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DISMAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

here is something very like a panic in the utive Mansion at Washington. The imus gentleman there whose hot displeasure mitten, bruised and disabled so many of party leaders, now suspects that he is himself in a desperate political plight. Having publicly discredited all in his party who have rielded to his every wish, and cast them ith the party handicap of his malevolent proval, he now begins to realize the penalpooner or later assessed on dispositions

rents of the past sixty days, it is said, forced themselves through the ivory wall unbounded self-esteem, and shocked a sal vanity into recognition of the fact that ortified and formidable rebellion to the imposial will exists without. It is more than his ed that utter repudiation is threatened. So I Am sow fears he is soon to become I Was, and tes within which the Has Beens of politics dwell. We trust this "vision on the (western) is but a false mirage; that the final act of repudiation will be postponed until Noverber, and so come with the full force of a patrione and intelligent people, rather than as an indignity from a broken and angry partisan organization which has reserved the sore affliction visited upon it by a vindictive despot. For partisan reasons we hope the democratic party will be compelled to go before the people in the tight grasp of Wilson and his one issue-

But we fear our wishes may not come true. mocrats, their eyes fixed on the loaves shes of federal patronage, seem impressed by the signs of the times. They are conscious of the rapidly waning prestige former idol. They have seen him and sternly rebuked by a majority of enators in congress. They have seen ter another of their self-respecting leadsudiate his policies. And what is more point, they have awakened lately to the hostility of the democratic rank and the arrogant autocrat who has so far his party to his selfish purposes and

Bryan's disconcerting success in the aska primaries, Georgia's exodus from e House domination, the vice president's stand for treaty reservations in obedience Indiana democratic sentiment, Senator aberlain's triumph over presidential malice regon, the implacable hostility of New state to both Wilson and his "crown together with public and private exons of opinion all over the country reconted through every trustworthy avenue of ation, all together testify to the handg on the wall so far as Woodrow Wilson nd his works are concerned,

ence the rushing to and fro to save, if ble, the wine and oil of federal patronage or another four years; to divorce Wilson and rays from the coming campaign; to unite party once again for public plunder, and at ame time placate the "worst disposition world" with weasel words that mean adming and will not cut the tendons of the at the beginning of the race.

Impossible task? True. But the facts at last trickled through to Mr. Wilson. He almost knows where he is at." The vision of a Presidency of the World has faded. It is so far as the president is concerned, no is remarkable for one statement. He almost donger a matter of saving the party. He has never cared for it save as a vehicle to ride to r in. His problem is to save such pereffects, including the presidential face, as will restore his cold self-complacency, by controlling the convention at San Francisco. Can ing and greed for four years more of office?

False Prophets.

Vhere are all those ready prophets who told the 200,000 men engaged in the manufacture and sale of liquor, and the 4,000,000 men in tary service, would go jobless when the war against liquor and the war against Ger-

were ended? any of them have been unable to find work at bigger wages than they ever got before, we not heard of it. They have all been abin useful occupations-at least all who work-and yet the demand for men is satisfied. The railroads, the industrial , the trades, the farmers, are all short of power. The jobs are still hunting the men,

Parcel Post Delivery Profitable. Paul department stores have tried out ging their city delivery troubles onto postoffice, and after sixty days' trial are hted with results. The average cost of ery for each package under their own sys-was 12 cents; under Uncle Sam's parcel post theres it has been less than 6 cents, with very

complaints from patrons. ow the federal parcel post service is being d down by public patronage is remark-For instance, in a town of 6,000 there are ove foundries. Their trade in extra parts e-stove lids, legs, grate bars and other pieces which get broken, warped or burnt out. For years these odd pieces were sent by freight

or express. But since freight and express service has become a joke on business men, they all go by post, under special delivery stamps, and

At the great Westinghouse plant in Pittsburgh they have a school for parcel packers, and are tearing down machines and sending them in separate parts by post. They are shipping tons of their product in this way. They have to do it to make deliveries. Since the blight of government management came over the express business, speed and efficiency are the last things expected by shippers. A Westinghouse official says their business would be hamstrung were it not for the parcel post.

Mr. Bryan's Latest Paramount.

The always interesting, sometimes amazing, and now and again amusing, Mr. Bryan has come forward with a new "paramount." This time he proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which shall set up "a single standard of morals." The context of his remarks as quoted in the news dispatches warrants the assumption that he had in mind sex relations, something that has vexed reformers in all generations. To narrow morality down to this single point may be justifiable in his view, yet it may be questioned if such a constricted interpretation of the term is permissible. Granting, though, that it is, the proposition is likely to excite speculation.

Eminent precedent for the measure is found in history. Hamurabai, Moses, Diocletian, and other notable lawgivers have dealt with the problem, and moralists in all ages have given it consideration. Those who belong to that school of reformers which includes the great commoner as a shining exponent of its teachings know that the way to prohibit is to prohibit, and so they forbid the doing or omission of certain things, and then end their days trying to make the inhibition effective. One reads in Deuteronomy, for example, that a man and woman taken under certain conditions were put to death, and many times by statute, edict or proclamation a similar punishment has been prescribed for the same offense. No human law could be stronger or clearer on the point than that which came down from Sinai and just what will be gained by embedding the Decalogue or any part thereof in our fundamental law is not

Human nature is a very stubborn thing, and Omaha has recently had some proof that "Bobby" Burns knew, what he was talking about when he wrote:

Then gently scan your brither man, Still gentler sister woman; Tho' they may gang a-kenning wrang, To step aside is human.

However, the forum Mr. Bryan selected for is announcement was well chosen. The hardheaded elders and dominies of the Presbyterian church are not likely to confess at this time that the whole plan of salvation and system of theology has failed. On the contrary, we confidently expect they will go steadily on, preaching and expounding the ethical and moral truths on which religion rests, realizing that if Divine law is not potent to restrain man in his headlong career to damnation, no human enactment will prove effective.

Is Long Life Worth While?

Levi P. Morton, gathered to his fathers at the age of 96, retired at 8:30 and arose at 6. habitually. His business, professional and political careers were all successful. Official and political cares did not break him down. Financial operations did not frazzle his nerves. He started poor, worked hard, saved, and won out easily, keeping up his health and strength for full thirty-three years longer than the average highly efficient man of large affairs.

Doubtless Mr. Morton had what we call a sound constitution. So do almost all-other men who make notable records. His very long life may reasonably be attributed to good habits, and two of them undoubtedly were the early to bed and early to rise orders of his days.

We pay too little attention to this matter of getting to bed early, and begin too many of our recreations and pleasures when we should be preparing for bed. Is it not true? There is a fine old man of our acquaintance, now in his 85th year, with mental faculties unimpaired, and every vital organ sound, who was a physical and nervous wreck in his 40's. By right living -exercise, diet and habits-he grew stronger when most men's strength rapidly declines. Many there are who know how to win honors and wealth, but fail to amass the physical energy to enjoy them in old age. They die and leave them because of habitual disregard for simple life-prolonging habits.

And He Keeps Us Out of Peace.

The president has vetoed the peace resolution sent to him by the congress, as he had warned that he would. His message, however, is not in the form that had been expected. It plainly says the congress is ready to sacrifice the honor of the United States, and all that was at stake in the war, and would do so if the resolution were signed. In presenting the Treaty of Versailles as the proper basis for the settlement, and complaining it has been rejected by the senate, he omits any reference to the covenant for the League of Nations. This, not the terms of settlement with Germany, brought about the rejection of the treaty. Unwilling to accept advice or suggestion from the senate, or to hear of any modification of the text of the covenant, directly or by interpretative reservations, even such as were acceptable to our allies, the president stubbornly forced adverse action on his plans. He boasted at Paris that he had the covenant "tied in" to the treaty so completely that the one could not be separated from the other. Defeated in his major plan, he declines to hear to another. So far he has kept us out of peace quite as effectively as he kept us out of war four years age. It is the president's next move.

Grover Cleveland Berghdol had better make use of the liberty he has now, for when the army gets him again it will try to hold him.

Forty thousand people want to hear the Allen-Gompers debate: This ought to make Charley Chaplin take notice.

Who cares particularly what the Nebraska democrats did? They are hopeless at best

Sims says the navy was worse than he thought. Same here. At any rate, the discount sales started some-

Summer surely is coy, but just wait.

A Line O' Type or Two

MEXICO'S provisional president is "considered a remarkable tenor singer," and he used also to be teller in a bank. This familiarity with notes will be useful to him when he begins to carrespond with Mr. Wilson.

Mark It "Confidential." Sir: If I enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope for reply will you tell me in confidence why the Philadelphia Ledger copy-rights William Howard Taft's editorials?

THE job of making peace in the world was too much for the limited intelligences which gathered at Versailles. Had the job been en-trusted to the staff of the New Republic— But

it is too late now. SMALL TOWN STUFF.

(From the Elgin News.)
"I haven't seen the mayor to talk to for over a week," said Hazelhurst. "The last time I saw him was on the street. The mayor was eating peanuts and I said 'hello' We did not discuss the police situation at all."

IT is a common criticism of vers libre that one may read half a mile of it and not remem-ber a single line. What is a memorable line? A London writer said of Compton Mackenzie's novels, "There is seldom a slovenly sentence, never a memorable one." Whereupon a champion arose and cited a dozen memorable sen-

tences. As, for example: "The lean old vanities quizzed and ogled the frail ladies of the Promenade and sniffed the smoke-wreathed air with a thought of pleasures once worth enjoyment.

NOW, there is a sentence as memorable as a waybill, as haunting as the prospectus of a municipal bond issue, as melodious as a life in-

surance policy. "Law Books, Keep Dry."

Sir: The "Law Books-Keep Dry" wheeze has been definitely traced to the original manuscript of the "Commentaries," where the learned Blackstone quotes A with approval. He evidently regards Ibid Ube Supra as the origina-tor, but many competent authorities construe a rather obscure passage in the works of Lord Coke as referring to the doctrine and giving credit to the code of Diocletian.

ON THE OTHER HAND-Sir: The following appeared in a recent issue of the Telegraph and Telephone Age: "An express agent sent a telegram to the consignee of a received express shipment reading: 'Box of books received, advise disposition, leaking badly,'" C. R. B.

IBANEZ, says the New Haven Journal-Courier, "is a master newspaper reporter, the greatest to make novel writing his occupation since Charles Dickens died. The newspaper men everywhere can with profit sit at the feet of this man and learn something of the magic of their opportunity.

Quick Work.

(Letter to the New Republic.) Sir: On February 23 (quoted by the World) Mr. Herbert Hoover said: "There are about forty live issues in this country today in which I am interested, and before I can answer whether I am a Democrat or Republican I shall have to know how each On March 3rd Mr. Hoover declared him-

self a Republican. Some time in that period of thirty-six days, therefore, Mr. Hoover found out the republican party stands. he help strugglers like myself to make the

"WHY," postcards Y. F., "have you not read 'The Four Horsemen?" Because we have not time. If we had fifty years of reading be-fore us we could not/read all the books that are more worth reading than "The Four Horse-

HIS ONLY OUTFIT. (From the Tulsa World.)

The party who took the sweater and suit known. If put back there will be no em-

Has Hiram Ever Tried Peruna. (From the Loz Onglaze Times.)

'United States Senate. "Mrs. Johnson and I think that M. J. B should be as familiar to the east as it is to the west. We know the advantage would be all for our eastern brethren. The fact is we cannot get along without it here. Yours most sincerely, HIRAM W. JOHNSON."

Try It On. Sir: I see old F. P. A. beefs about the hard-ship of writing heads for the stuff of his "ablest contribs." By gum! I believe you colyumists, if offered a drink, would ask some one to drink

SOUNDS OLD. Sir: Doc Bean tells me that one of his patients said he had become so nervous that he

now has to drink his coffee from the cup. A LUSTY reformer is Hon. Joe Pennell. He

bawled out the billboard "pirates" in New York the other day so beautifully that when a mem-ber of the Poster Advertising association pro-tested, the audience yelled, "Put him out!" SHUDDEMAGEN, HE DOESN'T MIND IT.

(From the Madison Democrat.) C. Shuddemagen, Ph. D., of Chicago, secretary of the Karma and Reincarnation legion, will give a series of free public lectures in the auditorium of the city library.

IF Sam'l of Posen were to revisit his native land he would be somewhat twisted. They call it Poznan now, and the street names have been changed from German into Polish. Quack! Quack!

(From the Engineering News-Record.) J. A. Duck has been loaned by the U. S. geological survey to the state of Illinois for the purpose of making a special drainage survey of that state.

ANOTHER SOLUTION. (From the Designer and the Woman's Magazine)
Keep old safety razor blades in the
kitchen and use them for removing food
from pans and earthen baking dishes.

THE lack of interest in the impending Republican convention amounts almost to a frenzy. Have you heard of anybody worrying about the possibility of obtaining a seat in the gallery?

B. L. T.

By Arthur Brooks Baker

GEORGE W. HOLDREGE.

There was a time when railroad men were very much on top; when others in their services would jump and slide and hop. They told the legislatures what to think and what to do, and governors would call on them to get their point of view; and senators and congressmen and other weighty folk would lend an ear to listen on occasions when they spoke.

When running railroads meant to run all other things in view, George Holdrege was the head and front of the C. B. & Q., who bossed it in Nebraska in accordance with his light and bossed our local politics by methods tried and trite; for lesser politicians expeditiously were fired unless they shaped their conduct as the Burlington desired.

For he whose public service had the proper trend and class there came the January gift of soad and Pullman pass; while he who spouted on the air unwelcome lines of talk could have the choice to pay his fare or quit the train and walk; and statesmen of the finest worth and proudest purity would violate a lot of things in hopes of riding free.

But now that systems have combined and ownerships have merged and many little changes have successfully been urged, George Holdrege wields a lesser power with less of care and strife to strain the color from his hair and ginger from his life. He has the fun of looking on while men no better skilled assist him to administer the road he helped to build.

How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. EVANS Questions concerning bygiene, sani-tation and prevention of disease, sub-mitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, sub-ject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is en-closed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee. Copyright, 1920, by Dr. W. A. Evans.

REPLY TO VACCINATION

A correspondent sends bulletin No. 1, issued by an anticompulsory accination league of Dallas, Tex. and asks me to reply. The bulletin is of four pages and consists of a mass of statements which are of the usual misleading type. The definition of vaccination

The second statement, "Vaccination is condemned by many physicians and bacterologists," is not true. No names are given.

The statement, "Vaccination does not prevent," is false. The writer of the circular knows it to be false. No one claims vaccination to be a cure

for smallpox. The statement, vaccine always caries one or more of the following: Lockjaw, leprosy, cancer, tuberco losis, blood poison, syphilis, diph of cases infected with loathsome disases, causing suffering and death,' is false. No person can produce a case of leprosy, cancer, tuberculosis or diphtheria produced by vaccination against smallpox, or show any scientific proof of the possibility of such happening. The claims of lock jaw, blood poison, syphilis caused by vaccination against smallpox do not stand up under investigation. The story that Jenner infected his wn son with tuberculosis by vacci

accination is false. On the second page occurs s statement that all of the United States soldiers in the Philippines are occinated annually or oftener, yet hundreds die from smallpox. The statement is false. Any one who nakes such a statement never has ead the reports of the surgeon genral of the army or else lies delib-

nating him and died disheartened

and discouraged over the failure of

There is a statement about Masachusetts which gives no dates. Could the parties be pinned down to the dates I do not hesitate to predict that the statement would be found to be false.

Then follow the names and cities of residences of 14 people who are said to have "died from lockjaw following vaccination." No street adiresses are given, no dates and no facts. No statement is made that lockjaw was due to vaccination or followed it within a week or, for

hat matter, within a month. Page 3 begins with the statement hat there were three deaths from mallpox and 30 deaths from vaccinal lockjaw and blood (presumably vaccinal) in New York state in 1914. I have before me Mortality Statistics, 1914-Report of the United States Bureau of Census." I find there were three deaths from smallpox in New York in 1914, but I do not find any basis for the remainder of the statement. The statement that from 1910 to 1913 inclusive more than 20 times as many people died from lockjaw

and more than five times as many died from lightning as died from smallpox in New York state is an ar gument for vaccination. Thanks for a fairly general use of vaccination, smallpox has been robbed of most of its terrors, as is generally known. I know of no reason for being guided by the opinion of George Gelder, assemblyman, whoever he is. The American Medical Directory for 1916 gives no Dr.

Padleford of Boston, who also is quoted. It likewise fails to give the ame of Dr. Nelson Elliott of Passaic, N. J.

Nor can I see any reason for being influenced by the statement purporting to have been made by an anonymous member of the board of health of Washington county, Mary-

On the fourth page is the only reminder of the old circulars gotten out by the antivaccinationists. Gone are the statement about Niagara Falls, N. Y.: Leicester, England: Ja-pan, and all the other false state-ments of the old circulars. Shown up, disproved, useless, the antivaccina-tionists have had to drop them. But they still hold on to the picare of a man with a sarcoma of the chest, though no proof or basis of proof is offered that this case has

anything to do with the question. Scarlet Fever Hazards.

Worried writes: "There are a town I live in, and the quarantine is not being observed. People from infected homes mingle freely on streets and elsewhere with others. "1. Will the disease linger all summer and break out in violent form next winter?

"2. Is there a possibility that the sun of summer will kill germs? "3. Would it be better to allow children to be exposed and have the disease in warm weather than to run risk of contracting it in schools next vinter? It is in a light form.'

REPLY. 1. No. In smaller communities it can be expected that scarlet fever epidemics will last but a short time. It is altogether probable it will have disappeared from your town before

2. Yes.
3. No. A large proportion of the children now get through their school life without ever having had scarlet fever. If you are careful you can get your children to adult age without their having scarlet fever. If you lived in a law-abiding town, your chance of accomplishing this would be better, however. There is to evidence that cases of scarlet ever are more apt to run a mild

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Omaha, May 25.-To the Editor f The Bee: Your editorial on coffee in today's issue brings to mind when I was "stung" by having to pay 10 cents for a single cup of coffee. When protest was made to the restaurant ur he said it was necessary and said "he could show me," but when I said "It was not worth while, as I knew it could not be done," he replied, "Of course, if you will not be shown there is no use in talking."

I wish now you would follow me in this, and I believe you will readrying to explain away the outrage. The restaurant will pay 50 to 55, cents per pound for coffee, which will easily serve 35 cups, or at a cost

of 1% cents per cup; add to this for fuel and service as much as 3 cents per cup—a net gain of 7 cents. Many of the restaurants will serve through each day 1,000 cups, which costs the house \$30, and on which they receive a gross revenue of \$100, thus leaving them a gain of \$70, or 233 per cent. Here is a showing that will justify

he people to cut out the use of coffee at 10 cents per cup. It certainly to charge such prices. Seventy dollars profit per day, or \$2,100 per month, on one commodity, is glaringly inconsistent that one revolts at the whole scheme of rob-bery now extant throughout the country. Let us have the courage to say "no." H. M. WEST.

EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS.

Won't Take a Hint. The sultan will never be evicted by talk. He's one of those guys who just won't take a hint—Charleston News and Courier.

Same Old Kultur. It isn't so much "unrest" in Ger-many as it is "downright cussedness."-Atlanta Constitution.

Deadly Stuff. Most of those mushroom strikes are of the toadstool variety. At least, they make everybody sick— Chicago News.

Jealous of Hi Johnson.
After being dormant for 50 years,
Popocatapetl is having an eruption.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Reds' Ideal.

The Reds' ideal is a world in which everybody will work as hard as government clerks in Washing-

MOMENTS OF MIRTH.

Lowe-Why do the leaves of this book ay together? Downed Oh, they're bound to do that.-Stanford Chaparral.

"I'll never ask another woman to mar-ry me as long as I live."
"Refused again?"
"No—accepted."—Columbia Jester.

Nilly-Who invented classical music?
Willy (gloomly)-Want's the difference; it's here.-Musical Courier.

Hewitt—It will be tough, if they get after tobacco as they have after liquor. Jewett—Yes, a poor devil will find himself in trouble if found to have a tobacco heart.—Judge. "What is meant by the 'freedom of the "What did you marry him for?"
"His money."
"What do you want a divorce for?"
"I've got it."—Houston Chronicle,

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