



Political

The shades of night were falling fast
As through the city's highways passed
A man who bore a megaphone
And shouted in a thunderous tone:
"Register!"

From street to street he took his way
And kept it up till twilight gray,
And fairly rent his lightweight coat
In shouting out the lusty note:
"Register!"

Literary

"Billings tells me he is engaged in
Literary pursuits now."
"Yes, he is writing a serial story,
he says."
"What about?"
"He is making up the grain statistics
of the county for the state statistician."

Uncle Jeems

"There's a lot o' ways fr a woman
to display wisdom," remarked Uncle
Jeems, "but I always admire th' wis-
dom of th' wife who 'phones for the
stoveman instead of askin' her hus-
band to put up th' stove."

Prophetic

"One more case for the divorce court
sooner or later," remarked Mr. Jim-
merly, looking up from his paper.
"Who is it?" asked Bimmerly.
"Here's a notice to the effect that
Litehead, the gentleman who won the
waltz championship at a picnic, and
Miss Dollie Triptoze, the champion
two-stepper, have been married. It's
easy to guess the rest."

Not Quite

"I understand that brutality has
been eliminated from the game of
football," said Mrs. Oldstille.
"Not yet," replied Miss Pert. "We
often cheer for the home team and
yell, 'eat 'em up,' 'kill 'em,' and other
little expressions like those."

The Benefit

"They say Henry Peck can speak
twelve languages. If he can I won-
der what good it does him; he never
says anything."
"But just think of how many kinds
of language he can think in while his
wife is talking to him."

Financial Note

"What has become of Bingerly, the
fellow who wrote that book on 'How
to Succeed in Business?'"
"I just loaned him a dollar to get
his laundry."

Measured

"What kind of a man is Blufferly?"
"I'm not saying, but I happen to
know that he wears a ten dollar fob
on a dollar watch."

Reform

"The rights of the common people
must be regained, and in the future
must be preserved!" shouted the candi-
date.
"The era of graft must be brought
to a close."
Thus for forty-five minutes he talked
to the crowd.
At the conclusion of the meeting

the candidate met with his central
committee.

"We must have more money," said
the chairman. "The campaign is drag-
ging for want of enthusiasm. What
shall we do?"

"I suggest that our finance commit-
tee make a hurry-up call on the gentle-
men who secured the nomination of
our candidate," said one.

The suggestion was eagerly seized
upon. An hour or two later the finance
committee came back with contribu-
tions from the beef trust, the coal
trust, the insurance trust, the amal-
gamated association of franchise promo-
ters, the shipping trust, the steel trust,
and others too numerous to mention.

The next day the candidate whose
fortunes were being pushed by the
contributors resumed his plea for jus-
tice for the common people.

Explained

"What was the cause of Ketchum's
sudden illness?"
"He suffered a great shock."
"What was it?"
"Told his wife that they had been
invited out to dinner and she didn't
say 'I really haven't a thing to wear.'"

Heights and Depths

"The leaves are turning brown,"
sighed the poetic genius. "The soft
October winds are sighing through the
trees, and all Nature seems to be—"
"Yes, and it's time to be getting out
the base burner and blacking it up
ready for winter," said the practical
individual.

"There is a dreamy haze athwart
the horizon, and the crimson flashes
of the sumac bush flaunts the warning
signal—"

"U-huh!" interrupted the practical
one. "A signal that it's time to be
figuring on how to get in the winter's
supply of coal."

"A warning signal," continued the
poetic genius, "that soon tired Nature
will enrobe herself in brown habilim-
ents and sink into the long winter's
sleep—"

"Yes, and while she's sleeping,"
butted in the practical one, "we'll be
lying awake nights trying to figure
out how to make one stove heat the
whole house in order to save coal."

"Sleep," continued the dreamy poet.
"the sleep from which she will awaken
in the spring refreshed and invigor-
ated—"

"While the rest of us are sneezing
with colds and taking sarsaparilla to
cleanse our blood."

"And ready once again to clothe all
the world in a rich mantle of green."

"And right there is when we pause
long enough to rejoice at emancipa-
tion from the coal man, only to run
up against the fact that the ice trust
begins where the coal trust leaves off,"
muttered the practical one.

"October, harvest month of the
year," droned the poetic one. "Month
when the singing husbandman begins
to garner the fruits of—"

"Gee, it is October, isn't it?" shout-
ed the practical one. "That reminds
me. Have you registered yet?"

Brain Leaks

Idle wishes are the refuge of the
indolent.

The man who does his hard work
first finds it restful to tackle the easy
jobs.

Striving to be a "good fellow" has
put many a young man to the bad.

It is remarkable how much work a

man can accomplish when he just
has to.

The man who knows what he wants
to say and says it usually finds it
easy to make his speech short.

Somehow or other we always take
an interest in the fellow who comes to
us and asks us for our advice.

There are a lot of men who vocifer-
ously claim credit for being good when
they have no opportunity for doing
wrong.

Some men think they have done
their duty to their fellows when they
drop a quarter into the missionary
collection.

There is plenty of room at the top.
There is also plenty of room at the
bottom without pushing some weaker
man away.

Just about the time the leaves turn
brown the average householder turns
blue. There's the black coal bill that
must be read—and paid.

The trouble with too many candi-
dates is that the interest they feel in
the people's welfare is wholly forgot-
ten if they happen to meet defeat.

Here's a scheme: A lot of farmers
wish they could move into town and
engage in some business enterprise
for a rest. A lot of business men wish
they could move out on a farm and
"putter around" and rest. Now let
some enterprising genius establish a
clearing house.

MAINE

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican
recently printed the following edi-
torial:

Not more disconcerting to the re-
publicans than to the conservative or
corporation or anti-Bryan element of
the democratic party will be the re-
sult of the congressional elections in
Maine. This faction of the democracy
had already made due record of the
hopelessly blasting effects upon dem-
ocratic prospects of the Nebraskan's
Madison Square garden speech and
its suggestion of public ownership of
railroads as the final solution of that
problem. It was of no use to make
further effort for control of the next
house. The south was up in arms
against the recalled leader. The dem-
ocratic north was again broken into
pieces—divided, dispirited, despairing.
Two or three days ago the word was
sent out from Washington that the
national democratic executive commit-
tee, composed of the conservative ele-
ment, had thrown up its hands, and
that the democratic congressional
committee was prepared to do like-
wise.

And finally, on the very morning of
the Maine election, the New York
Times, as if confident of its ability
the next day to point to the Maine re-
sult in confirmation of what it said,
figuratively lifted Bryan by the neck
up out of the great party wreck he had
caused, showed him the wretched con-
sequences of his less than two weeks
of restored leadership, called him a
good-for-nothing—"a failure in every
thing he has ever tried save only in
making a good fat income out of the
business of his perpetual candidacy"—
and then kicked him unceremoniously
out of the party and into the political
ash heap. It is positively cruel to
the Times to quote from its Monday
morning deliverance, but it becomes
necessary in preserving the political
annals of the time:

"Before his recent return from
Europe the democratic party seemed
to be getting itself into condition
again. He put a stop to all that. His
public ownership speech was like a
bomb exploded in the vitals of the
democracy. It rent and mangled it,
and the dissevered members and frag-
ments have not even yet all fallen
to the ground. All hope of restored
union and a solid front has been
abandoned. The democrats of the
east and south at once noted their
dissent. Last winter leading republ-

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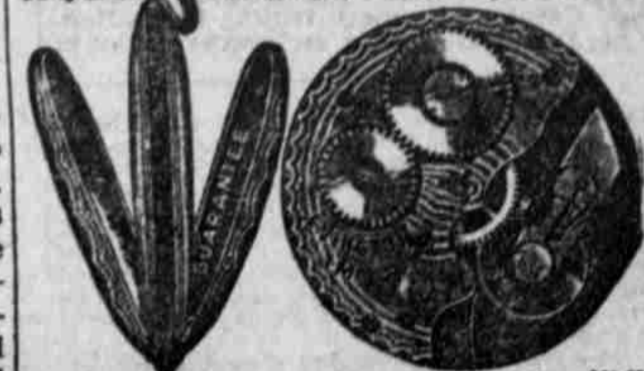
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