



Whether Common or Not

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Coming

From old Vermont to Texas;
From Oregon to Maine;
From Idaho to Florida,
And to the lakes again;
We hear the tread of marching feet
In village and in city street.
We hear the marchers shouting
As down the streets they trail:
"Empty, empty, empty
Is that once full dinner pail!"

From Pittsburg to Chicago;
From Lowell to Racine;
From Birmingham to Muncie,
From Homestead to Moline,
We hear the tread of marching feet
In village and in city street.
We hear the marchers shouting
As down the streets they trail:
"Fuller, fuller, fuller
Grows each injunction jail!"

From corporation council
From broker, bull and bear;
From Wall Street, New York City,
There's borne upon the air
The wild tumultuous applause
Of those engaged in mammon's cause.
We hear the cohorts shouting
As if with glee grown daft:
"Bigger, bigger, bigger
Grows our hot-air dollar graft!"

In Milwaukee

"I read in the Milwaukee Sentinel
of a yacht that capsized on the lake.
Two columns—great story."
"Yes, but capsizing schooners is
so common up there that the papers
never mention it."

Political

"That," remarked Colonel Tite-
wad, smacking his lips over the
liquor he offered to his guest, "is the
finest French brandy."
"Indeed," said the guest. "It
seems thoroughly naturalized."

No Wonder

Water intoxicating! No wonder
we see pickled herring.—American.
And soused mackerel.—Brooklyn
Eagle.
And skates.—Boston Globe.
And flounders.—Houston Post.
And empty wagons.

Serviceable

Our friend, John Wells, of Buffalo,
Says there's no rhyme for Sher-
man.
But we'd have our good friend Wells
know
That as the campaign warm doth
grow
The g. o. p.'ll be squirmin'.

A Boy's Letter

A Lincoln man whose eight-year
old son is visiting grandma in a
country town, is in receipt of the
following letter from his young
hopeful:
"Dear papa. Granma and me is
having lots of fun. She says I can
shoot all the firecrackers I want to
forth of July if you will send me
some money to buy them. Please
send me some money there is lots
of nice firewicks here. willie Juck-
ins and me has got a toy canin
whitch makes a big noise we are
going to be careful of the poudir
we buy with the money you send
me for the forth of July please send
it rite away so I will have plenty
of time to by firewicks. Granma
give me a nickle yesterday and I bot
firecrackirs to see if they are selling
good ones this forth of July. I

birned a cople of holes in my shirt
waist and held a crackir in my teeth
granma says it wont leave a scar
the crackirs they are selling this
year are bully ones for noise i can
git three pakidges for ten cents.
Plese give my love to mama and tell
her granma says I am being a good
boy so she can send me the quarter
she promust me for the forth you
can send more for crackirs is ex-
pensif, and I have promist granma
not to hold any more in my teeth
to. this is all for this time the sky-
rockits are ten cents apeece. Your
loving son,

Now there is at least one man in
Lincoln who is loud in his demand
for a "safe and sane" Fourth of
July celebration.

L'Envoi

That Danville boom for Cannon
Soon petered out, my son.
It seems that the artillery
Was but a "Quaker" gun.

"My!"

"My" candidate, "my" platform,
"My" people and "my" plan.
"My" principles and policies,
The candidate "my" man.
"My" choice for the succession,
"My" ideals so high,
"My" stork, "my" work, "my" duty;
And the people say, "O, my!"

Found Them

"That platform is perfect!" shout-
ed the partisan.
"It was choke full of mistakes,"
growled the man in the end seat.
"Well, I'd like to have you point
'em out."
"I pointed 'em all out, and I made
the compositors correct 'em, too,"
said the end seat man.

Wise

"Would you not accept an offer
of remunerative employment?"
queried the lady of the house who
was worrying about the condition of
the lawn.
"Youse can't disguise work by no
high-flown langwige, mum," replied
Walker Boutte. "I went to school
long enough to be able t' penetrate
all dem little schemes."

Political

"My dear Sophia," murmured Mr.
Softleigh, "I am a candidate for your
heart and hand."
"That's all right, Mr. Softleigh;
but does your platform include reci-
procity, emergency currency, arbi-
tration and referendum?"
"Why, er-er-um, ah—why, my
dear Sophia—"
"That will do, Mr. Softleigh,"
ejaculated the fair Sophic Wiseone.
"This is no time to accept candidates
who have no settled convictions of
their own on such important mat-
ters."

Zoological

The jungle convention was called
to order by Chairman Chimpanzee,
who at once stated the objects of the
meeting.
"We are gathered here to take
cognizance of the fact that it has
been announced that upon his re-
tirement President Roosevelt will
come to Africa on a big game hunt.
We must do something."
"Yes, I shudder to think of what
will become of me if he gives me
such a dose as he gave my brother

in America," moaned the elephant.
"I move you the appointment of
a committee on platform," exclaimed
the Timber Wolf.
The motion being put and carried
the committee was appointed and re-
tired to deliberate.
This is the platform submitted
and adopted:
"Let us alone!"
Coincidentally, the friends of the
elephant in this country are saying
the same thing.

Dido Down to Date

A Trust, once upon a time, visit-
ed a new country, and being fair
to look upon and having a mouth
full of fair promises, at once at-
tracted attention from the ruling
powers.
"I am merely scouting around
with a view to locating," explained
the Trust, "and I am impressed with
your beautiful country."
"Surely we would be pleased to
have you in our midst," responded
the people.

"But it will be necessary to offer
me some inducements," said the
Trust. "Not that we do not realize
the wonderful advantages, but mere-
ly to show that you are interested
in us."

"And what inducements are need-
ed?" queried the people.
"O, nothing much; merely a lit-
tle protection. Not too much, but
just enough to convince outsiders
that you are determined to stand up
for home institutions."

Thereupon the people granted the
protection demanded.

A little later the people's repre-
sentatives met in solemn conclave
and decided that the Trust was en-
titled to a little more. By and by
it became apparent that the people's
representatives were, in fact, the
representatives of the trusts, but by
that time the protection wall had
been built so high that the people
on the inside were at the mercy of
the Trust.

"It is unbearable," moaned the
people.

"But it's the making of us," re-
torted the Trust.

With that the people are expected
to be content.

But will they?
It was Dido who was given all the
land she could enclose in a bull's
hide. She cut the bull's hide into
thongs, soaked them in water, and
enclosed enough land to found a
strong city upon.

The little wall of protection given
the Trust has grown until it has the
great Chinese wall skinned both ways
from the middle.

Brain Leaks

It takes but little platform bait
to catch some political suckers.

A morose man may be religious,
but he can not be a Christian.

Satan works overtime when the
churches close for the heated term.

A lot of men look on home as
merely an eating station on life's
road.

A whole lot of us love to lay the
blame on "environment" and
"heredity."

Alfred Austin says he wants a
rest. We'll trade even with Alf, if
he is willing.

It may be old-fashioned, but we
always did prefer our shirtsleeves to
a "smoking jacket."

It's a mighty mean man that will
kick when he sees a hole in the toe
of the baby's shoe.

Just about the time a man begins
to think he is "it" somebody comes
along and slips an "n" in front of it.

It is time to drop the "take-the-
children-to-see-the-animals" on cir-
cus day joke when the children get
so big you have to dig up the price
of adult tickets.

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