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The Circulation of the Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any in Norwich. It is delivered to over 2,000 of the 4,053 houses in Norwich, and read by ninety-three per cent. of the people. In Windham it is delivered to over 800 houses, in Putnam and Danielson to over 1,100, and in all of these places it is considered the local daily.

CIRCULATION

Table showing circulation statistics for 1901, 1905, 1906, 1907, and 1908, with figures ranging from 4,412 to 7,543.

WOULD MAKE THE LAW FIT.

The endeavor of the mercantile establishments to procure an amendment to the labor law which holds them to factory time ought to succeed; and if the legislators take a rational view of the sense of their pleadings it will.

These establishments all honor the 58-hour per week clause; but they show a necessity for working all employees more than ten hours a day on Mondays and Saturdays of each week, as much for public convenience as for their own profit.

The working classes, as the backers of the amendment to the law allege, need two evenings a week in which to do their trading; and the claim that 58 hours a week is not more wearing to women and minors when broken by short and long days than when made a straight nine and a half-hour day, is logical and convincing.

Mercantile hours and factory hours cannot well be made the same if the true interests of all concerned are to be consulted. It is only just to both classes, and to the state, to amend this labor law so that it fits the situation, since by so doing no injustice will be done to any one.

NOT SO EASY. Governor Fort of New Jersey, in discussing the prospective ballot law for that state, said that he "would make the ballot as easy to cut as a piece of pie."

How easy to cut is a piece of pie? It must be admitted that this depends upon what the pie is made of, and what the cutter knows about pie. It is not probable that one man in ten can cut a pie right with the best of tools and the plainest of directions.

Cutting pie may be as easy to Governor Fort as it is to a restaurant chef, but the fact is the average man cuts a pie about as he cuts a figure in life. He pays little attention to the exactness of his lines, but directs his knife as a convenience to his appetite. Most men would sooner cut a cheese than cut a pie. It is thought that this declaration of Governor Fort will live as a popular phrase in New Jersey, but in Connecticut it would not. The men of Connecticut know a deal more about eating pie than they do about cutting it.

WHERE THE HEAVY TAX RESTS. The statement is authoritatively made from Washington that twelve classes of articles pay three-fourths of the three hundred million dollars per annum collected as tariff duties by the government of the United States.

The duties collected under the existing tariff laws have averaged over three hundred million dollars per annum during the past three years, the largest sum being in the fiscal year 1907, when the total collections amounted to 339 million dollars. In that year sugar paid sixty million dollars duty; cotton manufactures, thirty-nine millions; leaf tobacco, twenty-two millions; manufactures of fibers, twenty-two millions; manufactures of silk, twenty millions; manufactures of wool, twenty millions; raw wool, sixteen and one-half millions; spirits, wine and malt liquor, sixteen millions; manufactures of iron and steel, twelve millions; earthen and china ware, eight millions; chemicals, drugs and dyes, seven and one-half millions, and fruits and nuts, seven millions—the total for these twelve articles or groups being two hundred and fifty million dollars, or just three-fourths of the 339 million dollars of tariff duties collected during the year 1907.

The most intricate feature of the tariff is the cotton goods schedule, which is rated in so many different ways that the work of the officers of the government is greatly increased to collect the exact duty payable on the thousands of grades of goods. While it is true that twelve different articles or classes of articles pay three-fourths of the duties collected, as heretofore stated, the detail of fixing the rates of duty, and of determining the amount actually collected, are, after all, most difficult and tedious, and explain, in some degree, the difficulties of the task of making a new tariff, of collecting the duties which it names, and of stating in concrete form the results of these operations.

It may be all right for the women to remove their hats in church, but how can they give attention to the sermon with such bunches of beauty in their laps.

The systematic business man does not let us forget the first of the month. His bill comes duly to hand,

UNCLE HORACE IN GLEE.

They do not realize in Washington how much Uncle Horace Johnson of Haddam has had to enjoy at the expense of the national weather bureau since the 4th of March, when his accuracy as a weather forecaster made the capital and all the residents sit up and take notice that Moore had been out.

Ever since the national weather bureau has been constantly and severely criticised, while Uncle Horace reads and smiles and knocks the ashes from the tip of his cigar. A critic in Everybody's Magazine takes occasion to say that the national weather bureau is extravagantly conducted and unprogressive; that its attitude is apologetic and its predictions intentionally ambiguous; and a Boston critic says: "The weather forecast for Boston says, 'Wednesday increasing cloudiness, probably fair.' Worcester's dictionary defines the word 'fair' as 'cloudless.' I have noticed this once before in a weather forecast, and it puzzles me very much."

The weather forecast has always been a puzzle for the average man; and he doesn't know how to interpret "local rains," so often appearing in the papers, not realizing that they may be local to any spot within 30 or 40 miles. Connecticut people are all smiling with Uncle Horace.

JAPANESE DEVOTION TO THE STATE.

The Japanese people have such a keen sense of duty toward the state that what is a pleasure to them would be a heavy burden to the people of any other nation. They pay without complaint 30 per cent. of their income to support the state. In the past 12 years they have spent \$484,000,000 for wars and are putting nearly \$145,000,000 annually into the army and navy.

Sixty per cent. of the 50,000,000 population till the soil; the miners dig up \$55,000,000 worth of minerals; the fish catch of the fishermen is worth \$1,900,000; exports amount to \$216,206,488; only 613,177 of the population are employed in the 10,381 factories.

The revenues are derived from taxation and monopolies, as follows: Land tax, \$42,939,229; liquor, \$28,904,842; income, \$18,785,757; textiles, \$10,000,000; sugar, \$3,000,000; public undertakings and state properties, \$73,140,612; postals and telegraphs, \$19,272,799; customs, \$20,715,460; monopolies, \$25,285,000; and railways, \$18,527,000. Total, \$271,491,690.

There is no graft in the government finance. By carrying out the financial scheme of the Katsura cabinet, Japan will be entirely out of debt within thirty years at the most.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Arkansas needs the public sympathy, with Jeff Davis and Carrie Nation permanently in her midst.

Theodore Roosevelt is being heard from just as regularly as if he had press agents with him. "It do beat all."

The man who lays up something for a rainy day must have noticed that there are a good many of them of late.

Happy thought for today: Do not worry about the house-fly, for he will devote himself to worrying you, before long.

The men who cuss the voting machine most lustily in New Jersey are the ward heelers who favor political school boards.

The new remedy for heart trouble is: Oxpropylendecamillamine. Most humans will prefer "the mitten," and call it aquare.

A John Bull should not get terrorized over the Dreadnaughts, for it is the men on them who, are going to settle the whole matter.

Let's cheer up! Old time is rolling July 5th towards us, and no one can be so busy creating an American-made smile, anyhow.

Abdul Hamid has not been heard to say yet: "If I had my life to live over again I would do different." He shows a gamy spirit.

May has given a very fine specimen of what Maydays should be, and we are willing to have as many of them as we can possibly make.

Well, Speaker Cannon declined to make appointments for July 5th because he said he would still be needed in Washington. He knows.

The Texas girl who lost two \$50 notes out of a hole in her stocking now realizes the excellence of the judgment that prompts one to mend.

A Mexican who went above on an aeroplane did not know how to come down. To be run away with in the skies is a new and novel experience.

The men who would not have the public utilities act passed are likely to get something "in its midst" that will paralyze it before it becomes a law.

Holland would have fired twice as many guns for a prince, but the Princess of Orange may furnish it with twice as many problems as a prince would.

The old-fashioned woman used to send for the preacher and tell her troubles to him in secret; but the new-fashioned woman sends for the reporter that they may be put in the limelight.

Store Keeping Hours. That the hours of labor in mercantile establishments and in mills should not necessarily be governed by the same rule is too plain for argument. Nor is there any evidence that the merchants of the state are seeking opportunities to overwork their employees. As a matter of fact the hours of labor for women and minors in our stores are less than the legal maximum.

It is a plain business proposition, requiring only the exercise of common sense in the recognition of unavoidable conditions, and the general convenience of the whole community.—Hartford Times.

It is as an accommodation to the buying public that the Saturday night and the holiday season are desired. No other state that attempts to regulate hours of labor shuts down as Connecticut does on holiday and Saturday night trade. It is against the interests of the buying public. The request of the managers of these stores that they be allowed to do business at these times is altogether reasonable. Shutting down Saturday nights would prove an actual discrimination against the laboring classes, who are the chief buyers at these times. If the case comes to be fully understood, there is

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

HER FAVORITE FLOWER

Young Brooke glanced up with sudden interest. "Did I tell you that was her favorite flower?" he asked.

The only answer his sister granted him was a look of blank disgust, which threw him into a defensive attitude.

"Excuse the interruption, Polly," he said. "I'm interested in what you were telling, but you mentioned that all the girls told their favorite flowers, and naturally I just wanted to know—"

"It had no bearing at all on what I was saying. Here I've sat all half a valuable Sunday afternoon talking to you while you were thinking of something else, somebody else's flowers, and I might as well have been silent until I happened to mention that Margie Stahler was at the luncheon. Then you came and you exhausted me, Wallace, to see you so crazy over a perfectly ordinary girl."

"Fauline, that isn't!" "Yes, I did, and I'm in a hurry. The address is—"

"Look here! I'll have to charge you extra for delivering those." Young Brooke lost his temper. "What are you talking about? It isn't the money, but I'm not going to be imposed upon. I'm hanged if I give you any of my flowers for a little shop half way between his home and Miss Stahler's."

"That shop had the flowers he was well-chosen through the door. "Are they long-stemmed and large and fine?" he asked.

On being assured that they were the most important thing possible, Train time was perilously near. An unmistakable snicker came over the wire as he repeated the order a second time, by request.

"I enclose a card with my name, Wallace Brooke," he finished. "Put them in one of your best boxes and do it right and send the bill to me."

He made his train by running hard after it, and transacted his business as well as could be expected of a man in his condition.

On his return home, when he went to his room after dinner to dress for the most important evening call of his life he found a tiny vase of white blossoms on his chiffonier.

"See your flowers?" called Polly's mischievous voice through the door. "Don't they make you think of her?"

"Why should a dinky little bouquet like that make me think of anybody?" he answered as he fished wildly for the neck of his coat.

"Don't you know lilacs of the valley when you see them, ungrateful wretch?"

Young Brooke dropped the nocktie and stared in dumb horror at the little vase. Slowly, unbelievably, he lifted stem after stem, until he held one of the lilacs of the valley between his fingers.

"By the great hornswoggle!" he ejaculated, with a sickly smile.

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ed phone in his own home and plenty of chances to use it, while here he had to wait his turn and drop his nickel, but—he preferred the drug store.

Calling a downtown florist, he mentioned Margie's favorite flower and asked if the florist had any good ones. "First-class," was the answer.

"All right; put a dozen of 'em in a box; fix 'em up in your best style and send them to Miss Margie Stahler." He gave her address.

"How many?" "A dozen."

"Did you say one dozen?" "Yes, I did, and I'm in a hurry. The address is—"

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was no limit to his treachery and general wickedness.—Chicago News.

He Remains Dead. Six funerals of the emperor of China have been held to date. Any lingering doubts among the loyal subjects of the Son of Heaven that he is really dead might be dispelled by a coroner's inquest.—Philadelphia Press.

The Mohammedan Uplift. Every time Mohammedans feel an uplift it seems that they go out and massacre a few Christians.—Detroit Free Press.

The World's Choice. Most people are of little use to the world because they don't like the use to which the world puts them.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Sultan's Advantage. Abdul-Hamid may yet be as throneless if not as homeless, as Cipriano Castro.—Anaconda Standard.

The Mexican railroad finds its facilities crowded to move the immense importations coming into the country at Vera Cruz.

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