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THE COMING CONTEST.

The campaign of 1910 in Nebraska is sure to center on the question of county option. The close vote on the question in the senate taken the other day, indicates that county option is not strictly a partisan question. One of the leaders of the option idea in the senate frankly admitted that the only object in making the question an issue was to take a step forward in the direction of absolute prohibition.

A CASE OF TAINTED MONEY.

The announcement that Josie Mansfield, seventy years old, is living in poverty near Watertown, South Dakota, recalls a tragedy almost forgotten by the present generation. Forty years ago, Josie Mansfield, then an actress, was alluded to as the handsomest woman in America. The prominence of Josie Mansfield as an adventuress commenced from the 24th day of September, 1869, known in the history of Wall street as "Black Friday."

TO DETHRONE BRYAN.

Two years ago a republican legislature made good every promise made in the platform the fall previous. Not a single plank was ignored, not a promise broken. Contrast the present legislature with the republican legislature of two years ago, and what do you find, Mr. Voter? The record up to the present time has been a failure. Not a single promise at this writing has been held sacred.

pay for his dirty work in the campaign, but his friend, Dahlgren denies the charge.

DEMOCRATIC INSURGENTS.

There are democratic insurgents in the legislature. The men who are in favor of accepting the Carnegie pension fund are so designated by the followers of Mr. Bryan. Here is a list of the house insurgents who refuse to be dictated to by Mr. Bryan and voted to accept the fund: Bowman, Busbee, Boyd, Carr, Chab, Clark, Cooperider, Dolagal, Evans, Groves, Harrington, Hojodaky, Humphrey, Kotouc, Kraus, Scheele, Taylor and Thomas.

FOR REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

For the first time in many years the public is taking a lively interest in the tariff question. Politicians and manufacturers have had more or less to say about it, but the mass of the people have been indifferent. They paid little attention while the McKinley tariff act was being considered. They did not ask for it, and for one reason and another they repudiated it after it was passed.

MISTAKEN ZEAL.

The Carnegie foundation, whose beneficent help Mr. Bryan and the democratic members of the Nebraska legislature are not in favor of accepting for this state, was originally organized for the purpose of granting pensions to aged college and university professors, but it is gradually extending its jurisdiction and broadening its usefulness.

WOMEN OF THE FUTURE.

Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer in one of the February magazines says that women, like negroes, proud of their emancipation, have been trying to do the things that men do, rushing into already overcrowded professions, in order to be indifferent seconds.

Oh, Quit.

Here is the way to quit smoking (recommended by a man who failed to make it work): Instead of quitting off short, quit gradually. Don't smoke in the morning until you can't stand it any longer.

FREE HIDES, CHEAP SHOES.

It is announced with seeming authority that the House Ways and Means committee has taken the duty off hides and made substantial cuts in the tariffs on leather and shoes. This is well so far as it goes, but when the bill reaches the conference committee, hides, leather and shoes should all be put on the free list.

between the cost of raising, fattening and marketing the steer and the selling price of the steer to such a small scale that it cannot be made smaller without seriously menacing the source of the packers' supplies. It is a remarkable fact that the profits of cattle raising are smaller now than when retail prices for meats were much lower.

Take the duty off hides and make the packers sell their hides at prices necessary to compete with imported skins. That done, there is no reason why the tanner should be protected, for he can make leather cheaper than it can be imported.

NOT ENTIRELY TO HIS LIKING.

Guide's Objection to Bear Too Much Alive for Comfort.

How Lapp Collects Reindeer.

In April, the Lapp lets his reindeer loose to wander as they please, and when the mosquitoes begin to abound (about midsummer) collects his herd (about midsummer) by catching one deer, fitting it with a bell and trusting to instinct (which leads the animals to gather into herds for protection against the mosquitoes) to do the rest.

Statesman's Complaint.

England's house of commons wants ventilation. Plenty of air is pumped into the chamber, and it comes through the gratings on the floor, but it comes from a spot just over the bank of the Thames river, with its ill-favored barges. And the other evening a member met a colleague with his handkerchief to his nose.

Make it Effective.

Markham: We have committed the golden rule to memory; now let us commit it to life.

No Chance for Argument.

No man dares dispute that a married woman is a slave. His wife won't let him.—Brooklyn Standard-Union.

Before All Things, Humility.

Humility is the A, B, C of spiritual life.—St. Vincent.

Will Reform The Turks.

Princess Fatima el Melmed, wife of a Turkish prince, is busy in forming a league of Turkish women, the members of which are to pledge themselves not to marry men who take more than one wife.

All Explosive.

There's a paint shop around the corner on First avenue that's just as full as can be of all sorts of explosives," said the east side woman.

A Witty Revivalist.

A revivalist in Carterville enlivens his addresses with such anecdotes as this: "An old woman shouted in the revival. Her husband said: 'I felt like going through the floor.' She replied: 'And I felt like going through the roof.' Each was attracted home."

Jimmy Knew When to Start.

"My son Jimmy came home from school yesterday crying as if his heart would break. 'For heaven's sake, stop it, son!' I commanded. 'Did you yell that way all the way down the street?' 'No,' he sobbed. 'I started when I got to the front door.'—Cleveland Leader.

WESLEY CALLED A VAGABOND.

Irish Grand Jury Dealt Hardly with Founder of Methodism.

The Irish Year Book for 1908, just issued at Dublin, contains a bit of history concerning John and Charles Wesley that is not generally known to Methodists. This account notes that John Wesley arrived in Dublin on a Sunday in August, 1747.

Cork city was disturbed in 1748 by the advent of the new preachers. A local ballad singer gains temporary notoriety as a riot leader. Subsequently the grand jury declared: "We find and present Charles Wesley to be a person of ill-fame, a vagabond and a common disturber of his majesty's peace and we pray that he may be transported."

The movement had spread to Ulster in 1750. At Limerick, in 1752, John Wesley presided over the first conference of the preachers. John Wesley died in 1791, having made more than two score cross-channel journeys and having spent six years of his life in Ireland, as well as presiding at all the conferences from 1756 to 1778.

Notwithstanding the steady stream of emigration the Methodist church in Ireland has 250 ministers, 358 Sunday schools, with a total of more than 26,000 pupils and about 65,000 members.

Miss Geraldine Farrar, at a luncheon in her honor in Philadelphia, marveled at the American hotel manager's dislike of the dog.

"No one objects to a nice little dog abroad," she said, "but over here they fear a dog as much as Pete Wilson feared—"

"But that is a story, a bear story and I must begin at the beginning.

"A party of easterners went bear hunting in California. Pete Wilson led the party, and day and night he boasted of his skill as a bear killer. They got no bear on the hunt, and Pete grieved terribly.

"This is good enough grub," he would say, as he pitched into a cold can of preserved meat, "but the finest meal in the world, in my opinion, is a bear steak, grilled to a turn over a log fire.

"Gimme bear," Pete growled one day. "Gimme a good bear brile. I'm gettin' sick of this canned stuff."

"Look out!" cried a neighbor. "There's a bear right behind you man!"

That Kentuckians have a very high regard for their native state is illustrated by this anecdote told by one of them:

Once a Kentuckian died. So a near relative went to the local tombstone artist to arrange about an inscription on the deceased's tombstone.

Carve on it: 'He's gone to a better place.'

"I'll carve 'he's gone to heaven,' if you want me to," remarked the tomb stone artist, "but, as for that other inscription—there's no better place than Kentucky!"

Women of the Future.

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Bound to Be a Success.

Smiley—I see the women of Suburbia have adopted a sure method of securing a circulating library. Banks—How is that? Smiley—Why, they've made a rule that every time a woman says a mean thing about any of her neighbors she has to contribute a cent to the library fund.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

More Than Figurative.

"Alas," sighed Wears Wiggles, gazing dejectedly upon his torn and tattered trousers, "I'm afraid these here pants is on their last legs!"—Lippincott's.

Work of Jungle Monarch in India.

A year's death rate from tigers in India numbers 698 human beings and nearly 29,000 head of cattle.

Long Life of Coconut Palm.

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Columbus, Neb.

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Cut Flowers. To keep the water fresh and sweet in vases of cut flowers, add to it a small bit of sugar. This is successful even in the case of such things as wallflowers.

The Minnesota Girl. It is said that every third Minnesota girl is a breadwinner. It is hoped that the other two girls are bread-makers. Minnesota certainly has the flour.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

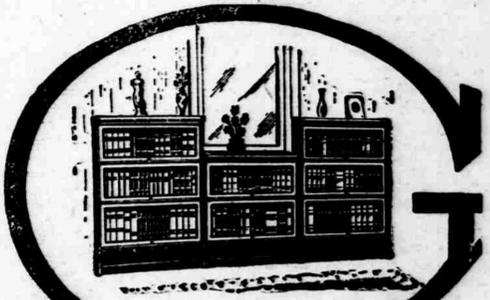
African "Butter Tree." The "butter tree" grows in Central Africa. From the kernel of its nut is obtained nice, rich butter, which may be kept a year or more.

Man is Not Made for Himself Only. No man is made only for himself and his own private affairs, but to serve, profit and benefit others.—Benjamin Colman.

Pavemental. Few of us are interested in those famous pavements made of good intentions, as we don't expect to go there, anyhow.—Chicago News.

Popular Names in Britain. In England and Wales, out of every 100,000 girls and boys, 6,820 are called Mary and 6,590 William.

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