

beef. After competition had been bought up the packers recouped.

The attempt in the Garfield report to befof the question by quoting margins between live and dead cattle is palpable. It has no relevancy to the question.

The Garfield report states that the packers are subjected to active competition. This is a fact at the present moment, but this competition has been due to relaxation of the trust grip since the grand jury investigation was announced.

Stress is laid on the fact that packers meet competition in the large cities and the statement is added that the trust has little foothold in the country. As a matter of fact the trust dominates the meat trade in the big cities. In New York, Pennsylvania and New England it is supreme. Its opposition is keenest in Pittsburg, New York City and Philadelphia.

By a system of car routes it has practically wiped out the small slaughterer in the small towns.

In Chicago today outside killers are underselling the trust half a cent a pound, and are meeting with no opposition. When this investigation is over they expect to retire.

Private cars give the trust an enormous advantage over its opponents. On this topic the Garfield report bears the trust earmarks. The cost of a refrigerator car is given at \$1,000, and the annual cost of maintenance \$112. Construction costs about \$700, and the cost of maintenance will not exceed \$60. Damage by misuse or accident is placed by the railroads.

In attempting to show that returns from private cars are not unreasonable the report gives the average load of dressed beef at 20,000 pounds. This represents the hanging capacity. After the racks have been filled an additional 10,000 pounds of dressed mutton, pork loins and boxed goods is stowed away in each car. Freight on this costs nothing, the beef being charged up with the whole bill.—Chicago American.

MR. HYDE, FINANCIER.

James Hazen Hyde, who has recently come into prominence in the fight over the Equitable, is apparently a very busy young man. He is a director of more than fifty corporations, and belongs to more clubs than any other man in the United States. He goes to his office at 9 or 10 a. m., and leaves at 3 and may thereafter be found in the park driving or at one of his numerous clubs thinking.

He is a graduate of Harvard college and an enthusiastic patron of the French language and literature, which he has done a great deal to encourage in this country.

It was only recently, however, that Mr. Hyde made his debut real good in New York society. He gave a \$60,000 dinner, thus outdoing the St. Regis hotel affair, where the average cost was \$1,500 a guest. The object in New York dinners appears to be to elaborate the cost per guest and to enlarge the total cost by increasing the number of guests. Mr. Hyde has distanced all competitors and today holds the belt, having given the largest number of people the least real enjoyment at the most tremendous outlay of cash. This is of itself sufficient to make him a great man in New York.

It looks as though it would be a good winter for dog shows and sherry dinners. The spring outlook for golf and automobiling was never better. Mr. Hyde will probably patronize a tournament in which solid gold golf balls two feet through will be given as favors. The Equitable's assets are over

four hundred millions and Mr. Hyde owns the majority of the stock which swings the whole business. Why should not society look up?—Minneapolis Journal.

DEMOCRACY'S APPEAL TO CULTURE.

If we were asked to name the two greatest preachers of the day we would be compelled to name Theodore Roosevelt and Wm. J. Bryan. They are certainly preaching to the largest audiences, including those whom they reach through the public press. Not only that, but their preaching is of a pre-eminently practical character. It steers clear of theological and ecclesiastical lines, and deals with the great fundamentals of religion and morality. They are preaching, too, substantially the same gospel—that of human brotherhood, honesty in private and public life, the sanctity of the domestic relations, the duties of good citizenship, fairness to all and a "square deal" for every man.

We have just read Mr. Bryan's able speech before the Alumni Association of Syracuse University in the Hotel Astor, New York. It is a timely address and abounds in sentiments which will commend themselves to the best people of the nation, regardless of party, section or sect. He points out with great clearness that any scholarship or culture that omits moral training, love and service for humanity in a sham. Referring to some of our national sins he mentions the adulteration of foods, of drugs, the loss of human life through the failure of corporations to use safety appliances, employment of children in factories, putting swindling enterprises upon the market, etc. "It is a common thing nowadays," he says, "for those who control a corporation to pass dividends to run down the price of stocks in order to secure more stock at a lower price, and sometimes the officials make more money speculating in the stock of their concern than they make in legitimate dividends or out of their salaries. And who are the victims? Largely the mass of the people who trust the great names in finance and are ready to invest their savings in stocks that can thus be manipulated by those who can corner and control the market."

The value of a child is thus strikingly set forth: \* \* \* \* \*

That extract will bear reading in the family circle, on the college platform, and even from the pulpit. It is the very gospel which all the educators of the country need to hear and to heed. Mr. Bryan can not give us too many such sermons. The gospel of the divine fatherhood, of human brotherhood, and of the helping hand is the gospel which our age needs.—St. Louis Christian-Evangelist.

CANDLE AND BOARD

The old debate about firing a candle through a pine board was recently revived by an eastern newspaper. One man tried it and failed. Another writes: "We selected as target a weather-beaten fence of pine boards, and loading our fourteen-gauge shotgun with about three drams of black powder, dropped in a candle which fitted the bore closely, and blazed away. The distance from the fence was about ten feet, and the candle was the kind known as 'stearine.' The candle had made a fairly clean hole through the board, which was from seven-eighth to one inch thick, and buried itself in a sand bank behind, from which we afterward dug it out, somewhat demoralized, but 'still in the ring.' There were some splinters torn from the back of the board and traces of candle about the hole."—The Argonaut.

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