

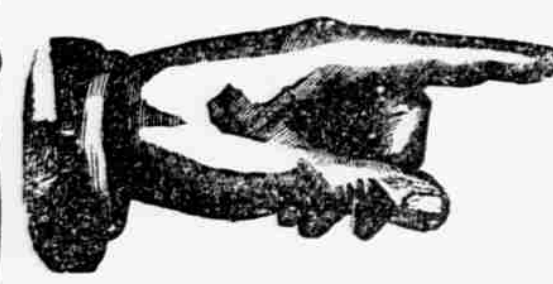
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Mr. Roosevelt Withdraws.

Mr. Roosevelt, it appears, is ready, even anxious, to discontinue the debate. He announces, through the faithful Loeb, that he will not reply to Mr. Bryan's last letter, since, "as it was simply an attack upon him personally, there was no reason why he should answer it."

While we have no great respect for the reason Mr. Roosevelt assigns, we doff our hat to his discretion. For once he has shown that he has a lively realization of what valor's best part really is.

This bout with the democratic leader wasn't exactly the "corking good time" and "bully fun" he has been accustomed to have in his furious onslaughts upon "my dear Maria," "dear Harriman," the nature fakers, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and other undesirables. Mr. Bryan fought back! Worse than that, he showed no slightest tremor of fear, and wasn't at all overawed. He actually seemed to enjoy the experience, with all the coolness, skill and precision in the world, he sent one sockdolager after another on to the solar plexus of his astounded and mortified adversary.

But for Mr. Roosevelt to complain, as he retires, that he has been made the victim of a "personal attack," is funny. The man who can't get a good laugh out of that is a hopeless dyspeptic, or he lost his funnybone early in life. "Personal attacks" have long been Mr. Roosevelt's peculiar forte. Evidently he had come to believe that he had a copyright upon them. Anyhow, while he delivers them with gusto, he sustains them with mighty poor grace for one whom we had all come to look upon as a simply ferocious fighter who eat his meat bloody raw and dripping.

What is the "personal attack?" Mr. Bryan has made on the complaining president, and what was the occasion for it?

Mr. Roosevelt started the fight—and with a "personal attack," not only on Governor Haskell, but on Mr. Bryan and the entire democratic party. Mr. Bryan, instead of showing more reverence for the office of president than the president himself shows, retorted with deadly effect.

The result is that he has put not only the republican party and Mr. Taft, but he has put the great Roosevelt himself distinctly on the defensive. He has got them apologizing and explaining.

Mr. Roosevelt having forced the debate upon an adversary who neither sought it nor fled from it, has found himself under the unpleasant necessity of defending, dodging, explaining from the very beginning.

He has had to try to explain away the dismal fact that, after seven years of "strenuousness" as a "trust buster" he hasn't dissolved a single trust, nor sent a trust offender to jail, while the number of trusts have more than doubled and all he has to show for his "efforts" is a panic.

He has had to try to explain away the fact that he permitted, and consented to, the absorption by the steel trusts of its most formidable rival, making that great corporation more than ever an illegal monopoly in restraint of trade.

He has had to try to gloss over the fact that the trust and monopolies generally, and "the system" that makes its liar in Wall street, are supporting the republican candidates.

He has had to try to evade the demand for pre-election publicity of campaign contributions with the preposterous as well as shameful plea that the voters might in that event be led to draw wrong conclusions from the fact that plutocracy is contributing to the republican treasury.

He has had to face the charge—a charge he could meet only with silence—that he himself sheltered powerful offenders who were members of his cabinet, and prosecuted "malefactors of great wealth" only "intermittently and spasmodically."

He has had to remain silent when his attention was challenged to the fact that Mr. Taft recommended to him the appointment of a Standard Oil attorney for judge of the federal court.

Mr. Roosevelt started the fight as a purist. He asserted it was "a shame and a disgrace" that such a man as Governor Haskell "should be connected with the management



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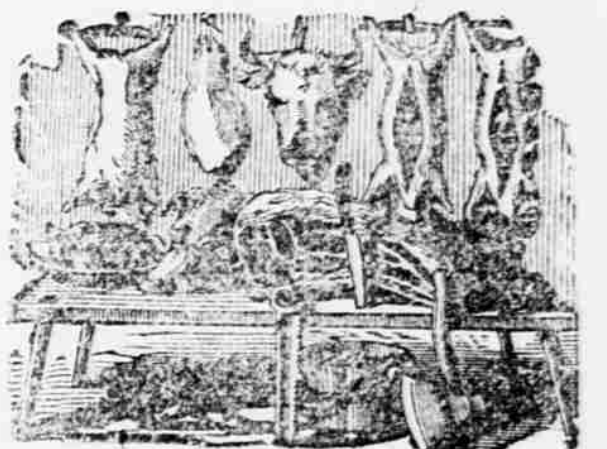
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of any national campaign." Mr. Haskell has retired, and promises to vindicate his character in good time. But the republican treasurer, Sheldon, director of the steel trust, of the electrical trust, the locomotive trust and a score of other trusts, has not retired. Neither has Cromwell, attorney for Standard Oil, the sugar trust, Harriman, and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Neither has Penrose, nor Brooker, nor Murray Crane, nor Upham, nor Lowden, nor the other representatives of plutocracy who are managing the republican campaign. James S. Sherman is still the republican candidate for vice president, and is just now stumping Joe Cannon's district to help that old retainer of the trusts back into the speaker's chair.

When will Mr. Roosevelt have a little time to give to the cleaning of his own house? He announces that he has no present intention of going on the stump, which shows that he knows when he has got enough. If he sticks to this decision, surely he should have time at least to boot Sheldon and Cromwell and Penrose out of the republican committee!

Meanwhile, now that nurse has retired from the glare of the spotlight to the extreme rear, there to rub bear's grease on her bruises, may we expect to see Mr. Taft make a brave effort to run clear across the stage all by his lonesome? —World-Herald.

The Last Call.

Has your school gotten those delegates elected to the county convention which meets Oct. 14 at Valentine Presbyterian Church? The time is almost here and your school must get its share of the good things. Will your school be a Banner? Only three things. (1) Send in the offering asked for by the county. (2) Have a delegate at this county convention. (3) Send in a report of your school.

These three things make a banner school. We ought to have every school in the county banner schools.

This convention is undenominational and yet all denominations in our county are members of it. If you are not there and things don't go right it was, perhaps, because you were not there. We need you, you need us. Come.

Sincerely yours,
REV. J. ROBERT BEALE,
County President.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Oct. 6.

Daily mean temperature 56°. Normal 51°. Highest 84°; lowest 34°. Precipitation 0.03 of an inch. Total precipitation from March 1st (the crop season) to date was 0.28 inches and the average for same period for 29 years is 14.29

Parties are hereby notified not to camp on or graze their stock on section 14 and E1 of sec. 15, tp. 33, r. 28. ELWOOD D. HETH.