

BRYAN AND TEDDY IN PLAYFUL SKIT

McCormick and Willcox Talk, While Wilson Smiles, at Gridiron Club Dinner.

MURPHY IS 'IN DUTCH'

Washington, Dec. 9.—Travesties on the recent national election and public issues enlivened the annual dinner of the Gridiron club tonight.

At the close of the opening chorus, with the theme, "Come, let us have a jolly time, no matter who's elected," McCormick and Willcox were disclosed and engaged in good-natured dialogue.

Poor Old Tammany. At this point the Tammany leader entered to strains of the "Rogue's March," and, to felicitations from Willcox, who said he (Murphy) was "in Dutch," Murphy replied that he "took a gambler's chance and lost," and then sang:

Forsaken, forsaken, Forsaken am I; The Tammany Tiger is turned out in disgrace; I go to the White House and find the doors barred, For Wilson still lives there.

With exit of Murphy, the dialogue between the national chairmen continued: WILLCOX—By the way, did William J. Bryan participate in the campaign?

T. R. Gives Notice. Here the voice of Roosevelt interrupted the colloquy, saying: "I am now devoting my attention to my duties as a grandfather. But my health is bulky. In 1920 the country will know where to find me. My address is still at Oyster Bay."

WILLCOX—What about New Jersey? MCCORMICK—Hush, hush, we will talk of other things.

WILLCOX—That's so. He was running, wasn't he? I wonder what went wrong in Kansas? KANSAS—I can tell you. Two-dollar wheat, ten-dollar hogs, Ford machines and player piano.

WILLCOX—Do you think he kept you out of war? KANSAS—I dunno. But somebody got us out of debt.

The national chairmen continued to comment, referring to suffragists, Henry Ford, and the lonesome "Demon Rum," who had just been thrown out of several more states.

T. R.—The Victoria Cross I'd greatly prize; The Iron Cross I do despise; But if I can't get the hero, Some medals of my own you'll see.

BRYAN—They got the cross of gold from me; The Nobel prize I've hoped to see. Now, humbly, bearing my cross I come; To say, "You shall not crucify the bum Upon the cursed cross of RUM."

T. R.—Say, Willie, what is the difference between what you intend to do to the

democratic party and what I have done to the republican party? BRYAN—Well, Teddy, what is the difference? You intend to make the democratic party dry and I have made the republican party sweet.

Who guides unruly Senate bucks, And keeps the party on its trucks— Who is, in short, the whip de luxe? Jim Ham.

Who followed Hughes upon the trail, And tied a tin can to his tail; And put the "Min" in dinner pail? Jim Ham.

Who is the White House blushing pet, The truly only, one best bet, Of the Democratic smartest set? Jim Ham.

Colonel Harvey's Trial. Colonel George Harvey, who predicted the election of Hughes by a large majority, next appeared and was chided by the vaudeville agent.

In the New Cabinet. Another travesty, entitled the "Ghost Skit," was cast in a "spook court," with a court sitting in judgment on the astral spirits of aspirants for positions in the new cabinet.

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Another sketch was a travesty on the special train load of eastern women who campaigned in the west for Hughes. The scene was laid in Kidderville, Kan., where the "millionaire special" arrived amid town officials, townsmen and native women.

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MRS. LEONARD THOMAS. Photo by ROCHLITZ STUDIO.

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Sneak Thief Singles Out Weinstein as H. C. L. Victim

A. L. Weinstein, 1613 Maple street, wants to know who is "picking on him." A week ago some sneak thief, evidently oppressed by the H. C. L., swiped one-fourth of a pound of butter from Weinstein.



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Railroads Trying To Ruin Own Credit, Says Max Thelen

Washington, Dec. 9.—Railroads were accused of trying to ruin their own credit and laying the foundation for federal ownership by Max Thelen, president of the National Association of Railway Commissioners.

"The railroads are in hysteria of pessimism," he said, "with earnings beyond all previous records and constantly growing larger, the railroads seem to be engaged in the absurd task of trying to ruin their own credit."

"Although we did not advance our prices to the high quotation on the Elgin market, the decline announced today will affect the local market," said an official of the David Cole Creamery Company.

Four Thieves Get Cash And Filled Suitcase

One hundred and fifty dollars in cash was the sum netted by burglars who visited the home of William Ebert, 2402 Poppleton avenue.

Mrs. Lewis plans to have the basement fitted out with a small bowling alley, punching bag and other equipment for recreational activities and wants a physical director to take charge of this work.

GROWTH SURPRISES FORMER OMAHAN

V. E. Labbe of Union Pacific Doesn't Recognize Streets After Four Years.

CHANGE IS WONDERFUL

Victor E. Labbe, traveling passenger agent for the Union Pacific, with headquarters in New Orleans, is in the city, enroute to Minneapolis, where he goes to help out on the holiday business.

Mr. Labbe was located in Omaha for a long time and was transferred to the south four years ago. Since then he has not been in Omaha until now.

The growth in all parts of the city is a surprise to Mr. Labbe and after he had looked the town over he remarked, "I don't believe that there is a city in the country that during the last four years has had such a growth as Omaha."

Warmer Weather Will Follow Short Cold Snap

Washington, Dec. 9.—Cold weather will prevail during the first half of the week in the plains states and in

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