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It is "out again, in again" for friend Mabray, all right.

Why do they call it Indian summer? Because it used to be.

Evidently Mr. Hearst took a rain check when he left the Democratic party.

Wild geese are going south. The Democrats will be likewise after election.

Joseph Pulitzer's life is another argument against anti-immigration legislation.

Mr. "Big Six" Mathewson now assumes the proportions of a two-cylinder runabout.

"Ten Below in Montana." Yes, but wait till the fuzzy style strikes Medicine Hat.

Perhaps they do not have spikes in the game of politics, but they have steam rollers.

That California duck that swallowed gold nuggets really has something to quack about.

"Tammany will be beaten, unless all signs fail," says Hurst. And in dry weather, all signs frequently fail.

The author of "Sweet Marie" is now an indigent patient in a Boston hospital. Still, we are sorry for him.

Jack Johnson was arrested and fined \$37 for breaking up his London landlady's furniture. Breaking into print again.

Dr. Cook used gum drops to charm the north pole natives, but he probably borrowed the idea from some of our gumshoe politicians.

Chinese Imperial army at Hankow fired cannon balls made of wood. No wonder the progressives want something a bit more up to date.

It is just as well that, even in these piping times of peace, we line out our navy now and then in review before the head of the nation.

President Taft has still another supreme court appointment to make and no matter whom he names probably make it without pleasing Mr. Bryan.

Jacob M. Dickinson drew the complaint for the government in the steel trust suit. Evidently his retirement as war secretary did not mean his complete retreat.

Mrs. Howard A. Colby of Plainfield, N. J., is said to be the first woman to use colored photography in the Maine woods. She has made five pictures of a pair of wild moose.

The wine of joy leaves some dregs in the glass. By a ruling of the attorney general of California, women must tell their real ages when they ask to be registered as voters.

Colonel Roosevelt's decision to refrain from speaking during the next campaign will probably not debar him from writing things calculated to insure passionate eloquence on the part of others.

A railroad passenger in Long Island has won a legal victory in a suit brought because he practically proclaimed the principle of "No seat, no fare." There is yet hope for the urban straphanger.

Murphy Bullies and Butchers the Bronx.—Headline. Now, if his name were only Mike, they might have said: "Mean, Mealy Mike Murphy Bullies and Butchers the Bronx."

One of the chief elbow crookers of the Sons of Rest tells us he would rather be Baker of the Athletics than president of the United States. But Baker is not permitted to take the free drinks that are at his disposal.

August Wilcox, the oldest resident of Shiawassee county, Michigan, who for nearly seventy years has been trying to collect \$5.04 from the United States, has at last succeeded—minus the interest. Mr. Wilcox was postmaster at Bridgewater, Mich., under President Tyler, and some time after he was succeeded in the position he learned he had some money coming to him.

A street railroad in Philadelphia will lower its car steps to accommodate the hobble skirt. Being a thing feminine, the hobble skirt has borne sneers and jeers, but it won its point.

The challenging of a juror simply because he had listened to a funeral sermon by Rev. Robert J. Burdette is a tribute to the preacher which might well have formed the theme of one of the genial "Bob's" best humorous essays.

The king of Italy is an impassioned automobilist. Moreover, he is, perhaps, the only one among great rulers that has passed a thorough examination in driving and repairing. He is a skilled mechanic and can repair his car readily whenever trouble comes.

A fatal wreck on the Union Pacific, in spite of all its splendid system of life-saving and accident-preventing devices, goes only to show that there is something in the theory of President Bush of the Missouri Pacific after all—the theory of human fallibility—as the explanation of many such disasters.

FATHER AND SON.

Carroll Wright, after leaving the university at Iowa City, devoted a year to reportorial work on the old Des Moines Register. "There are those who believe," the Register and Leader says, "that he might have made an even more notable mark in the newspaper field than in the profession he inherited from his father." It is hardly likely the belief is well founded. The law was the place for him, as those who knew him well in a professional way can have no doubt. "As a corporation attorney," the Register and Leader also says, "he was not in position to take a large part in public affairs, and there is little reason to believe that his ambition led him in the footsteps of his father." The distinguished father in the pioneer life of Iowa held the office of prosecuting attorney and served one term in the state senate. He was once the candidate of the whigs for representative in congress, but not elected. In 1855 he became a justice of the supreme court of the state and remained on the bench for fifteen years. It was there he won his greatest distinction. In 1870 he accepted an election to the United States senate and declined to be a candidate for a second term. The ambition of Judge Wright was steadily in the direction of his profession, and after retirement from the senate he was a leader at the Des Moines bar and at the head of a conspicuous firm of corporation attorneys. His office holding outside of judicial place was incidental. He was a great lawyer and a great judge. Carroll Wright followed in the footsteps of his illustrious father and the senior brothers. As a family of lawyers the Wrights are the most noted the state has produced.

DIVORCES.

The federal census dispels some popular delusions concerning divorces in this and other countries. For instance, Washington holds the record of the states with the greatest per centage of divorces to the number of married residents. Most people would have guessed either Nevada or South Dakota. The rate of divorces to each 100,000 married people stands in Washington at 513. It is figured on this basis that if no marriages occurred in the state and the divorce rate was maintained, within ten years all the people in that commonwealth would have returned to single blessedness. Montana stands second in the list with 497 divorces to each 100,000 married people. Colorado is third with 469, Arkansas fourth with 399, Texas follows with 391, Oregon 368, Wyoming 361, Indiana 355, Idaho 347, Oklahoma 346, Arizona 344. South Dakota stands twenty-one on the list with 281; Illinois is number twenty-three with 267 and Kansas is number fifteen with 286. New York is number forty-seven on the list of states with only sixty divorces to each 100,000 married people. Delaware has the lowest rate, forty-three to each 100,000 married people. The legislature alone grants divorces in Delaware. In South Carolina there are no divorce laws. Another strange fact in these divorce statistics is that in some sections of the country the divorce rate in the country is higher than in the cities. This is notably true in New York where the rate is twenty-two in the city and twenty-five in the country. In California and Washington this is reversed. In the former state the city rate is 219 and the country 162; in the latter the city rate is 162 and the country rate 162. In Pennsylvania the ratio is the same for city and country, being thirty-five in each case. Among the causes for which divorce is granted desertion stands first with a fraction over 38 per cent of the total. Cruelty stands next with 21 per cent of the total. Adultery ranks third with 16 per cent. Drunkenness is a considerable factor, but not as large as was popularly supposed. It is charged with a trifle less than 6 per cent of the total number of divorces. The records in most states are incomplete in the matter of the classes of people divorced. But New Jersey gives accurate information on this score. Actors and showmen head this list with one divorce for every six marriages. Commercial travelers come next with one divorce to nine marriages. Musicians, music teachers and bar tenders tie for third place, one divorce out of every twenty-one married. Following in order are

physicians, telegraph operators, bookkeepers, clerks, barbers and factory employes.

The only popular impression that stands the test of the census figures is that divorces are becoming more frequent. In 1870 there was one divorce for each 1,233 married people, in 1900 it was one divorce for each 500 married persons. The ratio of divorces to marriage is now one to four-teen.

The general conclusion from these facts are that as intelligence increases, divorces become more numerous. This is true the world over and is not peculiar to the United States alone. But even with this increase of marital infelicity the cloud which it casts is not without its silver lining. Women are becoming more self-reliant and independent. They are not obliged to get married as in former years. Children among divorcees are not numerous. Evolution is at work. "The meek shall inherit the earth." Those of ill temper have within their own beings the seeds which will ultimately destroy or cease to produce their kind.

Give Him a Lift.

I was trudging one day down a dusty road While my back was curved 'neath a bit of a load, And the way was long and my feet were sore, And my bones ached under the load I bore; But I struggled on in the summer's heat, Till I came to a pool where I bathed my feet, Then, resting a bit, I shouldered my load, And wended my way down the dusty road. The morning stretched into the afternoon— My journey's end seemed as far as the moon; Till at length a horse and wagon drew near, And my heart revived with a spark of cheer; But the man saw only his own small soul, And the narrow way to his narrow goal, And he whipped up his horse to a guilty trot, Though the sand was deep and the day was hot; And he passed me by on the dusty road, And I bent still further beneath my load.

Yet out of the dust came another man With a grizzled beard and cheeks of tan, And he pulled up short and he gayly cried: "I say there, comrade, get in and ride." And he palmed my bundle behind the seat, And he said, "Climb in here and rest your feet; I never pass a man on the road, An' specially, friend, if he's got a load."

I reached my journey ere came the night, And my feet were rested, my heart was light; And I blessed the driver who'd gayly cried: "I say there comrade, get in and ride." Ah, the world is full of sore-footed men Who need a slight lift every now and again, And the angels can see through the white cloud rift All the God-like souls who give them a lift.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

"How about Theodore Roosevelt to take the place of Justice Harlan," suggests the Waterloo Courier. The Coon Rapids Enterprise believes it is quite certain that La Follette is gaining strength in Iowa and the middle west. The Waterloo Times-Tribune says that the silver Republicans made a great deal more noise than the insurgents of the present day. The Boone News-Republican says the presidential primary is likely to go dead from the fact that nobody seems to be able to tell how to hold one. "Prof. Holden," says the Marshalltown Times-Republican, "better thing it over seriously before running for governor. It's a harder job than his own and much harder to get." The Creston Advertiser-Gazette says it is most decidedly opposed to any primary that is not properly safeguarded so as to prevent the participation of Democrats any place in the state. "A presidential preference primary in all the states would be, practically, two presidential elections," says the Burlington Hawk-Eye. "Who wants two presidential campaigns in one year?" The Marion Register is confident that Taft can't win a renomination without the support of the Iowa delegation. "Oh, fudge!" exclaims the Charles City Intelligencer. "We, for one, don't believe any such assertion." "If Iowa should hold an early presidential preference primary," says the Webster City Freeman-Tribune, "the result would have considerable effect upon the contest for the nomination throughout the nation. In the event of La Follette losing the state his candidacy would receive a death

His Rise to Power

By Henry Russell Miller, Author of "The Man Higher Up." Illustrated by M. Leone Bracker. Published by the Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis.

There have been three novels of politics which deserve recognition as being true to type. There have been scores of novels pretending to be of politics which bear the same relation to true literary art that the cartoon does to photography. Of course, there is a graphic art far beyond photography, even in portraiture, but an oil portrait which shows the mouth above the nostrils is bad art, and that is all there is to it.

The real crop of novels of politics started with the present century—the biography of Peter Stirling was a novel of a politician and not of politics. It has been a big crop. One specimen which attained the best seller list mixed up inextricably a legislative and a congressional district—as if the author of a social problem novel knew no difference between a home and a garage. Others were a little better or a little worse than this shining example of that absurdity of fact which is no more art than making mud pies is culinary art.

One example of good art in a novel is "Coniston," which is true to fact and type in every line. Another is a novel, the first of the political novels, which was published in 1901, never became a best seller and is forgotten long ago.

The latest is, "His Rise to Power," the author of which knows the field of human conflict and achievement in which he has chosen to place his story. It is a real distinction for Henry Russell Miller that he writes novels which fit the part of humanity of which they treat—a distinction the more marked because he has only two other writers in that class with himself.

But the fact that his book avoids the absurdities which make other books caricatures of literary art is not enough to cause it to be crowned. There remains consideration of its other qualities.

Is it a book with a purpose? One page causes the reader to think so,

and the opposite page reverses the verdict. There is a purpose, or at least a result, in this novel—it tends toward reform by giving the masses of the people an accurate knowledge of how government is managed in these days. But it never preaches; it really does not argue that bosses and bribery and packed conventions are burning wrongs; it gives a very accurate description of how the thing is done, and gives accurately the viewpoint and the arguments made by the political bosses of every rank, from the boss of a great state to the lame little soldier in the recorder's office who wheedlingly bosses a few score of voters. The book as a reform force is eminently fair; if the thing can stand accurate delineation the thing is not far wrong; if the thing can stand the truthful painting given it here, it will fall as a wrong—after a long time.

This book, "His Rise to Power" is the most faithful picture of practical politics, of the futility of idealistic reforming, and of materialistic, practical reformation that has yet come to the American people from the printing press, the oratory of the Congressional Record, or the chautauqua platform. Every practical politician in the country will agree that the most good ever done government would be for every voter in the land to read "His Rise to Power."

But the sociological and economic value of "Oliver Twist" and of "Put Yourself in His Place" was not all of those novels. Neither is the political value of "His Rise to Power" the major value of that new novel as a work of literary art. Its love story, its deep and entertaining study of the ways of a man and of a woman in love, its humor and its sustained interest—all these are quite enough to make the book very popular among women, as its truthful delineation of practical politics make it valuable and interesting to men.

G. WALTER BARR.

blow and the field would be clear for Taft. Yet the backers of the president in this state are beginning to hedge on the primary proposition."

The Des Moines Tribune says it does not wish to either encourage or discourage any citizen from seeking "Sometimes the lawyers are able to make the law look silly," says the Council Bluffs Nonpartei. "Sometimes it is the fault of the law, sometimes it is the fault of the jury and not infrequently the lawyers. Again, it is the fault of the system."

the governorship. "But it does wish," the Tribune continues, "to raise its voice for a governor who will have a program of new life for Iowa and who will not be a mere political trimmer for office. If ever there was a time when Iowa should have an 'Iowa plan' campaign it is now."

The Jefferson Free Lance says it would like someone to give a single reason why Iowa Republicans ought to support La Follette. "If Senator Cummins will consent to be a candidate for the presidency," the Free Lance continues, "men who cannot support Taft ought to rally around him. He is head and shoulders above the Wisconsin idealist in anyway to be considered. To support La Follette in preference to Cummins would be political foolishness. If not Taft, then Cummins."

The Cedar Rapids Republican says that the opponents of President Taft, within his own party, will have to make it appear that he is not the friend of the "common people" and the "ultimate consumers" when he is using every means to enforce the laws against trusts and monopolies. "They will be put to it to find fault somewhere," the Republican continues. "One may reasonably expect that they will be equal to the task that is before them. Taft must still be 'destroyed' or 'put in a hole.'"

DENMARK.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy entertained a Halloween crowd Tuesday night. The first number on the lecture course given by Charles Lewis Seasholes will be Saturday evening, Nov. 4th. Mrs. Joe Maxwell has returned from her visit with relatives at Regent, North Dakota. The Ladies Union met with Mrs. Van Hynning Wednesday. Work for the bazaar was the order of the day. Mr. Joe Maxwell has rented his farm to Mr. Jones, who is now clerking at Mr. Blackington's store. Mr. Maxwell will rest from farm work for a year or so. Mr. Davis, who took unto himself a wife on Oct. 24th, is now getting moved into the house on Mrs. Woodruff's farm. He will occupy part of the house and farm part of the land. Dr. Rea of Fort Madison was called to the little baby at the David Haude home, yesterday morning. The little one is resting easier at this time. The mother is doing well. The last robin is telling us good-

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to Walter Elmore, both of Salem, occurred at Mt. Pleasant Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Johnson and her son Orrie have gone to spend the winter with relatives in Kansas. Will Smith and family have moved to the Evans property on Depot St. This week Mr. and Mrs. Young will move to Miss Kate Mathews' property on Depot St. There was a large attendance at Sunday school Sunday morning to observe Rally day. Mrs. Fred Shelleby was delegate from this place to the grand lodge of the Eastern Star, held at Dubuque last week. Frank Edwards of Fairfield, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards of this place. Mrs. Marian Parker came from Ottumwa and spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. C. Scott. Mrs. Mattie Gillard is at home following two weeks spent with relatives at Danville. Dee Thompson was at Mt. Pleasant last week taking teacher's examination. John Woolman and wife are in Philadelphia, Pa., the guests of relatives. Miss Elsie Garretson is visiting her sister, Miss Mary Garretson in Chicago. J. M. Triplett was a business caller in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday. Mrs. C. H. Cook is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. Evans, from Malcom. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Garretson are visiting relatives at Indianapolis, Indiana. A Mail Carrier's Load Seems heavier when he has a weak back and kidney trouble. Fred Duehren, mail carrier at Atchison, Kan., says "I have been bothered with kidney and bladder trouble and had a severe pain across my back. Whenever I carried a heavy load of mail, my kidney trouble increased. Some time ago I started taking Foley Kidney Pills and since taking them I have gotten entirely rid of all my kidney trouble and am as sound now as ever." Wilkinson & Co. Irrigation in Chile. Chile is producing great harvests of cotton and other valuable staples by extended irrigation. Already about 2,500,000 acres of her territory are being treated in this way and about as much more of her land is available for the same purpose.

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