

The Awakening of Mr. Bim.

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The next day he learned that Heza, Squeeza & Co. had been closed down by the trust, and Mr. Bim and 900 others were out of work.

Mr. Bim's vacation lasted seven months, and then he found a job at starvation wages in a little shop on the other side of the city. But during those seven months Mr. Bim read and studied and thought, and when he met Mr. Heza some weeks after finding the new job he merely nodded.

"Hello, Mr. Bim," said Heza. "Say, I wish you would help us in our plan for sending Jimson to congress this fall."

Mr. Bim grinned, then winking his left eye he said:

"Nothing doing, Heza. I'm voting with my eyes open now."

Most Reptiles Are Deaf

A German naturalist, M. Werner of Vienna, has recently reported the result of observations that he has been making for some time on the senses of inferior vertebrates.

On certain points the conclusions of M. Werner are very surprising, and in all they are worthy of notice. M. Werner has observed 136 individuals, of which one-third were at liberty, and he took all possible precautions not to let the creatures know they were watched. One general fact is evident that reptiles and amphibians are strongly attracted by water. They go

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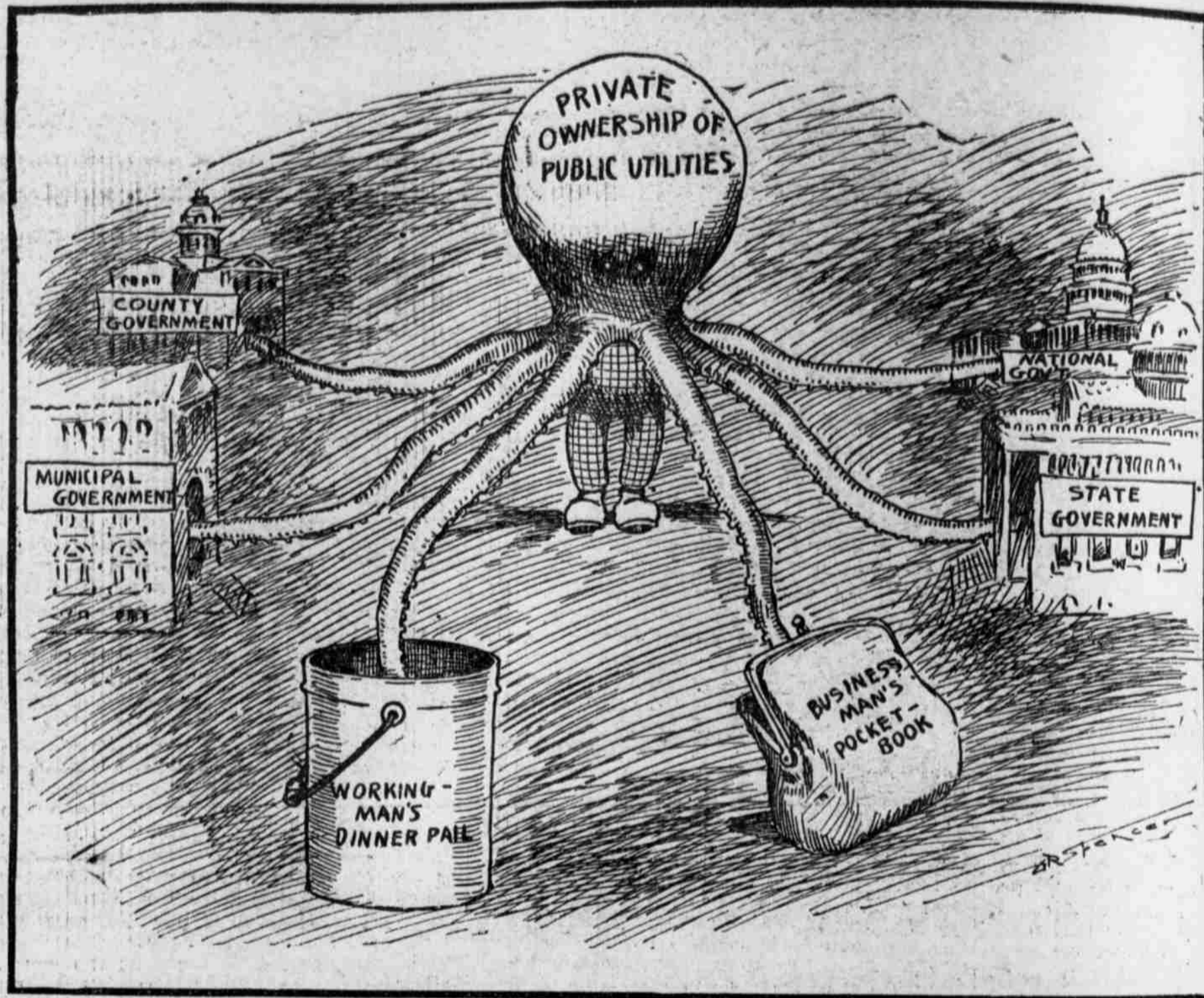
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The greatest octopus of them all.

straight for it even when they are at a distance so great that they could not divine its presence by any of the senses known to us. It seems really that a sense of which we have no knowledge informs them of the direction in which water may be found.

There seems to be a sort of chemical attraction says M. Werner. But how does this act, and on what part of the creature? This remains a mystery. Reptiles also seek the light, but independently of heat; they are positively heliotropic, and in winter they often leave a comfortable and warm retreat to seek the sunlight. Sight is probably the finest sense they possess, but it would still appear to be limited. The caymans and the crocodiles can not distinguish a man at a distance of more than six times their length, according to M. Werner. In the water fishes see only at very close range—about half their own length. This will seem, perhaps, unlikely to anglers, although some of them can cite instances showing that the fish can not see far. Snakes seem to have a very mediocre sense of sight. The boa for instance does not see at more than a quarter or a third of its own length; different species are limited to one-fifth or one-eighth of their length. Frogs are better off; they see at fifteen to twenty times their length. Frog catchers know this from experience. Hearing is much poorer than sight, if possible. Most reptiles are noticeably deaf, except caymans and crocodiles; the boa appears to absolutely senseless to sound—Revue Scientifique.

Curious Condensations.

Missouri has farms below the Mississippi river level. It is easier to domesticate a humming bird than a canary. Iron Mountain, the highest elevation

in Missouri, is but 1,800 feet above the level of the sea.

More than three hundred native Puerto Rican native teachers will take a summer course at Harvard.

The blind delight in races of all sorts. They do not run toward a tape, as the seeing do, but toward a bell that jangles briskly.

There is a board of guardians in the south of London that allows inmates who have seen better days to don the silk hat when they go out for a holiday.

Football and many other outdoor games are played by the blind, certain changes being made so that in each game the sense of hearing takes the place of sight.

In the coat pocket of a workman who was discovered horribly mutilated at Vincennes, near Paris, were found manuscripts of poems written by him in Latin, Greek and Hebrew.

A single mesquite seed, imported from the southwest and planted in Honolulu in 1837, has propagated and spread until in the Hawaiian Islands today there are 50,000 acres of the famous plant of the alkali plains of Arizona and New Mexico.

In Russia the native insurance companies, which do the major portion of the country's business, insure the lives of single women and widows, but at a higher rate than those of men, and married women are only accepted in case their husbands are also insured.

The first really efficient lucifer match must be put to the credit of John Walker of Stockton-on-Tees, England, who in 1827 placed them on the market under the name of "congreves," in compliment to Sir William Congreve, the inventor of the war rocket.

A quaint feature of Samoan life is kava drinking. This beverage is made from the root of the angona shrub, which being pounded and mixed with

water ferments and forms a mild intoxicant. It tastes like soap suds and ginger ale mixed and the relish for it has to be acquired.

The local telephone company at St. Johns, Mich., which handles an extensive rural service, is seeking to make its service indispensable by furnishing subscribers with the government daily weather reports and other important news of the day. Signals are rung each morning on all farm lines, and all who desire may get this report.

An English inventor has replaced the ordinary grooving of a rifle barrel with lines of small ball bearings, along which the hard steel projectile slips. The inventor claims that he gets 40 per cent greater average velocity, penetration and range than can be obtained with the same weight of projectile and charge guns made on the old system.

Mrs. Hester Trudow of Le Sueur, Minn., whose age is 98 years, and who, until lately, had been entirely toothless for 30 years, began six months ago to cut her third set of teeth, and has now a complete outfit of new, natural teeth, both uppers and lowers. She claims that she has acquired her new teeth by eating each day a teaspoonful of powdered oyster shells.

Nearly eighty years ago, when the presidential struggle between Clay and Jackson was at its height, it is related that a band of emigrants from Kentucky and the then other western states commenced to settle on the north side of the Missouri river and called their county Clay and the county seat Liberty. At the same time, says the Oak Grove (Mo.) Banner, another lot of emigrants from Virginia and other southern states pitched their tent on the south side of the Big Muddy and called their county Jackson and the capital Independence. —Pittsburg Dispatch.