

per car as it costs to build a car. If we were all on the trust band wagon we would not be required, in this struggle for a high living, to work four days for a trust for the privilege of working with their machinery one day for ourselves. If we were all on instead of under the trust band wagon, we would be making a high, luxurious living, with about four hours' labor each day instead of working eight to fourteen hours per day for a bare existence.

If we were all on the band wagon the man would make the living and the children would have to leave the trust factories and go to a trust school.

If we were all on the trust band wagon we would get our transportation on the same basis that we now send our letters, would get our amusements like we not get our schooling and protect our families from freezing and from starving like we protect our property from fire. We would empty every state, county and city prison because 99 per cent of the inmates are there through greed in some form directly or indirectly.

But, then, this would all be unconstitutional because the supreme court said so. Mr. Divine wrote a very fine article on this high price of living the other day, then undid it all by saying "he was either dreaming or talking through his hat." He doesn't want to be on the trust band wagon yet. While he has been twice in the competitive churn and got out with his life he is now sleeping with one eye open, waiting for the goddess of liberty to raise the lid so he can plunge ahead, first into the churn once more for the third and last time, for when he realizes his third dream or builds his third railroad and goes out into the rural districts beyond the ridge, runs a milk train daily, with a car and two men do the work of fifty men and teams and builds up a dairy industry, he will then be one of the "raker offs" between the producer and the consumer. Notwithstanding all this labor-saving and reduction in actual cost, we will still find dairy products going up in price to the consumer, just as trust products are continuing to rise in the face of decrease in the cost of production!

All that I, a work ox, can do is to saw wood or go way back and sit down, while this great panorama or moving picture show continues. But when Mr. Divine's third railroad becomes such a factor in the progress of civilization as his first and second now are, he will then be one cog in the great gear wheel of public industry and the band wagon will stop and pick him up.

When I was yet wild in the pine thickets of James county, I could see and hear all this rumbling and grumbling about something being wrong, turning the rascals out and putting good men in. That was way back in the good old "days of hog and hominy, cowhide boots, jeans pants, etc." The same old threadbare rule is still working and being worked.

But I am going to stay in the city; vote for what I want and take what I can get.
J. S. BOYD.
Chattanooga, Tenn., January 23.

UNTIMELY

The brave ship was wallowing in the waves that threatened to engulf her at any moment. Hastily the captain ordered a box of rockets and flares to be brought to the rail, and with his own hands ignited a number of them in the hope that they would be seen and the passengers and crew rescued. Amid the rockets' red glare a tall, thin, austere individual found his way with difficulty to the rail and spoke to the captain. "Captain," said he, "I protest. We are now facing death. This is no time for a fireworks display."—Tit-Bits.



Whether Common or Not
By Will M. Maupin.

Day Dreams

I long for the days of the barlow knife,
And the sore toe tied with yarn;
For the "mumblepeg" and the "Boston law"
In the shade of the moss-grown barn.

I even yearn for a stone bruised heel,
Or a back burned red by the sun;
For the old-time zest for my couch of rest
I had when the day was done.

I long for the days of the "sight unseen,"
And the peg tops spun with twine;
For my old-time place down at second base
As one of the village "Nine."

I even yearn for the finger binged
Or the thumb with a ragged split;
Or the old-time lump on my bulging brow
That showed where the base ball hit.

I long for the days of the swimmin' hole,
And the "swish" of the old fish-line;
For the "crockies," "aggies," "glassies" and
The "nealies" that once were mine.
I even yearn for the blistered hands
That came from the old grub hoe;
For the appetite that came with night
In the days of the long ago.

I long for the days that are long,
long dead,
When my heart was free from care;
For the sunny hours when my boyish soul
Was as light as the summer air.
But, thank the Lord, I am living yet,
And I thank Him, too, that I
Can sit at ease when the day is done
And dream of the days gone by.

Brain Leaks

Belief in luck has ruined many men.
The man who looks for trouble can find it with his eyes shut.
Honestly, Mr. Confirmed Smoker, do you enjoy smoking a pipe in the dark?
You are not really having a good time today if a couple of weeks from

AN ENMESHED PRESIDENT

The Aldrich law fell short of public expectation. Economically it may or may not be an improvement on the Dingley law. But the people of the west are no longer quarreling with congress as to that. The Aldrich law is not now an economic issue. It is a moral issue. The people feel that the law was forced down their throats against their will in the interests of a section of the country or of a class of the people. And as a moral issue it will not down until aggressive steps have been taken to amend it. The senate crippled the president's powers to make inquiries as to costs of manufacture; it confined the scope of the tariff board and cut short the appropriation for its work.

And the fat little baron from Maine bragged about it.
The president finds himself enmeshed, obstructed by an organization long experienced, and dominant in legislation, which beset him with

now you would be happy if you could forget it.

When doubt enters love is crowded out.

Giving a part of the swag to foreign missions will not square the account.

The average boy will not believe that spring has arrived until the circus bills are posted.

The young fellow who talks about his salary usually envies the young man who earns wages.

There are men who think that home is merely a place where they can get rid of a grouch.

About two days' work in the garden takes all the agricultural ambition out of the average city man.

What a glut of garden sass there would be on the market if every city man raised as much stuff as he plans.

If this sort of thing continues the farmer will rush for the family physician instead of the veterinarian when one of the hogs gets sick.

Peter was a good man. He is the only fisherman on record who failed to get a bite all night and readily admitted the fact next morning.

When you see a young lady in the street car poring over a long letter, the chances are that it is from Him. Maybe it is from a girl friend telling all about her Him.

The admonition "bear ye one another's burdens" does not mean that you should patiently submit to having burdens shifted over onto your shoulders by people too lazy to bear their own.

The average boy's idea of a "sane Fourth" is a ton of powder, six gross of firecrackers, a dray load of torpedoes, four million blank cartridges, two revolvers, a brass cannon and four barrels of red lemonade.

We hear a whole lot about the wickedness of strikes for higher wages or against wage reductions, but we seldom hear anything in criticism of the big trust that shuts down its plant for the purpose of pushing up the price of stock on hand.

The Best Way

"I am going to elevate the stage."
"Ah, indeed! Have you written a play, or will you enact the leading role in another man's drama?"
"Neither. I have decided on using dynamite."

pitfalls and bound him with withes which he could not feel.

And what was the composition of that organization and what was the source from which that organization drew its strength?

The strongholds of privilege. And who were its representatives in the two houses of congress?

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