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It's the best kind of free advertising for McClure's Magazine.

A Russian steel trust had to go out of business. You have to understand these little things.

Standing rule in the World-Herald office: If anything goes amiss, blame it on the editor of The Bee.

If the Eagles do not make the local weather man an honorary life member they will be showing the proverbial ingratitude of republicans.

Uncle Joe Cannon is not ready to retire. To tell the truth, nobody really expects the jolly old gentleman to retire while his health is good.

The only wonder is how Mayor Jim succeeds so well in keeping his prohibition debates and addresses of welcome from getting worse mixed up.

Of course, Judge Sullivan's confession of "corporate affiliations" is all that is needed to verify the oath he took that he "affiliates" with the popular party.

Our overworked congressman from this district will probably get around to it soon to tell us how he recorded his vote on the tariff bill while he was in Europe.

We have no hesitation in saying that we would rather see a new skyscraper building in Omaha than gaze upon the North Pole in latitude 90, longitude 360.

It's the middle of September and the intellectual drama predictions have not been verified. The chorus ladies in red stockings and the comedians with wax fronts on their faces still crowd the bill boards.

These letters of consular urgency courtesy in dealing with Spanish-Americans will bear fruit. If it is good with the Latin countries, it is good everywhere.

Peary's lone Eskimo must put twice as much strain on his veracity as Cook's two. According to Mrs. Peary, all three would swear for a gum drop that the pole was 50 feet high and painted red, white and blue.

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Taft's First Speech.

Most men in high position would make more noise over a perfunctory greeting than the president of the United States makes in the first utterance of his tour, though the simple, unaffected, semi-confidential manner, so plain that the address might be taken by the careless as an incident of the evening, accompanied a series of commandingly important statements. It is a masterpiece of tactful and comprehensive communication from a chief executive to public opinion.

The quiet boldness with which he enucleates the abilities and purposes of Senator Aldrich is even magnetic. The unpretentious introduction of the subject places himself in the attitude of one of open mind who tells of the great legislators who are preparing to deal with a momentous subject.

Anybody who takes exception must be seeking for selfish reasons to make trouble. If there is a touch of acerbity in his direct reference to a state executive it was justified by his impatient feeling toward Governor Johnson's effort to array the west against the east.

It is all in the same business boat. In that homely, but searching phrase the president centers the fact. As he says, the prosperity of one section adds to the prosperity of the other and business disaster in one section is but the forerunner of business depression and disaster in another.

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For a week now this Saratoga declaration has been exhibited around the country. As a barrier among democrats it might be a last resort at the end of a fight. As the prospectus of a new light dispensation it is a total failure. Nobody will have it. When a cofferer of Tilden and Cleveland democrats gets from the Brooklyn Eagle no reward, but laughter, it ceases to struggle for breath. The truth about it is that it professed to be a rejuvenation of the democratic spirit and turned out to be obviously a compromise among the insincerities of weary politicians.

Though in substance the address of James J. Hill has been delivered before, none of the formal addresses will strike the bankers at Chicago more forcibly than Mr. Hill's prediction that this country has almost reached the end of its grain-exporting period and will find an increasing difficulty in feeding its own population.

This idea, in theory, is not new, but Mr. Hill is the first great captain of industry to give it countenance. Coming from him it suggests with startling force a picture in which the broader lines of American commercial organization are transposed. Grain will be consumed here, prices will be higher, manufactured goods will not be exported, because Europe cannot afford to pay for them.

change to be analyzed? Mr. Hill's prophecy seems to go counter to political economy. Perhaps the completion of the picture is that the masses of Europe will bodily remove to the United States and Canada and leave the old countries to thin out their population as an American farmer (this corn, until a totally new balance is struck).

Practically only a few months lie between a universal cessation of production and the destruction of the human race by starvation. It is not fully clear what Mr. Hill means at this point. The phrase is true, beyond doubt, but it is always true. It is as if he should say that if a man should not eat he would starve. If people will not work they will die. They do work, do eat and do live. But, sticking to the point of an impending mighty transformation of agriculture and manufacture, if Mr. Hill sees clearly through the whole proposition, there is going to be, first, a series of unusual alterations in prices and, second, a series of remarkable relocations in population. Nothing would be more interesting than Mr. Hill's views on the effects of these changes on the industry and sociology of the world.

Notwithstanding the brave front put up over the knockout decision on their so-called nonpartisan judiciary law, and the forced glorification of the two dissenting opinions, the democrats are already on the defensive. The dissenting opinion of the democratic judge, seeking re-election as a pretended nonpartisan, does not strike a truly responsive chord either with the partisan democrats or with true non-partisans. A characteristic sample of the comment is this from the Schuyler Quill, which shows signs of supporting the other two democratic nominees:

Justice Dean filed a dissenting opinion in the nonpartisan act when the supreme court declared it not good. It strikes us that Dean did that to sort of fix up his standing with the democrats of the state, which is not the best, even if he was permitted to get the nomination without any contest. But Dean cannot poll the democratic vote of his party and should not for more than one good reason, the best of which is that he is not supreme court timber.

The answer, so far as there is any answer, is to be found in the Kearney Democrat, which is staunchly nonpartisan democratic, and which comes to the defense in this strictly partisan fashion: Now, we find many of these same editors and their newspapers teeming with advice to the voters to support anybody and everybody except Judge Dean. This attitude toward the only member of the court who defended the law these men demanded the legislature to enact displays the rank and most disgusting brand of hypocrisy and insincerity to be found on the present political market.

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to 1 that any man would be wrong. But the point is, who was the man who was first when he thought he was? Now here is a brand new question. Why do not the dramas of Stephen Phillips draw as well as those of George Cohan? It takes thought to answer, but a surmise is that the reason somewhat resembles the cause which lurks behind a cup-shaped hat and a waiters' frock.

Naval officials show that sailors are saving their money. Good habits among sailors, like scientific training, undermine the romance of our imagination. It is as disappointing as the Courier-Journal's recent dissertation on the marvelous results from a quart of buttermilk a day.

Idaho is to have 80,000 more acres opened under the Carey act. The northwest mountain states were a long time getting heavy enough for their senatorial representation, but they are now in turn throwing suspicious glances at Rhode Island, Delaware and West Virginia.

Some patriotic citizen ban, without fact, hurt the interests of great commonwealths. A Texas traveler is spreading a report that anybody can get rich in Texas if he will work. The Intimation is not popular in Mexico or Arkansas, neighboring and friendly territory.

Poker is all right in a club, but wrong down a cellar. Nobody knows why, but it is the law as interpreted by certain courts. Are we again in the hands of the privileged classes? If Senator Aldrich is going to "swing around the circle," by all means let us have him come to Omaha so we can see what he looks like and hear that siren voice.

Working the Favorite Game. By its reception of the death of E. H. Harriman, Wall street again shows that the fooling of most of the people all the time is its repertoire.

It was inevitable that Mr. Morgan should get the credit for holding the country up by the tail again. Either Mr. Morgan is a man we can't afford to lose or he has a number of excellent press agents.

Now it appears that Peary also had no white man with him in his final dash, and that the controversy between the two explorers is a question of individual veracity. The discoverer of the South pole ought to provide himself with a corps of competent witnesses and a notary public, so affidavits can be taken on the spot.

Nebraska's Plan for Free Circulating Libraries. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Nebraska is wiser awake in the matter of providing its people with books. Free circulating libraries in every school district will soon be in order, because of a law which compels each district to set aside annually the sum of 10 cents per pupil of school age for the upbuilding of a library. This will yield from \$1 a year to an amount several times as large in the villages, and in the smaller cities of the state, up to the point where there are 5,000 or more pupils when the compulsory feature falls to operate. In addition to the small libraries that will thus be built up in the rural districts and small towns, the state traveling library commission is working in co-operation with the school authorities and will send collections of books around the circuits of schools, desiring them to supplement the home library. In order that the state and county school authorities may get a right start in library building, both in the choice of desirable books and in instructions to the pupils as to how to use them, the county school trustees are devoting attention to expert instruction concerning libraries.

DIRECT PRIMARY POINTERS.

Elsmere News: Exchanges generally are speaking rather disrespectfully of the present primary system, especially as regards the expense to taxpayers. Aside from this feature, we are still of the opinion that it is an improvement over the convention plan. Of course our remarks don't amount to much, but the great I. M.'s, democratic dailies and big republican weeklies, they know. We fall, however, to discern the opportunity for corruption, which is claimed now exists, and would like to have an explanation as to how it is accomplished.

York Times: The "open primary" is a hot-potch notion, without sense, rhyme or reason. If a primary is to be held at all it is to nominate party candidates. What possible sense can there be in allowing the men of one party to nominate candidates for the other party? That is in reality all that is to be gained by the open primary. The result of all this monkey-work is liable to cause the abolition of the primary altogether by the next legislature. The Times was in hopes a reasonable and sensible primary system could be inaugurated and given a fair trial and we still have hopes this may occur some time, but the experience of Nebraska has not been such as to encourage further efforts in that direction.

Aurora Republican: Much is appearing in the country press concerning the good and bad features of the direct primary. Some editors are condemning the primary in strong terms and branding it as a failure. While there is cause for some disappointment that the voters are not making full use of the privilege of nominating their officials direct, afforded them by the direct primary, there is no cause for discouragement. The great number of votes cast in the recent primary is ample evidence of the fact that a far greater number of people are participating in the primary than ever had a hand in making nominations under the old convention system. And since the purpose of passing the primary bill was to increase the number of participants in the primary, the mark has not been missed. The Republican did not believe at the first that the primary would prove an immediate success, but it has always had faith in the final success of the best plan ever devised for taking the most active power out of the hands of a few and placing it in the hands of many. The time for passing judgment has not yet arrived.

Grand Island Independent: Since in one or two remote and thinly settled precincts of the state the cost of a primary ballot has been as high as \$5 per voter, opponents of the primary system of making more expensive than the caucus system in first cost; there can be no doubt about it. An electric washing machine costs considerably more than the old fashioned tub and washboard. What will the result be? Will it be worth the cost, will it save more than it costs in the long run and thus, in the end, be the more economical? These, it seems to us, are the questions. The primary system has not, so far, worked out as satisfactorily as some of those most earnest in its advocacy had hoped, but that has been partly due to defects in the original law, and, more recently, to defects added to it with the improvements made by the recent legislative assembly. The law ought to be given a further trial, as it no doubt will be. In this country, the cost of the primary election, cost about \$200—or about 90 cents the vote. In many counties, a greater percentage of voters took advantage of the privilege of assisting in making nominations, the cost was much less. The local cost was not materially more per vote than that for voting the paying boards and yet it was a good thing to have the special election for that purpose.

Central City Nonpartisan: There are some features about the primary of nominations that are not exactly satisfactory and the voters have yet to be encouraged to take a deeper interest in public affairs before the system will secure the best results. But any method that secured the participation of 50,000 voters in an unimportant election like the one last held in Nebraska is worthy of retention. Under the convention system it is safe to say not one-tenth that number would have participated and out of that one-tenth a little coterie of perhaps a dozen leaders would have dictated the nominations. The chief defect with the primary in Nebraska lies in the fact that the voters lack the information necessary to the selection of the best candidates, particularly when the nominations are for places on the supreme court or for subordinate state officers. The primary, however, is a great educator. It may result in a poorer grade of candidates for a time, but after the voters have been called upon to exercise their own judgment a few times, when they discover that the responsibility for the selection of good officials rests upon them and not upon some party leader they will begin to inform themselves and intelligent voting will follow. The great fear, so sedulously fostered by former beneficiaries of the old machine, that the primary will destroy party organizations is not as serious as they would have us think. A little less party organization and a little more independent thinking and voting will be better for politics and better for government. We can sacrifice a great deal in the matter of party organization if we can remedy the evil of party manipulation by self-seeking politicians and corporate interests. There are a number of improvements to be made in the present law, among which is the eradication of the pernicious "wide-open" feature, but the principle of the system is all right and is here to stay.

CHANGING TONE OF CRITICS. A Hammer for Peary, a Bouquet for Cook. Des Moines Register and Leader. Whatever may be the final judgment as to Cook, there is less disposition daily to deride the achievement of Peary. Not only was the commander altogether too hasty to discredit his rival, but the subsequent developments are disquieting to his friends? While the explorations of Cook have been a purely private enterprise, Peary has been spending his time in the arctic regions on leave of absence from his naval duties, and other men who were entitled to promotion have been held back while called upon to do his work. His last leave of absence was severely criticized when it was granted. Instead of giving out his news as would be expected of a naval officer acting in an official capacity, Peary has attempted to make a fortune out of information gained as a representative of the government, and it is now announced that he will send in a belated resignation from the navy because he can make much more money on the lecture platform.

There is a growing hope everywhere that Cook will be able to fully establish his claim. He has not held to a public salary and he has acted as a gentleman and a scholar since his return. John Hunting the Man. Cleveland Leader. The great feat of the fall of 1908, for millions of workers, is that the job once more seeks the man more than the man hunts for the job.

How Can I Get Fat? This is the all important question with many women. They have tried a myriad of things recommended for this purpose, all without success, and then they worry and grow thinner. Pabst Extract The Best Tonic will put an end to such worries. Rich in the nourishing properties of select barley malt, its consistent use is sure to produce flesh and round out the curves of beauty. Inasmuch as it being Pabst.

Order from Your Local Druggist. Each of the chief organs of the body is a link in the Chain of Life. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, the body no stronger than its weakest organ. If there is weakness of stomach, liver or lungs, there is a weak link in the chain of life which may snap at any time. Often this so-called "weakness" is caused by lack of nutrition, the result of weakness or disease of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. Diseases and weaknesses of the stomach and its allied organs are cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. When the weak or diseased stomach is cured, diseases of other organs which seem remote from the stomach but which have their origin in a diseased condition of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, are cured also. The strong man has a strong stomach. Take the above recommended Discovery and you may have a strong stomach and a strong body.

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ARCTIC BLUBBER.

Washington Post: The course from the pole to the lecture platform is well charted, anyhow.

Philadelphia Record: There was an overflow of blubber in Cook's rhetoric, and Peary's fairly cozes with it.

St. Paul Pioneer-Press: It is explained how Cook and Peary kept from freezing to death in the North pole country. They were thinking of each other.

St. Louis Republic: We will stand for this discussion to the time they begin putting an Eskimo quartet on the vaudeville stage singing the "Luscious Gumdrops" song.

Chicago Tribune: Everything still indicates that when Dr. Cook returns to the United States he will be welcomed with all the honors due to an explorer who found what he went after.

Cleveland Leader: One certainty about the polar controversy is that the Eskimos, who were well paid by both explorers and suffered no very terrible hardships with either, will be glad to see more American parties come their way.

Ex-Governor Odell of New York has just carried his home town, which is going some for Odell.

Charles Francis Barker of Boston has held the title of American champion at checkers for about thirty years.

Five councilmen of Wilkesbarre are under arrest. While that city is not very large, it is ambitious and growing and shows a tendency to put on metropolitan airs.

The name of Governor Sillabender of Nebraska is not on the St. Louis printed list of state executives who have accepted invitations to accompany President Taft on his river trip to New Orleans.

No open minded admirer of heroic endeavor can determine the attitude of the pedestal until he has sampled the 5-cent cigars named in honor of the heroes. One pill may be enough to demolish a tall stack of invincible arguments.

Colonel Peter J. McAvooy, who died a few days ago in Brooklyn, deserves a word of remembrance. He headed the marines that made an assault on the barrier forts on the Canton river in 1862, in the suppression of the Taiping rebellion, and was the last survivor of the crew.

George Gould's motoring trip through several European countries yields the observation that a "real boom" has started in Italy, and that that country is to be grouped with Germany as the most progressive in Europe. England seems to be lagging a little—possibly as a result of giving to much time to watching Germany's war preparations.

Push gayly on, strong heart! The white you travel forward mile by mile. He loiters with a backward smile, 'Till you can't make any more. And strains his eyes to search his wake, Or whetting, as he sees you through the brake, Waits on a mile.

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