falleth or the price of wheat ascendeth, whether prosperity is the general condition or the reverse the common lot, weddings are not affected and commencement gayety suffers no change. In Lincoln the ensuing month will fulfill all of June's traditional

promise. The schools will send their product out into the world via the commencement platform, and in the social realm plighted troth will be sealed by marriage token. June is a month for happy thoughts. Get in a place where you can catch some of the infection.

**BRYAN** Three years ago the ON flute-voiced congress- THE MOVE man, the agile boy orator of the Platte, pumped his lungs and sang a song of tariff-slashing to the people roundabout. The country was at the high tide of prosperity then; furnace fires were burning brightly, factory wheels were spinning merrily, and honest labor was happy. There was work for all then—good wages, a comfortable home, and coffee with plenty of sugar in it. Mr. Bryan, with the seductive eloquence of a meadow lark, plead for the abolition of protection and the substitution of a tariff for revenue only. In that time of prosperity men were foolish; they were beguiled by the sentiment of emotional stump speakers like Bryan, and an election day they did reverse the policy that had brought peace and plenty for the other faith. Congress discarded the protective tariff and gave us a mongrel something in its stead, and lo! prosperity vanished like a thief in the night. The whole country was enveloped in a pall; idleness and starvation knocked at the door of the workingman's cottage, and in the place of the smoke issuing from a million furnaces there was the all-pervading sizzle and gloom of anarchy. Then the flute changed its key; the orator sought a new theme. The repudiated tariff system was carefully avoided. The congressman in his dilemma turned to the income tax. There was a vent for all his pathos; and for a period he posed as a special champion of this ancient system of taxation. Bryan is today one of the recognized authors of the income tax measure. But again an ill wind set in. This week the supreme court effaced this pet project of the sentimentalists from the statute books. There is no income tax law and once more Mr. Bryan is forced to cart his bags of sentiment into a new field. They are already dumped in the silver reservation; and to-day the flute is attuned to the ringing notes of silver. And time is sure to make the nimble statesman move on again. Awakening intelligence is undermining the strength of the free silver propaganda, and returning prosperity will seal its doom. To what then, will Mr. Bryan turn next? Events are keeping him busy these days.

**WHERE IS** For days the glittering THAT prospect of a libel suit LIBEL SUIT? has radiated before the eyes of the editor of THE COURIER. Expectancy has stood on tiptoe and anticipation has revelled in the excitement to come. But day after day glided by, and the glittering prospect faded. Expectancy dropped back into desuetude, and anticipation was lulled to sleep. The libel suit, up to the present writing, has failed to come. The threats of the whilom president of the Western Normal college have brought no answering echo of action begun. The editor has not been arrested. THE COURIER still lacks the distinction that this libel suit would have attached to it. There is so much disappointment in this life. There is so much promise and so little fulfillment. Hope is raised to a pinnacle only to be dashed to pieces on the rocks of despair. We are led to expect all manner of good things, but the day cometh, and we are left barren as before.

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