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SENATOR McLEAN'S ADDRESS.

It was expected when Senator McLean addressed the general assembly of Connecticut that he would say something of more than state-wide importance—something which would command the attention of the press of the nation—and he has.

He talks history together with good sense and those who have read his address have been agreeably impressed by this little word picture of himself in his new position:

"Hitherto, I have been in the street, looking into the windows; now that I find myself inside the shop with ninety-one other modest, and ninety millions of customers to please, curiosity changes to responsibility. As there is nothing in the world that is without fault, criticism is always easy, and creation of political wisdom, therefore, like a suit of white flannel, is best preserved when in disuse. I shall be a failure from the start in some of the modern requirements of political service. For instance, I shall avoid, when possible, participation in those man and time-killing oblations called banquets, where the politician waits on music, numerous varieties of food and with elaborate paraphrasing of the Ten Commandments. I never have and I never shall enjoy trying to change the bent of the wind and society with my unaided voice at the dedication of monuments or the laying of cornerstones. I have no desire to criticize or discourage those who rejoice in the social and physical experiments that it enables. I am fully aware that discussion is the very power and ball of progress. I simply want my fellow citizens to know that I am, myself, hopelessly confused in the belief that the alternation of night and day and the currents of air are habits of nature which it is unwise for me to try to perform with electricity, alcohol, in some or the vast organs. So much about a few of my shortcomings. Others, and more serious ones, with the Lord's help, I intend to conceal from my fellow citizens as long as I can."

As a grain lender he doesn't expect to surprise the world by his first sale of goods. He has achieved it in collecting by industry, and he realizes that these and industry are necessary for great achievements as a statesman. The Bulletin will not be adversely criticizing Senator McLean to make political capital for some one else. He is our senator and we feel proud of him; and we feel free to say that if some of his political friends would learn from him they very soon would improve their manners and their political tactics.

The Bulletin wishes for Senator McLean, "inside the shop," a famous career.

BUSINESS POSTMASTERS.

The business manager of the New York World believes Uncle Sam's postoffice department should be a business affair, instead of a political one, beginning to end. He doesn't favor an increase of postage anywhere, but is impressed the business can be greatly increased if postmasters would lead all their energies to increasing business instead of looking after political fences and shying up their own political prospects. He recommends that the postoffice department set out to get more business. Instead of adopting methods of driving it away, "It should first," he says, "abolish the censorious barriers that it has raised against the voters for a political party. It should encourage and support newspaper and magazine circulation, as the postoffice department in Germany does, by acting as a dealer in publications."

Business Manager Sixt points out that the cheaper rate for drop letters in Canadian cities, the lower rate for periodicals in Canada and the profit made on the postal business in that sparsely settled country afford proof that postal rates on some classes of matter in this country are too high and that inefficiency of management is responsible for the deficit in American postal revenues.

Postmaster General Hitchcock seems to be succeeding admirably where others have failed, but his limited power is a handicap, as his fall-sure to get his recommendations show.

From what retiring President Tracy said about what Norwich has suffered from violation of city ordinances, it would have paid Norwich to have had a ten thousand dollar manager many years ago.

The commissioner of agriculture of New York state has received 10,000 letters from far-western farmers, inquiring what the prospects were there for securing good farms.

Plenty of nerve and a sizeable mortgage has helped many a man to get the automobile he wanted, but the mortgage wouldn't work long for repairs.

The new president of the Steel trust used a few years ago to earn \$5 a week; but he will likely know what to do with his \$4,166.67 a month.

The Delaware may be able to betch forth fire and smoke like a volcano; and she can kick with more fatal results, too, than a Kentucky mule.

Stamp collectors will hail with delight the prospect of a new franking stamp for government officials. It will add a feature to old albums.

MORE POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

It really looks as if political bossism had gone its length in this country and the people appear to be out to throttle it at every turn. New municipal charters are all the go—new amendments to state constitutions are in order. Within a week past, in his message to the legislature, Governor McGovern of Wisconsin calls upon it to take the preliminary steps to the submission of an amendment to the state constitution to provide for the initiative, referendum, and recall. Judson Harmon, attorney general in the cabinet of Grover Cleveland, and governor of Ohio, has recommended to the legislature the submission of a constitutional amendment that will provide for direct legislation. Chase Osborn, governor of Michigan, has told the legislature that the initiative, referendum and recall are what the people want and what they need and what they should have. And Foss of Massachusetts and Johnson of California have said the same thing. Governor Deneen of Illinois stands by the republican platform, which calls for the initiative and referendum. Governor Marshall of Indiana has come out for the referendum.

There is something more than muscle in the air, for through political evolution the country appears to be on the verge of a popular revolution in the interest of more popular government.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

The withdrawal of County Commissioner B. F. Williams of Mystic from the campaign for re-election leaves an open door for two new commissioners, since Mr. Chadwick does not care to succeed himself.

Commissioner Williams has many strong friends who regret his withdrawal, and they make bold to say that his services have been satisfactory to the people in the southeastern section of New London county.

The Western Sun has this to say concerning his retirement:

Mr. Williams has his enemies in the town of Stonington. That is the natural thing. Any man who is in public life and has done things makes enemies. All will not agree with him, and if he is "so good" that he agrees with everybody and everything that comes along, he does nothing, he is passive, he is good for nothing. Perhaps the reason that Mr. Williams has his enemies in the neighboring towns as well as in other sections of the county is that he has done things. There is only one matter that he has been mixed up in, in the town of Stonington, that has concerned the whole people. That was the granting of licenses for the town of Stonington. In that work there is not a word of criticism, except from those who are interested in the liquor traffic or do not care what happens or where the saloons were placed. To others, who have a different interest in such things, it is known that to Mr. Williams' judgment was left the granting of the saloon licenses in the villages of Stonington, Mystic and Pawcatuck. And it is generally conceded that the arrangement and location could not have been better.

As the New London Telegraph says: "Mr. Williams has served New London county well and faithfully for many years, and that it will be many a long day before the office will be filled with greater ability," concluding with, "Mr. Williams has been one of the best commissioners this county has ever had."

THE TUBE WORKED WELL.

The Germans have carried their submarine boats, as they have their dirigible balloons, to a high state of perfection and efficiency, and a recent mishap by which the "U-3" submarine lost only three men, and those because of a broken ventilator, proved the value of the torpedo tube as a successful means of escape. With 48 hours' tank supply of air dictating the speed of the rescue work the submarine was raised from sixty feet below the surface within eight hours after her misdirected plunge. All the while, by a clever telephone contrivance, communication was maintained between the rescuers and the imprisoned men. The provision for escape through a torpedo tube when such a craft is submerged worked admirably. The twenty-seven men of the crew bobbed to the surface and were picked up. That, after such a demonstration of efficiency, the rupture of so trivial a part as a ventilator, permitting an inrush of water when salving was all but completed, should have caused the death of the three officers, demonstrates how dangerous a seemingly trivial injury may become.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Admiral Sims' experience shows that it is worth a good deal to know when enough has been said.

It is acknowledged that the election of United States senators by popular vote has come to be more than a vain hope.

There must be some consolation to President Corey to think that his successor does not get but half the salary he did.

The fact that Carrie Nation has been brought low by the burden of years makes many a saloon keeper rest easier.

The five-year-old cold-storage stuff in the Chicago houses is booked up to be sold at a loss. It is too venerable to 'hold up.'

If you can say, says the Portland Express, "Round and round the rugged rug the ruddy rustic romped," you are all right.

There is one thing about Tammany, no matter who happens or how sudden the changes, it always "knows its master's voice."

Happy thought for today: Aviation has given money a new record as a flyer. The birdmen have to go far and high to get the purse.

About the only place where a man is safe to dodge in and out among automobiles without getting hurt is at an automobile show.

The Boston Transcript says: Hope Governor Baldwin won't mind if we call his decision not to sue the Colonel just a bit "reactionary."

Now that the Greek New Year is at hand, it is pointed out that the

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY HIS DEFENSE

"You are charged," said the magistrate severely, "with disturbing the peace. You went home in a temper last evening and kicked up such a rumpus that our wife ran from the house in terror."

"Well, judge," replied the offender, "if a man can't lose in his own house, whose house is he going to cut loose in? What object is there in owning a home if a man can't do as he likes in it? I admit that I broke some furniture and threw a clock through the window, but it was my furniture and my clock. It's true that I took the parrot from the cage and swung its foot neck, but who paid for who arrested me? No, your honor, I paid for that parrot, with money earned by honest toil."

"If a man can't wring the neck of his own parrot, then the declaration of independence is a gold brick, especially when the parrot has been taught to say 'Cheer up!' every time anybody steps into the house. How would you like to go home as hungry as a cage of hyenas and find no supper ready to eat? Or a dog on pink and green parrot yell, 'Cheer up?' I tell you, judge, it isn't in flesh and blood to stand such things. A camel's back won't be all that crooked and to be, but it's possible to pile on one straw too many."

"I didn't bother anybody when I killed that parrot. It was put out of its misery as quietly as anybody could do it, and then I carried the remains down to the alley, and then the incident was closed. It was after I went back to the house that I began breaking the furniture, and the surprising thing is that I never did I had planned for a long time to smash that furniture, but somehow I never got to it. First the dog, and then another interfered, but when I did start at it I made a good job. I defy any man to go to my house and pick up a piece of the wreckage and tell whether it belonged to a rocking chair or a center table."

"You seem to glory in your exploit," remarked the judge.

foolish resolutions of the first of January can be brushed up.

The naughty west says that there is no danger of any one's being drowned in the deep waterways that will be built by this administration.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another Place for Its Activities.

Mr. Editor: The good sense—shall we say, good taste—of a board of water commissioners which proposes to compel a long suffering public to drink deodorized sewage rather than to remove the sources of contamination, because, forsooth, the former course is "cheaper," compels our mingled wonder and disgust.

A body which is chained to the chariot wheels of a determination to have a million dollar plant or nothing, looks at the venture of a few hundred dollars for the construction of a half dozen water-tight cement vaults and conspires.

The proposition to "treat" the water of a trout brook which, if experts are to be believed, can be made entirely pure at slight expense, resolves itself to this—render water, hypothetically and only under extreme circumstances harmful, absolutely and at once as unwholesome as the injection of chemicals.

If not fit to be drunk in either case, why monkey with it? The cautious use of a car load of Portland cement with sand and gravel to be found in situ will doubtless remove any dangerous contamination and give the water pure and potable, for the time of its probable temporary use. If absolutely necessary to employ that ancient method of filtering, let a select corps of professors and assistants, the writer humbly submits that its activities might profitably be exercised upon the water of the Connecticut, which obviously requires heroic "treatment."

SANITAS.

Norwich, Jan. 15, 1911.

The Cultivation in America of the India Mango.

Mr. Editor: The delicious India mango is a fruit almost unknown in this country. Although the mango tree is a native of the West India lands and the Central American states its fruit is for the most part very poor and unfit for the market. New and superior varieties are now being introduced. The United States department of agriculture is leading in this effort and rendering assistance in every possible way. Large sums of money have been expended already. More than twenty of the best-known varieties in India and Ceylon have been brought to America, and are being cultivated through the kind of grafting known as inarching. Respecting this effort of introduction, the Hon. David Fairchild, who is in charge of foreign explorations, United States department of agriculture, says: "Of all the new fruits which are winning for themselves places on our tables, the most promising is the tropical mango. This might be called the peach of the torrid zone, and there are as many varieties of mangoes as there are of peaches. They seem to combine the rich flavors of the apricots and the pineapples. The profitable cultivation of this fruit is attracting the attention of the Florida and Porto Rico fruit growers, and the time is not far distant when the hotels of our big cities will be regularly supplied with the mango as

"I do, your honor. I point with pride to my record. If you or any of your friends want your furniture reduced to kindling at any time send for me at the old stand. I strive to please. By industry I thrive. I load. Others follow. You see, judge, the furniture was won at different times by my wife. The various pieces were offered as premiums to women who bought Semitole Chief baking powder. In each can of the baking powder there was a coupon and when a woman saved up 10,000 of those coupons she was entitled to a Louis XV. chair or a Chippendale desk or something like that."

"My wife got to be a regular baking powder fan. She bought more of the blamed stuff than a sanitarian could use, and then she became a kleptomaniac. She put in all her time stealing coupons that were being saved up by other women. She looted several residences in our neighborhood and she was so successful that she sent in 10,000 coupons every few months and filled the house with the ding-donged furniture you ever saw. No two pieces matched in the whole shanty. We had old oak tables and colonial clothes horses and Maria Antonette looking boxes and mahogany whatnots and a red elm piano, and heaven alone knows what else. I am a man of culture and refinement, and I always felt as though I had the jimjams when I entered my own home and looked around on that delirious furniture."

The immediate cause of my uprising was the fact that my wife recently had been writing poetry, and when I went home last evening and found her seated at her typewriter, a chrysanthemum, with no sign of supper and with that parrot urging me to cheer up, I was provoked, and I have no apologies to make for what I have done."

"You are discharged with the approval and sympathy of the court," said the judge. Chicago News.

they are now with grape fruit, which is less known than the mango is today."

Many of the best varieties of the mango have been introduced into this country by Barbour Lathrop of Chicago, who, in company with Mr. Fairchild, made expeditions in search of this fruit to India and Ceylon, Java and the east coast of Africa, the Philippines and the Pacific islands. Nearly if not all of these finest kinds of the mango are now seen growing in the cultivated mango groves of Porto Rico. These trees as they thus stand are beautiful beyond description. The fruit is of many colors, ranging from pale red, orange, lemon-colored, etc. In a few days they become bright green and so remain.

Mangoes range in size from a small peach to the largest grape fruit. A few days since one was presented to the governor of Porto Rico which weighed more than two pounds. Some of them are of a dull green color, but others are of delicate hues, as beautiful as the finest peaches.

There is but one fruit in the world more deliciously flavored than the mango, and that is the mango-steen, which does not grow in India. JOHN O. BARROWS.

NEW BOOKS.

Story of Modern France. By H. A. Guerber. Cloth, 12mo, 350 pages. With illustrations. American Book Company, New York, Cincinnati and Chicago. Price 65 cents.

A new historical reader for the upper grammar grades, which may also be used as a text book in history. It gives the story of France from the death of Louis XIV to the present time, laying special stress upon the most interesting and picturesque episodes in which the period abounds, as they are presented in literature and art. The book is supplied with suitable maps and with many illustrations.

Makers and Defenders of America. By Anna Elizabeth Foote, Department of History, Training School for Teachers, Jamaica, N. Y., and Avery Warner Skinner, State Inspector of Schools, Education Department, Albany, N. Y. Cloth, 12mo, 344 pages, with maps and illustrations. American Book Company, New York. Price 60 cents.

This collection of historical biographies begins with the close of the French and Indian war, and treats characters typical of a movement of a period up to the present time. The book traces the growth of our nation through the lives of its great leaders, men of thought, whose ideas shaped the policies and laid the foundation for the present prosperity of our country. Although, in the main, the emphasis is placed on the personal element, some narrative of events has been included in this way a continuous story is made possible, without losing the idea of personality which attracts the youthful mind.

The Only Exception. New Mexico's proposed constitution surpasses even Oklahoma's. It leaves hardly anything unregulated except the movements of the heavenly bodies, which will doubtless be taken in hand later.—Wall Street Journal.

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