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Cheer up. Cherries are ripe and plentiful. And now the court has blown the Powder trust to pieces.

Well, they seem to have the free wool sheep tied to the stake. Some American millionaires have proven first aid to the chorus girls.

No doubt Mr. Carnegie would like to swat John W. Gates' head for a golf ball. The Culebra cut sounds like the choice part of the beef and it costs nearly as much.

It goes without saying that the New Thinkers waste no thought on temperature discomforts. Those butchers and grocers have about forfeited their once well-earned reputation as rain-makers.

Southern Maryland is advertising for a railroad. Thought they would tire of walking down there. The state of Washington has launched a movement for father's day. Has it the recall attached?

The circus is coming. Now please settle who in the city hall shall handle the passes without resorting to blows. Dealers in imitation butter in Nebraska must pay an annual license fee of \$10. Are there any willing to admit it?

King George and Queen Mary can really mean it when they say they have achieved the crowning event of their lives. This intimacy with bugs and bees which the New Thinkers advocate is likely to breed contempt if carried to extremes.

Still, confinement in the hospital at Rochester, Minn., cannot be quite so uncomfortable as imprisonment in the Omaha club. The late George Washington, were he living today, probably would have found an excuse to keep away from the coronation.

Masked men held up an "editorial" card club in San Francisco and got \$1,000. Evidently only rank outsiders "sit in" there. "I would cheerfully support Mr. Folk for the presidency," says Mr. Bryan. There is one vote for the Missourian, anyway.

King Ak-Sar-Bon might possibly get a few hints by careful reading of the detailed accounts of the coronation of his royal cousin of England. A newly incorporated company proposes to establish a hospital at Lincoln for treatment of victims of liquor and drug habits. Why at Lincoln?

Wizard Edison predicts that trolleys will disappear from street cars soon. That man will be predicting the disappearance of straps after a while. It is pleasing to note that Mr. Morgan completed his curio purchases on the continent in time to aid our Sir John Hays Hammond in representing us at the crowning.

The golden shower started in Omaha by the systematic arrest and fining of auto speeders is naturally making South Omaha sit up and take notice with envious glances. Go to it. It's a great game. Coming around the corner for a second heat, our old friend, Willie Reed, announces that he will deliver two Fourth of July orations in pursuit of the democratic nomination for United States senator next year. Those other democrats on the senatorial race track will have to speed up.

Democratic Insincerity.

The rejection by the democrats in the house of the constitutional amendment for election of United States senators by direct vote of the people as passed by the senate with the Bristow amendment is a self-inflicted wound of their insincerity. The Bristow amendment, it should be understood, does not add anything to direct election as popularly demanded, but strikes off the rider put on by the house democrats to deprive the federal government of the control over senatorial elections which it now possesses.

As pointed out by Congressman Norris, the democrats have tried to make capital by advocating the election of senators by direct vote, committing themselves repeatedly to this proposition in state and national platform pledges, only when confronted with their first opportunity to redeem, to repudiate them instead. The specific declaration was first incorporated into a democratic national platform in 1909, as follows:

We favor an amendment to the federal constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. In 1904 the plank in the democratic national platform was simplified to read: We favor election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people.

In the last democratic national platform, promulgated at Denver in 1908, the declaration is as follows: We favor election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and regard this reform as the gateway to other national reforms. In no case have the democrats declared that they favor direct election of senators on condition that the states are given exclusive control over every phase of their election, yet that is the proviso they have put in to justify their refusal to accept the senate proposition shorn of all side issues, and without entanglement with other questions.

Most people will believe with Judge Norris, that if the democrats had meant what they said all these years they would have concurred in the senate resolution. Their failure to do this forces the conclusion that they have not meant what they said and are now seeking to embarrass the republicans, who are conscientiously endeavoring to pass this proposed amendment to the people by whom it has been demanded. When at last we have a senate willing to respond to this demand a democratic house prefers to close this "gateway of other national reforms" unless they are permitted to revive and strengthen their ancient and obsolete states' rights.

Suppressing Quack Nostrums. Advertising matter for patent nostrums that disclose fraud in their extravagant claims of efficacy is to be excluded from the United States mails if congress enacts a law to be urged upon it by the administration and the medicines themselves be barred from interstate commerce. This latter provision is suggested as a way around the supreme court's decision holding that the present pure food and drugs act, while prohibiting misrepresentation of ingredients, does not prohibit misrepresentation as to curative powers.

President Taft, himself, has urged congress to amend the pure food law as to correct its vitally weak points and protect "an evil which menaces the general health of the people and strikes at the life of the nation." There are legitimate and valuable patent medicines as well as quack concoctions. The public should be safeguarded against the fakes as against other frauds, such as bogus stocks and securities, if need be, by denying them use of the government mails. The pure food and drugs act was a long step in the right direction, but as we have seen, it did not accomplish all that needed to be done toward stopping false representation. It might be possible even to thwart the proposed law, but it will be more difficult, at least.

As to the interstate commerce feature of the present law, it is unfortunate that it was not made stronger, although it might not be amiss to state that three justices dissented from the view of its inadequacy.

Why Distort History? The bellwether of the Water board, more than any other one person, is responsible for the \$3,250,000 mortgage which the taxpayers of Omaha are to be compelled to assume. Yet he is again making speeches, which, if as reported, display his usual mendacity, especially when he "arraigned the city council for its hasty action in appointing the appraisers, who, he charged, were in the employ of the water company."

We take it that we are up against it to pay \$3,250,000 for the water plant, which this same water spouter assured us could be had for \$3,000,000. But that does not warrant such willful distortion of the facts as he indulges. The compulsory purchase law, which he saddled upon us, was framed in detail with a view to proceeding by the appraisal plan, and when The Bee protested vigorously against it its protests were brushed aside as inconsequential. The city council did not appoint the appraisers, but, on the contrary, the city's appraiser was named by the Water board with a haste that betokened fear that the water company might try to prevent action. Whatever the council did in confirming the appraisers was merely at the command of the Water board, by law supreme and paramount. The bellwether of the Water board

hands, and no prospective market.

Had some of the old colonels harbored a suspicion that the honor carried no salvage they might have hesitated about accepting. All that keeps the Laird of Skibo from coming right out and expressing his honest opinion of John W. Gates is that "I do not want to put dirty words in my mouth."

A southern journal observes that if Champ Clark does not watch out a republican paper will nominate him for the presidency. Has the Commoner changed its politics? Significant Tests of Memory: Wall Street Journal. Another point in favor of the steel trade is that it is so much better for the memory than the sugar business.

Golden Age for Lawyers. St. Louis Republic. If you don't think the golden age for lawyers is found under this administration, just count the number of lawyers in the cabinet and note the size of the payments made to Department of Justice special counsel. Hobby on the Jump. Chicago Record-Herald. London policemen are being kept so busy handling the coronation crowds that they have no time to sleep and are compelled to take their meals in tabloid form.

Quick Money Makers. Springfield Republic. The Oxnard brothers figure in the newspaper headlines of the day as quick money makers from trust consolidations. They sold to the Sugar trust a refinery said to be worth \$500,000 for certificates of the trust to be sold at once for \$100,000 more. But Andrew Carnegie was paid in bonds of the United States steel corporation some \$300,000 more for his steel plant than it had been considered worth. Have we become again so fresh to trust consolidation that a \$500,000 profit story can stir us?

Overreaching Greed. Boston Transcript. Experienced travelers just returning from abroad report that London is exceptionally free from American—that they have been driven away by the exorbitant coronation charges which are so excessive as to provoke even the more affluent and reckless spenders. They will most of them be on hand for the week of coronation, but that is all they are disposed to stand of in the London hotel keepers and others. Meantime they have flocked to Paris to pass the waiting period, and that city is likely to profit more from the English coronation ceremonies than London.

Consistent. The professional anti-saloonsists at Lincoln are bringing down criticism, if not malediction, upon their heads by their refusal to submit to the verdict of the ballot box when the town recently voted to go wet, and their interposition of purely technical obstacles to prevent the execution of that decree. To keep the applicants from getting licenses they have gone into court setting up that their petition signatures are invalid because secured a few days before the wet decree became effective. We come voluntarily to the defense of the Lincoln anti-saloonsists so far as attacks on their consistency are concerned. When they advocated county option last year they were for it, not to let the people rule, but to make more dry territory. Had they thought that county option would result favorably to the wets they would have been against it. What they were fighting for was not the right of the majority to decide, but their own desire to exterminate the saloon. If Lincoln should next year go dry, and the wets resorted to similar tactics to prolong the wet season, what a howl there would rise, but the professional anti-saloonsists would be thoroughly and entirely consistent.

Hill and Canadian Extension. Expert opinion now questions that Mr. Hill's authorized issue of \$600,000,000 bonds, of which the first \$20,000,000 have been sold, has solely or chiefly to do with the Burlington, but inclines to the theory that it looks rather to a Hill invasion of Canada when reciprocity shall have become a fact. The Financial World admits that the average observer is quite likely to accept the story given out that this was a Burlington bond project, but adds that "as this story was inspired from high quarters, it is possible that it was put forth more to divert attention from the true plan than to present a faithful portrayal of the real situation."

Great Northern and Northern Pacific have both hit high marks on the New York Stock exchange since these bonds were announced, and that, connected with Mr. Hill's ceaseless vigilance in supporting Canadian reciprocity and his known intention soon to begin extending his lines across the Dominion, leads quite naturally to the belief that his bond issue is to cover the cost of that campaign. So far as the Burlington is concerned, the bonds would be of a refunding character, and refunding bonds do not have the effect upon stocks that this issue has had. All these circumstances lead The Financial World to conclude: "We, therefore, prefer to believe that the real cause of the boom in these stocks lies in the direction indicated—Canadian invasion project."

Being a native of Canada, Mr. Hill might favor reciprocity because of that, with no other compelling reason, but even without a plan to invade the Dominion, his interests probably would derive much benefit from close trade relations. It is quite reasonable to believe that he has the extension plan in mind as an outgrowth, if not an argument, for reciprocity. Governor Aldrich has finally named his military staff, confining himself to the officers of the National Guard, which means that a lot of ex-colonels appointed by his predecessors are left with coggly gold-face uniforms on their

Reply to Mr. Bryan

One of the Wicked Democrats Who Bolted the Ticket Makes a Few Remarks. Brooklyn Eagle (Ind. dem). Mr. Bryan is not a humorist, though he is the cause of humor in others. And they themselves are the occasion of tragedy to the president in vain, he complains, in this week's Commoner that enough people, claiming to be democrats, voted against him to insure his defeat.

Mr. Bryan goes still further in his jeremiad, declaring that in his three campaigns "he has had to meet treachery within as well as assailants from without." He scents "a conspiracy to silence him" and to question his right to a hearing. A conspiracy requires only two, though it may comprise any number more. The traitor here is the American people, were against Mr. Bryan, and are now, their sentiment, however, is merely opposition to him. They had, and have, no idea or hope or expectation to "silence him." Such of them as are wicked republicans glorify in his facility for speech so profitable to democracy, their common enemy, and Mr. Bryan's periodical nominator. Democrats, perhaps, might silence Mr. Bryan, if they could, but they know they cannot. They have entered into no conspiracy to "silence him," and he is talking and writing constantly, as usual. He is the pathetic condition of those who scent or see or smell "conspiracies." Hospitals and asylums treat many such cases, but many more escape them, and Mr. Bryan is still at large.

It is more than suspected those who pretended to be his supporters. He has found such as he mistrusts, even though committed to them. In league with the opposition and in secret correspondence with his enemies. There is no end to the wickedness he uncovers and has confronted. Some of his discoveries are indeed startling. "False and malicious representations on the part of papers subsidized by the predatory interests." The unsubstantiated parts of such papers were presumably for Mr. Bryan or "neutral." "The party platform attacked sometimes openly and sometimes by innuendo by those supposed to be supporting the ticket." This was not only wicked, which is bad, but untruthful, which is worse. It could be cured only by having Mr. Bryan write all the editorials for all the papers in question. Then if they were subsidized, it would be by him, which would quite unite righteousness with rhetoric.

There have been other sinners, and all of them democratic sinners. "Distinguished democrats" have gone to this extreme: "Inserted weasel words in the platform to make it ambiguous and uncertain." "Weasel words" are good—and also bad. And among Mr. Bryan's democratic enemies have been "timid politicians professing friendship only out of fear of their constituents." And most of all and worst of all, Mr. Bryan has "seen" the platform repudiated right after the campaign by newspapers who professed to support it during the campaign. "Who" in this relation is ungrammatical, but when Mr. Bryan parts the air with words, parts of speech or accidents or incidents of grammar are triumphantly disregarded.

This is the limit the telegraph gives to Mr. Bryan's complaint today. The date is summer. The complaint is, therefore, summer complaint. For that there is medicine, but not for a mind diseased, and, while Mr. Bryan's body is better and better, thanks to the habit of becoming bigger and bigger, he is, by the testimony of his mind, that victim of megalomania to which Hamlet declared none could minister and for which he contended there was no medicine. "We are truly sorry for this sufferer. The world is, indeed, all before him, 'wits to choose,' but enemies surround him, and in proportion to the fact that they have no existence, his conviction of their multitudinous existence is intensified. "Subsidized," "proletariat," "predatory" are the terms on which he rings the changes of sound.

He never occurs to him to please the democracy, for he owns it. It never occurs to him to desert the democracy, for his ownership of it in the past has been rich revenue to him. It is occurring to the democracy to run away from him in lieu of longer permitting him to run away with it. Hence his tears, his wrath, his oburgation, and his defiance, which is so near to despair that every experienced political alienist will regard them to be identical.

The Eagle has never been for Mr. Bryan, but has taken a pleasure, which, we suspect, is malignant, in printing all his words on political subjects, and the Eagle professes, contends and believes itself to be "democratic," expressly because it thinks that Mr. Bryan is not a democrat at all and that democracy is not democratic at all so long as Mr. Bryan is its man and the party in his mantle. Of course, the Eagle, in Mr. Bryan's opinion, is "subsidized." But the Eagle and its readers are not aware of the subsidization, though they are gratefully conscious of the value, the versatility, the fecundity and the fascination of Mr. Bryan as a topic and a target, from which one, shall we say, from whom they would not pray to be delivered. The party is bent on delivering itself from Mr. Bryan, but the party, we fear—and almost hope—will have a harder time in accomplishing its deliverance from him than it probably realizes or possibly deserves.

It must be remembered that our party is poorly supplied with newspapers and that we have great difficulty in answering the misrepresentations of the republican press.—Commoner. Both! The republican party has no newspapers. The democratic party has none. If either had one it wouldn't know what to do with it. Incidentally, it wouldn't be a newspaper, Mr. Bryan has a publication in the advertising columns of which democrats are advised to prepare for victory by sending a remittance to the office of the Commoner, special rates being offered. In the other part of the publication will be found reports of everything he had had to say during the preceding week, which is always much as to quantity. Only to the extent that the democratic party belongs to Mr. Bryan can the Commoner be said to be its property. A quit claim deed to both would simplify its situation, but that would suit neither the publication nor its proprietor. Both would languish.

Postal Economies. St. Paul Dispatch. Postmaster General Hitchcock has investigated the cost of transporting the mails and believes at least \$5,000,000 a year can be saved on the amount paid to the railway companies. Undoubtedly there is waste in the present method of paying the transportation charges and it should be cut out before minor economies are reported in order to prevent a deficit. By a decision of the supreme court of Illinois the safely deposit boxes of deceased must not be opened without the presence of government auditors. The ruling prevents invisible property from giving a cold stake to the inheritance tax law, and will add about \$1,000,000 a year to the revenues of the state.

People Talked About

GEORGE R. HOBART. Mr. Hobart is a playwright who fits his creations to the actor or actress, and takes orders for all his dramatic pieces. A real sports proposition is the tale of a bale of alfalfa to a peck of spuds that a boy's first view of a circus parade made a more lasting impression that did King George's parade on the millions of onlookers.

According to Andrew Carnegie, all parties to monopoly must now open their books to government auditors. The result, he says, will be larger returns to capital and labor and a contented consumer. Andy is the cheeriest optimist on the links. Rodman Wanamaker of Philadelphia, 43 years old, healthy, hard working and industrious, has added another \$1,000,000 to his life insurance. He was said before to be the most heavily insured man in the world, and now he carries a total of \$4,500,000, most of it in the large companies of this country.

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MIDSUMMER CHAFF.

"Will you love me always?" inquired the summer girl. "Certainly, if you will," replied the summer man. "I'll only be at the beach two weeks," Boston Transcript. Collector—Look here—the firm I represent wants to know when you're going to settle this bill. Debtor—Could I get a job with the firm you work for? My curiosity and their seem to coincide.—Toledo Blade.

Husband—Why did you give my wife a gag for pulling her teeth? Dentist—Because, my dear sir, it was a case which demanded light treatment.—Baltimore American. "This sword came from the battle field of Waterloo. An interesting anecdote goes with it." "It is a fine anecdote," said the other man, after listening carefully. "I bought the same anecdote once with an old musket."—Kansas City Journal.

Stock Exchange Man—(fanning himself)—Business? There isn't any. What can you do when the mercury is up among the nineties? The Professor—I should think that would be just the time to sell mercury.—Chicago Tribune. "You're lookin' blue, doc—what's the matter?" "Well, I'll tell you. A patient I began to treat died this morning." "Aw, cheer up. He might have died even if you hadn't called."—Toledo Blade.

Mrs. Highpuff—What's the matter, dear? Mrs. Blaise—I'm sure I won't know how to take care of little Emma after next year. You see, she is 7 now, and I never had a dog that lived over 8.—Puck. "Weary, wake up!" said Limping Lem, shaking his fellow traveler's shoulder. "Wake up! Wot's de matter wit youse?" "Huh?" asked Weary, half opening his eyes. "Wot's de matter wit youse? You been havin' de nightmare?" "Gee! I guess I did. It was horrible! I was dreamin' dat I was a boy again and me mother was the gittin' ready to give me a bath."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Professor (coming from his club, tri-umphantly holding up his umbrella to his wife)—You see, my dear Alma, how stupid are all the anecdotes about my absent-mindedness. I haven't forgotten my umbrella. Mrs. Professor—But, my dear, you didn't take your umbrella with you. You left it at home.—Lippincott's Magazine. "His wife is a woman of one idea." "That so?" "Yes. Whenever he starts to do any thing she has the idea that he's doing it wrong."—Detroit Free Press.

He—I shouldn't marry unless the woman was my exact opposite. She—I'll never find so perfect a being as that.—Puck. "History repeats itself," said the ready-made philosopher. "Yes," replied the practical person, "as the weather, but it's hard to guess, just the same."—Washington Star.

THE FORTUNATE ISLES. Joaquin Miller. You sail and you seek for the Fortunate Isles. The old Greek isles of the yellowbirds' song? Then steer straight on through the watery miles. Straight on, straight on, and you can't go wrong. Nay, not to the left; nay, not to the right. But on, straight on, and the isles are in sight. The Fortunate Isles where the yellowbirds sing. And life lies airt with a golden ring. These Fortunate Isles they are not so far. They lie within reach of the lowliest door. You can see them gleam by the twilight star. You can hear them sing by the moon's white shore. Nay, never look back. Those leveled ravastones? They were landing steps; they were steps unto thrones. Of glory for souls that have sailed before. And have set white feet on the fortunate shores. And what are the names of the Fortunate Isles? White Duty and Love and a Large Content. Lo! these are the isles of the watery miles. Lo, Duty and Love, and a true man's Trust. You're forehead to God, though your feet in the dust. Lo, Duty and Love, and a sweet face's smile. And these, oh friend, are the Fortunate Isles.

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