

Maupin's Way of Thinking...

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A g. o. p. organ in Lincoln,
Run by men who are guiltless of thincoln
Spends the whole of its time
In delving in slime
And its columns forever are stincoln.

President Roosevelt announces that
his swing around the circle will be
strictly non-partisan, and every republic-
an campaign committee in the west is
urging him to visit it in the hope of
strengthening the g. o. p. cause.

"Why do you assert that this man
is insane?"

"I saw him try to lift himself over a
fence by his bootstraps."

"Are you a competent witness?"

"I am, sir."

"Well, didn't I hear you advocating
a tariff for protection on the ground
that the higher the tariff the easier it
is to get manufactured goods?"

Senator Quay started to take a bath
a few days ago. He turned on the hot
water and in a fit of absentmindedness
stepped into the tub. As a result he
laid up with a pair of scalded feet.
This is retribution. Now Quay knows
how Pennsylvania feels after he has
kept it in hot water so long.

They do say that Jim Hill is calling
off all political pass distributors and a
lot of g. o. p. politicians are worrying
themselves to a frazzle.

Every trust in the country is yelling,
"Let well enough alone!"

Roosevelt—"Are the gatling guns
aboard and properly equipped with
ammunition?"

Root—"They are."

Roosevelt—"And is the cargo of
rum complete?"

Root—"Yes, sir."

Roosevelt—"Plenty of lyddite shells?"

Root—"Yes, sir."

Roosevelt—"Plenty of funnels for
administering the water cure?"

Root—"Yes, sir."

Roosevelt—"Is there a Bible on
board?"

Root—"I don't know, sir, but I'll go
and see."

Roosevelt—"Oh, never mind the
Bible. I guess we've got enough with-
out it. Just send the soldiers aboard
and give the signal to sail to Manila
and take part in the glorious work of
carrying Christianity and civilization
to the natives."

"You say that if you can get to
Washington you are sure of landing a
fat federal job?"

"I know it. I've got a pull that's a
sure winner."

"What is your pull?"

"I'm the only man in Nebraska that
ain't the original Roosevelt man."

It is extremely kind of the Union
Pacific railway to pay the salary of
Nebraska's attorney general, but what
is the use of keeping F. Nit Prout on
the pay roll?

LIGHTNING CHANGE.

He showed his teeth in frenzy fine,
Said he'd tackle
Trusts and shackle
'Em, you bet.

And whooped 'er up along the line,
Said he'd tackle
Trusts and shackle
'Em, you bet.

Went around the Whitehouse stamp-
ing day by day;
Kept the wires sizzling hot from Oys-
ter Bay,

And the only thing you ever heard
him say—
'I will tackle
Trusts and shackle
'Em, you bet!"

But now he's got a bug for fair,
He is crying
For fat-frying
In his aid.

Wants to get another season in the chair
So he's crying
For fat-frying
In his aid.

He's been talking through his battered
old felt hat,
For the trusts have got him down and
got him pat,

And he's greasy with the corpora-
tion fat—
And he's shrieking
And he's seeking
For their aid.

One of the anthracite mine owners
asks the mine owners to have confi-
dence in the Christian gentlemen into
whose hands God has entrusted the
great coal fields. Hell is full of such
Christians as those who, operate the
anthracite coal fields.

It is reported that Justice Shiras is
about to retire. If he does it is to be
hoped that a less acrobatic justice will
be appointed. Shiras jumped straight
up in the air and turned a back sum-
mersault on the income tax decision.
It didn't take him twenty-four hours
to change his mind, and though it may
be contempt of court and "attacking the
integrity of the judiciary," the
HERALD has no hesitancy in saying
that it believes Justice Shiras was in-
fluenced by lucre instead of law.

Editor Wheaton of the Kearney
Democrat says Mr. Bryan's new house
will cost \$50,000. Mr. Bryan's new
house won't come as near costing \$50,-
000 as Editor Wheaton comes to being
a pimple-headed prevaricator.

The mine operators declare they
will never recognize the miners' union.
But that's nothing. The operators
would never recognize the government
if they couldn't control it.

Mr. John N. Baldwin of Council
Bluffs, Iowa, is the busiest man in the
state of Nebraska. In addition to be-
ing attorney general of Nebraska he is
mayor of North Platte, chief adviser
of Governor Savage, assistant general
solicitor of the Union Pacific, handles
the wires that make "our man Mickey"
jump, paces Dave Mercer in the First
congressional district and directs the
movements of the Omaha fire and po-
lice commission. These are busy
days for your Uncle Johnnie.

If Mr. Mickey will go out to that
little farm, lift up the well platform
and look carefully he will see a hole
similar to one into which he will drop
with a dull, sickening thud on Novem-
ber 4.

A year ago Mr. Roosevelt spoke
feelingly about "shackling cunning."
After several months of careful consid-
eration he intimates that he really
meant to say "assess cunning" for
campaign purposes.

The "twister" that passed to the
north of Hemingford a few days ago
may have been Chairman Babcock of
the national republican congressional
committee trying to straighten out the
kinks in his tariff revision record.

Secretary Shaw is suffering from a
sore throat. The sore throat was
superinduced by the secretary shoving
his foot down his throat until his in-
step scratched his soft palate.

Speaking about Mr. Bryan being a
"political dead duck," perhaps a query
will be pertinent. If he is dead how
comes it that he has enough invita-
tions to lecture to keep him busy for
the next sixteen months, even though
he lectured three times a day and five
times on Sunday?

Everybody as is anybody knows
Dick Ramey. He is one of the best
democrats that ever packed a sample
case and started out to sell goods. He
is a Kentuckian by birth but has been
traveling in the west so long that he
has lost most of his Kentucky accent
but not a bit of his Kentucky judgment
of that which made her distilleries
famous.

A few weeks ago Ramey was sent
into Missouri by his firm to sell a bill
of goods to a new banking establish-
ment. He got into town late at night
and registered from Lincoln, Nebraska.
In the morning he ate his breakfast
and went out in front of the hotel to
get the fresh air. He noticed a lot of
farm teams driving in and the people
all dressed in their best.

"What's going on today?" he asked.

"Harvest Home picnic," said the
landlord. "We have one this time
every year. Biggest thing in the
county. We'll have 5,000 people here
today."

Ramey was delighted because it
promised to be a beautiful day and he
could not get out of town till the follow-
ing morning. He sat and watched the
crowds coming in, admiring the rosy-
cheeked maidens and eyeing the horses
with the proper Kentucky spirit. While
thus engaged he noticed a couple of men
looking at him and whispering between
themselves. Finally one of them ap-
proached him and asked:

"Are you from Nebraska?"

"Yes, sir; Lincoln."

"Well, we want you to make a
speech for us this morning."

"Want me to make a speech!" ex-
claimed Ramey.

"Yes. You see it's this way. We
engaged a Kansas City lawyer to do
the orating here today, and he failed

to arrive last night. We've just got a
telegram saying he can't come. We've
advertised a big speaker and we've got
to have one. That's why we ask you
to help us out."

"But I'm no public speaker," said
Ramey. "I'm a traveling man."

"That's all right, mister. You may
be a traveling man, but I'll bet you
can make a good speech."

"What makes you think so?"

"Cause we've heard thirty or forty
Nebraska men speak and every one of
them is a crackerjack. All Nebras-
kans are orators and by jings you've
got to make the talk."

Being to all intents and purposes a
genuine Nebraskan, Ramey could not
do otherwise than to stand up for Ne-
braska, so he said he'd talk.

And he did.

If properly approached and handled
just right, Ramey will show a letter
inviting him to be the orator at the
1903 Harvest Home festival. That
ought to prove that he acquitted him-
self with credit and held up Nebras-
ka's reputation.

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