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From the Side of Labor.

The recent decisions of the United States supreme court interpreting the Sherman law prohibition of combinations in restraint of trade have been widely discussed from various viewpoints, but very little from the side of labor.

The suggestions in the Standard Oil decision, reinforced in the Tobacco trust case, that the combinations outlawed are only those which interfere unreasonably with the free play of competition by resort to underhanded schemes and unfair methods, must be equally applicable to combinations of labor.

At the same time it is also quite conceivable that a labor combine that fights with unlawful weapons, that resorts to the boycott, that employs violence against nonunion labor, or that engages in dynamiting, would, if interfering with interstate business, run the risk of being adjudged a lawless attempt at restraint of trade.

The Day of Brevity.
This is the day of brevity. People demand action, simple and direct. He who meets this demand is likely best to succeed.

The newspapers and magazines, reflective of so much that is characteristic of the times, mirror this fact. News articles and editorials in the daily press are briefer than they used to be.

The tendency toward brevity is upward in its influence. It helps to make us a more alert, quick-witted people. And so long as we continue it without sacrificing thoroughness it will be helpful.

The Scholar in Politics.
In no department of American life should there be more room and opportunity for the scholar than in politics, notwithstanding the disposition to dwell on the derisive expression, "the scholar in politics."

The American people could not make a bigger mistake than to imagine that politics is beneath the scholar or the scholar above politics. And they have never, as a whole, made the mistake.

It may do to set him off to a small table with his white wife, but it would be bad fate for the captain of the ship carrying Jack Johnson to the coronation to discriminate against him on account of his color.

Forward or Backward.

In the last number of his Commonwealth in adjoining columns on the same page, although in articles bearing different headings, Mr. Bryan makes these two declarations:

The Underwood bill dealing with the woolen schedule reduces the average rate nearly one-half, and is therefore a great step in advance.

For these both to be correct characterizations, the Underwood bill must be a double-back-action contrivance that goes forward and backward at one and the same time.

It has been said that "since the days of Peter the Hermit there has been no crusader more earnest, more zealous or more courageous" than Mrs. Carrie Nation.

Much as restraint needs to be thrown about the evil of intemperance, there is a more effective way of doing it than the one Mrs. Nation employed.

Echo of the Mexican Revolution.
When the Mexican financiers figured up the total cost of their late war at \$20,000,000, they evidently did not allow for little extras that might creep into the expenses such as the indemnity of \$6,000,000 demanded by China.

The Sixty Per Cent Student.
This is the season when young folks' minds turn not lightly to final exams. Commencement day draws near. "Have you passed?" "Do you think you will flunk?"

Crime and Its Publicity.
The old question whether crime is fostered or discouraged by publicity is revived in the passage by the Illinois legislature of a bill prohibiting newspapers from publishing the details of crime or attempted crime.

These are men of virility and power; they are leaders; scholars should be leaders. It may be smart campaign buncombe to sneer at the scholarly man, but it is a sneer that means nothing, nothing except campaign buncombe.

House Cleaning.

Our local bar association, through a specially appointed committee, is trying to keep from admission to practice a would-be lawyer charged with fraud and extortion.

The ideal in high finance.
To Percival Roberts, Jr., a director in the United States Steel corporation, we are indebted for the true view of Mr. J. P. Morgan and the right conception of high finance.

The Latest Appliance.
Cleveland Plain Dealer.
When it comes to presidential booms, Woodrow Wilson seems to be in favor of the initiative, all right.

No interest in the exhibit.
Pittsburg Dispatch.
Spain declines with thanks the invitation to be officially present at the pumping out and inspection of the wreck of the Maine.

Moderation in Appliance.
Louisville Courier-Journal.
A son of Dias says that United States took an admirable position during the war in Mexico.

Smoking Out the Knaekers.
Brooklyn Eagle.
The country owes a debt of gratitude to President Taft for his "smoking out" speech.

Penalty for Army Desertion.
St. Louis Republic.
To leave the army after enlistment is of course a much more serious violation of obligation than to refuse to execute a contract for personal service in civil life.

Dramatist of the Old Hovey.
New York Sun.
Tony Hart, Ned Harrigan, Johnny Wild and the rest of those brave companies that delighted a New York which now seems almost as remote as Babylon.

MARRIAGE LAWS NEED REFORM
Nebraska Professor Advocates Bold and Drastic Changes.
Prof. Howard of the University of Nebraska, the author of standard work on the history and evolution of marriage customs, advocates in the current issue of the American Journal of Sociology bold and drastic changes in our marriage laws.

People and Events

The Outlook denominates as "cruelty to congressmen" the scheme to bring the Congressional Record into accordance with fact by barring the notation "applause" or "laughter" as a privilege inherent in the member's right to revise his copy.

On his return from his western trip Governor Wilson expressed himself as particularly gratified with the fine reception accorded him and his public addresses.

The United States supreme court has taken the initiative to revise its own rules of equity practice with a view to simplifying them and cutting out what is obsolete or purely technical.

A contributor to an eastern magazine, singing the gospel of fresh air, says he would like by law to require so much bedclothing on every bed, fixed on and irremovable, as to force the most careless or most obstinate to get up and open the window to get cool.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, the novelist-preacher, has invited the members of his parish to tell him all their troubles, no matter how private a nature. The parish must be looking for material for a new novel.

Chicago Record-Herald: A Chicago preacher has been offered a salary of \$12,000 a year and the free use of a parsonage if he will take charge of a New York church.

New York World: In speaking of Cardinal Gibbons as a great citizen and patriot it is not necessary to identify his name with some one of the reformers or principles he has upheld.

Boston Transcript: Protestantism is too much inclined to feel that the Roman Catholic clergy, and particularly the hierarchy, know nothing or care nothing about Protestant writers or speakers.

Defying the Lightning.
Boston Transcript.
The senate committee chosen to investigate the Lorimer case is evenly divided so far as predispositions go, but we rather assume that they will be unanimous against the senator.

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN

Many a man who boasts of his honesty in business robs God without a blush.
A nail in the right place is a better thing than a telegraph pole in the wrong place.

Domestic Pleasantries.
Mrs. A—What did your husband say when you showed him the bill for your new dress?
Mrs. B—Stung—Boston Transcript.

First Farmer—The big men always get to the top, don't they?
Second Farmer—Yep. Same's the 'big strawberries in a farmer's crate.

He—You refuse me, then. Oh, well, there are others!
She—I know there are. I accepted one of them this afternoon.—Indianapolis News.

ALL THE DOCTOR'S FAULT.
Mark Kronen in Puck.
I am strictly on a diet—for the doctor made it plain.
That my stomach was rebelling at the strenuous strain
Which my palate put upon it (I am prone to digest)
A lot of fancy dishes which won't easily sat so much.

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Pew! said then some.
In consigning to a tin roof for a month of three hours the fellow who asked, "Is it hot enough for you?" the magistrate fitted the punishment to the crime.

Back in Pittsburg the prosecution has lowered the flag to the cabinet members. The ramifications of loot and of tainted money in high and low circles is such that a confession of guilt is regarded by jurymen as a symptom of insanity.

According to a St. Louis doctor, if your ankle is fractured, the tugging of your leg will cause your big toe to stick up like a wart on a bumsteak. If your upper story is merely "cracked," the effort to connect the right big toe with your mouth will prove it. Medical science pulls off wonders regardless of the weather.

As becomes an esteemed leader of the Showmen, Ambassador Dick Kerens of Missouri, is "making good" at the court of Vienna. Recently he gave "a court ball on a small scale" at the embassy and scored a social and diplomatic triumph.

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