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THE MAN WITH A "PULL."

Albert J. Beveridge is not going too far in declaring that the man with a "pull" is doing more to wreck the social order than is any outright apostle of revolution.

Equality of rights, opportunities and responsibilities is the main object of democracy. A fair field and no favors is the American idea.

Senator Beveridge recently had something to say on this before a meeting of the New Hampshire bar association.

Everybody knows that the public mind is in a state of unrest and discontent. Why? There are many causes; and with one of these the American bench and bar is particularly concerned.

It is common belief that during the war vast fortunes were amassed by violation of law; that even now, millions are being accumulated by violation of law.

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RACING WITH A TRAIN.
An Illinois Central engineer, Charles H. Barnett, who pilots one of that line's fast trains over a southern division, writes to the National Safety News a discussion of the ever-increasing danger of railroad grade crossing accidents.

"I have known engineers, whose locomotives have struck automobiles and one or more persons have been killed. These men never entirely recover from such an experience. The horror of that momentary glimpse of white, upturned faces in the instant before the crash, tell me, is something that time can not eradicate."

Mr. Barnett calls attention to the fact that a train moving at the rate of 60 miles an hour covers one-eighth of a mile in seven and one-half seconds, which is not a very long time. An automobile going 30 miles an hour covers the same distance in 15 seconds. Therefore, if the train is a quarter of a mile from the crossing and the auto 200 yards, the train has the race won, and the auto driver will better admit his defeat.

"The trouble lies in the mistaken idea of responsibility. The public must learn to accept its own responsibility in this matter. Judgment and caution are the only safeguards. The man who takes a gambler's chance with death has no one to blame but himself if death calls his bluff."

Such advice from a practical man ought to have great weight with all it reaches. A momentary delay on the road, while waiting for a train to pass, will not seriously affect the affairs of any one, but it will make sure that those affairs will go on after the train has passed.

GOLD NOW A CURIOSITY.
An old, old anecdote tells of how a youth to win a wager stood on London bridge, offering gold sovereigns for a shilling each, and unable to make a sale. The passing throng was too sophisticated to be taken in by such a ruse.

So, when a western man with a pocket full of \$10 gold coins went to buy a drink, the bartender was ready for him. Anything that looked like a gold coin was spurious; a "shinplaster," whether for rubles or dollars, might have passed muster, and a silver "cartwheel" would have met instant recognition and welcome, but a \$10 gold piece—there ain't no such animal on Broadway.

VIOLENCE FOR PROFIT.
A crazed mania persists in America. Certain of our citizens have imbibed the notion that nothing matters, so long as they have their own way about whatever they are doing. Chiefly, this is exhibited in connection with lawlessness of one type or another.

Courts And Liberty.
Horville, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In one word "Liberty" is bound together all that America stands for, and through the misconstruing of that one word every great ill seeks to undermine our problem.

Profiteering on Taxes.
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: High taxes are now blamed for the high cost of living. Railroad managers say taxes are responsible for high freight rates; lawyers say the same excuse to sustain rents; money lenders to justify interest rates; workmen to excuse wages, and so on all along the line.

Homespun Verse
—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie
LOOK UP AS YOU GO.
You purchased a home, did you, brother? You've a wife and a girl and a boy.

Daily Prayer
"And as the days go shall thy strength be—Deut. 32:12.
Our Gracious Heavenly Father, for the light of another day we thank Thee, for Thy watch care over us during the past night when, unconscious and helpless, we sought rest for our weary bodies. Thou hast granted to us another day wherein to honor and glorify Thy Holy name.

"The People's Voice"
Editorials from reading of The Morning Bee, readers of The Morning Bee, use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Changing Farm Demand.
Council Bluffs, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: There is a fact existing in the middlewest that no one seems to take into consideration, and that is the fact that gasoline is furnishing almost the entire motive power for traffic on the streets of cities, and much of that in the country and on farms.

Who is the Blackmailer?
Chauncey Wilite, the man who, at not very remote period, declared to a prominent republican of Omaha that he could send Phineas W. Hitchcock to the penitentiary if he wanted to, has the temerity to denounce the public's own representatives when we defy him and the whole brood of political desperadoes who constitute the Hitchcock ring to name a single instance where The Omaha Bee has ever levied a dollar upon anybody by threats or intimidation.

Why Not a Poets' Club?
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The "Hall of Fame" which you have been publishing in your paper has been a revelation to me. I did not dream that there were so many able writers in Omaha and Nebraska, simply because the fact had never been brought to my attention in such a concise manner.

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De Senectute.
A fundamental question in our serious moments is: How best can we prepare for old age? Nothing is more pathetic than a sight of an old man solitary and vague, with a background of years filled with nothing but the humdrum of routine, he finds himself at last with no soul-satisfying occupation.

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"From State and Nation"
—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

The Public's Business.
The Tribune's discussion started by the Tribune some time ago is gaining impetus. A Central City writer, signing himself "A Citizen," sends the following comment on the subject to The Omaha Bee:

It is interesting to read the article republished in your paper from the Frontport Tribune in which the editor expresses himself upon a subject which has been apparent to many people for years. The writer has known jurors to be selected to sit upon important cases who had not even a speck of knowledge of the English language.

Romance on the River.
From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.
The "race" up the Mississippi between the towboats St. Louis and Cairo has done little to waken the sleeping romance of the river. The winner was 12 days reaching Cairo from New Orleans. Nobody seemed to care. No crowds stood on the bank along the way to see the start of the race. No silk hats were lifted in salute. No silver sunshades waved in encouragement.

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Abe Martin
my 77th birthday and am still working in my garden, cutting my own wood in Florida, winters, and last year gave a course of lectures on "The Life and Times of Dante," and it was great fun. The fun was in playing around with the schoolmen and saints of Dante's age, just as, long ago, it was fun for me to march along a paragon or two, or stretch upon the sands of the Euxine with Zenophon and his 10,000, and mount a charger and ride with Cyrus, a boy, over into Media and tarry with the youth in the home of Antyages, his grandfather.

"Lux ex Tenebris."
From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.
The greatest of modern surgical triumphs is to be achieved, if achieved at all, in the United States, though by a surgeon trained in Vienna. It is the grafting of a seeing eye in place of a blind one.

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