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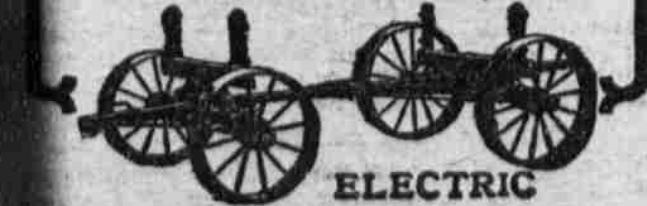
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THE GRIDIRON CLUB

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nect with the lobby of the hotel, many interesting bits of information were transmitted through a member of the club. The suggestion was made that there should be a joint debate between the president and Mr. Bryan.

"What's the use?" was the answer; "they are both on the same side."

Senator Lodge, who is known as a close friend of the president, was notified that the proofs of his latest work were below entitled, "Tribulations of a Bosom Friend."

The audience was then told that J.

H. Maddy, who left the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to go with the Erie, had been presented with a loving cup by his friends which was inscribed, "From Bad to Worse."

There was a controversy as to who was the "original Roosevelt man," and verses of poetry were recited, alleged to have been written by the several different men asserting that they were the "original."

The list included Senators Lodge, Foraker, Beveridge and Scott and Indian Commissioner Leupp. Major Carlson rejected all their claims and introduced the president of the United States as the "original Roosevelt man," who responded in a neat speech.

Father Ducey on Monopoly

Father Ducey, the well-known pastor of St. Leo's church in New York, recently delivered a sermon on "Monopoly and Trust Crimes Against God's Bounty, the Rights of Man, the Sacredness of Religion, and the Liberty of Education." The New York Times report says:

The text from which Father Ducey spoke was taken from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians—"That no man overreach nor circumvent his brother in business, because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before and have testified."

To circumvent, said Father Ducey, meant to "snare, cheat, deceive and impose upon." It exactly described, he said, the policy of the modern trust. "Let me warn those behind the monopolies," he said, "that there is a day of reckoning ahead. They can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but not all of the people all of the time. Truth, justice and honor may not be crushed. They will rise again."

"Today, when the United States has become a world power, let the trusts, monopolies and robbers be assured that the people will not submit to enslavement much longer. The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof. No organization of wealth may corner the bounties of nature and escape unscathed. The Almighty God is the God of all the people, and not the God of any class. Commercial perjury and prostitution menace morality, education and religion."

"Human weakness may lead us into sins, but such sins are to be pitied rather than condemned. When we find men, though, sinful to the point of crime, who by a wilful perversion of their intellects, seek gold in defiance of every illumination of the Holy Ghost, wronging God and man and destroying the peace and happiness of thousand and millions, no consideration should be shown them. They are creatures meriting only scorn and condemnation."

"On all sides we see this class of men triumphant in the monopolistic possession of those bounties which are the common heritage of the children of God. In this country there exists today a monopoly which threatens truth, justice, freedom of education, the pursuit of salvation, and the very safety of our government. It has led in the struggle against legislation opposing monopolies. Its power in the state and federal government is generally recognized. It is the pre-eminent trust of the world."

"Well preserved in oil and gold and glossed over with a few universities; upheld openly by one religious denomination and criminally approved by the silence that gives consent on the part of the ministers of other denominations, it constitutes the greatest danger to this republic of which I can conceive. I refer to the sanctified oil trust, which under the leadership of a

certain man has grown until he can truthfully say 'the oil business of the world is mine.'

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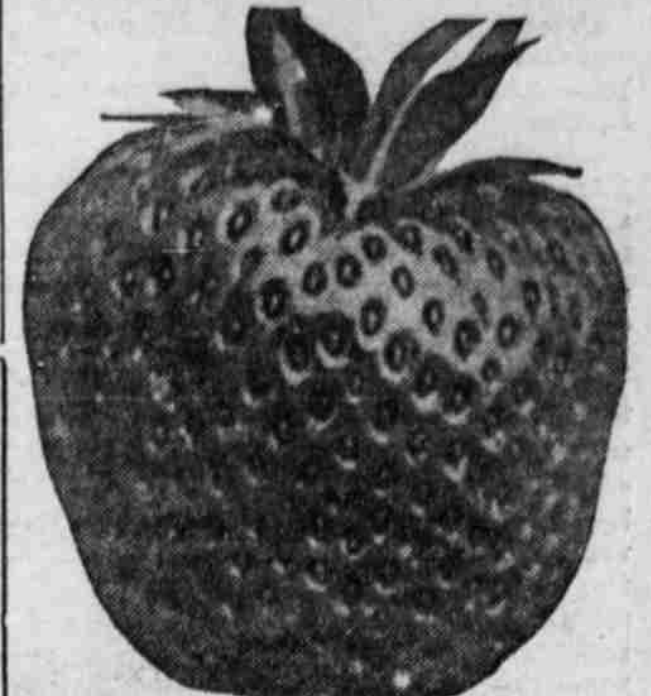
"The history of Mr. Oilerfeller brings out sharply the prime source of his wealth—playing upon the cupidity and fears of the railways and compelling them to give secret and unlawful rebates to him, so as to extinguish competition. This lawless power has grown by what it fed upon. Every concession made it has furnished a fulcrum with which to press other demands. Oilerfeller's whole history is a striking tale, which would be incredible were it not verified by official documents and sworn statements."

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"There is a mass of evidence to bear witness to the truth of what I say. Certainly it proves my thesis—that robber trusts and monopolies are crimes and criminals against God's bounty, that they violate the rights of man, the sacredness of religion and the liberty of education."

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