



Whether Common or Not

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Winter Mornings

When the frost is on the fodder,
And a tingle in the air;
When the punkins have been gathered
And the corn is shucked with care;
When the grease is in the griddle
And the batter's in the crock,
Life's worth living winter mornings
When you rise at 6 o'clock.

When the cakes are on the griddle,
And the syrup's in the jug;
When the coffee has been settled,
And the fire is warm and snug;
When you smell the breakfast ready,
And you hear the "get up" knock,
There's a lot of joy in living,
Though you rise at 6 o'clock.

When the buckwheats reach the table,
Mountain high and piping hot;
When with syrup and with butter
They glide to the proper spot;
When you've eaten all you're able,
Full of "bucks" your wife has sent,
You can hike off to the office
Full of grub and sweet content.

Talk to me of pate de foi gras!
Talk of sauces, puddings, pies!
Talk of table d'hotel and cuisine—
Not from me they'll get a prize.
Give to me the smoking buckwheats,
Stacked up high and piping hot;
Maple syrup, golden butter—
Ah, that hits the proper spot!

Getting Mixed

A year or so ago Mr. Debs was severely criticised because he advocated the policy of men voting as their class consciousness dictated. In other words he advocated that men should vote for their own interests. Immediately thereafter a certain strenuous one denounced Mr. Debs

for making an appeal to class; for appealing to prejudice and selfishness.

The strenuous one's denunciations were emphatically backed up by certain transportation managers, who thought such a course of action highly unpatriotic.

More recently the railway employes organized an association to undertake the ending of the agitation in favor of lower rates, claiming that lower freight rates means lower wages, and insisting that the railroads be allowed to raise rates in order to be able to increase wages.

The same strenuous one who denounced Mr. Debs is congratulating the railway employes upon their determination to "help business." And the same railway managers who are sure that the Debs policy would be little short of treason are equally sure that the action of their employes is patriotic to a high degree.

All of which is calculated to be extremely puzzling to the ordinary individual who is trying his best to get right on these great questions of public policy.

The Aftermath

"Hip, hip, hurrah!
"Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah!!
"Hooray! Hurro!!"

We listened to the excited gentleman expressing himself as above, wondering all the while what caused such an exhibition. Finally we mustered up enough courage to approach him and ask for an explanation.

"Just won the greatest political victory in history!" shouted the excited gentleman.

"Victory for what?" we inquired.
"Victory for the people!" replied our strange friend.

"Will you kindly explain?" we asked. "How have the people profit-

ted by the result of which you speak?"

"Why, don't you see we have again endorsed the grand old party that has stood by the interests of the people for all these years, given us bountiful crops, boundless prosperity and an equal distribution of sunshine and rain."

"Anything else?" we inquired.

"Sure thing! Haven't we again endorsed the beneficent tariff? And haven't we endorsed our foreign policy? And haven't we endorsed the policy of conservation? What haven't we endorsed?"

"How has the tariff benefited you?" we inquired.

"Why, it—say, what are you driving at, anyhow?"

"And what is the foreign policy that we have just endorsed?"

"Why, it means that we will insist on—O, come off, you don't mean to tell me you don't know what our glorious foreign policy is?"

"No, not exactly," I replied. "But tell me about this great policy of conservation that you mentioned."

"Conservation means that conservation is the best method of conserving our—O, you are one of those daddled anarchists that can't see anything good in anything that happens unless it happens your way. I ain't got any more time to waste with you. I've got to help celebrate our glorious political victory."

"Whoop-ee!
"Hooray!
"Rah! 'Rah!! 'Rah!!!
"Tiger!"

Short Arm Jobs

The reverend gentleman so badly wanted by the government for promoting a "get rich quick" scheme is said to have used an endorsement given him by Richard Achilles Ballinger. It strikes us that the man who could get money from the common people on that kind of an endorsement certainly earned it.

Perhaps those Cincinnati census enumerators failed to count "Boss" Cox as often as his political influence warrants.

The tariff on agricultural products was not seriously disturbed by the Payne-Aldrich law, but perhaps you have noted the fact that prices of farm products have seriously depreciated since the law went into effect.

Mr. Roosevelt objects because Mr. Dix attacked him after he had left the state. Sounds funny, coming from a man who boasted of having shot a fleeing foe in the back.

If Judge Parker were in earnest about going on the trail of Roosevelt he would have little trouble in finding the trail.—Omaha Bee.

Wouldn't it be easier to follow the Strenuous One by sound.

The National Nut Growers' Association has just finished a convention in Florida. If all the "nutty" people of the country were there it was surely a monster convention.

A lot of once candidates are this day blaming their political equilibrators.

A gun has been invented that will bring down airships. That's all right, but what is most needed is something that will keep airships up.

Joke

Put away the pretty crutches,
And the jug of iodine;
Ditch the first aid to the injured
And the compress for the spine.
House the ambulance and stretchers,
Spill the bag of waterwarmed—
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