

BRAVE LOVE

He'd nothing but his violin,
I'd nothing but my song.
But we were wed when the skies
were blue
And summer days were long.
And when we rested by the hedge
The robins came and told
How they had dared to woo and win
When early spring was cold.
We sometimes supped on dewberries,
Or slept among the hay,
But oft the farmers wives at eve
Came out to hear us play
The rare old tunes—the dear old
tunes—
We could not starve for long
While my man had his violin
And I my sweet love song.

The world has aye gone well with us,
Old man, since we were one—
Our homeless wandering down the
lanes—
It long ago was done.
But those who wait for gold or gear,
For houses and for kine,
Till youth's sweet spring grows
brown and sere
And love and beauty tine,
Will never know the joy of hearts
That met without a fear
When you had but your violin
And I a song, my dear.

—Mary Kyle Dallas.

THE "PROGRAM"

As soon as Senator Aldrich returned from Florida the "administration program" to be completed by the present session of congress was agreed on and announced. Preliminary to the agreement "some plain talk was indulged in by Chairman Aldrich" of the senate finance committee. This plain talk caused the conferees meekly to bow their necks to the yoke, the program as demanded by Aldrich was consented to, was given the stamp of White House approval, and announced to the country.

It seems that the senator from Rhode Island is not only "the leader of the senate," as Mr. Taft declared in his Boston speech, but of the president, the house, and the republican organization as well. The interests of "the system" are in safe and experienced hands.

A part of the program puts a rider on the provision for statehood for New Mexico and Arizona. Their constitutions must be agreed to not alone by the president but by congress. This is frankly revolutionary. And its purpose is plain. It is feared that the new states will incorporate the initiative and referendum, and other advanced progressive principles, in their constitutions. The president, acting by himself, would not dare reject the constitution for this reason, any more than Roosevelt dared reject the Oklahoma constitution. But congress, where responsibility is divided and diffused, would dare, just as it dared pass the Aldrich tariff law.

And what the program means is simply that "the system" will no longer permit new states to be admitted to the union except with such constitutions as are not offensive to "the system" and which "the system" can approve.

Heretofore the federal constitution was the sole test. Hereafter new constitutions must be measured by "the system's" constitution as well.

Another part of the program is voluntary federal incorporation for the trusts. This will be especially pleasing to the Standard Oil monopoly, the sugar trust, the tobacco trust, the harvester trust, the copper merger, and other great predatory combinations that are anxious to escape the embarrassment of state regulation on the one hand and the penalties prescribed in the Sherman act on the other.

It is announced that an addition

to the program will probably be made so as to include a ship subsidy bill.

The grip of "the system" on the republican party, thanks to President Taft and Senator Aldrich, is tighter this winter than it has ever been; tighter even than in the days of Mark Hanna.—Omaha World-Herald.

The pearl fisheries of Ceylon have been worked continuously since the sixth century B. C.—Ex.

Some of the mountains on the moon are estimated to be 36,000 feet high.—Ex.

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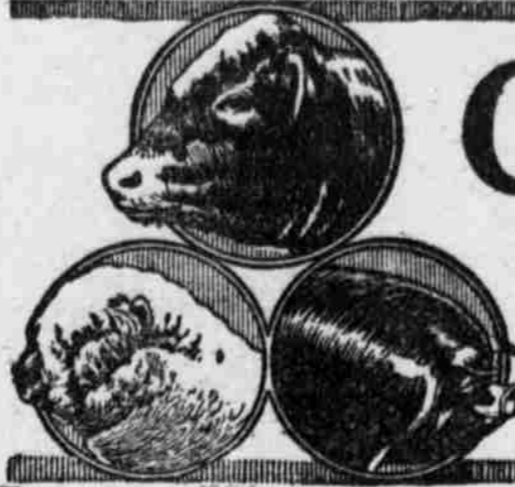
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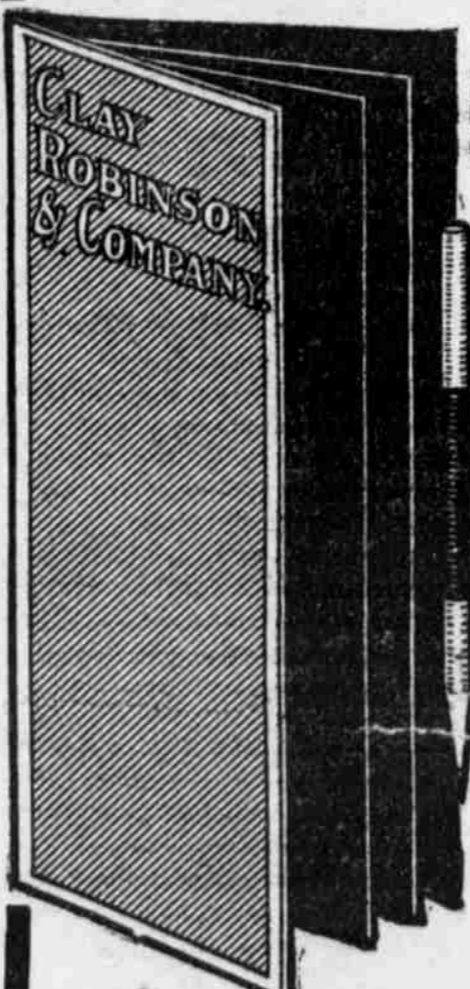
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