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ABLESSING OR A CURSE

The blessings of an American citizen carry with them great responsibilities. Because of the country's abounded resources, and the individual opportunity guaranteed by our laws, the American citizen has a larger degree of material well being than the citizen of any other civilized nation. The very fact of having, is responsible for an avarice, a greed, a grasping commercialism that is at once the scorn of other nations and the menace of the body politic. The growth of the trust is not due to law, neither is it due to the failure to enforce the law. These are but the effects of the primary cause which lies behind. The trust is the product of a national characteristic and that is the love of money. The desire for wealth creates an admiration for him who possesses it; an admiration that throws a halo about the head of the very rich and prevents the enforcement of the laws which are violated with impunity.

"Through tattered clothes small vices do appear
Robes and furr'd gowns hide all. Plate sin
with gold,
And the strong lanes of justice hurtless breaks;
Arm'd in rags, a pigmy's arrow doth pierce
it."

You can never destroy an unlawful combination by law, until the conscience of the people demand its destruction. You cannot create honesty by legislative enactment, neither can virtue be had because of constitutional amendments. When the youth of America is taught that there are greater things to be acquired than money. When the love of the beautiful is more attractive than the glint of the gold upon the coin. When the public conscience shall have been educated to give something to the world, rather than to take something from the world, then will the cause of unlawful trusts have been removed and the reason for their destruction come to pass. The chief thing done by such men as Roosevelt, Folk and La Follette is not their assaults upon those in high places, but is the education of the American people in the way of integrity, and to make it popular to be honest.

AN OLD PRAYER.

And now a bunch of vinegary old maids in New York have resolved "Now I lay me down to sleep" out of existence.

There is something the matter

with its grammar and the line, "if I should die before I wake," is horrible in its sentiment. These old maids have what they call a "mother's congress," and are infallible in their theoretical judgement as to the care of children. Of course they have no practical knowledge, for they are virtuous, are these old maids. But the old prayer must go.

We have often thought that the Almighty must know the sand man's hour down here, and that as it approaches he waits and listens to hear childish voices in every tongue repeat, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep."

No other prayer ascends to the great white throne with greater faith than this. Its grammar may be bad, but it has precious memories for every man. Its sentiment may be "horrible," but the child is not frightened as it says "if I should die before I wake," for there is faith in the little heart as the next line is repeated "I pray the Lord my soul to take." To discard this old prayer, is to destroy the most precious association, and to deprive the next generation of men of one of the things to be dreamed of about the fire at night.

With apologies to the "mother's congress," we must express the view, that it is composed largely of unmitigated asses and fit subjects for the foolish house

GRAND JURY.

The Tribune contends that the grand jury system is an unnecessary expense, and its motive in so contending is merely that of economy. This statement is on the presumption that we have a county attorney who will do his duty. Under the administration of this office as it was managed by young Martin, a grand jury would have saved the criminal laws of the state from utter neglect and would probably have been of benefit to the county. Mr. James however, starts out as though he meant business, and if he shows the same zeal during his entire term of office as he evidenced at the last term of court, a grand jury will be unnecessary. Under the law the county attorney may file complaint and inquire into any alleged breach of the law. Why then should the county be compelled to pay a jury of men to do, what the law makes it the duty of one man to do, and who is paid his salary whether he does or does not do his duty?

A DANGEROUS MAN.

The standard oil has set apart twenty million dollars to fight the agitation now prevailing against the concern. One of the board of directors said in New York last week that "this man Roosevelt is the most dangerous man the United States has ever seen." Dangerous to the big and

The Little Folks

Parents

If we succeed in impressing upon your minds the importance of teaching your children the correct ideas concerning thrift and economy, we will feel well repaid for all our efforts. The Saving Habit should be instilled in their minds early in life; it develops character, thrift and energy. Early training in self denial, instructions as to the use and value of money; opportunities for earning and saving money; all these tend to fix and fasten the children in the way of thrift and prosperity.

Our Children's Department

Is designed to encourage the little folks to save their money by depositing it in this bank where it will earn them four per cent interest. A goodly number of children are already following our suggestions, but there are hundreds who are not. If you think our advice good why not encourage your children to become money savers.

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little thief, but especially dangerous to the big one. Dangerous to those who would prostitute the commercial world and purchase the political world.

Dangerous to all who are opposed to his now famous utterance "Just a square deal, that is all." Safe however, for all men who believe in honest government and equal rights. Safe for American's present and her hopeful future. The Kansas City Times (Ind.) well said "The American people should thank God for Theodore Roosevelt."

The roads need the drag.

By all means have a sewer. It is the next logical internal improvement.

We have heretofore been very glad to read the three Humboldt papers, but of late it is a sad task. Their columns have been filled with obituaries. From the children to men grown old the reaper has gone, and there are many sad homes in our sister city as a result.

The president has called a special session of the senate to convene March 4th. This is doubtless for the purpose of considering certain treaty relations. Burkett will walk from the south to the north wing of the capital building and present his credentials as the United States senator from Nebraska.

Keep away from the mail order house. A Falls City man patronized one of the mail order matrimonial bureaus and got a wife. She was warranted all wool and

a yard wide, and he ordered her. She proved to be a cross-eyed, per-oxide blond, spavined and with a face that is a breach of the peace. He is trying to side step now, but it is up to the divorce court. Patronize home industry.

The Hiawatha World had 889 inches of display advertising and 547 lines of paid local in its issue of last week, or a total of over 17 pages. Falls City is a better town, in a better county, with better stores and a better market to draw from. No local paper carries an average of 200 inches of advertising. Do you wonder that the catalogue houses look upon this as a legitimate field?

A lady writes to this office in response to the editorial in last week's issue about the church member who permitted his team to stand for two hours unprotected from the cold, and the man was good to his family but who drank, and says "the church going man is a bad man with a good habit, and the man who is good to his family but drinks, is a good man, with a bad habit." Can you put it more kindly than that?

The only thing to be feared about the anti-standard oil sentiment with the country is aflame, is that it may be but a spasm of virtue that will die out with the adjournment of the legislatures that inspired it. However, the wrongs of this and other commercial combinations will some day be righted, else the future of America is foreboding indeed.