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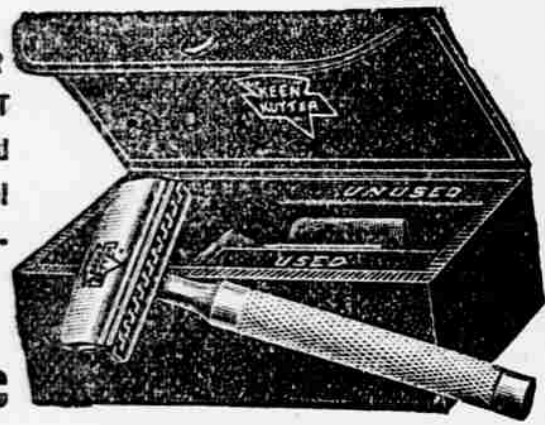
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The Stuff That Makes Democratic Victory.

"The stars for him" is a sentence which has become a proverb. It means that an irresistible tide of events favors a certain cause. At this hour the stars are fighting for the Democratic Star. Since the Denver convention the march of occurrences has been palpably, unmistakably democratic. On the tenth day of August Mr. Bryan stands stronger with the country than he did on the tenth of July when he was nominated. So do the principles he represents. The meaning of the campaign appears in more salient relief, in sharper-defined outlines than it did a month ago. Let us see what has brought about this result. First, the candidacy of Mr. Taft had a heavy paving stone dropped on its head by the tipping over of that \$29,000,000 fine imposed on Standard Oil. The easy overthrow of that penalty showed the country how little had actually been done in the way of putting the bridle and bit on trust monopoly.

The news of the upsetting of the great fine was hardly out in the papers before men who had previously been in doubt were saying that now they should vote for Bryan. They felt that way because the oil trust's success in fine dodging had proved that the war on criminality in high places, which many people had supposed approaching a sweeping triumph, had really hardly begun. It was no far step to the conclusion that rebating had received a new lease of life. That the trusts had not forgotten their knack of turning prosecution to profit was demonstrated by the enormous jump in Standard Oil stock, and by the raking into the coffers of the oil trust of a sum more than seventeen times greater than the fine imposed by Judge Landis.

Of scarcely less momentous importance than the overturning of the \$29,000,000 fine itself was the discovery that the people had no way of appealing from the judgment of reversal to the United States supreme court. On learning this fact, thousands of intelligent citizens were astonished.

Most persons had supposed as a matter of course, that the final threshing out of so vast a controversy would take place in the highest tribunal in the land. Nor was this belief confined to laymen.

Many lawyers thought so, too. But no! A neat little flaw—a convenient loophole of vacuity—had been left in the statutes, and though a fight about a can of watered milk can be carried to the United States supreme court, not so a rebate struggle involving the biggest interests in the country.

Standard Oil laughed in his sleeve, and there was nothing to do but try the whole case over again—this time with the advance knowledge that no fine could be imposed which would be to the oil trust more than a bagatelle, the appellate court having decided that the judge who had imposed the large fine had exceeded his discretion.

It was clear that the laws governing the prosecution of trusts, and especially the right of appeal, needed attention. That helped Mr. Bryan, and it will also help elect democratic members of congress.

Hardly had the nation had time to grasp the significance of the Standard Oil decision before there was evidence that the threat of government by injunction invading the immemorial right of trial by jury was no idle menace, but a very tangible fact. On the heels of this came Mr. Taft's acceptance speech. It was ambiguous and unsatisfactory—the speech of a

temporizer and opportunist. There was no right ring in it to catch and hold the ear of the voter—no pledge or promise that got to the root of any great existent need. To awaken enthusiasm with such lukewarmness of utterance was impossible, and the republicans themselves didn't attempt to enthuse. They skimmed over the acceptance address, and were glad to drop it at that.

Then came Attorney General Bonaparte's endeavor to use his office as an axe to split the plank of the democratic platform designed to protect bank depositors. When the attorney general had struck his blow the plank was unhurt. All that Mr. Bonaparte had to say was only a lawyer's opinion and the medicated opinion of a liased attorney at that. But a more unpopular thing couldn't have been done than this officious action of Mr. Bonaparte. It roused the antagonism of every bank depositor in the country, and was particularly offensive to the voters of the west.

Meantime the nabbing of the Gould railway system by the Hariman interests furnished the country a staggering reminder that the vaunted Northern Securities case couldn't prevent big railway mergers.

All these things are the natural culmination of republican abuses and failures. They are more convincing than eloquence or logic. Knockdown arguments of grim fact—brickbats, they strike the voter where he lives. They were bound to come at some time, and they have come at a most inopportune time for the republicans. The shifts of "revision after election" and "publicity after election" can't be worked with events that stare you in the face, and will look at the voter still harder when he pulls the lever or casts the ballot next November.—Buffalo Times.

TAKEN UP,

By the undersigned at my place seven miles northwest of Valentine on the 28th day of July, one iron gray gelding, about 6 years old branded B L on right shoulder, blotch brand on left shoulder. 295 JOHN JACKSON.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week Ending Aug. 18.

Daily mean temperature 66°. Normal 72°. Highest 86°; lowest 48°. Precipitation 0.66 of an inch. Total precipitation from March 1st (the crop season) to date was 14.05 inches and the average for same period for 20 years is 15.97

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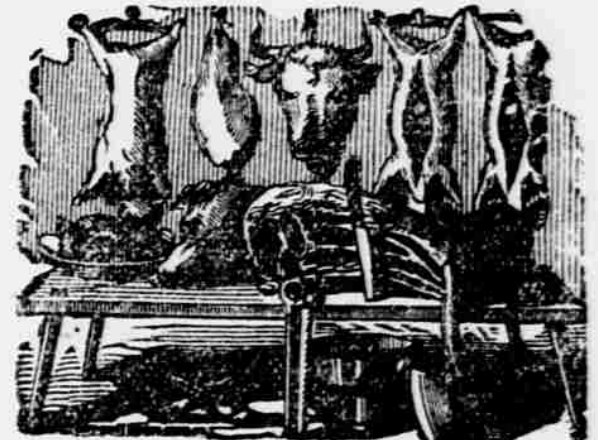
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