

to pay the revenue. Finally he took the case to the federal courts and by numerous appeals it was brought to the supreme court. The duties demanded by the custom house officers were those levied by the Dingley bill. The supreme court, still by a vote of five to four, declared that the Philippine islands ceased to be foreign territory immediately upon the signing of the treaty of peace with Spain, and therefore that since the Dingley bill only applied to articles imported from a foreign country and as the Philippines had then ceased to be foreign territory, the United States had no right to collect tariffs under that law. So that the United States was completely routed on that point. Tonight Solicitor General Richards of the United States department of justice—the man who presented the government's argument in the insular cases, delivered a short address before the junior congress in which he virtually admitted that the United States had gotten the cases through a petty small knot hole—this remark created great surprise.

In regard to the president's message, it would be useless for me to comment upon it at this end of the line. The message has been published throughout the land and comment upon it will undoubtedly be presented editorially by the editor of The Independent. However, thinking that the reader would like to hear just what the American anti-trust league officers thought of the president's reference to trusts, I had an interview with the Hon. Henry B. Martin of New York, national secretary of the league, who is now in the city, making the fight upon Attorney General Knox. I told him that I wanted to tell the readers of The Independent what he thought of the reference and in reply he said: "Oh, yes, I know The Independent and let me tell you, Bride, it's one of the best written papers in the west—I see it very often." I asked him: "Mr. Martin, what do you think of the president's reference to a remedy for the trusts?" He said: "The remedy is good as far as it goes—it is an excellent remedy, but the president is mistaken when he looks to congress to pass a law by which the affairs of the trusts can be made public. This is unnecessary. By the anti-trust law of 1890, the president is empowered to order the attorney general to make a legal fight upon any such corporation as we usually denominate a trust. By bringing the trusts into court and making them show their books, he could have all the publicity that is necessary. The president has this power and if he wants to have the affairs of the trusts brought to light—if he is really antagonistic to the trusts, he can order the attorney general to take the five suits that our league has brought and fight them. This would carry out the remedy that he suggested. But will he do it? He is the doctor; he has his own remedy, supplied by congress, in his own hands; let him apply it. He is the man." I might say that the American anti-trust league has brought suits against the United States steel corporation, the Standard Oil company, the railroad combine, the anthracite coal trust, and the armor plate trust. And it is for his failure to fight these suits that the league has fought the confirmation of Attorney General Knox in the senate. I then asked Mr. Martin what he thought would be the best remedy to fight the railroad combine on which the governor of Wisconsin is pretending to make war. "Well," said Mr. Martin, "you ask for the best remedy. Government ownership is undoubtedly the best remedy, and I believe that this will be the issue of the great battle of 1904." He told me that he had just received a letter from Attorney General F. S. Monnett of Ohio, one of the league's counsel, in which he made the same comment upon the president's message. Mr. Monnett is the man who made the Standard Oil company burn its books, rather than have a court see them. For this action the republican congress refused to renominate him for the office he so ably filled. Mr. Monnett is now making war upon the trusts.

WILLIAM W. BRIDE.

THE CORNSTALK DISEASE

It is Common in Many States—Not Contagious—No Known Remedy—Causes Immense Losses

From reports in the papers it appears that there have been heavier losses this year than ever from the cornstalk disease. In the northern part of the state the losses have been the greatest. Similar reports come from other states. The loss has been so severe in Illinois that the live stock commissioners of that state have been investigating the matter and have issued the following report, prepared by Dr. L. C. Tiffany, assistant state veterinarian.

"Cornstalk disease"—so-called for the reason that the disease only occurs where cattle are being fed upon cornstalks, standing in the field, from which the corn has been gathered. It is neither infectious nor contagious; the carcasses may be handled with impunity and the hides be removed and sold with safety.

Perhaps, without previous warning, one or more cattle may be found dead which a few hours previous may have been entirely well. Attention being directed to the balance of the herd, others may be discovered isolated from the rest, standing with back somewhat arched and in an attempt to twitching, the animal staggering or falling to the ground. Occasionally, however, one may be delirious, with paralysis yet absent, and may attack the attendant furiously. (This is not a constant symptom, however, and is often seen in other diseases.) Twitching of the muscles of limbs or neck is often present and grave dejection is apparent in the countenance. In a few hours, often in a short time, paralysis has so far advanced that the patient falls and is unable to arise, after

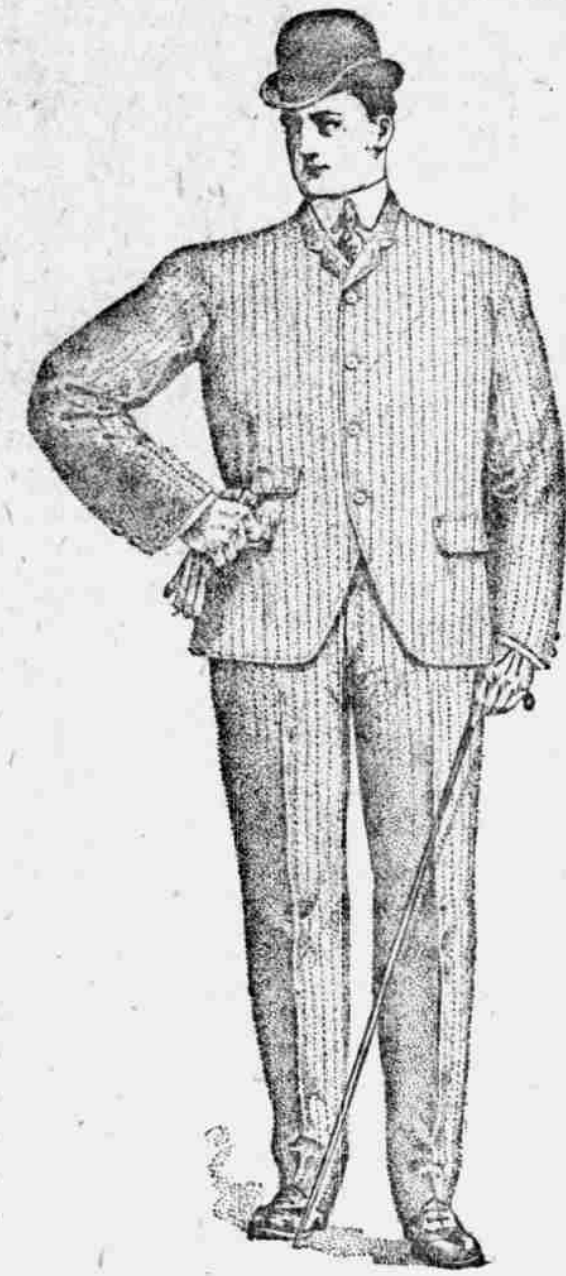
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which, movement of the limbs, as pawing with the front and striking with the hind, may continue with short interruptions until death supervenes. Frequently the head and neck are drawn backward and eyeballs rotated upward. Moaning is quite constant and death results from paralysis.

From the symptoms described, one should conclude that the central nervous system is involved, and such is the fact. Upon exposure of the brain and spinal cord, the coverings (meninges) are found congested, while the other organs of the body are found healthy, except occasionally the manaples (omasaum) is found distended with its contents very dry, but this condition is of no significance here, as the same is often found after death from entirely different causes. Sometimes also local congestions, which are really post-mortem changes, may be found. It is strictly a disease of the nervous system.

Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of this disease, which have proved erroneous. The cause, in my opinion, is a poisonous fungus which develops on the stalk or blade, and is surely present. The different fungi (and their numbers and kinds are innumerable) are of extremely rapid development, so that a field which may be safe today, tomorrow may not, thus we have no hint as to what may occur. Medicinal treatment is unavailing and the field should be abandoned for cattle feeding at once.

The only sure means of prevention is the abolition of the custom of allowing cattle to run upon the stalks. I have never known shock corn to produce any trouble whatever, except perhaps derangement of the digestive organs, if fed immoderately, or when the quality is bad. Many will object to such a change in the harvest of corn and with very large fields it may seem impracticable, but the extra expense involved will be more than compensated for by the additional amount of nutrition found in the stalk, besides

eradicating risk of loss by disease.

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Will go to Canada

In speaking of the imperial orders of Postal Clerk Madden concerning the Appeal to Reason, the Southern Mercury remarks:

"The Appeal to Reason says it will move its plant to Canada if the post-office department does not allow the lawful use of the mails. So far as per-

sonal liberty is concerned, the United States is not in it compared with the British colonies. Public officials in those dependencies would as soon think of putting their heads in the fire as to be guilty of the outrages which these petty functionaries commit every day in the United States with impunity. We must now reverse the old maxims and say, "Free Canada, and tyrant-ridden America." In Canada the Appeal to Reason could be mailed to subscribers in the United States at one-half what Postmaster General Smith unlawfully demands here."

A good many other papers beside the Appeal to Reason have been taking into consideration a removal to Canada—the subject has been discussed in The Independent office more than once. If this paper should be suppressed, the subscribers would not miss it more than a week or two for an office could be established across the river at Windsor or Niagara Falls and Madden would have to deliver it in the United States free under the postal treaties with Great Britain. These treaties are in force among all nations in the postal union, and matter mailed in one country must be delivered free of additional charge in the others, each country keeping the postage paid at the home offices. Let Madden sail in if he wants to.

Government by Injunction

Judge Murray F. Tuley, the famous Illinois jurist, delivered an address before the Iroquois club in Chicago recently, in which he declared that the federal judges from the very beginning have been what Jefferson declared them to be "sappers and miners, undermining the constitution of the United States."

"It never has been considered any part of the duties of the judicial power," said Judge Tuley, "to suppress riots, prevent disorder, or preserve the

peace; the duty of the legislative power is to make laws; the judicial, to interpret and expound it, and the executive to enforce it. The judge, without hearing the defendant, commands—that is, decrees—that he shall or shall not do in advance, and without a hearing enforces the performance of the commands of the writ. Then he brings the defendant before him, tries him without a jury, adjudges him guilty of a violation of the commands of the writ formulated by the judge himself, in the absence of the defendant, and sentences him to punishment not defined by law, but resting in the breast of such judge. Not only does the amount of punishment rest in the breast of the judge, but even the place where the imprisonment shall be inflicted rests in the breast of the judge. Is not such a proceeding by the judge government by injunction and a substitution for trial by jury?"

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Fred C. Herter

A short time ago The Independent noticed the death of Fred C. Herter of Bennet, but he was a man of so excellent character and so beloved by all who knew him, that a further notice will be read by the many thousands of the readers of The Independent who never knew him personally, with interest. He was of that stock which has given to America some of its most excellent citizens, German-American. He was born near Mascoutah, Ill., November 19, and died near Bennet, Neb., November 29, 1901. He was an active farmer and a great reader. He brought the first centrifugal cream separator into his neighborhood and was a subscriber to many reform and agricultural papers. He not only read, but he thought, and by his thinking became interested in state and national government. His influence was so great that his township became a stronghold for the reform movement and he was frequently elected to office by his neighbors. He was an ardent admirer of W. J. Bryan and an earnest fighter in every Bryan campaign.

His body was taken to its last resting place November 22, followed by a long concourse of friends from far and near. It was a model American citizen, a supporter of schools and of every movement, whether social or political, which had for its object the betterment of mankind. There are left to mourn him a wife, two children, his aged parents, one brother and one sister, besides every man, woman and child who ever knew him.

Acrobatic Judge

The recent decision of the supreme court has occasioned but little comment. The Record-Herald makes the following remarks:

The acrobatic Justice Brown voted as he did last spring, first with the

four judges who are for uniform laws and no tariff at all, and second with the four judges who would give the government at Washington arbitrary power over the "colonies." His distinction seems to be that while they are part of the United States they may be legislated against as though they were a foreign country, though they are denied the right of a foreign country to retaliate. In the ultimate effect it leaves no essential difference between him and his four associates who support the government at all points.

The stronger reasoning, however, is with the judges who believe that uniform federal laws should apply to all American territory, and the subject still remains to be discussed as a question of policy before congress. That body will find itself in a very peculiar and embarrassing position if it takes to enacting discriminating tariff legislation for the Philippines.

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