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That Nobel peace prize still hangs high

After all, it is better to live in hope than in

What would be so fair as a bumper 1914 wheat crop in Nebraska?

If the dove of peace can stand the roar of Niagara, what have we then to fear?

It is a poor war correspondent who fails to get himself imprisoned in Mexico these days.

All over the country the crooked detectives are in almost as bad as the crooked lawyers.

While the play was on, Huerta showed them a few tricks at the old game of freeze-out, anyhow.

The boost in anthracite coal rates has been suspended. We are just at the opening of the ice season, anyhow.

This time it seems to have been impossible

to find a court officer foolish enough to try to serve a subpoena on William Rockefeller. Judging from the way the republican voters

are registering out in California, Governor Hi Johnson will need all the help the colonel can give him. The weeping foreman of the Becker jury

stands as a testimonial to duty done despite the tugging of emotions and sympathy for a different verdict. Perhaps part of the service for which Presi-

taking the indictments which belonged to the other fellow. Mr. Mellen will not pretend to be giving us anything new in the statement that "The New

dent Mellen was paid \$60,000 a year included

Haven board used to vote pretty near as Mr. Morgan wanted." Having whitewashed the crooked lawyers twice, the local bar beliwethers now want

another committee of lawyers to do it again. "Ain't it the limit?" Whatever else the mediators may leave out of the peace pact, they should not forget to provide for a dinner for Villa in the national

palace next Christmas. Mrs. La Follette has returned from Costa Rica, where she scaled a volcano 12,000 feet high. And the senator made that \$13,000 speech while she was away.

If there are any more white slave or sexology plays or movies on the circuit that have not yet struck Omaha, please bring them along at once and have them over with.

What has happened to our social service board that it should be letting pass so many tempting opportunities to boost certain saffron amusement-catering enterprises with its

One of the current movies is entitled "A Good Little Devil." It should be brought to the attention of Mr. Mellen to remind him that his mistake lay in dealing with the wrong kind of devil or in not knowing that he had a choice of different kinds to dear with.



Work of painting the steeple of the First Presbyterian church was begun by C. E. Griffin, who draws a continuous crowd of spectators. That the steeple painting business is profitable may be seen from the fact that Mr. Griffin says he cleared \$11,000 in a single year.

George Medlock, the sexton of Prospect Hill cemetery, is having the place put in order for the Memorial day exercises. During the twenty-five years Mr. Medlock has been sexton he has hald away in the besom of the earth over 4,000 of the inhabitants of this city. The Union Pacifics played a splendid game with the Reserves to a small crowd. The Funkhousers and

Jamison. Bandle and Canffeld in the steid. The Thurston Hose company are to give a picnic in Hascell's park soon, and the boys are making strenuous efforts to insure its success.

Whitney distinguished themselves at the bat, and

Much interest is being manifested in the lecture to be given by Pather Lambert at Hoyd's next Wadnesday evening for the benefit of Craighton college, when he says he will demonstrate the various phases of spiritualism, such as the talking medium, the writing medium, etc.

What Next? More Whitewash?

The Bee nearly six months ago directed public attention to certain scandalous practices of crooked lawyers and called upon the local bar to institute a legal housecleaning. The response was the appointment of a committee which undertook to put the editor of The Bee on the grill for daring to impugn the lofty morals of the lawyers. When the editor suggested to the committee that the damning court records were freely accessible to them, and they should first show good faith by taking up one or two of these flagrant cases, the committee applied a thick coat of whitewash and sidestepped in favor of a grand jury.

When the grand jury started after the crooked lawyers in earnest, and returned indiements against a half score of them for offenses ranging from subornation of perjury and blackmail to embezzlement, it was to be presumed the reputable lawyers would be satisfied that someone else had done the housecleaning for them. Unfortunately, all lawyers are not reputable. Because most of those indicted managed to get away on technicalities, or by settling with their victims, another cost of whitewash is demanded by their friends to freshen up the tarnished reputations, and to procure it the judges of the district court are to be asked to appoint a committee of lawyers to investigate the grand jury.

Why should a lawyer caught with the goods have privileges that the common crook does not have? Why should an indicted lawyer be favored with a special jury of none but fellowlawvers?

What to a jury of ordinary men might look like a plain case of blackmail may, of course, be accepted by a committee of lawyers as the legitimate practice of a noble profession.

If the lawyers want a housecleaning, and not a whitewash, let them ask the judges to appoint a committee, not of lawyers, but of workingmen, business men and ordinary common people.

Mellen's Strongest Point.

The strongest point in favor of Mr. Mellen, in the testimony he has been giving as former president of the New Haven road before the Interstate Commerce commission, is his explanaion of how he came to take an indictment which, as he says, belonged to Mr. Morgan. This part of the story, furthermore, is corroborated by the production now of the letter then written by Mr. Mellen to the United States district attorney in charge of the prosecution, representing that Mr. Morgan had no knowledge or participation of the acts which were under scrutiny of the grand jury. If this part of Mr. Mellen's testimony is believed-and it must be given credence if any other part of it is-no room is left to doubt that the act was one of self-sacrifice. In loyalty to his chief, convinced of the precarious condition of Mr. Morgan's health, he assumed sole responsibility for these questionable transactions, and li 5d from Mr. Morgan's shoulders the burden of an indictment which threatened serious consequences.

No matter what may be the object of Mr. Mellen's present appearance before the commission, whether it is to let in the full light upon the wrecking of the New Haven, whether it is to get even with those who undertook to make him the goat, or whether it is to secure immunity from criminal prosecution growing out of the subject matter of the testimony, this interplay of the human element between these mighty captains of high finance will, if we are not mistaken, tend to produce a sympathetic reaction, or at least a milder judgment where otherwise there would be nothing but unqualified condemnation.

Treasuring Up Books.

When books were rare and costly, appreciated by few, and read by still fewer, they were carefully treasured up. The family library was carefully collected and steadfastly added to. It was passed along by inheritance or bequest, and if, perchance, it had to be divided up or scattered, caused widespread regrets. It would be supposed that the diffusion of

education and learning and the cheapening of books, making it possible for almost everyone to acquire a library of his own, would stimulate the habit of treasuring books to a greater extent than ever. There are good grounds, however, for doubting that this has been the effect, for while people in general have more books, in most cases they place no particular store by them. The books are not of the permanent kind, the first perusal is the last, and after one reading around the family circle no one cares what becomes of them. The solid, substantial books are the smaller part of the present-day library. The old close, familiar companionship people used to find in books, which led them to turn to them and return to them, seems to have been lost, if not destroyed. Where such books had the first call on the leisure hour now all sorts of diversions-golf, movies, tango, autos -take up the time.

Whatever the reason may be, with notable exceptions, of course, the old-fashioned treasuring up of books, alas, does not seem to have kept pace with the increasing culture of the new era.

How Times Change.

"Every time a railroad official comes to Washington he has to take his hat off to some government official," says the former New Haven president. Mr. Mellen gives us this doleful picture of the poor corporations in the role of Lazarus eager for the crumbs of courtesy that fall from the government's table.

If that he true, it only exhibits the reverse side of a picture that has long attracted public attention. Time was, as Mr. Mellen knows, when the government official, hat in hand, walted on the threshold, all too often, for the word of the railway magnate. This was true, not only in Washington, but also at state capitals and in the smaller political jurisdictions. If we care to draw the curtain completely aside and expose the actual truth we will admit, however humifiating it may be, that many high officeholders in the days that are gone never ventured to make a move without first "going to headquarters" to see how it would plumb with plans there. Legislatures were actually elected on a sort of apportionment basis as between rival railroads, and it was spoken aloud

they usually confirmed the alignments by their official acts.

It is too bad if now the kings of commerce are unfairly subjected to official authoritywe do not know that they are. But if they are, if "the worm has turned," so as to reverse relative positions, whose fault is it? Does anything in the history of New Haven operations now being revealed in an official inquiry suggest the answer?

Tomfoolery.

A college president is quoted as denouncing Carnegie on the ground that "he controls the educational system in the United States," and attacking institutions that receive his benefactions because of Mr. Carnegie's alleged notions about religion. He presumes to say that "All ecclesiastical ties must be severad to get so much as a pipe organ from him. He has separated religion from the school."

The best that can be said for such talk is that it is sheer nonsense. It is a pity to find it indulged in by a college president. So far as the public is concerned, we doubt if it ever knew, ever had any occasion from any of his benefactions, to know what Mr. Carnegie believed religiously, or irreligiously. No evidence has ever, to our knowledge, been adduced as showing that Carnegie either directly or indirectly exercised, or claimed the right to exercise, any influence whatever over any school or church endowed or benefited by him. On the other hand, we have schools and churches all about us sharing in his gifts that do not indicate such a thing. Churches right in our own community have obtained funds for pipe organs from the Carnegie treasury, whose pastors and members would, we feel certain, be greatly amused if asked what influence of Mr. Carnegie's the gifts carried with them. Mr. Carnegle, personally, probably is ignorant of the existence of these churches.

Carnegie libraries are scattered throughout the land, and without any conditions as to the character of books to be circulated through

"Those state institutions which say they are sorry they cannot teach religion in their rooms are not free thinkers," says this college president. "rather they are slaves of the almighty dollar.

Such utterances from such a source are not only abourd, they are positively dangerous, because they carry a certain amount of weight and influence, which is wholly on the side of false teaching calculated to inflame class prejudices. We doubt if ten college presidents, or any considerable number of responsible preachers in the country, could be found who would subscribe to such tomfoolery.

The Land and the Man.

The land question promises to occupy a conspicuous place in the negotiations to restore peace and order in Mexico. The land question is not a new one, nor is it peculiar to any one country. On the contrary, the tilling of the soil, and the relation of the man who tills it to its ownership, have been either a propelling or a disturbing factor at every stage of advancing

A condition in which tilling of the soil is done by one class, and the product is claimed by another, has been the cause of countless uprisings and wars, to say nothing of more peaceful political revolutions. "Land for the landless" in all these instances has been the popular railying cry, which we in this country have escaped only because of the up-to-this-time vast unoccupied public domain freely at the disposal of any who would reclaim it as a homestead.

Unfortunately, in Mexico, although the country is sparsely populated, with tremendous stretches of uncultivated territory, the door has been shut tight against the ordinary man acquiring any ownership of land for himself. It is known that under the Diaz government the growing acuteness of the land problem was observed and plans were considered for experimental attempts at its solution, but no definite progress was made. Relief for the landless was also promised by the Madero government without materializing to any appreciable extent. If the forces now set in motion from the outside lead to a satisfactory land policy in Mexico, they will break through barriers that have stood unshaken against all assaults for the hundred years since the Spanish yoke was shaken

Church and Social Service.

The Presbyterian church, now in annual general assembly at Chicago, has, among other questions before it, the proposal by some ultraconservatives of revoking the church's aggressive program on social service, particularly much of the work done under the departments of church and labor, immigration and the country life. To outsiders, especially those who have followed the good results accomplished in this line of religious enterprise, the very proposal of retrogression must seem almost incredible

The whole church's warrant for social service goes back to the early periods of Old Testament times. It is quite the belief, we understand, of twentieth century churchmen that the only reason why a program of this character seems new today is that the church as an institution has failed in the past to catch the full force of its mission in this particular. Now for the denomination that has taken a leading part in overtaking the demands to think of backing up almost before its work is out of the experimental stage seems most remarkable. It has by its special efforts among labor and the rural communities attracted wide and cordial attention, seemingly not alone to itself, but the cause is stands for. What will it say to labor and the country if now it withdraws these activities? What labor and the country would say to it is not very pleasant to contemplate.

It is gratifying to note that most of the leaders at the general assembly, if not the majority of the entire body of commissioners, are strongly pulling for the continuation upon even a larger scale of this aggressive program conducted under the auspices of the Board of Home Missions. But seemingly the "little fellows" are putting up quite a resistance.

The Young Men's Christian association is planning a railroad branch for Omaha. Here is a chance for the railroads to get in on the that so and so belongs to this crowd or that, and | ground floor and help a good cause along.

MUFFLED KNOCKS.

The trouble with a good talker is that he never knows when to quit. Anyway, some of the girls with the muddlest complexions have the clearest consciences.

When some men brag that they are self made, they save their parents an error from the official scorer.

The suffragists object to man-made laws. And yet they wear man-made clothes and raise man-made families. The father of eleven children always gets a good balling out from the neighbors, but they never seem to blame the mother.

The world is growing better. But a man has no business trying to tell the truth unless he is willing to wear a catcher's mask all day.

Talking about getting even with the women. The fool men are now asked to wear a garter that holds their socks up and their shirts down. The old-fashioned man who couldn't

tell what a woman was wearing underneath her skirt now has a son who has wear smoked glasses to keep his eyes from popping out. Paw and Maw will read all the auto ads and all the auto catalogues all winter every winter. They will argue and

finally decide on the car they will pur-

chase. And when spring comes Paw thinks the matter over and compromises by purchasing a lawn mower. Any time mother is sick and father has to fix his own breakfast, he boils up a mess of stuff that looks like mud and smells like coffee, and he enjoys it because he made it himself. But if mother ever served him anything that tasted

to poison him.-Cincinnati Enquirer. CYNICAL REMARKS.

like it he would swear she was trying

Many a man has hit his own fingers trying to nail a lie. Health is wealth, unless you happen to

be the doctor. Money will buy everything but happiess, and a few people. Friends are people we feel privileged

to tell our troubles to. No man is so blind that he lan't occasionally looking for trouble. Will power is a good asset, but even

an iron will will get rusty. When all eyes are upon him a man apt to think he is out of sight. Beauty is only skin deep, but some

women are deeper than they look. You will find mighty few men turning over a new leaf until the old one is full. It is a mistake to suppose that the best always follows the beaten track. To be born lucky is really merely be ing born with a little common sense.

No one has ever lived who has been fast enough to catch up with tomorrow Most of us hope for the best and then wish we had hoped for something better. It's when things get too hot for us that we realize what a cold, cruel world this is.

Woman may be the weaker vessel, but it is generally the man who goes broke-Why should wine, woman and song be grouped together? Wine improves with nre.

The only amert things some people ever say are those that make other people smart.-New York Times.

CURIOSITIES OF LIFE.

Seventeen-year-old Sarah Brody of Philadelphia recently won a speed contest in typewriting, having attained a speed of seventy-seven words a minute. aingle tree owned by Charles R. Favor of Dexter, Me., yielded this spring enough sap to make two gallons of syrup. The tree is a large one, and the sap flowed for several weeks.

Johann Buretz, who died in Menom ince, Mich., at the age of 74, had the distinction of never having been photographed. He had a great aversion to photographs and successfully evaded a camera ell his life.

L. B. Johnson, of St. Albans, Vt., generally attracts attention when he drives through the town behind his pair of two-year-old steers. He has trained them so that they will obey reins as well as a A flood on the White River, at Peters-

burg, Ind., was a bonanza for Bud Abbot, whose farm was left by the receding waters covered with fish of many varieties and of good size. The fish sold for la cents a pound as fast as caught and dressed, and yielded several hundred pounds in all.

Germain Falln, a wireless telegraph operator, stationed in Tangier, has discovered after more than three years' search a specimen of the very rare fiveleaf clover. Only two others are known to be in existence, one owned by an Italian and the other by an American who is said to have bought his for \$5,000. A curious case of canine kidnaping occurred last week in Haverhill, Mass. A small Newfoundland puppy owned by John Mitchell escaped twice from its rope, each time returning after an interval. It was found that a fullgrown Newfoundland dog living near there gnawed through the rope in order that the puppy might accompany him on a frolic.

HERE AND THERE.

Utah has six mountains which rise more than 13,000 feet above sea level. Nearly 500 acres of land near Paris are devoted to raising young trees of peculiar shape for umbrella handles.

Gannett Peak, Wyoming, nearly 14,000 feet in elevation, and the highest mountain in the state, is on the divide between the Bonneville and Bridger national forests.

A mink farm has been started near Pritchard, Idaho, in the Coeur d'Alens national forest, and similar experiments are under way in the national soological park in Washington, D. C.

The fire loss of New York last year was over \$300,000,000, and half of the fires causing this loss were traced directly to arelessness, matches and cigarettes leading in the careless list. in an article in the Railway Age

Gazette on the steel passenger car situation it is stated that it will be necessary to provide 47,000 cars to replace all the wooden and composite cars in use. The cost in put at \$614,619,100. Jermiah McCarthy, of North Attleboro,

Mass., owns a hen which not only insists on roosting on a branch 15 feet above the ground, but has a nest up there and lays its eggs there. Every time its owner gathered his eggs he has to take along a stepladder.

Lese Majeste. Philadelphia Ledger.

Among the high officers of the government it is difficult to find more than one er two who ever actively and success fully engaged in business. They have always been on the outside looking in and now that they are on the inside busi ness must look out

People and Events

Oyster Bay looms upon the map a chesty as a South American boil. With due apologies to the hero of Putin-Bay, Ouimet the enemy, and he is

his'n. Not one of long distance or near weather prophets have ventured a prediction touching the whereabouts of gentle spring.

Uncle 'Sephus Daniels is enjoying himself hugely as managing editor of the Navy. For the first time in his mature life his orders go without the O. K. of a proofreader.

A New Jersey man who bought a 5-cent plug of tobacco found in it a diamond worth \$150. Really the tobacco is obliged to adopt desperate means of getting rid terial earth. Its true region is the heart of its money. Two genuine specimens of the blue

middle west may now decorate their ponds with the real article. The saddest words of tongue or pen are not "What might have been." Mr.

Mellen revised version perspires with pathos. "Every time a railroad official recover something of our original selves comes to Washington he has to take off before we were spoiled by the world. his hat to some government official." Chicago's local weather man weaves a wreath of vocal blossoms and decorates

the nickname "Windy City" as the rich-

est asset in the city's collection. It blows

away the smoke-cloud and gives the towns-people at least twenty more sunny days a year than St. Louis can boast of. A fine specimen of the sturdy constitution cultivated on a Vermont farm is that possessed by Hon. Levi P. Morton.

president, the passing years touch him gently in their flight. A retired cattleman in St. Louis objects to paying \$100 for a copy of "The History of the Cattlemen of Texas," carrying his name beneath his picture. Not that he had time to eat lunch and then line up to paying \$100 for a copy of "The History cares for a measly \$100, but it hurts his feelings to think the literary peddlers Star

failed to weave a few lines of heroic romance around his mug. Governor McGovern of Wisconsin regards Chris Columbus as a second rater and awards the honor of discovering America to Leif Erickson, the Norse voyageur. Pretty tough on the Genoese, but consider the nerve of a McGovern passing up the claims of St. Brendan for a Norseman! Up with the pikes, Gaels, and do your duty.

WHITTLED TO A POINT.

Some men don't need money in order to spend it.

It's much easier to borrow trouble than to get rid of it. The high price of eggs has done much to reduce stage fright.

The race isn't always to the swift; i often depends on the lockey up Old hens are not absent minded, yet their eggs are frequently mislaid. When a man is cornered he imagines that he did not get a square deal.

looking for words of encouragement. It's easier for a young man to make love to a girl than for him to make a living for her. It is easier for the average man to

Some men waste a lot of their time

stand adversity than prosperity, and much Perhaps King David revised his statement that all men were lisrs after discovering a man who never went fishing.

were to strike for more wages and shorter hours! From his better half benedict gets this advice early in the course of matrimony: When in doubt listen to me; when not in doubt listen to me, anyway."—Chicago News.

What a mixup there would be in this

great and glorious country if all mothers

OVER THE SEAS.

One Australian ranchman has 250,000 head of cattle and 200,000 sheep. British capital invested in Australia

is estimated at \$1,791,830,965. Leeds, England, has adopted the commission form of government. Turin and Lanzo, Italy, are soon to be connected by electric railway.

In 1913 Russia imported 719,700 bales of raw cotton, valued at \$51,600,000. Zinc as such is not mined in Hungary. It occurs in the metal mines in the north and east of the country, and a small quantity is produced annually as a by

product of smelting operations. France has close to half a billion dollars invested in Mexico. That being the case her newspapers would do better to withhold their bitter criticisms of the Wilson administration. When we get through their investments will be worth

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT

St. Louis Republic: A Fort Worth reigious sect has set next October for the beginning of the millennium. These reigionists are considerate enough, how ever, to plan their millennium without arranging to end the world.

Houston Post: We hope that the Meth odist brethren in their antipathy to the tobacco evil may not feel called upon to consider the advisability of abandoning Trinity college, North Carolina, their denominational institution that was founded and developed by the money the Dukes made out of cigarettes.

New York Sun: Sir William Willcocks is very ingenious in his explanations of the legends of Genesis, but he will never persuade us that the Garden of Eden was situated at the junction of the Euprhates and Tigris or anywhere else on the maof man, in whose inner sanctuary alone innocence, peace and beauty have their score have been added to the New York dwelling. We have not lost it altogether. Votaries of the blue goose in the The angel at the gate is our own conscience and his flaming sword is our material desire. But his vigilance is not sleepless, and most of us creep back one . in a while into the cool shades and refreshing airs of the garden and try to

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"What religious denomination did the belong to in that earthquake believe at the time of the earth's convulsion, they were all more or quakers."-Baltimore American.

"Robert Bruce and his spider, you know the episode.

who has just celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary, though a New Yorker for sixty years, and a retired vice president, the passing years touch him

Was your outing a success? to be photographed before it was time to catch the train home."-Washington

She (after the quarrel)-I'll promise always to keep my temper in the future, dear. I can't do more than that.

"Where's your little brother?" "We were seeing who could lean out of the window the farthest, and he won."

-Chicago News "What do you think of an open me Ing to discuss ways and means, by self-confessed rooters and grafters?"
"That's nervy. Who are they?"
Members of a professional gardeners'
club."—Baltimore American.

"Quick, quick, my dear everybody else is in the lifeboat. The ship is sinking!" "Walt a moment. I cannot be seen like this. The life-belt makes my coat pucker."-The Bystander. Manager—We'll play "Hamlet" tonight. Star—Good gracious. Then I ought to get a shave and I haven't a red cent. Manager—Never mind, then, we'll do "Othello."—Fliegende Blatter.

"Our congressional committee heard hirty ladies in two hours. That many thirty ladies in two hours. That many men would have kept us listening for several days."
"That shows that women can transact public business: But how did they man-age to crowd thirty speeches into two hours?" "Oh, they spoke three and four at a time." Louisville Courier Journal.

THINGS OF THIS WORLD.

Things of this world, some preachers tell us,
Should not allure us from the world to come; This theme is preached this sunny wide world over
Throughout the length and breadth of christendom.

Things of this world: God's world of nature;
Wood, stream, sky, breeze, tree, flower
and singing bird
Reflect God's love, and draw us closer to
Him; These came to life responsive to His

Things of this world: God's world of Whether in science, skill in labor or in God's mind supreme here dominates the human And urges him to nobly do his part.

Things of this world: Our friends who love us.

Made in His image, mirroring His mind.
Thro: these, God here reveals His goodness to us.
And they in us His love rejoice to find.

Things of this world: mere human obliga-The immortal spark that makes men Makes possible for souls to mount to On steps of obligations such as they -BAYOLL NE TRELE

"Now My Woolens Will Be Safe" "The cedar bottom in the lower drawer of this dresser makes it a practical cedar chest. The mild, sweet cedar odor is very pleasant and just strong enough to discourage moths and vermin." Luger "Cedar-Line" Dressers and Chiffoniers Cost no more because of this desirable feature. This and the dust-proof, mouse-proof bottom, the easy-sliding drawers, the strong inter-locking construction and other valuable features make them better than other makes selling at the same price. If your furniture dealer can't show you the "Cedar-Line" we'll tell you who can. Luger Furniture Company Minneapolis, . Minn. LUGER