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CHANGE IN ADDRESS.—When ordering a change in the address, subscribers should be sure to give their old as well as their new address.

A Columbus lady made a good suggestion the other day. She suggested that every citizen in Columbus whose trees are attacked by caterpillars, should proceed to burn the nests of the pests.

Are we really worse than we used to be in the matter of official corruption? Or are we merely beginning to purify the body politic, which has emphasized a condition that has long existed? If the latter is correct then the people may rejoice. —Fremont Tribune.

John Goetz, Frank Kiernan, M. E. Clotter and John Swanson must have incurred the "contempt" of the Telegram and its friends, when they found that those "honorable men" had overdrawn their legal salaries by more than \$500. The editor of the Journal got himself in "contempt" by suggesting a much smaller amount.

The veteran editor of the Butler County Press, C. D. Casper, replies to one of his contemporaries who spoke sympathizingly of the Press editor's declining years, by challenging him to a wrestling match for "money, chalk or marbles." We hope the challenge will be accepted. Columbus will go down on a special train to see the "go."

Contrary to the belief of many that the assessed valuation of the state would show a falling off this year, as compared with that of a year ago, there is a noteworthy increase in the value of the property returned. It was generally thought that after the new revenue law was once in force there would be devised new methods of evading it and that, as under the old law, there would be a gradual shrinking of returns. But this has not been the case. The total assessment this year is nearly \$7,000,000 larger than for last year, or a real valuation of \$35,000,000 greater for the whole state. Of this \$5,000,000 is railroad property, which is a fair ratio to other kinds of property. The new revenue law is working well this year, as it did last year, and those who set themselves against it last year for political reasons are not likely to raise the issue again this year. —Fremont Tribune.

The harvest trust is in for a siege of the same kind that the other trusts have been experiencing during the past year or two. Rodney B. Swift, formerly prominently connected with the McCormick is out with a demand for an accounting, and the farmers of the country as well as others who have been hit by the trust with him no worse luck than that his action may result in dissolving the combination. It is alleged by Swift that the McCormicks have forced the railroads to pay no less than \$5,000,000 in rebates contrary to law. If the workings of the trust are only partially as bad as the allegations of Swift are up to the proper officials of the government to take a hand with him in seeing that the anti-trust laws are not violated. —Norfolk News.

The American species of the genus blamed fool is much devoted to the pleasing pastime of getting some helpless women out in a boat and then rocking the boat to hear the women holler. A member of this tribe put on his great boat-rocking specialty for the benefit of a New York audience the other day and succeeded in spilling three young women into deep water where they would have drowned except for the assistance of life savers. The spectators expressed their appreciation of the entertainment by catching the brave young gentleman and kicking in a few of his ribs. Whether we believe in government by injunction or not, it cannot be denied that there are times and seasons when mob violence is not only justified but positively delightful to contemplate.

HOT WEATHER PROGRAM.

The newspapers are publishing the usual warnings against hot weather disaster, the main consideration being to take life easy. The man who hurries is lost, and likewise the man who worries. Let your creditors do the worrying and also the hurrying—except when you have to hurry occasionally to dodge one of them.

Don't drink too much cold stuff, and when you do drink anything ice cold, drink it in slow sips so the cooling is done in your mouth and not in your stomach. Don't eat too much meat or too much of anything. Go a little slow on alcoholic drinks.

If you follow these instructions you may yet be president. At least, your chances will not be nipped in the bud by a sunstroke in the days of your youth.

TOM WORRALL'S FIGHT.

Tom Worrall, the doughy grain dealer of Lincoln, undoubtedly has the sympathy of disinterested citizens in his campaign against the so-called elevator trust.

Mr. Worrall is an honorable, square-dealing man of the plain citizen type. A few years ago he was working on a salary as a grain buyer. Having a thorough knowledge of the business, he threw up a good salary and staked the welfare of his family and himself on the prospect of success in a business of his own. According to his belief, he has been "tattooed" by the grain trust, which being translated signifies that his company has been boycotted by the allied elevator interests with the purpose of driving him out of business, thereby robbing him of his livelihood and the means of supporting his family, all by means of an unlawful conspiracy.

Whether this is true or not will doubtless be demonstrated by the investigation now in progress. However, from a personal acquaintance of many years, we know that Mr. Worrall wants no more than a square deal and that he thinks he is in the right. Meanwhile the sympathy of the common people will be largely on his side from the fact that he is a poor man fighting for his bread and butter against a powerful combination of monied interests and an expensive array of legal talent.

If his resort to the processes of the law should prove ineffective, Tom threatens to write a book, therein laying bare all the devious ways of the grain octopus.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Joseph L. Bristow, special commissioner of the United States Government to investigate trade conditions and other matters affecting the Panama Railroad, has made his report. And if his recommendations are accepted by President Roosevelt, the people of the United States will have an opportunity to witness an experiment in government ownership. Mr. Bristow recommends that the government operate the railroad as a commercial enterprise, fixing freight rates on a basis that will barely pay operating expenses and a fair dividend on the government's investment.

Commenting on this plan of rate-making, The Railway World predicts the failure of the government's experiment in these words: "As a matter of business principle, in no other way than by fixing rates at those figures which will produce the maximum net revenue—rates which usually produce the maximum tonnage—can a railroad be successfully conducted. The United States Government should not attempt to reconcile what is irreconcilable. A railroad cannot be conducted as a commercial enterprise, and at the same time regulate its charges on noncommercial principles." At another place in its comment the World says: "It is impossible to determine the change in revenue which will follow a change in any given rate and the effect of general changes in all rates, such as are recommended for the Panama Railroad is beyond calculation."

What shall be the test by which the public shall judge the efficiency of the Government's experiment, and decide whether the rule of "minimum net earnings" underlying government ownership, or the rule of "maximum net earnings", underlying private ownership, shall be adopted as the permanent policy of the future?

There is just one test and that is a simple one, viz: The ability of the government to increase the volume of business and at the same time to earn a fair and stable profit, while reducing rates to the public.

That the government will be able to do this there is little doubt in the light of Mr. Bristow's report. He points out that the Panama Railroad has made no attempt to make improvements adequate to the demands of a growing trade; that it has been content to live from the trade of a few steamship lines secured by exclusive and monopolistic contracts; that the character of these contracts has diverted South American commerce naturally belonging to the United States, to Europe, a condition which the friends of "subsidies" have in the past blamed to the lack of a subsidized

American merchant marine; and that by cancelling these monopolistic contracts, and improving the facilities for handling commerce, the trade of the isthmus will be greatly stimulated.

At any rate, we are about to have government ownership on a small scale under a republican president, and the public will spend their time studying this sensible experiment, rather than listening to the loud and unreasonable demands of certain politicians for complete and immediate government ownership. Government ownership to be safe must come by easy stages of evolution, permitting civil service to develop apace, to prevent political abuses which would result from suddenly throwing an army of employers on the government payroll.

The Albion News remarks that the equitable lost its Hyde, but that it was the policy holders that were skinned.

The St. Paul Republican warns country publisher to watch their ready print or arguments favorable to the railroads and urges them to cut out the ready print houses that accept the objectionable matter.

The Russian government has suspended the publication of one of its newspapers for a month for publishing the proceedings of the congress at Moscow in defiance of orders to the contrary. Russia is several centuries behind the procession and she must have a free press before she will begin to catch up.

The Humphrey Democrat says that all the present incumbents of the county offices will ask to succeed themselves and that there are other democrats also who want the same places. That paper promises that there will be "something interesting" doing at the democratic county convention. We republicans are all applying for reserved seats at the show, Brother Pratt.

Up in Wisconsin they handle the railroad corporations all right. There the corporations are required by law to file a statement of gross earnings each year with the state and there is a penalty of \$10,000 for any violation as to wrong figures. The state has just won a suit against a number of railroads for such violation, the court saying that \$10,000 each was due for falsely making reports. —Schuyler Free Lance.

A man has invented and patented a glass coffin, sealed up in which a human body will last till the end of time instead of going "to mix forever with the elements." It is a comforting idea, especially for those who are inclined to materialistic belief. Even though we know we wouldn't feel it, the most of us are doubtless made a bit uncomfortable by the thought of a fat, red-headed grub worm rooting around among these old bones of ours seeking what he may devour.

They are telling a story of a bunch of blueblooms in a southern city who founded a society called the Daughters of Ferdinand de Soto. The bon-ton one by one traced their lineage back to the great discoverer and everything was fine and daisy. The Daughters of the Revolution and other daughters were consumed with envy and were just beginning to look up the family trees to see if they could trace themselves back to Columbus or Noah or some of the earlier navigators, when some envious scoundrel got busy with real history and demonstrated that Ferdinand de Soto had lived and died a bachelor. This fable teaches that we should always bear in mind that a good man doesn't need a grandfather.

The United States minister to Ecuador writes:

"Official announcement is made that freight rates between New York and Panama are to be materially reduced on July 1. This means a large increase in imports into Ecuador from the United States. I was informed very recently by a prominent merchant here that he would like to deal in New York, but that the freights from that city on some of his purchases were five-fold greater when received at Guayaquil than like freight from Hamburg, which was a practical prohibition on American trade."

It appears that the diversion of trade from the South American states to Europe is not due entirely to the lack of a ship subsidy in the United States.

The Kansas City Times expresses its surprise to learn that Governor Mickey should employ his spare time pitching horse shoes. It declares that the outside world had got the impression that he employed his spare time "embroidering tidies." The World Herald indignantly resents the imputation that the Governor could even think of taking time from his great reform work against "cards and dancing to devote it to such a stupid pastime as 'embroidering tidies.'" Pray what else is there for the Governor to do? The World Herald has a monopoly of the Hot Air Reform Manufacturing business in this state, excluding our Governor from that occupation which most western executives select as a side line.

WHOLESONOME

The editor of the Wallace's Farmer says some things on the subject of "graft" which are so wholesome they deserve quoting:

"And herein lies the hopes of the present and the future. As a nation we are beginning to deal vigorously with rascals high and low. The vast majority of the people of the United States are honest. The rogues and rascals even in the worst parts of the worst cities are in minority. All that is needed is for the people to demand honesty in men high and low, and they will get it. No scoundrelism or rascality political or financial, is so strongly entrenched that it can long endure the limelight of concentrated public opinion. The discovery of the looting of the Equitable by citizens of the highest social and religious standing, who protested that they did not know that they were cheating will lead to the exposure of other insurance companies which may be in the control of rascals. The good work done in St. Louis and Kansas City will be continued in every other city, from the big grafters of Chicago and Philadelphia down to the little grafters of the towns and cities.

We are apparently stopping in our haste to get rich, looking over the fence to see if our neighbors are playing the game fairly, and asking them, 'Are you honest?' Let there be no whitewashing of senators and congressmen or members of the cabinet, or elders or deacons high or low, rich or poor. If the nation is to live, it must be honest.

Evils of this kind, like diseases in the human family, either in time work out their own cure or else they kill the patient. When a nation becomes so corrupt that it can't detect its own rascals or scoundrels it perishes and is removed from the face of the earth in the interest of humanity."

WATSON ON CLEVELAND.

The mighty Tom Watson in his own peculiar magazine hands his old friend Grover a jab that is calculated to last him a while. Speaking of the affairs of the Equitable, says Thomas:

"What matters it to me that a rascally pirate like Ryan should cloak his designs behind the swollen proportions of Grover Cleveland?"

"This same Grover Cleveland who befouled himself in that midnight deal in which the people of the United States were robbed will not hesitate to prostitute his opportunity again to give to those who control him the same advantages over the National treasury which he gave to his former pals over the treasury of the United States."

The redoubtable Mr. Watson has reference to the bond issue in Cleveland's second term whereby the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. is supposed to have made big profits from the purchase of United States bonds at a lower figure than they would have brought in an open market.

Mr. Cleveland said not long ago, in a magazine article on this same subject, that the acts of his official career which had been most harshly criticised were the very ones which he had always regarded and still continued to regard with the greatest satisfaction. Of course that is capable of two interpretations, one of which would not conflict with Mr. Watson's theory. But it is probably safe to say that a large majority of the American people believe absolutely in the personal honesty of Grover Cleveland. He may have gone wrong in the matter of the bond sale and in other instances, but most people will believe that it was due to too much untrammelled advice rather than a willingness to betray his trust.

It is very doubtful whether there ever was a president of the United States who was a scoundrel or a thief, and it must be remembered moreover that Mr. Watson is inclined to be a little rash in his assertions.

This is a hot time for the papers to be talking about Peary's north pole expedition!

Republicans have done very little talking about the nominations for county offices. However, we have heard mentioned for county treasurer the name of Gus Becker and for county clerk the name of Bert Galley. We have not learned whether these men would accept a nomination. But who can mention the names of any stronger candidates or better men?

COLUMBIANS.

Some of these days John D. Rockefeller is going to die and it will be up to the scribblers to compose suitable obituary notices. Having ground out something appropriate to the occasion, it might then be well for each one to look back over his files and see how it compares with his former utterances on the same subject. We have known cases where there was quite a divergence of sentiment.

That was an interesting colloquy that took place between Governor Mickey and State Superintendent McBrien the other day, if report be true. According to the story the governor refused to vote for a certain physician who was proposed by Mr. McBrien for secretary of the state board of health. Asked why he would not

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support the doctor, Governor Mickey said, "I am told that he drinks and swears." Then Mr. McBrien bobbed up and mentioned the names of a number of men who have been appointed by Governor Mickey to office and who are addicted to either strong drink or strong language or both. And the band played on. Yes, it is rather interesting but powerful disgusting. It reminds us of those poodle dog receptions of the Newport Four Hundred. As we understand it, both of the parties to this brilliant battle of repartee are adults. However, we may be misinformed on that point. We have always been mildly opposed to the participation of women in politics, but in the light of this incident we are converted. Bring on the women.

The Diamond Cure.
The latest news from Paris is, they have discovered diamond cure for consumption. If you fear consumption or pneumonia, it will, however, be best for you to take that great remedy mentioned by W. T. McGee, of Van-leer, Tenn. "I had a cough for fourteen years. Nothing helped me, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds, which gave instant relief and effected permanent cure." Unequalled cure for throat and lung troubles. At Chas. Dacks drug store price 50 cents and \$1 guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

SOME DAY.
Last night, my darling, as you slept, I thought I heard you sigh, And to your little crib I crept And watched a space thereby; And then I stooped and kissed your brow—
For, oh! I love you so— You are too young to know it now. But some day you shall know Some time, when in a darkened place Where others come to weep, Your eyes shall look upon a face Calm in eternal sleep; The speechless lips, the wrinkled brow,
The patient smile shall show— You are too young to know it now. But some day you shall know! Look backward then, into the years, And see me here tonight— See, O my darling! how my tears Are falling as I write. And feel once more upon your brow The kiss of long ago— You are too young to know it now. But some day you shall know! —Eugene Field.

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