

Paragraphic Punches.

Sioux City Journal: A get-rich-quick man under the name of "speculation scientist" should get just as heavy a sentence.

Indianapolis Sentinel: The sultan of Morocco refers to Secretary of State Hay as "the venerable vizier." But even that is better than "Little Breeches."

Joplin Globe: A Massachusetts democrat is under arrest, charged with perjury for swearing in his vote at a republican primary. The charge should be changed to lack of self-respect.

Milwaukee News: President Roosevelt is planning to go on a hunting trip as soon as the senate adjourns. Having hunted the octopus all winter, it would seem that he would prefer a rest. The strenuous life, however, takes no vacation.

Pittsburg Dispatch: Governor Cummins and the Iowans are still shouting for reciprocity and the redemption of pledges. Congressional estimates of the work of the last session do not appear to have been readily assimilated in Hawkeyedom.

Atlanta Constitution: As long as they have "sweat-shops" in the north where ten-year-old girls work for 10 cents a day, the north might do better to look after its child slavery problem before trying to settle the south's race problem.

Houston Post: "Mr. Dooley" is to receive \$40,000 a year from the Harpers and Majah Taylor, the colored cyclist, is to receive the same amount for his winter's work in Australia. Moral: Make a specialty of educating the strongest part of yourself whether brain or brawn.

Houston Post: The war department has perfected a "riot cartridge," the bullets of which are said to be magnificent manglers, and has invited the governors of all of the states to order a supply. Whether they are designed to be used for or "agin" the trusts remains to be seen.

Rock Island Argus: Rev. Dr. Hillis, of Brooklyn, declares that the worship of wealth is supplanting the worship of God. He says that a man who steals a railroad is applauded. The question naturally arises as to where Dr. Hillis has been hibernating all these years. His talk shows that until now he has been as unsophisticated as a girl fresh from a convent.

Pittsburg Post: The committee on commerce in the senate has finally concluded to leave the Dr. Crum nomination alone. Thus Mr. Roosevelt will have confronting him the Andrew Jackson problem of defying the senate by reappointing a man twice failing of confirmation. Some compromise should be effected whereby the president could be made the leader of his party.

Still the "If."

The republican so-called anti-trust law just passed by the congress, and which gives to the new department of commerce and labor the power to investigate and gather information about certain great corporations or trusts, and to report such data to the president, is a meaningless and harmless one so far as the trusts are concerned. Here is the law in a nut shell, and you can draw your own conclusions, as it is a combination of "ifs."

If the secretary of this new department is so inclined he may fish for facts in regard to trusts;

If the chief of the bureau of cor-

porations in this new department is not owned by the trusts, and if he is capable, and if he has competent and honest assistants and if they fish in the right place, they may obtain valuable data;

If, when valuable data is obtained, the president wishes, he may have access to it;

If, then, the president has time to read it, and sees fit to do so, he may make public some or all of this data; or,

If he thinks best, he may simply make "recommendations to congress for legislation" to regulate trusts;

If, then, congress is not controlled by the allied trusts and railroads, it may, in the course of time, pass new legislation to the offending trusts;

If, then, the evidence is sufficient,

the courts may, in years to come, decide that the new legislation is constitutional, and that some particular trust has been guilty of illegal practices.

If, then, the trust has not already changed its form or ceased to exist, it may pay a nominal fine, and in the course of eight or ten years—as did the Standard Oil trust—slightly change its name and location and continue its business of plundering the people.

When one reads this program of "ifs," the only word he thinks of is—"Rats."—Brainerd (Minn.) Arena.

Gorman and Harmony.

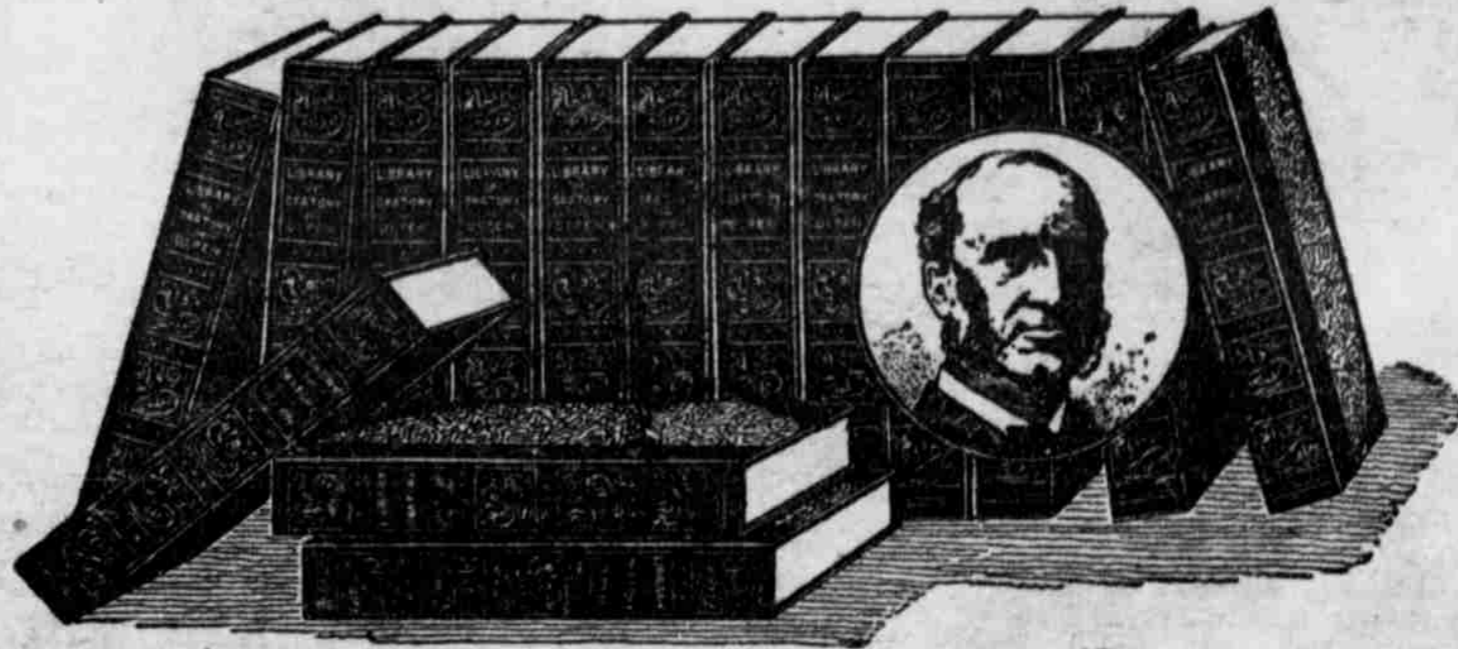
Mr. Gorman is for "harmony." Of course. He always wants "harmony"

when some sort of job is in progress. But it is remembered that he did not particularly desire "harmony" at the moment he was engaged with Mr. Quay, Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Allison, Mr. Platt and other attorneys of the tariff barons in the emasculation of the Wilson bill. Mr. Gorman was then looking out for the private interests of Mr. Gorman. He was practically as good a protectionist as the best of them when it came to writing schedules applying to coal and other interests with which he is connected and out of which he has grown opulent. Yet he is for "harmony" now and we suppose that as the senate leader of the minority he will play into the hands of the privileged classes not less effectively than he did in 1894. —Johnstown Democrat.

EMERSON SAYS:

"When a thought of Plato becomes a thought to me—when a truth that fired the soul of Pindar fires mine, time is no more. When I feel that we two meet in a perception—that our two souls are tinged with the same hue, and do, as it were, run into one, why should I measure degrees of latitude; why should I count Egyptian years?"

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