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Just a little more corn weather will do the business.

The safest way for President Roosevelt hereafter will be to drive the horses himself.

Those cards our poker sharp governor was hiding up his sleeve turn out to be deuces instead of aces.

After that base ball score the school board has no excuse for denying that the city council is the better man.

No candidate running on the legislative ticket in this county this year will be able to dodge the issue of municipal home rule.

We presume the democrats will concede that Maine has gone republican without insisting on waiting for all the returns to come in.

The local fusion organ is advertising the fusion candidate for governor as a man without an enemy. Isn't that a doubtful compliment?

With respect to the Haytian question, as to all such questions, all parties concerned should not forget that the Monroe doctrine is to stand.

Between prowling burglars and prowling detectives, the law-abiding wayfarer who has to make his way home after dark is up against it whichever way he turns.

McFarland, the prohibition candidate for governor in Iowa, must have been counting noses, for he refers to himself as "the standard bearer of this Spartan band."

The coal crisis must have reached a really threatening stage when John W. Gates feels called upon to buy 40,000 acres of coal lands just as winter is coming on.

As a member in good standing of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen President Roosevelt should be able to keep the government train moving on schedule time.

Having struck out as a presidential aspirant, Tom Johnson desires it to be understood that, upon reflection, he does not see anything so very objectionable to trusts after all.

And now the sultan of Morocco has a small-sized insurrection on his hands. When he thinks of those South American republics, however, he will feel that he is still in clover.

An ill-defined rumor is abroad in the land to the effect that school board members have been obtaining money under false pretenses by selling tickets to a so-called base ball game.

Country merchants are buying goods as if they expected not only to dispose of their usual stocks but also to place supplemental orders later. Good crops in sight are great business stimulants.

It is devoutly to be hoped that no Sampson-Schley controversy will develop out of the late limitation war of the army and the navy, and that all sides will accept the blessed dictum that there is glory enough to go around.

Uncle Sam has more gold in his official pockets than he ever possessed before and more than any of his foreign cousins. Is it any wonder United States bonds can be floated at lower interest rates than the obligations of any other government?

President Roosevelt's reception in Omaha will be designed with a special view to his comfort and entertainment rather than with the expectation that he will entertain us. Knowing that, there ought to be no difficulty in inducing him to prolong his visit here to the full extent his itinerary will allow.

THE CONSTITUTION AND TRUSTS.

The suggestion of President Roosevelt that it may become necessary to amend the constitution in order to give the general government sufficient power to regulate and control the great combinations of commerce does not commend itself to the democrats. Their policy in regard to the combinations being one of destruction, they cannot approve of any plan that contemplates regulation. They see in the anti-trust agitation opportunity to strike a blow at the protective policy and they want to improve it, regardless of consequences to the business and prosperity of the country.

Representative Livingston of Georgia, who is prominent in democratic councils, is of the opinion that the talk about a constitutional amendment to give congress power to regulate trusts is worse than useless, because in his judgment such an amendment could never be ratified by three-fourths of the states. Possibly not, but an argument of that sort is by no means conclusive. Perhaps there are states a majority of whose people do not desire government regulation and control of the trusts, but this cannot be determined until the question has been properly submitted to the people.

It is still possible that a great majority of the people even of New Jersey could be induced to support a constitutional amendment such as the president has suggested. At all events, there is no warrant for assuming that an amendment could never be ratified by three-fourths of the states. If congress should determine that it has not sufficient power already to deal with the combinations as it is desirable they should be dealt with, then a constitutional amendment should be proposed, so that the people might have an opportunity to express themselves on the question.

One objection made to proposing a constitutional amendment is that it would have a demagogic effect upon business and prosperity. Yet those who urge this objection favor attacking the combinations through the tariff, which certainly would be far more serious for business and prosperity. Taking the tariff duties off of goods manufactured by the trusts would hit the individual manufacturers quite as hard and probably a good deal harder than it would the combinations. As Congressman Littlefield says, if the reduction or repeal of duties did not embarrass the business of independent competitors then it would have no effect upon the trust, and to invoke such legislation would be idle. In one case it would be inoperative and in the other the effect would be the reverse of that desired, demonstrating that under no condition is the revision of the tariff a remedy.

There are many who believe that the constitution now gives congress ample authority and power to control and regulate the great combinations engaged in interstate business. The question is one for the decision of congress and there is promise that it will receive consideration at the next session. If it should be determined that congress does not possess the desired power then a constitutional amendment should be proposed giving the necessary authority. Only in this way can the intelligent and sober judgment of the country on the question of governmental regulation and control of the trusts be obtained.

A WESTERN LOAN FUND.

It is not yet fully appreciated abroad, nor even by our own people themselves, how rapid has been the accumulation of a local loan fund in recent years in the best western farming region of the west. Take eastern Nebraska, together with the adjacent portions of South Dakota, Iowa and Kansas, the very cream of the Missouri valley, in short, the region in the very center of which Omaha is situated and does business. Strictly speaking, this is a new country, however old it may seem to those who have seen within it the changes of a quarter or a third of a century.

In hardly any respect is the development of this region more signally exemplified than in the recent appearance of a large loan fund, of local ownership and management, employed in banking. The official records showing the multiplication of banks, state, savings and private, in addition to national banks, within this region, together with the growth of their capital, deposits and loans, are simply astonishing. But the most remarkable fact is the extent to which the capital of these institutions is owned in their own neighborhood. It amounts practically to a substitution, in large part, of western for eastern capital for ordinary bank purposes.

It has not been long since the ordinary western community depended upon the east for a loan fund. The people had not enough money to pay for the land, to improve it and carry on their own business, to say nothing of contributing to that fund available for loan purposes which every community requires. It had to be supplied from the east, and it was unavoidably insufficient for the need. It has not been long since complaint was common against an interest rate of from 1 to 2 per cent per month on accommodation paper in farming communities, not long since the average farmer had to be accommodated regularly every year pending realization upon his crops, and since the movement of crops was often long delayed by strain upon the supply of funds from the east.

The situation in the best farming part of the Missouri valley has been absolutely revolutionized. So enormous have been the profits from its development that millions of dollars have been set apart from their original employment and invested in banking. Hardly a cross-road village in the region above described is without one or more banks, where money for all necessary purposes can be easily got on good security at rates which would have been regarded as incredibly low no long time ago. And the significant fact is that so large a part of the capital is owned and was produced in the community which uses

tion is so plain and imperative that no reasonable man anywhere can object to it.

Failure to observe it would inevitably subject the United States to the resentment of all Europe. It is not surprising that the suggestion is made that this country should take the island of Hayti, but it is most improbable that this will receive serious consideration, at least not at this time. There is a very bad state of affairs in the island, but it is not the duty of this country to remedy them. It performs its entire obligation in protecting the trade with the island of foreign countries.

A PRACTICAL SECRETARY.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw is winning much commendation for his very practical way of doing things. It is remarked of him that personal observation, personal contact, apparently counts for as much as reports read in the seclusion of his office at Washington or formal visits from men of affairs. It is said that he has gone to New York City more frequently than any secretary of the treasury whose home was not there and the fact that he dares to be original is duly recognized by the leading financiers. It was due to his foresight and originality, observes a New York correspondent, that the banks are in condition not only to demand but instantly to receive the additional circulation and in the kind of currency notes needed wherewith to meet the appeals of those in the west who are looking for payment for their crops.

There has, of course, been some criticism of Secretary Shaw's original ideas, but he has come to be very generally regarded as an exceedingly safe man and the financial interests of the country have learned to have entire confidence in him. Our Dave's political stock in trade has always been of the claim-all variety. If you believe his boasts, everybody is demanding his re-election and every ward and precinct is solid for him. Two years ago, it will be remembered, he launched his senatorial boomlet on the same hot-air railroad, pretending in self-made interviews that members of the legislature from all over the state were writing to him asking the privilege of casting their votes for him. It transpired that the only letter writing on the subject was done by Mercer, begging for support, and when it came to the joint ballot for United States senator not a single man expressed his choice for Mercer. But Dave's brass never fails him.

Colonel Bryan may lay the flattering union to his soul that at any time as the next national convention approaches he can rush over into Iowa and with one blast upon his buglehorn re-Bryanize the Iowa democracy. But the sober truth is that he has no time to lose if he cares anything for the Iowa delegation in that convention. The Iowa delegation is in fact absolutely indispensable to him, and yet things are being seriously and systematically framed up to put and to keep Iowa in anti-Bryan camp.

South Omaha is talking of another bond issue. As all the bonds issued by South Omaha will become part of the debt of Greater Omaha whenever consolidation is accomplished, the people of Omaha will be pardoned for viewing the finances of their neighbor with more than a mere spectator's interest. No Macedonian cry will be raised in Iowa this year, calling on Mr. Bryan to come over to help. If he should invade Iowa upon his own motion, he would find that most of the congressional districts belong to "the enemy's country," to use his own expressive phrase.

Two of a Kind.

There are some points of resemblance between Bryan and Tom Johnson. Each has a heavy nose, a heavy jaw and the limber tongue.

Advantage of Having the Price.

Andrew Carnegie is going to build a \$5,000,000 home in London. Before long it may be possible for the multi-millionaire to travel around the world and sleep in his own palace every night.

Another Idol Shattered.

Our own Joe Wheeler is said to be cultivating a cockney accent and "half-and-half" speech so seductive in degree that he won't go home till "simmons" are ripe. This Spanish war fame seems to carry the best of them off their feet.

Speed the Improvement.

The merciless gouge of coal operators has reared in a boom among the inventors of methods of burning oil, peat and other materials. Hurry them up. The people are tired of dealing with a class who stir up strikes because they are profitable to a few persons.

Know the Gospel of Work.

In the great crowd that gathered to hear the president's address in Court square one woman who plainly did not appreciate his homily on work as the great American privilege and duty. "Gee, I didn't mean 'em here and stand around to know 't we've got to work. Got up and did my washin', not to go home an' get supper. I know all I need to about work." President Roosevelt's little sermons are most soured but they hardly come with as much force from him as from one of those who have come up from the ranks.

Everything on the Move.

The railroads east and west and north and south are so busy that managers predict a shortage of cars in the near future, and they are looking ahead to such an extent that they have placed large orders with the manufacturers of rolling stock. The makers of locomotives, of everything on wheels which runs on rails, and the manufacturers of rail also will be doing as much as they possibly can to get many a month to come, with fair margins of profit for the entire production they can turn out. No one willing and able to put his hands to really productive tasks needs to remain idle under the Stars and Stripes in this era of prosperity.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

There are many ways of "cutting a swell" in New York when being flush with money. Much depends on clothes, nerve and the way of getting into swell circles. A New York girl, poor in purse but nervy, has a novel way of accomplishing her purpose. "I have some friends living at the Waldorf-Astoria," she says, "and I go there to see them once or twice a month. But do you know in the cars? Never. I come down from home in the cars, but at Thirty-third street and Broadway I get out and interview a caddy at the stand there. I always pick out the nicest looking turnout, and I offer the driver 50 cents to drive me to the Waldorf. He looks at me as if I were daffy, but I tell him I know what I am about, and if he wants to earn 50 cents in about two minutes he has the opportunity.

He smiles and tells me to get in, and I order him to drive up to the Thirty-third street entrance with a whirl and a dash. There are always two or three finkies there. It does make me feel too good for anything just to swing into the car and have the crowd of them simply fall over themselves to wait on me and bow me in. "It is all over in a very few seconds, but such exquisite pleasure as I get out of it couldn't, in the nature of mortal things, be of long continuance. The human system couldn't stand it."

Kaiser is the name of a big dog, with all the affection and much of the intelligence of a human being. One morning last week he discovered the dead body of Rebecca Kittleman, the 8-year-old daughter of his master, lying at the bottom of an air shaft in South street. The sign was that she had fallen during the night. No one heard her fall, and the dog, knowing that something was wrong, sought the father, who was sleeping in a doorway, and, awakening him, led him to where the body lay. The family had come from Massachusetts. The sign was that she had fallen during the night. No one heard her fall, and the dog, knowing that something was wrong, sought the father, who was sleeping in a doorway, and, awakening him, led him to where the body lay. The family had come from Massachusetts. The sign was that she had fallen during the night. 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