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### OUR TROUBLES NOT NEW.

"If I was called upon to draw a picture of the times of Men, I should in one word say that idleness, dissipation, and extravagance seem to have laid fast hold of most of them. That speculation—peculation—and insatiable thirst for riches seem to have got the better of every other consideration and almost of every order of Men."

The above quotations are not extracts from a Roosevelt message to Congress or letter to a political friend, nor are they from the pages of a modern yellow muckraking magazine. They are a century apart in date and the newest is of the date of Bryan's "crime of '73." They were resurrected in a speech by Governor Hughes. The first is by George Washington, in 1778, and the second by Tilden in 1873. They led the New York governor into the following sound comments:

"Intelligent comparison of the conditions of this day with those in times past can not fail to cause gratification and to beget confidence. . . . The country is morally sound. In this land of industry with unexampled opportunities for production and exchange, with an area and a population enjoying advantages of distribution free from artificial barriers of intercourse such as the world has never seen, the men of business inevitably represent the intelligence and moral sentiment of the people. They do not constitute a caste. They come from every walk in life; from the farm, the college, the counting-room, and the shop. They represent every element in the population, native and foreign-born, of every degree of advantage and disadvantage in origin and environment. Every stimulus to ambition, every precept of morality, every counsel of experience, every success and every disaster, every lesson of the past and the multifarious warnings of a world where truth and justice alone win lasting victories, have helped to shape their standards and to determine their aims. And making all allowance for the extremes of avarice and artifice, for the unwholesome spectacles of exploitation and infidelity to trust, without blinking any evil or glossing over any wrong, the fact remains that the business men of the country are for the most part honest men, representing fairly the moral standards of the people. And never more than today have they, taken as a whole, earnestly desired that abuses shall be stopt, that an end shall be put to corrupt dealings and unfair practices, that gambling shall not parade in business livery, and that American industry and trade shall have free scope for development and extension along the lines of honorable rivalry and with justice to stockholders, to employees, and to the people at large.

"To distrust the future in this land of opportunity, of educational privileges so eagerly seized, of moral influences so widespread and effective, is to despair of humanity itself."

### TO THE "ISLAND OF HAWAII."

The Pacific Mail Steamship company has issued a fine little booklet of pictures advertising the steamer trip across the Pacific, and Hawaii is given good advertising assistance by this and other publications of the company. But the only bit of printed matter in the booklet mentioned suggests once more the fact that there is a lot of the people of the Mainland do not know about the Territory: "This booklet is presented with the compliments of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company hoping that it may serve as a pleasant reminder of your voyage across the Pacific by 'The Semi-Tropical Route' and the stops made at the beautiful island of Hawaii and the various ports of China and Japan."

### SUFFRAGETTES, TAKE NOTE.

The female shout for equality of the sexes has received (so to speak) a solar plexus which ought to finish the most hardened suffragette on earth. In the cold, set language of law and logic as given to an awe-stricken world by the Supreme Court of the United States, which Americans like to refer to as the highest tribunal on the face of the globe, it is stated officially, authoritatively and unambiguously that woman's rights are not equal, that she has simply got to "stand for" being looked after by the inferior sex whether she wants to be or not. In utter defiance of the cries of the suffragettes, the justices of this great court, every one of them, concurred in the following language of Justice Brewer:

"Differential by these matters from the other sex, she is probably placed in a class by herself, and legislation designed for her protection may be sustained, even when like legislation is not necessary for men, and could not be sustained. It is impossible to close one's eyes to the fact that she still looks to her brother and depends upon him. Even though all restrictions on political, personal, and contractual rights were taken away, and she stood, so far as statutes are concerned, upon an absolutely equal plane with him, it would still be true that she is so constituted that she will rest upon and look to him for protection; that her physical structure and a proper discharge of her maternal functions—having in view not merely her own health but the well-being of the race—justify legislation to protect her from the greed as well as the passion of man. The limitations which this statute places upon her contractual powers, upon her right to agree with her employer as to the time she shall labor, are not imposed solely for her benefit, but also largely for the benefit of all. Many words can not make this plainer. The two sexes differ in structure of body, in the functions to be performed by each, in the amount of physical strength, in the capacity for long-continued labor, particularly when done standing, the influence of vigorous health upon the future well-being of the race, the self-reliance which enables one to assert full rights, and in the capacity to maintain the struggle for subsistence. This difference justifies a difference in legislation and upholds that which is designed to compensate for some of the burdens which rest upon her."

Upon these and other grounds, the Supreme court upheld an Oregon decision which takes away from woman the constitutional right of a free male human being to make any old sort of a contract to labor

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## BRIGHT THINGS IN CONGRESS

(From the Congressional Record.)  
"The Congressional Record is the greatest daily published in the wide, wide world"—Congressman Clayton of Alabama.

CONGRESSMAN DALZELL of Pennsylvania: My friend from Missouri, (Mr. Clark) the other day marched gallantly up to the performance of his biennial task, and elected a Democratic House of Representatives. (Laughter on the Republican side.) He always does it at this season of the year. The time may vary a little, a few days, or a few weeks; it may be amid the chill blasts of winter or amid the flowers that bloom in the spring, but it is always before the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November. The gentleman is persistent as well as prophetic. He is not red-headed, but he is hopeful, and has never forgotten his boyhood lesson, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." (Laughter on the Republican side.)

SENATOR CULBERSON of Texas: It can not be too often declared, Mr. President, nor be too deeply impressed on the American people that the recent panic can not be ascribed to natural or industrial causes. Nothing the common people did, no visitation of Providence, no failure in soil, or shop, or mine, or countingroom was responsible for it and for the havoc which hovered over the land. By some it is believed to have been deliberately fabricated for selfish purposes; by others, like the President of the United States, it is believed to have begun as a matter of speculation. Whether these beliefs as to its origin be well or ill founded, it is certain that the panic was inexcusable and unwarranted by conditions and that in some of its phases it was criminal and infamous.

IN COMMITTEE, on Prohibition, Mr. Sutro: If the law can say to a man "Thou shalt not take a sip of wine, or beer, or whiskey, or brandy," it can by the same authority say to him "Thou shalt not take a mouthful of mince pie and a tumbler of ice water." Gentlemen of the committee, over-indulgence in intoxicants is not the only excess conducive to crime in this country! I give it as my firm belief that as many murders have been committed by dyspeptics made dyspeptic by too much mince pie and ice water as by men inflamed to violence by strong drink!

When the laughter had subsided, Mr. Sutro, returning to the philosophy that prohibition does not prohibit, delivered this inquiry: If prohibition is effective, why, not so long ago, were many members of this honorable House of Representatives in the habit of going downstairs into the House restaurant and calling for a "cup of tea" with a large wink in the left eye, and being served with strong waters? I will ask the gentleman from Maine, Mr. Littlefield to answer.  
Again when the laughter had subsided, Mr. Littlefield said: "Ask the other members of the committee that. It was before my time."

SENATOR RAYNOR of Maryland: When it comes to the Standard Oil Company and other kindred alliances, no man in this Chamber would go to a greater length than I am willing to go in driving them, if possible, from the face of the Republic. I know that their path has been a path of desolation. I know that they have swept down upon competition like a cormorant upon its prey, and have built their thrones upon the wants of penury and the toll of unrequited labor.  
Monopoly is the curse of this country, and I take up my line of march, as I have always done, with the attacking party that will eventually level it to the earth and rescue from its deadly grasp the honest business enterprises of the land and the prostrate rights of the American people. I differ however, with the President in his method of assault. Manufacturers should receive penal punishment, and a whole generation of innocent people ought not to suffer for the sins of their oppressors. One day of imprisonment would do the work better than all the heaviest fines that can be levied upon the institutions they represent. I differ with the President in his remedies, because he has suggested one after another utterly impossible of accomplishment by the Federal Government.

BOURKE COCKRAN of New York: I venture the assertion that from the very first establishment of this Government there never has been a policy permanently incorporated into our political system that was not of Democratic origin. (Loud applause on the Democratic side.) The country has often rejected Democratic candidates, but it has never accepted a measure vitally affecting the structure or development of our Government that was not either recommended by a Democratic President, enacted by a Democratic Congress, or proposed by a Democratic convention. Even the legislation of the last fifty years has been an enforcement of Democratic policies by republican politicians. (Applause on the Democratic side.)  
The chief feature of Jefferson's Administration was the Louisiana Purchase, constituting the Democratic policy of expansion—an expansion involving the spread of our authority over lands where the American flag will typify for all time that the American Constitution is the possession of every inhabitant. (Loud applause.)  
This wise policy of Jefferson, by which valuable contiguous territory was secured through peaceful negotiations to avoid war with France, has been perverted under a Republican Administration to the conquest by violence of worthless lands on the other side of the globe and the purchase of men for \$20,000,000 in the Philippine Islands. (Loud applause on Democratic side.)

CONGRESSMAN DALZELL of Pennsylvania: The Virginia Democratic Association, at a meeting in this city in October last, voiced it in a preamble and resolution which were published in the Washington Post. I will read as follows:  
Whereas William Jennings Bryan, the great commoner, as well as the great uncommoner; the great advocate of free silver; the great advocate of government ownership of railroads; the great advocate of initiative and referendum; the greatest blower upon earth; the greatest standing candidate upon earth; the greatest man without a record known in American politics is threatening again to become a candidate of the Democratic party for the President of the United States; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this association that he stands about as much show of success as a short-tailed bull in fly time. (Loud and continued laughter and applause.)  
Gentlemen, you may have dissensions in your ranks; there is no dissension in ours. (Loud applause on the Democratic side.) I will get two cheers for that, one in advance, and will get another when I get through. We are unanimously in favor of the nomination at the Denver convention as Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the great commoner and the great uncommoner, William Jennings Bryan. (Applause.)

that he wants to make. The decision sustains a law under which women can not accept employment to work more than ten hours a day in a factory, even if they want to. Poor man makes an agreement to work himself to death, but the court has made a start on a line of decisions which threaten to add to man's oppression of the weaker sex by refusing to allow women to make slaves of themselves. It is a remarkable decision,—and appears to contain some vast possibilities of development.

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