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Entirely Reasonable. Chicago. The legal power of control certainly should be commensurate with the thing to be controlled. In the light of that principle and to end the present condition of anarchy, Commissioner Garfield's proposition seems entirely reasonable.

United States Supreme Court. The United States supreme court has decided that a discharge in bankruptcy does not relieve a man from paying alimony. The pursuit of happiness meets a whole lot of obstacles these days.

Material for Warriors. Chicago Tribune. Figures continue to show that more boys are born than girls. Other figures continue to show that this is necessary in order that the supply of men for possible use as soldiers may be kept up.

Liberty as a Magnet. Indianapolis News. Four-fifths of the immigrants into Cuba last year were Spaniards, and in the year before a smaller number, but a larger percentage of the immigrants came from Spain. Cuba Libre is evidently not an undesirable place of residence for the subjects of the mother country.

Fair Showing of Good Order. St. Paul Pioneer-Press. With a total attendance of the St. Louis exposition of nearly 35,000,000 persons, the number of arrests for offenses of all sorts was only 1,439 in the whole period of seven months. That is only about one to 15,500 of the fair's transient population.

Policy of Give and Take. Philadelphia Press. Some of the railroad presidents express their belief that if the Interstate Commerce commission is authorized to change rates, found to be unjust, pooling should be made legal. With such a change in the law they would perhaps be satisfied.

Parcels-Post. Portland Oregonian. The parcels post, which may be established as an adjunct to the free delivery mail system, urban and rural, is no novelty. The German postoffice carries an eleven-pound parcel any distance up to forty-six miles for 6 cents, and beyond that distance anywhere in the empire for 12 cents.

Jeffersonian Simplicity. Chicago Inter Ocean. Because Mr. Bryan has chosen to buy a 100-pound silver punch bowl, reputed once to have belonged to Thomas Jefferson, he and his friends are being subjected to a deluge of letters which will doubtless be made the subjects of much cheap humor.

Mr. Hill's Threat. Philadelphia Public Ledger. James J. Hill, without injustice, has a right to be heard. Since his public announcement that, although he had not read the president's message, he was opposed to its recommendation that the interstate commerce commission be empowered to fix and put into force reasonable railroad rates, he has thought further on the subject, and amplifies his opposition.

Mr. Hill, of course, does not concede that there are such things as unreasonable railroad rates. This fact should be borne in mind when considering this, his latest utterance: "To cut down transportation rates arbitrarily, and consequently reduce earnings, would necessitate reduction of operating cost to meet the new conditions, and this naturally implies a reduction of wages."

Thus does the famous creator of the Northern Securities company misconceive a situation which is of grave concern to the whole people, as well as to the railroads. It may be said there is no shrewdness in misconception. That depends a great deal upon whether or not the misconception is willful. Moreover, it should not be overlooked that Mr. Hill closes with a threat, the shrewdness of which, from his standpoint, is unquestionable.

This threat, with only slight changes in form, has been long and successful service. It is a menace to the worker, his weak point—his means of livelihood. Translated into plain language, it amounts to this: "If the United States government attempts to stop our schemes of extortion and discrimination, we will take it out of the wage-earners."

The aim of Mr. Hill's more diplomatic words is to produce a fearful public sentiment antagonistic to the proposed reform. Mr. Hill is not unaware of the power of public sentiment, but it is doubtful if he realizes the extent to which the public has been educated on economic questions.

Such a threat as he makes might have been effective a few years ago. If he and his contemporaries in railroad management attempt to carry it out now they will simply be hastening the doom of private ownership of railroads.

Are Present Ills Exaggerated? Philadelphia Record. Before the country shall assent to this it will be well to consider whether he has not exaggerated the present ills, and whether a sufficient remedy, more in accord with our political system, may not be found in giving states ample authority to regulate the business done within their limits.

Something Must Be Done. New York World. In some form the evils shown must be combated, the remedies indicated must be applied or feasible alternatives sought. But the great body of conservative business men of this country, we believe, realize the danger of letting any corporation get beyond effective legal restraints, and that between the domain of the present state and federal laws there is a space occupied by corporations where practical anarchy reigns, and are anxious to have the government armed with adequate power to protect the rights of individuals and safeguard legitimate business.

PERSONAL NOTES. It also "staggered humanity" somewhat to learn that Oom Paul Kruger left a fortune of \$3,500,000.

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DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS. Dear old Santa Claus, whose name, never connected with any shame; Who's old Santa Claus you're, And carried candy and toys For all the girls and boys.

DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS. These wise men would smile At Santa before a court juvenile; Then again they would smile, Seeing dear old Santa Claus Attempting to prove an alibi.

DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS. And now we really fear That by another year They will be crying "extra," Then we'll hear them say "Dear old Santa Claus was tried today."

DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS. Read to your children with care Will Carleton's beautiful poem "Annie and Willie's Prayer," More old Santa Claus you're, Of his life's long job!

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