

radical version of it, with the result that the six regulars all named men vehemently opposed to Bristow.

A score of times and more since the 'Times' correspondent has been talking politics with these Kansas men some one has cited the fact that when the president traveled through the state on his way to Denver he invited Senator Curtis to accompany him and said nothing to Bristow.

Now, as was said, there may be a perfectly satisfactory explanation of all this, but it hasn't appeared in Kansas or Wisconsin yet, and the facts, as they are alleged, are sufficient to stretch the last remaining suspender rubber to the breaking point.

Regulars in Danger in Kansas

As a consequence of all this the insurrection in Kansas is developing into a regular old-fashioned prairie fire. There was a celebration of the semi-centennial of the adoption of the Wyandotte constitution in Kansas City, Kan., the other night. All the political big wigs of the state were invited, but for some reason or other the regulars found it necessary to decline. So only insurgents went, but the whole bunch of them was there.

They had a great pow-wow, and the next day they let it be known that in primaries next June for congressional nominations they expect to lift the scalps of four of the six regulars, Scott, Calderhead, Reeder and Miller. The indications now are that they will keep their word. They are well organized, united, agreed on their candidates, with no factional strife to divide them, and unusually confident.

Speaker Cannon also is making an occasional speech that fills the radicals with glee and renewed enthusiasm. It is freely predicted around here that unless Representative Scott is invited into the cabinet as head of the department of agriculture before that time he will find his business affairs such as absolutely prevent his taking another nomination.

A somewhat similar situation confronts the regulars in the Iowa delegation in the house. "Uncle Joe" went up to Knoxville, in Captain Hull's district, last week, and made a speech that it will take Hull weeks to get over, if, indeed, he ever accomplishes a complete recovery. Yet Cannon was trying to help Hull. He did it chiefly by slambanging Senator Cummins, who is a resident of that district and can outvote Hull there any day.

Rush to Roosevelt Predicted

As dissatisfaction with Taft and distrust of him grows with each new day, so the returning enthusiasm for Roosevelt waxes. It is freely predicted now that in the republican national convention of 1912 all the states that opposed Taft in 1908 will be found lined up for him and that many of the states that supported him then will be found hurrying to Roosevelt. They have it framed up out here in just the way they want it, and if it should turn out as they talk there would surely be some fun and excitement.

"If Teddy would just land at San Francisco when he comes back to this country," said one man, "there would be such a fire behind him by the time he got across the continent that nothing could stand in front of it."

HE HEARD IT TOO

Mrs. Hicks (relating burglar scare)—"Yes, I heard a noise and got up, and there under the bed I saw a man's legs."
Mrs. Wicks—"Mercy! The burglar's?"
Mrs. Hicks—"No, my husband's—he had heard the noise, too."—Boston Transcript.



A Winter Reverie

I love to sit while wintry winds
Go howling past my door;
I love to see the whirling snow
Go drifting o'er the moor.
And when against my windowpane
I hear the driving sleet
I close my eyes, and happiness
Within me is complete—
Until a terror takes grim form
And reaches from without the storm
To harry and distress my soul—
"Wake up, you mutt! You're out of coal!"

I love to watch the daylight die,
The sun wrapped in a cloud
Of frozen haze that seems to me
A chilling, wintry shroud.
And when the ice king takes his grip
On pond and lake and stream,
I love to watch the crystals form
In many a fancy gleam—
Until from out the wintry zone
There comes a grief-compelling tone
That puts my fancies all to rout—
"Come, stir your stumps! The fire is out!"

I love to hear the wintry wind
Go wailing o'er the lea.
They bear a message to my soul
Of fancies full and free.
And when I hear them sob and wail
Like hearts that have no hope,
I seem to see grim impish forms
Through wintry darkness grope—
Until from out the wintry pale
I hear a wild and fearful wail
As if from one with soul accurst—
"Wake up, old boss! The pipes have burst!"

The dead leaves whirl upon the gale
And sink beneath the snow;
Vain strives the sun to warm to life
The violets below.
I sit and dream as 'round the leaves
The fitful wind-gusts sweep;
Sweet dreams of victories yet to come,
Of treasures rich to keep—
Until somewhere from out the gloom
A thunder tone fills up the room;
A tone that makes me blue and ill—
"Dig up! Here is the plumber's bill!"

What's the Secret?

The other day an old friend of mine dropped into the office and we had a chat. We have been friends for twenty years or more—ever since the Architect landed in Nebraska. We fell to talking about the times and their tendencies—the upward trend of prices, the difficulty of making both ends meet, the failure of so many young men to get married, and other things like that.

"I've had young men tell me they couldn't support a family on the wages they are able to earn," remarked my old friend.

"Well, isn't that a pretty sound reason?" I asked.

"Perhaps," said the old gentleman, smiling cheerfully. "But you know what I've done!"

Yes, the Architect knows what his old friend has done. This old friend is now a gray-haired man of 70 years, and he does not work now. For forty years he worked upon a railroad section, the last twenty of the time as a section foreman right here in Nebraska. He never received over \$60 in any one month as wages. Yet he supported a family. He and his good wife live in a cosy house on the outskirts of a thriving Nebraska city, and a little thirty-acre patch of ground surrounds it. Six

or eight miles further out a 160-acre farm pays tribute to them. This good couple raised seven children, five boys and two girls. Three of the sons are railroad engineers who have had a university education. The other two boys are professional men, one a doctor and the other a lawyer—and both are successful. The two daughters are good wives and mothers, and both are university graduates.

I don't believe this good man and his wife ever worried their heads about "the cost of living." They had to make many sacrifices in order to educate those seven children, but every sacrifice to that end was a joy, and every day gives them great return on the investment.

It all depends upon the point of view.

Brain Leaks

Cheap living makes cheap men.
The devil is always a willing worker.

When you pray, ask for what you need, not for what you want.

The average boy gets lots of blame that properly belongs to his father. A fellow always determines to practice economy when he has nothing left to save.

The wise man avoids temptation; the foolish man tries to see how much he can stand.

We are commanded to turn the other cheek when smitten, but if he smites the second cheek you are at liberty.

When we get rich we are going to fight the booze evil by supplying good, rich country buttermilk free to every man in the community.

We always like to accept an invitation to dine from one of those good women who take a pride in showing a shelf full of fruit she canned herself.

It's all right to have "rest rooms" and all that sort of thing in our factories, but we opine that the average workman would prefer a wage scale that would permit him to have a few of those "welfare" comforts in his own home.

Cautious

"Bilberly is the most conservative man I ever knew. He will never make a positive statement."

"How do you know?"

"The other night Miss Screecherly sang for him and when she was through she asked him if he thought her voice was improving."

"What did he say?"

"He said either it was or his hearing was growing defective, he didn't exactly know which."

The Part of Wisdom

After listening to Senator Graball's defense of the new tariff law we felt impelled to congratulate him upon his evident familiarity with it.

"You spent a great deal of time, senator," we remarked, "in telling the people how the law was made."

"Yes," replied the senator. "After I had finished telling them how it was made I knew they would be too tired to ask me why we made it."

November

"I never did like November."
"Why, that's the month Thanksgiving comes."

"Yes, I know; but that's almighty poor comfort for the thought that November is the month that brings us the Christmas magazines."

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