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PUBLICITY FOR TRUST METHODS.

The law giving to the bureau of corporations, in the Department of Commerce and Labor, authority to ascertain certain specified facts in regard to the so-called trusts, leaves it in the discretion of the president to determine whether or not the information obtained by the bureau shall be made public.

It is reported that President Roosevelt contemplates recommending to congress, sooner or later, some changes in the law which created the bureau of corporations. He is said to have given much study to the question of publishing some of the figures obtained by this bureau as to the business of corporations.

THE FAST FADING FAIR.

The great exposition instituted at St. Louis in commemoration of the centennial of the purchase of Louisiana is fast approaching its end. Before the week is over its gates will have closed permanently upon the vast throng of sightseers, who have been entertained and instructed by the exhibits there displayed, gathered from all corners of the earth.

The St. Louis World's fair has been a colossal undertaking in every sense of the word. The aim of its promoters was from the start to outshine all other similar enterprises in point of bigness. The Louisiana Purchase exposition, therefore, covers more ground, is installed in a greater number of buildings and of greater dimensions, and includes a greater variety of exhibits than any previous world's fair in history.

SENTIAL FOR THE EXPERT CHARITY WORKER

may be gathered from the main divisions under which the instruction of the School of Philanthropy is grouped: (1) General survey of the philanthropic field. (2) The state in its relation to charity. (3) Child-helping agencies. (4) The care of families in their homes. (5) Preventive social work. (6) Hygiene, hospitals and the prevention of disease. (7) Treatment of the criminal, reformatory methods, probation, etc.

While it may be difficult to dispel the long entrenched idea that every person is best qualified to dispense his own charity, and to decide whom to help and how to help them, the modern tendency is toward the conclusion that philanthropy to be effective must be more sensibly and more scientifically pursued. A school surely can do much good in providing better agencies for making philanthropy effective.

OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOR.

Unquestionably there is a growing interest in this country in regard to our future relations, commercially, with Canada. The strong sentiment that has developed in New England, notably in Massachusetts, in favor of closer trade relations with our northern neighbor, conspicuously manifesting itself in the election of a leading democratic advocate of reciprocity to the governorship in the Bay state, has impressed itself upon the country and it is rather expected that the subject will receive some attention from the administration and congress. Indeed, it has been reported that the president is giving the matter careful consideration, though nothing is known respecting his views.

AS TO THE CANADIANS, THEY APPEAR NOT TO BE TAKING MUCH INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.

In a recent interview Premier Laurier intimated that he is open to proposals for reciprocity, but was not confident that anything could be accomplished. He suggested that the high joint commission may be convened before the Canadian Parliament meets if our government were to make overtures at once, which it is not likely to do. The Baltimore American thinks this is a subterfuge of the Canadian premier, who it says is in favor of the Dominion tariff as it stands, having shown this in discussions of the question during the sessions of the last Parliament. The obvious fact is that the Canadian people are very well satisfied with the policy of protection, under which the industries of the country have grown to considerable proportions and they are not disposed to make any concessions that would interfere with that policy. Until they are ready to do this it is safe to say that no reciprocity arrangement with this country can be effected.

THE HULL OF THE FATED STEAMBOAT GENERAL SLOCUM

when sold at auction brought \$1,800 in salvage, and this amount, we are told, is the maximum in sight to pay any damage judgments that may be secured by the victims of that terrible catastrophe. In other words, the people responsible for that disaster are irresponsible so far as compensating for the loss is concerned. This side of the almost forgotten tragedy emphasizes the havoc wrought more strikingly than anything else and suggests the thought that irresponsible people should not be allowed to shoulder such great responsibilities.

THAT FARMER'S BOY WHO PLITTED HIS EXPERIENCE AGAINST THE THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

in judging stock at the big Chicago stock show may have the ability to pick the best animals, but he will probably have a harder time in making the final judges understand his reasons than the boys from the schools, who are certainly no worse farmers for their book learning.

ONE WOULD NATURALLY SUPPOSE THAT ALL THE RAILROADS ENTERING OMAHA WOULD BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO CO-OPERATE IN THE CREATION OF A GRAIN MARKET HERE,

with the accompanying mills and elevators that would center the grain traffic at this point. Those railroads that are obstructing this consummation are not as far-seeing in their management as they are credited with being.

THE APPEARANCE OF THE GERMAN AND PRUSSIAN BUDGETS SO CLOSELY FOLLOWING EMPEROR WILLIAM'S PROMPT ACCEPTANCE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S INVITATION TO A PEACE CONFERENCE

may account for that action, for from all accounts the royal treasurer is going to have a hard time to make receipts equal ordinary expenditures.

A SCHOOL OF PHILANTHROPY.

There are schools and schools, and the latest is an endowed School of Philanthropy for the maintenance of which a wealthy philanthropist has just given a quarter of a million dollars to the New York Charity Organization society.

PARTISANSHIP AND CRIME.

Some Remarks Elicited by Performances of Omaha Yellow Journals. Lincoln Star. The Omaha World-Herald is eagerly at work to turn the recent dynamite outrage to partisan advantage. The outrage is atrocious, one that excites the horror of all good citizens of the community and insures their co-operation in all proper ways to bring the guilty to justice. There is no difference whatever among good men in their attitude towards such a crime, no matter what their party, sect or clique may be.

It is, however, a crime that might happen in any community and has happened in other communities. It is a crime that cannot be prevented by any amount of police surveillance. If Omaha or any other like population were patrolled by a Russian army corps, it would not be possible to prevent the explosion of a bomb on the front porch of a citizen.

But the echoes of the explosion had hardly died away before the World-Herald began inserting inflammatory editorial articles in its news and other columns the purpose of which, if it has not done itself all to pieces, is to make the master worse, and to impede the proper effort of the community.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The New York subway has scored its third death. This will be a great winter for manhood, Uncle Sam's potato crop amounts to 388,000,000 bushels.

St. Louis insists that President Francis should be given a day at the fair, although he hasn't missed one since the show began.

The nations warring in Manchuria show amazing effrontery in continuing business after the Harding Davis pronouncement of the war a failure and the world's head.

The Baltimore man who holds the record for playing a piano continuously for sixty hours, for some inscrutable reason secured quarters in jail instead of an asylum.

A great religious awakening among New Yorkers is developing strange actions. One conscience-stricken man coughed up \$4, the amount of duty on goods he smuggled in.

The effort to prove that the man who fell out of the second story window of a New York hotel and didn't wake up was a native of Philadelphia failed miserably. He is a Manhattan product.

Three policemen butted into the business of a thrifty beggar in Philadelphia. The poor man resented the intrusion so vigorously that the cops were almost winded when they landed him in jail.

A monster fish bumped against a vessel off the Mexican coast recently, and almost wrecked the ship. The sailors calculated that it weighed four tons. It was the biggest that ever happened, and, of course, got away.

By the terms of her uncle's will an Indiana girl is to receive \$15,000 if she marries and not a cent if she remains single. It ought not to be difficult for the rich young man to convince her that she needs the money.

The report that a high standard of civilization prevails in Indiana is somewhat discredited by the actions of the car hopper, who bit off a chunk of the car of a street car conductor for failing to stop at the right crossing.

A Kansas City woman, unable to get a word in edgewise in a scrap with a lawyer, seized a potato masher and closed the argument. Also the lawyer's face. In the hands of woman truly great a potato masher is real cute and crushing.

A bundle of hoodlum money has been returned to a St. Louis man for the reason, as expressed by the court, that the owner of the bundle "was ignorant of the purpose for which the money was to be applied." Just like St. Louisans. They hand the stuff and never ask why or wherefor.

A Philadelphia school man is defendant in a \$5,000 damage suit instituted by the parents of a boy whom the teacher caressed with a strap. It is conceded that the strap reached the spot and that the boy earned it, but his beloved dad declares no one shall usurp his rights and privileges without his consent.

Gratitude for a Slender Link. Baltimore American. That Alaska is called on to give thanks for telegraph extension by the acting governor's Thanksgiving proclamation emphasizes the vast part the slender wire is playing in the world's affairs today.

Life in Town and Country. New York Globe. It is grand to talk of the freedom of the hills, the restfulness of the blue sky, the peace of grassy slopes, but familiarity, alas, breeds indifference. If not contempt, for even these serene things. In country as well as city the prepossession of most people is living making—something which, if not absolutely antithetical to, is not altogether friendly to the song bird state of mind. No one is competent to adjust the scales to weigh city and country; if anyone were it is doubtful if he would find the life in the country so lacking in simplicity. The human animal, wherever he may be placed, has a tendency to reach a certain average destiny.

Combining Two Gospels. New York Tribune. Matthew Arnold preached the gospel of sweetness and light, while President Roosevelt emphasizes the need of sweetness and strength. Why not combine both gospels into one and cultivate sweetness, light and strength? These three elements, rightly blended, would produce the Admirable Crichton of human development.

Cut It Out, Leslie. Cincinnati Enquirer. If Secretary Shaw is really going to resign from the Treasury department he should be advised that Iowa is not a good state to "loaf around" in. The invitations out there to the presidential lightning have never been accepted. Even so good a rod as Senator Allison has not been struck.

Marked Republican Tendency. New York Tribune. Napoleon's prediction that in fifty years Europe would become Cossack or republican has not been fulfilled, with the Russian people asking for a Parliament the prediction seems to be in the way of eventual fulfillment as respects the latter part of the program.

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SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

The lights of men never think lightly of men. Divine favor makes a feast of a barren board. Suffering draws man to man and men to religion. The preacher's life is the life of his preaching. The authority of the good does not rest on its austerity. The more of a gas works a man is the less light it gives. "Forgotten the things behind" is no reason for ingratitude. Great blessings are often held waiting for some small obedience. "The best way to be grateful is to give an other occasion for gratitude. It is not what you get, but what you go for that makes the difference. The worth of a man's learning depends on the light it gives to the world. It is well to remember that the almighty dollar is not the eternal dollar. Few things cost less than encouragement, and fewer still are worth more. The heart looks over many a difficulty that the head cannot see through. It is not necessary for a man to be all ice to avoid being nothing but steam. It is not strange that the man who makes his faith depend on his knowledge frequently exhibits innocence of both—Chicago Tribune.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

She—Were you ever disappointed in love before you were married? He—No. Not until afterward.—Town Topics. Gladys—I refused Ferly two weeks ago and he has been drinking heavily ever since. Ethel—Isn't it about time he stopped celebrating?—Puck. Young Wife—Down—This cake remind you of the kind your mother used to make? Young Husband—Yes, dear. Oh, those happy childhood days—what a digestion I used to have then, to be sure.—Cleveland Leader. "Talking of matrimony," said the sage, "there are two sorts of you who are equally miserable specimens. One is the fellow who says he's sorry he ever married and the fellow who says he's glad he never did."—Philadelphia Press. "You are going on an ocean trip?" they asked her, in surprise. "Aren't you awfully afraid of seasickness, particularly at this season of the year?" "Not at all," replied the charming bride. "I've always taken my wedding trips on the ocean."—Chicago Tribune. Sociologist of an inquiring turn of mind—Pedro—or Garibaldi, perhaps—do you like America as well as Italy? "Fruit Peddler—Yesss. Likka betta. In 'Merica, getta fi' dolla, spend it. Getta more. In Italia getta fi' dolla. No spend it. Go hide-a. No getta more.—Chicago Tribune. "It's the little things that tell," sighed Blunk, as he heard his youngest confiding to her mother the tale of how he had saluted the new maid.—Cleveland Leader. "In an airship 'he' or 'she,' papa?" "Silly. I think that dear. You know you never can depend upon getting 'em to go the way you want 'em to go."—Cleveland Leader. Captain John Smith had just been saved from the waves, exclaiming: "Pooh, dear," he said, "these Indian clubs are bum trumps. Let's make it hearty." He little realized the crime he had committed in stating that joke on his endless career.—Cleveland Leader. Mr. Skrap—It's real nice to sit at home here, without any more of that wretched quarreling— Mrs. Skrap—Yes it is, dear. You've been real lovable lately, ever since that quarrel you started last month— Mr. Skrap—I started it, dear. Mrs. Skrap—Of course! You started it. Mr. Skrap—That settles it. I'm going to the club.—Philadelphia Ledger.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

New York World: "We are not here to get all we can," says young Mr. Rockefeller to his little class. Great heaven! What would they have got if they had really tried?

Philadelphia Record: A Methodist bishop in Denver finds no difficulty in implicating Providence both in the seizure of the Philippines and the British occupation of India, including the ruthless rule of Cloyd and Hastings. It is remarkable to what a degree some divines are able to penetrate the councils of Providence in order to announce them to a waiting world.

Boston Transcript: St. Ann's church in New York has engaged Mr. Thomas Sharkey, once a bold sailor and more recently a somewhat bold prize fighter, to preach boxing in its symposium. Incidentally, Prof. Sharkey assures us that "the church and the ring are being drawn closer together every day." The regeneration of New York is thus seen to be moving forward rapidly.

Chicago Chronicle: It is announced that arrangements have been made for an immense convention of all the Protestant sects in New York a year hence for the purpose of effecting an amalgamation. Such an amalgamation is not at all desirable and the movement, besides being chimerical, is not a healthy symptom. It is when an army has been decimated in a disastrous campaign that the skeleton brigades are consolidated.

Philadelphia Press: The convention of Protestant denominations to meet in New York next year gives promise of promoting greater unity in Christian work. Already churches representing 20,000,000 of Protestants have taken favorable action, and at least 8,000,000 more are expected to join in the movement. There are many important questions on which Christians can act together without difficulty, and thus do much toward promoting the welfare of the nation. Joint action in such matters will be beneficial to the churches.

THE LANES OF LOVE.

Boston Globe. A little child comes running down the lanes of love to me. And leaps with cries of greeting on his lips that laugh with glee. The hardish is forgotten, and the toiling in the sunshine of his coming at the ending of the day. I lift him and I chasp him, and the troubles seem to sleep; The day-long cares and worries die to silence in the deep. Of the dark trail leading backward where the wheels of traffic roar— The path of life lies golden where he leads me to the door! There, the most of his laughter and his chatter he will stifle. The lanes of love are rosy for his sake, O heart-of-life! They rim the world with blossoms, and we live the exultant dream. In the rose-light of the home-light and the tender love-light's gleam. A little child comes running down the lanes of love to me. And I beside my burden as I lift him to my knee. O, thy hearts are surely lonely, and they walk a weary way. To whom no other comes running at the ending of the day!

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