

is William P. Pierson and he lives at Onarga, Ill. When the editor of The Independent was a young newspaper man, working on a paper in St. Louis, he noticed for several days papers piled up at the door of a fine residence which he passed. As they continued to accumulate, he made inquiries and got on to a nice little story for publication. The last member of the family had died a few days previous and there were no known relatives, although at one time the family consisted of twelve, the father and mother and ten children. One by one they had all died, the father the last of all. He had been a subscriber to the Missouri Republican for fifty-one years and the paper was still being left at the door. Two of the sons of this family had been killed in the union army and three in the confederate. All the rest had died of disease. Three of them had been married but died childless. The father was an orphan boy who came to this country from Scotland when very young. The mother was the only child of Kentucky parents, who died when she was very young. The man had been true to his paper all his life. The Missouri Republican had been named away back in the days of Jefferson or soon afterward, for "republican" was the name of Jefferson's party.

Two Billion Dollar Congress

The following are the aggregate amounts of the various appropriation bills passed by the last congress:

Agricultural	\$ 6,850,000
Army	69,102,772
Diplomatic	2,123,048
District of Columbia.....	9,798,297
Fortifications	6,747,893
Indian	7,857,720
Legislative	29,133,842
Military academy	673,713
Navy	100,396,680
Pensions	138,250,100
Postoffice	181,022,094
River and harbor	18,251,375
Sundry civil	67,063,750
Deficiencies	31,180,810
Miscellaneous	3,250,000
Permanent appropriations.	146,836,320

Total\$318,478,314

Here is an increase in the total costs of government within ten years of \$348,984,904, or 74 per cent.

That is the same way that the republicans are also governing Nebraska. If the people will have imperialism, favored trusts and grafts of various kinds, there is no escape. Taxation must be increased. A few years ago there was an uproar when it was found that one congress in its two sessions appropriated a billion dollars. The last congress appropriated nearly two billion dollars. No one seems to be much impressed with the fact and they will not be until another bond issue is proposed. The experts of the treasury say that there will be a deficit of \$95,000,000 at the end of this fiscal year, and they always underestimate deficits. Next year the deficit will be still greater and after that comes bonds.

All the World Moves On

While all the world moves on, this country is tied down by a lot of old, plutocratic fossils like Depew and Platt. Daniel S. Kidder, United States consul at Algeria, reports that:

A much needed reform in the railway system of Algeria is to be realized as soon as the existing concessions expire, which will be within a few years for the last of them. The colony, aided financially by France, is to buy up all the lines, and is to establish uniform and reduced tariffs over the whole country. No measure is more urgently required nor is more likely to prove a greater boon to Algeria.

United States Minister Sorsby, La Paz, Bolivia, reports, under date of November, 17, 1904, that a law was passed by the recent Bolivian congress dedicating the Brazilian indemnity fund, £2,000,000 (\$9,733,000), to the costs of studies and construction of railway lines in the republic.

The most enlightened nations of Europe long ago adopted the government ownership of railroads, and now

the colonies in Africa and the republics in South America are doing likewise. But this republic, that can do more bragging about its greatness than anything else on earth, comes, under the leadership of fossils and plutocrats, trailing along in the rear with China. If the plutocrats are still to rule, we had better take down the stars and stripes and run up the dragon.

Still at It

Albert S. Bolles has written a good many books on banks and banking and is a lecturer for the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard college. He starts out in one of his works to tell what money is, and says:

The transformation of metals into coins does not affect their value. This truth can not be too firmly grasped.

Now that is the sort of lies that is being taught to the young men of those two schools. The author and lecturer can not but know they are lies. Did he ever see a silver dollar? Does he know the market value of uncoined silver bullion? Does not the transformation of silver bullion into coin affect its value? Mr. Bolles knows it does. He knows that the value is more than doubled by coinage. Yet he goes on writing and speaking his lies. His statement is not even true of gold under the government fiat that all gold presented at the mint shall be transformed into coin at public expense. Coined gold and uncoined gold bullion are nowhere the same value unless it is within a few steps of a mint. The cost of shipping it to the mint is always deducted.

Some people imagine that the gold standard thieves have learned enough to stop teaching and writing their falsehoods, as they don't see much about it in the papers, but they have not. They are still at it.

Darwinism and Man

These socialistic economists who are forever trying to apply Darwin's theory of the survival of the fittest to man, forget that for at least two thousand years the whole human race, except the wild savages, have been working on exactly the opposite theory. The weak are preserved, the helpless are fed and clothed; the old are cherished and cared for. There has been injected into man a law of love, and the law of self-preservation as the first and only law has been superceded.

It is a waste of time and energy to follow these materialists and forever be reminding them that in applying to human society the law of struggle and survival they forget that the great end and purpose of organized or civilized society is to arrest and turn aside the operation of what are called cosmic forces and substitute what we may call moral law. If there were no such thing as a moral law, if there were no such emotion as love, Mr. Ghent's theory of economic force as the basis of all ethics, might stand.

Charged With Perjury

Whether a pass is a bribe or a courtesy, one thing is certain, the charge that every member of the legislature who accepted one, has committed perjury can not be refuted, for everyone of them took the following oath when he was sworn in:

I do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) * * * that at the election at which I was chosen to fill said office, I have not improperly influenced in any way the vote of any elector, and have not accepted, nor will I accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or any other valuable thing from any corporation, company, or person, or any promise of office for any official act or influence (for any vote I may give or withhold on any bill, resolution or appropriation).

CATARRH ALWAYS MEANS DANGER!

Don't take any chances with Catarrh! It wrecks more lives than all the other diseases put together—it's the direct cause of thousands of deaths every year. You don't realize its awful danger because it works so quietly—because it seems such a trifling ailment. Be warned in time! If you have Catarrh, start to cure it AT ONCE.

Don't deceive yourself into thinking it's only a persistent head cold. While you're leaving it unchecked, the Catarrh is spreading out through your head, nose and throat, putting them into a horribly loathsome condition. It's making you a hacking, spitting foul-breath nuisance—an object of disgust to every one who comes near you.

Don't make the mistake of believing Catarrh will cure itself—that in time it will simply "go away." Once the active, poisonous germs gain even the slightest foothold, they multiply with astounding quickness and spread rapidly over the delicate lining of the nose and throat, until their unheeding victim is fairly devoured by Catarrh.

Don't let Catarrh get down to your lungs. It will, if you don't stop it, when Catarrh settles on the lungs. It's CONSUMPTION. Consumption is simply neglected Catarrh, and over two million people die every year just because they haven't looked after their Catarrh. While they're thinking "it doesn't amount to much" their Catarrh is passing from the disagreeable to the deadly stage. All of a sudden they find it's TOO LATE!

Cure your Catarrh now! Don't neglect it another day! There's the best of help ready and waiting for you! Catarrh Specialist Sproule, the greatest authority of the age on Catarrh, is giving the most valuable and helpful



Interior of the nose showing the passages and cavities that get completely clogged with the terribly poisonous Catarrh germs.

MEDICAL ADVICE FREE

- Is your throat raw?
- Do you sneeze often?
- Is your breath foul?
- Are your eyes watery?
- Do you take cold easily?
- Is your nose stopped up?
- Do you have to spit often?
- Do crusts form in your nose?
- Are you worse in damp weather?
- Do you blow your nose a good deal?
- Does your mouth taste bad mornings?
- Do you have a dull feeling in your head?
- Do you have to clear your throat on rising?
- Is there a tickling sensation in your throat?
- Do you have an unpleasant discharge from your nose?
- Does the mucus drop into your throat from the nose?

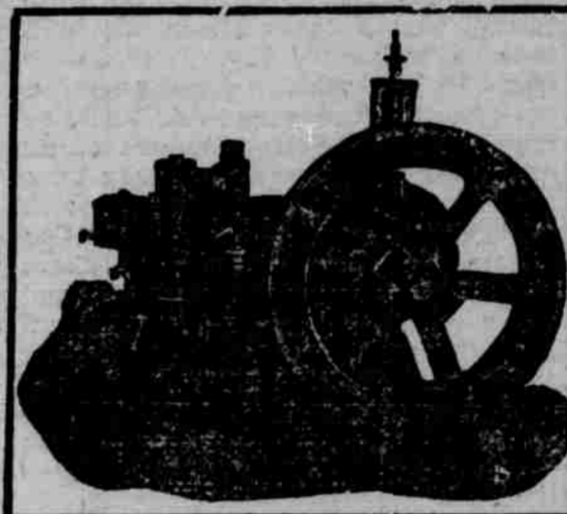
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A little book by Flora Bullock has been laid on the editorial desk entitled, "The Old Town by the River." The text is by Miss Bullock, the photographs by Tyson & Rice and the drawings by Harriet Hershey. Both the prose and the verse is poetry and the illustrations are poetry also. The Old Town is Nebraska City. It takes one away into dreamland to glance through the pages of this little book. The author must have caught something of the visions in which the Indian indulges when he stands on some lone hill, shuts his eyes and sees the

happy hunting grounds, which is a more rational vision of heaven than streets paved with gold. The Indian in his vision sees some of the things described in this little book. Ivy Press, Lincoln, Neb.

The Hartford Courant says that it is "well satisfied to let the masters of the art of railroad transportation conduct it, instead of trying to conduct it ourselves." Did it ever occur to the Hartford Courant that the same "masters of the art of transportation" would conduct it under government ownership that now conduct it under Wall street ownership?