

send grain seeds to the farmers, flower seeds to the female constituents, plug for postoffices and other appointments for his political backers, pose as a statesman when the house is in session, get pension bills through in the Friday evening rush and spend the rest of his time dictating letters to constituents and doing errands for them at the federal departments. When all this is accomplished he can "do" society or the races, or take a hand in "a little game," as environment and inclination may suggest.

Harry Payne Whitney has hired a jockey at a salary of \$30,000 a year. Harry is the boy to whom his father left the bulk of the Whitney fortune and he still calls himself a democrat.

The latest statement is that there have been twenty-seven hunters killed and twenty-two wounded in the Wisconsin forests in the last few weeks while out deer hunting. Where any of the circumstances have been known, it is stated that in every case they have been mistaken for deer and shot by other hunters. Nearly one-half as many men have been killed as deer. Dudes from the city should no longer be permitted to hunt in the woods.

It is announced that the Illinois Steel company is to resume work with a reduction of wages of 35 per cent and an increase in hours. That landslide has some queer results.

Senator Elkins, in speaking of tariff revision, says that "the doctor to remove the plaster is the doctor that applied it." As that plaster has raised a blister wherever it touched and it has been left on the patient for forty years, the old doctor may find that his hands tremble too much to handle it.

Mr. A. A. Berry, a distinguished author, and a full-blooded Yankee, says that "unless New England can get free raw materials and reciprocity treaties, her prosperity is gone." Protection is getting some hard whacks these days.

Several recent cases seem to indicate that British juries are mere automations. All that they want is to know what the presiding judge thinks and they go unanimously that way. The judge never fails to let the jury know in a recent case a man named Thomas

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obtained money under false pretenses. A man named Beck was arrested, found guilty and served five years for Thomas' crime. A full investigation shows that the judge forced the jury to convict and it didn't take much forcing either.

Although Roosevelt gets the electoral vote of Missouri, that state is very far from being republican. The disgusted, stay at home voters gave the electoral vote to Roosevelt. The following comparison of the votes cast in 1900 and 1904 leaves no doubt as to that:

	1904.	1900.
Republican	321,449	314,091
Democratic	295,847	351,922
Socialist	13,008	6,128
Prohibition	7,181	5,965
People's	4,226	4,244
Social labor	1,875	1,294
Totals	613,586	683,644

There were more voters in Missouri in 1904 than there were in 1900, and yet there were 40,000 less votes cast.

South American republics do some queer stunts at governing. Nicaragua and Honduras got into a row over their boundaries. To settle the question they agreed to leave it to arbitration. As an arbitrator they chose Alfonso, king of Spain. Alfonso is a lad not quite 18 years old and is still under tutors.

The socialists of Chicago have decided to start a daily paper. They voted down a resolution for a co-operative undertaking and resolved to form a stock company and proceed along capitalistic lines. When ever an attempt is made to do business along socialistic lines, these men always find "insuperable" difficulties. And still they go on dreaming dreams.

Tom Johnson is not out of politics. In answer to a question he said: "I shall be a candidate either for mayor or governor next year. I shall probably run for mayor."

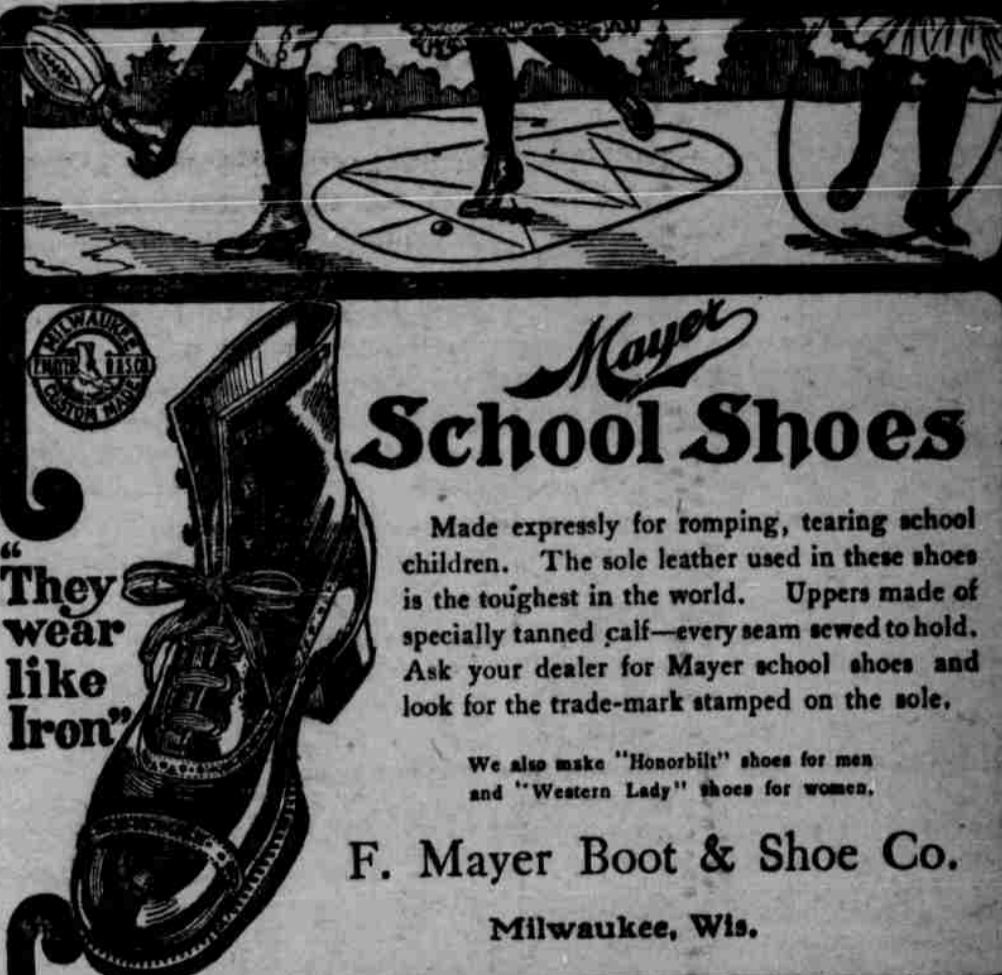
The Providence Journal, Senator Aldrich's personal organ, has come out in favor of tariff revision. Its idea is that there ought to be a revision, because it says that on the coarser grades of cotton goods it is no longer possible for the Rhode Island mills to compete with the south and west, because of high transportation rates to the west and low wages in the south. It therefore wants the rates on those kinds of goods revised, and raised to a point where "the industry will not be ruined."

The Denver News went half crazy along with all the republican papers in the west, declaring that the reciprocity treaty with Cuba making a lower rate on sugar would "destroy the industry" of raising sugar beets. The treaty was ratified and now it is publishing great stories about the wealth gained in the sugar beet industry during the last year. According to its latest tales, since the adoption of that treaty, the sugar beet men have made more money than they ever did before. Tom Patterson is one of the four or five senators who held up that treaty for the whole term of the United States senate.

The official returns from Ohio repeat the story that Roosevelt's immense pluralities resulted, as in other states, from the stay at home vote. There were 40,000 less votes cast in that state than four years ago. The figures as published are as follows:

	1904.	1900.
Republican	598,539	543,913
Democratic	346,622	474,882
Socialist (Debs) ...	36,123	4,847
Prohibition	19,404	10,202
Populist	4,054	6,223
Total vote	1,004,742	1,040,073
Republican plurality	251,917	69,026

Perhaps Coxie will now head another commonwealth army towards Washington. The papers announce that he has gone into bankruptcy with \$300,000 of debts and no assets. At one time



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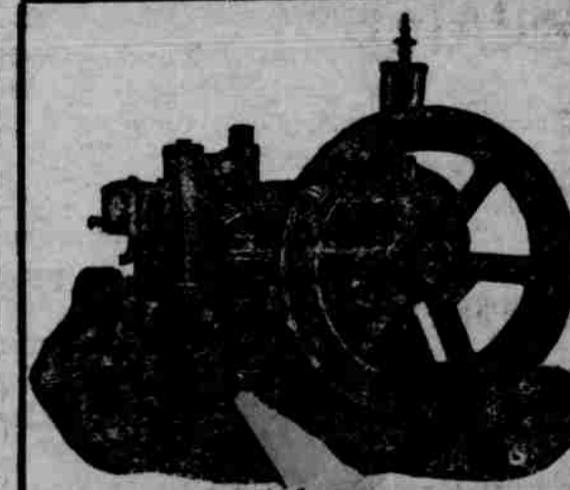
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