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1907, average	4,618
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August 31	8,533

THE COUNTY FAIR.

Opening today, through postponement necessitated by the weather, the county fair means much to the residents of the eastern part of Connecticut. It is the gathering point of the citizens of the 21 towns and many besides for the mutual benefit of all concerned. It represents a large enterprise and is an undertaking of merit which has the benefit of a half-century of age and experience in getting together the many interests which go to make it a success.

The county fair offers the opportunity and the place for the mingling of the county people, a display of the worthy products of the past year and an entertainment which allows the mixing of pleasure and study, with profitable results. Like the old-time training days, everyone gets there and meets everyone else, in a veritable three-day visit.

In the matter of the exhibits, each section of the county keeps in touch with the others and gets a new impetus, fired by the accomplishments of others engaged in like pursuits. The exchange of ideas, the joys of renewing old acquaintances and the attractions of the kind furnished, last for the next twelve months. In addition to the value to the individual and the different sections of the county, it is particularly valuable to Norwich. For the next three days Norwich will be the objective point of county people and the benefit which that means should not be underpaid. Let it be the reason, as it has been in the past, of keeping them coming throughout the year. Norwich has in the fair the opportunity of making such an appeal felt.

GETTING BACK HOME.

Nothing marks the end of the vacation season like Labor day. It is as if a signal was sounded at every summering place calling the people to their homes from the pleasures and enjoyment of the summer. The week-end and Labor day itself find the shore resorts filled to the limit, with proper conditions; but the next day the exodus starts and thereafter they are like deserted villages. Many spend one of two months more at the villages but it is never the same place for life and action as prior to the first Monday in September. The necessity of getting home for the opening of schools makes the abrupt change, the general desire being to delay the departure just as long as possible.

The return to the city this month is much different than in other seasons. Many will welcome the change, and it will be no hardship to get back home until the hot spell comes again. Cities have not suffered as much this summer, for there have been hardly two weeks of very hot days scattered through the past three months. Not a few have been perfectly satisfied to stay at home, so comfortable has it been, and make daily trips to desirable points. In fact, Norwich is particularly favored in that regard, as it is within short distance of numerous attractive points which can be reached by train, boat and trolley.

Back from the summer homes will mean settling down to the routine of the season's activities. Getting back makes as much of a change for those who spend several months away as does the arriving at the resorts for the summer.

While it was the same constituency which renominated both Senator Tillman and Governor Blease of South Carolina, the former is trying to get rid of the taint of bad company by proposing dubbing Blease to be a "decent governor" this time.

[illegible] county has a candidate for governor in State Attorney Charles [illegible]. Not since 1833, when Governor Peters of Hebron was elected, has the county had a governor.

The political winds appear to be playing the deuce with the political weathercocks. Many of them have turned to every point of the political compass recently.

THE OIL-TRUST MONEY.

The full letter to Senator Clapp of the investigating committee of the senate, from Colonel Roosevelt, has been made public. It offers nothing new in addition to what has already been stated, though it is more voluminous. He carries the belief that it was perfectly proper to accept the Steel trust contribution, and again he is not sure that Treasurer Bliss did not receive the Standard Oil contribution. That none was received from the trust he maintains, because after he had heard that it was received he urged that it be returned. That he urged it to be returned and did not take steps to see that it was done, out of subsequent funds, does not exonerate him, but it might lead to the impression that he was pursuing a proper course. There was method in sending such a communication and making it public. How anxious he is to get the people off the part he played in the matter and throw the blame over on Penrose is evidenced by the persistency with which he keeps the Penrose part of the affair to the front.

The letter did not give any new and startling disclosures, such as would make it unnecessary to close the hearing. Far from it. The demand is now that the committee get down to business as soon as it can and get the facts. The Steel trust receipt has been found and shows that one big corporation made at least one contribution. This was kept from the public, and so was the fact that the insurance companies were being bled for the support of Roosevelt, and also the quarter-million contribution of E. H. Harriman.

WILSON'S SILENCE.

In pushing his candidacy for the honor of president before the people of the United States, Governor Wilson has made a wise decision in not going on the stump for a long list of political speeches. This is wise from the viewpoint of his own good, for when it comes to being a stump speaker it requires a man who can stand the volley of pertinent questions which is apt to be fired, and explain the situations away. There has been no particular magnetic qualities shown by the democratic candidate yet, and he is bound to tread a narrow path to keep off dangerous ground, for he has not always been in politics and has not guarded his actions as a politician would in that respect.

There could be many embarrassing questions put to the democratic standard bearer. Aside from his tariff views, which, in accordance with the party platform, means the abolition of the tariff except for revenue, the workingmen have a particularly strong grievance from the views of the candidate as expressed in his books wherein he deals with them. To be confronted with questions as to his attitude in that regard would mean that he must answer them or ignore them. To go into explanations might result in a somersault like Roosevelt did on the reciprocity question, or it might only serve to aggravate the situation. Silence is golden when the dangers of a political campaign are concerned, and Woodrow Wilson in keeping out of the fray takes no chances when he leaves the stumping to his henchmen.

SOUTH AMERICAN ACTIVITY.

Gradually has the inner recesses of the South American continent been reached by man and gradually is it being invaded by the railroads, the great carriers of civilization, but the end is not yet, and there promises to be a big stimulation to further development in the southern half of this hemisphere by the opening of the Panama canal. There are no very large cities except along or near the coast lines, but there are sections in the interior which are rich in minerals and other natural products for which the world has a standing need. The development of the railroads has been great since it was found that the mountains could be crossed. It required two Americans, with their Yankee ingenuity, to decide that the peaks and valleys could be crossed, and there has resulted the Oroya railroad, reaching an altitude of 15,865 feet in Peru. In 1910 there was completed the first transandine line, a vastly important achievement, and now another line extending to the capital of Bolivia is about to be finished.

All this railroad work means much to the Latin-American countries, and it will be greatly aided by the better transportation facilities which will be offered when the inter-oceanic canal is thrown open for business. South America has been the objective point of many from the United States and its development is going to mean much opportunity there in the years to come.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

August made as good an ending as September did a beginning.

The taxidermists are preparing for quite a killing of bull moose this fall.

A rainy fair day should be defined in the dictionary as a straight drawback.

It looks as if the hot wave would strike us at about the time the public schools open.

Have you got your winter's coal in? is the popular topic of discussion at the present time.

Ripening fruit finds foes in the cool weather and the small boy with an appetite beyond his control.

However well the Standard Oil used to grease the elections Colonel Roosevelt called for one too many cans.

So the contributors to the Colonel's campaign are idealists. Wonder what he will call the bull moose bosses!

King George thinks the nation and the world will feel the loss of General Booth, whose death he deplores.

Connecticut did not lose its balance when Roosevelt was here. In his new role he cannot affect its equilibrium.

A new machine turns cigarettes out at the rate of 150 a minute, and yet some fellows are never sufficiently supplied.

Happy thought for today: A boy's idea of heaven is a place where there are no schools and you get ice cream for nothing.

There may have been a frost on Cape Cod in August, but it was too late to do any harm to the progress on the canal.

If the Colonel is not conscious of having done a wrong, if he will look back he will see that he has made a zig-zag course.

The parcels post law is booked to take effect in January; and a great many people are likely to forget it before that time.

Now that the vacation season is on the wane, those who have returned have a long list of things to do and not to do next season.

Woodrow Wilson was called Tom when he was a boy, but in the upward climb he left Thomas, just as Grover Cleveland did Stephen.

While President Taft is quietly playing golf in Massachusetts, the bull moose is playing political pranks in various states of the union.

While old political times will ever be reviewed, it is safe to predict that no more than necessary will be said about the good old days of 1904.

The Colonel can reverse himself the oftenest and be right all of the time of any man on earth. There is money in him as an all-the-world exhibit.

When Archbold says he did not get anything for the $10,000 contributed in 1904, he intimates somebody failed to keep political promises. He doesn't claim to be an idealist.

Pulp wood is rafted from Canada across the Great lakes to Wisconsin, and a raft of 40,000 cords has just been towed across at a speed of 1 1-3 miles an hour. It was worth $80,000.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Prosecuted Farmers.

Mr. Editor: Sixty-one farmers in eastern Connecticut have recently been arrested and made to appear before Judge Platt in the United States court at Hartford on the charge of shipping milk to Providence that did not come up to the United States pure food standard.

This attack on the farmers is said to have been instigated by Milk Inspector Scott of Providence. The farmers had already been put to heavy expense in changing their barns and in other ways trying to conform to the requirements of Inspector Scott. If the milk in some cases was still unsatisfactory, the remedy was entirely in his hands. He has the power to stop dealers from handling any milk that he thinks is unfit for sale. There was no need of his setting Uncle Sam on the farmers.

Of the famers who appeared before the court in Hartford a majority were charged with having filth in their milk. Now no man believes that those farmers purposely put filth in their milk. They make a product that they are willing to drink themselves. Some of them stated that their milk had never been complained of and that they were making the best milk that they knew how to make. But these people received no more consideration at the hands of the court, no lighter fines, than those who were accused of purposely adulterating their milk. No evidence was produced in court against any of the acoused; the judge would listen to no argument in their behalf. All that they could do was to keep still and pay their $40 fine, or to demand a trial. Now, the average farmer has a wholesome fear of the law and does not feel that he can afford to fight the United States, so the most of them chose the quickest and cheapest way out, and innocent and guilty alike pleaded "nolo contendre," and paid their fines. Of the few who wished to contest the matter the judge warned some that if they changed their plea later or the case went against them, they need not expect to get off with as light a fine as $40. Is it right and just that a man who believes he is unjustly accused and tries to defend himself should be threatened by the judge with a heavier fine for so doing?

We never shall have perfectly pure milk as long as we get it from its present source, When they learn to make it in the laboratories we may have it pure. But now, more or less dirt is liable to lodge under the hair and in the tails of the cows and to be disloged during milking. Some dirt is liable to be blown in. I wish some of the experts from the pure food laboratories would come out in the country and try to manufacture pure milk for three or four cents a quart. They would have a truer appreciation of the difficulties of the business.

The department of agriculture sends out so information to the farmer as to what standard his milk must conform to in order that he may avoid prosecution. It gives him no suggestions as to how he may make his milk come up to that standard, and, if he unwittingly breaks the law he is arrested, and, instead of being given a nominal fine as a man should be for an unintentional first offense, he is fined the same as though he had purposely adulterated his milk. Many of those farmers who were fined do not make $40 a year profit on their whole herd. And the farmer is not allowed to obtain any evidence with which to defend himself. The sample of milk is taken without his knowledge, and he is not furnished any sample of it which he may have tested. He is not informed for four months that his milk was unsatisfactory. It is ten months before he is haled into court, and he is absolutely without any evidence as to the quality of the milk of which the sample was taken ten months before.

Secretary Wilson preaches a gospel of "back to the land," but his department hits the farmer, in the dark, below the belt, apparently in an effort to knock him out of the business.

GERALD WALDO,
Windham County, Conn.

Sept. 2, 1912.

IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

THE QUILL-TUBE VERSUS THE GUN-TUBE.

Every writing person should at least once a month solemnly set apart one day to expose the folly and denounce the crime of war.

It is amazing that such an institution, without one rootlet in reason, drawing its sustenance wholly from the most bestial of human passion, should go on cumbering the earth.

No modern congress of nations could possibly invent such a horrid method of settling disputes. Its existence is the most devilish tax the past lays on the present.

The greatest of battles is that silent battle going on daily between the men of the quill and the men of the gun.

Speaking of war, an English writer of the last century said: "And then this little tube, the goose-quill, has sent its silent shots into your huge anatomy; and the corroding ink is eating with a tooth of iron into your sword, even whilst you look at it and think it shines so brightly."

THE BULLETIN'S SHORT STORY.

WHAT HIS WIFE WEARS

"I am going to offer a prize," said the woman who had the floor, "to any one who will take my husband off and sequester him by threat, main force or guile long enough for me to buy a spring and summer wardrobe. It is absolutely impossible to do it so long as he remains at large.

"When I married John I had no idea he was so fussy. I think I spoiled him by unwisely complimenting his good taste and judgment in regard to clothes, and he got conceited about it. He shouldn't have taken me seriously, for a woman has a right to say anything nice to a man that comes into her head when she is trying to ensnare him into matrimony. If he played the game fair he would charge all her compliments up to profit and loss and use common sense after he was married, just as a woman does—but men are so foolish!

"John's conceit was a great shock to me, because everything I had done or worn or said had invariably been a little better than all right with John.

"My awakening came when I purchased the linen dress. I found it in one of those exclusive little shops where they have clothes all ready to wear that are beyond your wildest dreams of style. The linen dress was the last cry. I can't exactly describe it except that it was a coarse, heavy, natural ecru linen with panels of heavy lace to match and an odd crimson suede belt and fascinating snatches of thin net let in here and there. Any woman can tell from this description that it was exactly the stunningest, most unusual thing you can ever hope to see.

"I simply grabbed it and had it fitted to me. When it came home I donned it and casually walked out in front of John.

"I hadn't exactly formulated what I expected him to say, but it was something to the effect that he was overcome totally by my air of magnificence. Instead, he was strangely silent. I had not expected him to be so overcome.

"'Don't you like it?' I hinted.

"John coughed. I loooked at him in surprise. Then he took hold of a sleeve with a gingerly thumb and forefinger. 'What is it?' he asked, hesitatingly. 'It looks—er—it looks like potato sacking. Of course,' he added, hastily and politely, 'I know it isn't. But—er—isn't it queer?'

"Oh, he tried to be polite, he really did. But he suffered so while he was doing it that, having a tender heart, I couldn't stand it. He simply couldn't see that linen dress. To him it was a monstrosity, a blot on the landscape, and at the thought of his wife appearing in a garment which to him was going to draw the scorn and amazed amusement of the populace was unendurable.

"So long as that dress was in the house John was nervous, amused and tormented, so I took it back." I told the store people that I'd pay them to take it back, because if I kept it I knew it meant a divorce in the family, but they were very nice and said I could change it. So I bought a lovely taffeta gown. It was a changeable silk with puffings and quillings and a quaint lace fichu, and it looked exactly like the pictures of the new spring gowns in Paris. It was so artistic!

"My dear, you'll never believe me, but when I put that dress on John just sat and looked puzzled. 'Isn't it terribly old fashioned?' he asked, timidly. 'I remember my great aunt in a dress like that. Why don't you get something new and stylish?'

"Wasn't that hopless? I explained to him carefuly that that was the latest style, but John vowed that it was ancient and that they had imposed on me and anyhow he disliked changeable silk. So I sold it to my sister for $5 less than I paid for it. I was now $15 to the bad, as the second dress had cost $10 more than the original linen. I told John that when he could take a day off and accompany me on a shopping tour I'd buy a dress, but until then I would devote my attention to hats.

"I got a perfect love of a hat with a bunch of these white uncurled ostrich feathers on that everybody knows cost like sixty—and John threw up his hands! He said I looked as though I had been caught out in the rain and hadn't money enough to get the feathers recurled. He raved so about it that I sent the hat back.

"Then I sat down in front of John, and by painstaking labor extracted from him the description of the kind of clothes he would like to see me in. He said he liked tailory things with shirt waists that had collars and cuffs—they've been out for five years, you know—and sailor hats. John said that nothing on earth looked so trim and stylish as a perfectly plain sailor hat. What would they do to me at a fashionable tea if I appeared in such garments?

"Oh, no, I didn't ask John that. Anyhow I was in luck, because I know one woman whose husband wants everything she buys to be red. He says red looooks so cheerful. John is bad enough, though. Ive made my mind up to stop worrying and buy clothes anyhow.

"All I'm waiting for is some one to distract him while I'm buying clothes and then soothe him at the moment he first catches sight of me. He might just as well get broken in to having a stylish wife and get it over with!"—Chicago News.

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