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### MONEY IN POLITICS.

Addressing a group of diners, William Gibbs McAdoo deplores the "corrupt" use of money in politics, and declares that the office of president of the United States should never be purchaseable. To this all will cheerfully subscribe, but the question of money in politics has and will be an open one. One of the sad features of popular government is that a great general campaign can not be carried on without a considerable expenditure of money. Seldom does a candidate spring, as did Mr. Bryan in 1896, into overshadowing popularity without the stimulation of publicity. This is provided in several ways, but all entailing the expenditure of money.

The nation-wide primary, longed for by Mr. McAdoo, is one of the most costly processes for making a selection, and can scarcely be recommended as a means to economy and for eliminating possible extravagance. Four years ago in the state of Iowa almost \$600,000 was expended on the campaigns of the two gubernatorial candidates alone, and no thought of corruption has ever arisen in connection with either. Men who have sought office in Nebraska since the primary law was adopted know something of what is involved in the way of legitimate expense. Laws limiting the amount that may be spent and requiring sworn statements from candidates have had some effect, but all recognize the fact that money is needed to secure nomination and election.

Party organization must be kept up, and this,

too, necessitates some expense. It is borne directly by members of the party, but that does not do away with the fact. Careful analysis leads inevitably to the conclusion that money is needed to carry on any campaign. As to "corrupt" use of money, that is something else. Examine Mr. McAdoo's situation, if you please. Who is simple enough to believe that all the hullabaloo sent up in his name at San Francisco was the spontaneous outpouring of a popular demand for a national champion? Omit any reference to the preliminaries, which include the various maneuvers of the candidate since his retirement from the Treasury department, and how can a dispassionate observer view the moral phase of the alignment of the job-holders' brigade behind the "crown prince?" Is it permissible to employ the time of public officials, drawing salary from funds gathered by taxation, and wrong to use private funds to ac-

Mr. McAdoo's diatribe and jeremiad combined would have come with much greater force from some one who had not so lately emerged defeated from a boss-ridden conven-

complish a similar purpose?

### Work and Play.

In a perfectly ordered life, work and play should be about equally divided, in our opinion. We are in a world of contrasts-comfort and discomfort, ugliness and beauty, sorrow and joy, pain and pleasure, wrong and right, activity and repose, work and play. We can never appreciate good without contrasting it with evil. All work and no play gives Jack a dull day, because there is no contrast in it.

In a life of sixty years there should be thirty devoted to hard, continuous, honest work-say from 20 to 50-and an equal period in which play predominates-say from childhood to 20 and from 50 to 60. We are using the word "play" to include not only games and sports, but amusements and recreations of all sorts, travel and vacations. Under the conditions which have existed in this country for two generations thirty years of work by intelligent, economical, thrifty people, have been sufficient to build up an abundance for the period between 50 and 60.

That the average man of 50 is not prepared to give up hard, continuous work is largely his own fault. If he has failed to amass a fund to live on he knows the reason why, although he may deny it. If he has the fund and considers it insufficient, it is because he has allowed his expenditures to expand far beyond his necessities. He has taken on unnecessary silk shirt habits.

Perhaps our philosophy of life is all wrong. We are oftener wrong than right, being married; but we have never pretended to love work undiluted with play. When we meet a man who prates that he hopes to work to the end we wish we could lie as fluently as he. We are for latter years of case and freedom for the whole human race. Not having personally had them yet, we do not envy those who are now enjoying them. Knowing whose fault it is that this is the case, we are not blaming anybody outside the family for the situation. But we would drop this counsel to those who have advanced from the playtime of youth: Begin now to save for ten years of good times after you have reached fifty years.

### Industrial Use of Alcohol.

It is curiously, interesting to note that not only in America but in a great many other lands the possible sources of alcohol are being listed, the main object being to produce a sufficient quantity to meet probable requirements of industry. Chiefly this turns on the value of alcohol as a fuel. Experiments are being extended, and results most encouraging are being recorded. The Bee has consistently for more than a dozen years advocated the use of alcohol

as a source of power, heat and light, realizing that only the fact that it is objected to as a beverage stands in the way of its general use. When a satisfactory method of rendering it unfit for human consumption is devised, alcohol may be adapted to a great many services from which it is now excluded. However, the investigations being carried on conclusively prove that the usefulness of the fluid has not been fully determined, and is not limited by its demoniac qualifications when too freely imbibed.

### Facts About Prohibition.

"I wish," said a leading Omaha woman worker to The Bee, "that you would give us some facts in connection with the adoption of the eighteenth amendment." Here they are:

One of the most often repeated assertions of the "wets" is that the amendment was put over during war, when 2,000,000 voters were out of the country, and the people had no chance to express themselves on the issue. The truth is that before the amendment to the Constitution of the United States was submitted, 32 of the 48 states, or two-thirds of the whole, had already climbed on the water wagon through the

vote of the people. These states are: Alabama Arkansas Arizona Colorado Florida Georgia Idaho Indiana Kansas Iowa Mississippi Michigan Maine North Dakota

New Mexico Nebraska Nevada **Cklahoma** Oregon South Dakota Tennessee Utah Washington Wyoming

New Hampshire

In many other states local option had almost extinguished the saloon. Delaware was bone dry with the exception of the city of Wilmington. Fifty-five of the 88 counties in Illinois were dry; of the 120 counties in Kentucky 107 were dry; Minnesota was 60 per cent and Missouri 53 per cent dry; Vermont was dry with the exception of nine towns; California was half dry; 35 parishes in Louisiana were dry; 18 counties in Maryland were dry; two-fifths of Massachusetts was dry.

More than three-fourths of the country was already dry when the federal amendment was submitted. Did the people of these states and districts decide for themselves, or was prohibition forced on them by political bosses? Acceptance by the republicans of prohibition as a question settled rests on the record made by the voters of the United States, who had dealt with the liquor issue in open elections and had voted against the traffic.

#### Casting Slurs on Heroism.

Irvin S. Cobb, entertainer of several million people, has undertaken to do to some of the heroes of literature what Charles Lamb did to a lot of proverbs that were unquestioned until his iconoclasm shattered them. His first exploit is to talk all the heroism out of the boy who stood on the burning deck whence all but he had fled, while the flame that lit the battle's wreck shone round him o'er the dead. It has been related how this chap, called Casabianca for short, stood as his father had ordered him while the flames roll'd on. He would not go without his father's word; and that father, faint in death below, his voice no longer heard. Then, as the poetess in fine frenzy said:

There came a burst of thunder sound, Ask of the winds, that far around With fragments strewed the sea.

The boy was just simply "blowed up"straight to a hero's heaven, as generations of boys since who have heard and recited the poem have firmly believed. And now comes Cobb and calls that boy "leather-headed" and "feebleminded" for sticking to his post under naval orders during an engagement. He was an "incurable," Cobb says.

Obviously the humorist of the Saturday Evening Post is fortunate in having been beyond military age during the late war. His conception of duty and military obedience will not stand comparison with that of Casabiancaeven when he is richest in humorous phrase. We await now with considerable interest Mr. Cobb's comment on the mental condition of the six hundred men who made the famous "Charge of the Light Brigade," immortalized in verse by Tennyson. They also obeyed orders in the face of death.

Tide of Townleyism Turning. Complete returns from the North Dakota primary encourage the belief that the people up there are getting weary of Townley and what he entails. Governor Lynn J. Frazier, chief exponent of the Nonpartisan cult, gets a renomination, but not by the 20,000 votes claimed by his chairman. He is winner by a scant 5,000 over the independent republican who opposed him. This is quite a come-down from the 17,000 by which Governor Frazier was nominated two years ago. Against this may be set the renomination of Thomas B. Hall, independent republican for secretary of state, whom the Nonpartisans were especially anxious to defeat. Senator Gronna was defeated for renomination by the Nonpartisan superintendent of the agricultural college, who is particularly popular, but Congressman Baer, a Townleyite, was beaten by a republican, and Representative Young, republican, was renominated. Three laws submitted by the Nonpartisan legislature to the referendum were rejected by the voters. A law prohibiting the display of the red flag, opposed by the Townleyites, was adopted. Altogether, it seems as if the tide were turning in North Dakota, where the plan of the Nonpartisan league has had the fullest trial.

Where are the bull snakes of Kansas whose prodigious size and amazing exploits thrilled all the country east of the Mississippi fifty years ago? Did the potato bugs drive them out?

Perhaps the League of Nations might give a mandate over West Virginia, long enough to put an end to the war in the mining region.

With the "third party" split before it assembles, the prospects for its coming into power seems to be accurately forecast.

Sir Thomas Lipton may not lift the cup, but he is going to furnish a very pleasing interlude for Americans.

Omaha tennis players are getting ready for action again. This may account for the rainy

"Mitch" Palmer courting investigation is

some sight Just now the harvest hand is king.

# A Line O' Type or Two

THERE has been more prolonged balloting Wilson was nominated on the forty-sixth call and Pierce on the forty-ninth. They struggled a long time for Pierce, but see what they got! FOR many voters the problem would have been simpler if the Democrats had chosen Harding and the republicans had pitched on

#### Overheard a Ravinia.

"That tall man with the whiskers is He: "No, dear, it's the man in the black

"Are you sure it isn't the man singing below window?"
"Perhaps it's the chap with the long musing detrimental, if glasses are well the window?

well, the music's good, but why th deuce don't they give us a synopsis so we can tell what it's all about and what is Scotti?" IF those twenty million church members for

whom Bryan battled find no spiritual inspiration whom Bryan battled find no spiritual inspiration the wasting of the optic nerve as by in Cox, they might attend the prayer-meetings the changes in the reting. on the Harding porch. HOME-MADE HOOTCH.

[From the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record.] The path of the meteor seemed to be from the southwest moving slightly northeast, and many who saw the meteor believe they saw on it the figure of a human. Others

say there seemed to be the figure of a persor under the meteor. OLD Bill Bryan is reposing as near that cocked hat as they ever succeeded in knocking ODES YOU MAY NOT KNOW.

TO HIS BOOK. Dulci libello nemo sodalium Forsan meorum carior extitit. Not one of all my friends could vie with thee Delightful booklet, in thy fealty; Hast not returned a thousand fold to me The love and anxious care I spent on thee?

(Horace, Carmina, 1, 40.)

Rome's regal grandeur awes thy modest worth; Thy prejudiced misgivings cast aside; Confiding in thy merit, venture forth

Undaunted, through the streets and human tide The trufflers' carping chorus reached the skies Till Jove, with timely lightning, quailed the mob! On this foundation shall his altar rise

And Fame, with years increasing, laud the job. COMPARED with the vague pledges of the democratic platform, how simple, clear-cut, and cases of this form of retinitis shows courageous is Mr. Harding's program, "to oust than consanguinity can be traced the superman and get the country back to nor-

#### A HUMANE PROJECT.

Sir: I am organizing the Iona Club, for ladies. Membership entitles the owner to a fur coat, cape, collar or choker to leave it at home in warm weather. She will carry, instead, a neat sign reading, "I own a fur coat, etc., value Those who are buying on the installment plan are entitled only to junior member ship and sign must state amount of installments still due. Ladies wishing to join will please tele phone Filbert 23. HAZEL NUTT, Sec.

AN "important change and improvement in train service" of the Chicago & Alton. "All in retinitis stock cousins especially, trains leave and depart on standard central if affected, should by no

#### A Self-Made Japanese. [Described, we surmise, by himself, in the Asian Review.]

His career: Mr. Totaro Haraguchi is a typical self-made man. Born in a poor family, he has been healthy and a very good devoted his boyhood to self-education. Later he become an educationist, but afterwards entered and put her on a malt sugar-milk ness circles. For the last dozen years he formula. She thrived until 11 been running various enterprises success months old. Then I gave er a solid business circles. For the last dozen years he fermula. fully in Manchurla and Shantung. It is hardly food. She takes almost a quart of necessary to say that his career has not been certified milk a day, with meat all smooth sailing. He has encountered almost broth with strained vegetables, cereinsurmountable difficulties, on more than one als, toast and stewed fruits-three occasion. Thanks, however, to his strong will, meals a day. She seems fat enough, reinforced by his remarkable assimilation with but she has six, seven, and eight the Chinese people, he has made himself what stools a day.

His resources: Mr. Haraguchi is now owner of 400,000 yen, the fruit of his hard toil. His personality: Mr. Haraguchi has a strong

His opinion and desires: Mr. Haraguchi believes that in the industrial development of China the Japanese have a special advantage because of their racial and linguistic affinity with their neighbor nationals. At the same time he is firmly convinced that it is necessary to cooperate with foreigners, especially Americans, i we are to develop the rich natural resources of China successfully. Confident, as he is, of his abilities, he is desirous of co-operation with American capitalists in the successful development of trade in China.

"JEWELRY Stolen From Home by Thieves." -San Francisco Chronicle. There's a running broad jump to a conclu-

A PLEASANT AND INEXPENSIVE SURPRISE

[From the Vermont, Ill., Union.] Druggist E. Hale Lollar arranged a very oleasant surprise for his wife Monday even-ng. It was the occasion of her birthday and he invited a number of friends down to their home that evening to play tennis and drink orange crush. The invited guests brought their suppers with them. "WRITING from behind prison bars near

Madrid,' a Spanish prisoner has recently implored, without success, the help of a Bedford tradesman to recover £60,000, a third of which is offered as a bait."—London Item. That Spanish prisoner has been doing busi-

ness almost as long as the valve-handle wheeze, but it has been a great while since we last heard

### The Second Post. [Received by a Minneapolis Creamery.]

Dear Friends: In regards of cream can. I bought one now. The reason I bought it. it a little cheaper. I am selling most of my cream to Midland. It's closer home. It's cheaper on cream cans. Express. So don't feel hard for not shipping to you folks. Yours loving in the name of Jesus, etc. THE democratic pussyfooting on prohibi-

tion brings up the story about Grover Cleveland, who was primarily a human being. He and Daniel Manning and the mayor of Cleveland were reviewing a parade in the Ohio city, and they had three hours of bowing and smiling. The mayor asked Manning if he thought Mr. Cleveland would object to a little bourbon. Heavens! haven't you asked him yet?" exclaimed Daniel. It was Cleveland who poured the three drinks. Then, remarking, "Dan doesn't he turned one drink into another and tossed them off.

(1) YES. (2) GET ANOTHER TO MATCH IT. Sir: Dr. Evans says the northwest is a "golter region." A buxom young woman entered my studio. I detected slight signs of golter. "You are from Seattle," I sherlocked. "How do you know?" says she. (1) Did I do right in telling her? (2) What's good for a black eye?

"WAR Declared on Rats-Health Officer Urges Rodents to be Killed."-St. Paul Pioneer

That's asking a good deal, even of a rodent. An Indiana Orgy.

[From the Wabash Plain Dealer.] Mr. and Mrs. Theo Manning and son, Alva, Mr. and Mrs. John Manning, and granddaughter, Florence, and Wm. Manning, spent Saturday evening with Charles Manning and family. The evening was spent

THE result must have startled Mr. Wilson. He forgot to begin his telegram of congratulaions with "May I not."

IT must be a relief to Mr. McAdoo to be disburdened of the title Crown Prince. "DON'T vote," is Mrs. Belmont's advice to the women. Good advice, but why limit it to

the women? THE Mother of Presidents has twins this time, and is doing as well as could be expected. HARDING or Cox! An embarrassment of

working .- Toledo Blade

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WHEN OPTIC NERVE FAILS. "Will you please tell me some of the symptoms of and treatment for pigmented retina?" P. R. "Is there any probability of its lead-ing to total or partial bindness? Is

I judge you refer to pigmentary atrophy of the optic nerve. Blind-ness is produced quite as much by

It is pregressive. Nothing can be gery to give relief or to check the progress of the disease. There is no obection to reading so long as reading can be done comfortably. If glasses add to the comfort, wear them.

The symptom which generally at tracts attention is night blindness Posey says that persons who can see fairly well in the day time sud-denly become blind as night comes on. This symptom causes the sub-ject to consult an eye specialist. When the specialist looks into the depth of the eye he notices peculiarly shaped pigment masses in the ret-ina. When the ophthalmoscope is focused on the optic nerve it is found that most important structure

is shrunken and wasted.

The attention may be called to the condition by the small size of the field of vision. A man may notice that his eye cannot take in as much as formerly and this may cause him

have an examination.
The disease does not often lead to total blindness, but generally it causes a loss of useful vision. The condition is a somewhat rare one. Posey found on examination that in 4.5 per cent of the cases of pigmentary degeneration of the retina the parents of the sufferers were

cousins. He says:
"Analysis of a large number of in about 25 per cent of the cases. These figures seem sufficient proof of the liability of concanguinous marriages to originate serious ocular disease and demonstrate the de-sirability for the prohibition of such unions by law and of their discour-

agement by society.

Davenport quotes Leber as having seen some cases where the disease arrested itself after awhile. Davenport says: "An affected man or woman should not marry even nto stock without taint of retinitis. Above all

### marry.

Feed Her Less Milk. Mrs. F. A. S. writes: "My baby was a 71-2 months baby girl and

gets more nourishment think. Lessen the amount of milk given. Give her less fruit and vege-Beyond that you need change noth-

Treatment Seldom Needed. C. G. H. writes: "Will you please something on the cause and cure of fever blisters?" REPLY.

Fever blister result from infec-tion. The probability is that the in-



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fecting bacteria are in the case of the blister. Bacteria vary in their tendency to produce fever b isters. For example, the pneumococcus has a great tendency in this direction, the typhus bacillus has not. Fever blisters get well without treatment. In some cases it is advicable to ap ply a soothing salve such as oxide of zinc. In rare instances a little sali-

### cylate internally is used. Generally speaking, no treatment is called for. Blood-Perssure Diet.

A. C. J. writes: (1) "Should a man 80 years old, who has a blood pressure of 230, take much or any milk, cheese or cream, or vegetable scups? (2) Would you advise yeast as a regulator?" REPLY.

1. He should live principally on vegetables, fruit, cereal, bran and bread. There is no objection to swets in abundance and 'ats in degeneration of the retina. This dismoderation. Some distitlans do not ease is associated with wasting and favor a diet in which there is much Clabber and sour milk have milk. more advocates. 2. Yeast in doses of three cakes a day acts as a regulator in many

> Sounds Reminiscent. Since we began to read the newspapers many, many years ago, we have noticed that the country is nearly always "facing a crisis."-St Lcuis Globe-Democrat.

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