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THOSE AFFIDAVITS

The Minneapolis policemen are reported to have shown great alacrity in making affidavit to their freedom from political assessment after it had been suggested to them that such affidavits were desired by their superiors.

These voluntary affidavits and the manner of their getting recalls the story of the Michigan farmer whose two sons were about to cast their first ballots.

The old man was a democrat, but he lectured the boys long and earnestly about the wisdom of making their own political affiliations without regard to his.

When the polling place was reached he gave his sons both democratic and republican tickets and again adjured them to vote according to their own judgments.

"But—you," he added, "if you vote the republican ticket don't you ever dare to set foot in my house again."

Dr. W. A. Croft of Washington, a one-time Minneapolis newspaper man, has offered to go to Pretoria as consul there, offering as a reason for his appointment his willingness to live on the salary of \$2,000.

Dr. Croft does not lack in ability to fill the office, but his offer to accept an appointment from this administration, in view of his intense opposition to it on account of its foreign policy, and his energetic campaigning against it, is rather unexpected.

RECIPROCITY TREATIES

The democratic newspapers last week had a deal to say about the speech of Senator Beveridge and the utterances of other individual republicans and of some republican journals on the subject of reciprocal trade or trade concessions as inevitable, if we wish to retain the commercial gains and markets which we have, in the last few years, acquired.

The democrats take the ground that the republican party is abandoning protection and is on the way to the adoption of democratic free trade. They talk as if they really believe this. If reciprocity is a test of democracy it is remarkable that in 1894, the democratic party, in full control of legislation, repealed the tariff of 1890 which embodied several concessional articles and, in constructing a new tariff, omitted any reference to reciprocal trade.

When these gentlemen had the opportunity they carefully refrained from actualizing what they are pleased to call "democratic doctrine." So much for democratic consistency! The republican party in 1890 was so pleased with the result of the limited reciprocity embodied in the tariff of 1890, that, in 1896, the republican convention which nominated McKinley declared as a cardinal doctrine of republican faith that "protection and reciprocity are twin measures of republican policy and go hand in hand," and that "both must be re-established" and that "reciprocity builds up foreign trade and finds an outlet for our surplus."

The doctrine was heartily accepted by McKinley and he still accepts and recognizes it, and, last year, the republican party reiterated the doctrine, so that it cannot be denied that reciprocity is accepted republican doctrine. It is emphasized now because the senate declined at the last session to ratify a dozen reciprocity treaties negotiated by Commissioner Kasson with certain Spanish-American countries and with France and other European countries, which would, beyond doubt, be of great commercial value to our country.

The fact that no action was taken on these treaties reflects upon the republic party and exposes it to the charge of inconsistency.

This is unfortunate, but the indifference of the senate majority to the treaties certainly does not reflect the attitude of the party. France, Germany and other continental governments are now beginning to bar out our products by high and even prohibitory duties. Deliberate threats are made in Europe to declare a tariff war on our surplus products, and this process will before long become urgent, the republican tariff declarations of 1890 and 1896 are certainly well and prudent.

The republican party, as a great national party, has, through its whole career, wrought out policies which have

been demonstrably in the public, the national interest, and, to its policies and principles, the tremendous progress and development of the last third of a century are due. The policy of protection has built up great industries whose products are sent throughout the world and some of them do not need the aid of high customs duties, and wisdom suggests modification. And our great success in amplifying our foreign markets and Europe's tariff menaces suggest with equal force the wisdom of concessions to foreign nations, that, through reciprocity, we may continue and amplify our foreign trade and not lose a large percentage of it by a senseless and wasting international war of retaliatory tariffs.

WORK FOR THE GRAND JURY

Whether the remarkable testimony given in Judge Moe's court Saturday started any of the citizens of Minneapolis or not probably depended a good deal upon what ideas they had previously entertained of this administration.

The charges against the administration of connivance at violation of law, of sheltering crime and vice, of profiting by the unusual offensiveness and obtrusiveness of the criminal classes, are, as we understand, to be the subject of investigation by the grand jury. We hope that that investigation will be thorough and exhaustive, and that the whole truth will be developed. The charges made are serious; the impression which prevails throughout the community is condemnatory of the administration, and the authorities themselves are entitled to a thorough vindication, if the facts warrant such a finding. On the other hand, if they do not the community is entitled to know what its official representatives are doing and to learn the details of any bargains, contracts, understandings or compromises that may have been made with the gambling business, the liquor traffic, the social evil and other things requiring the rigid execution of punitive and restrictive laws. The administration needs this vindication and it cannot afford to lay any obstacles in the way, for this much is apparent, that whether the administration be guilty as charged, if it intended to profit by the prevalence of vice, it would probably adopt such a policy as has been pursued by this administration since the first of the year. It would permit gambling to become more open, extensive and more rapacious than ever. It would grant to the saloon men the widest license. The criminal classes would congregate in great numbers and pursue their occupation with apparently little restraint.

In any of its departments has been profiting by this condition of affairs, but only that if it intended to profit through its treatment of these evils, one might expect to find about such a state of affairs as has existed in this city for several months.

AMUSEMENTS

Foyer Chat. H. V. Esmond's romantic love story, "When We Were Twenty-one," was presented in an excellent manner at the Metropolitan last night by George Clarke and a company of players of more than average ability.

Carl Carlson, a Swedish-American comedy drama, by D. B. Scrin, is the play of the production will appear in this column to-morrow.

"The Village Parson," a five-act domestic drama of intense interest, with many thrilling situations, is to be presented at the Metropolitan for the week beginning Sunday, May 12. The scenes are laid in Louisiana, and the scenic embellishments are beautiful and elaborate.

"The Great White Diamond," a thrilling melodrama with Frank Hennig, a sterling actor, in the title role, began its presentation at the Bijou yesterday. The production will be reviewed in this column to-morrow.

MINNESOTA POLITICS

The David B. Hill boom is getting a good start among Minnesota democrats. The Faribault Pilot was the first to declare for the wizard of Wolcott's Roost, and Senator Johnson, in the St. Peter Herald, fairly promptly fell into line with the following frank statement:

Hill is a great leader. He comes from the pivotal state. He fights the Tammany tiger and is a man big enough to be president of the United States. Minnesota should declare for him at its next state convention and thereby remove all doubt as to the choice of the democratic party.

There are many kinds of democrats in Minnesota. Senator Johnson and Editor Shields represent one kind; but they will have a hard time convincing other varieties of the wisdom of the selection of the silent man. The populists who have allied themselves with democracy will remember Donnelly's great argument against fusion, that the eastern plutocratic wing of the democratic party demands a vote for the more radical western branch.

The strongest argument in Minnesota against Hill's nomination from a political standpoint is that it means a great revival of populism.

Senator Strivght has advised his constituents not to pay the state tax on dogs, on the ground that the famous "dog bill" is double taxation and unconstitutional. The validity of the act will doubtless be tested in the courts this year.

Charles E. Vassaly, the Little Falls editor, is being accused of making "goo-goo eyes" at the democratic nomination for congress in the sixth district.

"DEAD AND DOWN"

Faribault Democrat—The Minneapolis Journal deserves credit for its effort to place before the public the true situation regarding the cutting of the timber lands on French Lake and other reservations, under the head of dead and down timber. The fact is plain enough, and has been for years, that the lumbermen are determined to get the timber, and they will get it unless there is concerted action on the part of people and government to prevent it.

Faribault Republican—A special agent of the Minneapolis Journal has been investigating the operations of lumbermen in the Chippewa reservation, and reports that out of 49,000,000 feet of timber cut, 9,000,000 feet of green timber has been cut and dumped down in violation of the law. The inhabitants of that region generally are opposed to the setting apart of the land for a park and pay little regard to the timber law. In one case it is claimed that a man who has been convicted of attempting to start timber fires was given a contract this season to cut 1,200,000 feet of timber.

It is interesting to note that a large tract of the cutting of a park offers the only hope for the preservation of any part of the magnificent forests that are native to that part of the state.

It is interesting to note that the Minneapolis Journal is making some stunning exposures in the Chippewa reservation logging matters. The paper's managers took it upon themselves to make a searching investigation of the past winter's operations, and the paper is out with the statement now that the majority of camps had no regard for the law in taking dead and down timber.

Violations of the dead and down act have become an old story, and it came with good reason for the timber law to be passed in this as in all things it is not afraid of the corporations when public robbery is to be exposed—and it isn't a democratic party either.

March 4, 1897, the deposits in the banks of the United States were \$1,850,000,000. To-day they are \$2,750,000,000, an increase of over \$1,000,000,000. Is your little \$5 bill counted in this vast total, or did your best friend borrow it until Saturday night?

Minneapolis is threatened by a local Carrie Nation who maniacates the cloth in the billiard parlors and threatens to hatchet what she calls "the hellish places." She does a special turn against men in red cuffs who have cigars in their faces. Keep one eye on the door and the other on the ball.

The plutocratic peanut trust of Chicago has just shipped one train of fifty car loads of this delicious edible from Norfolk, Va., to Chicago. The goobers will be put in machines and will be counted out until you have dropped in a nickel. You then use the peanuts and the trust finds use for the nickel.

John Brown's old room in Windsor, that was kept sacredly closed by Queen Victoria, has been turned into a billiard room by the king, who is not at all sentimental over the late J. B.

The superstitious in England are worried because a marble shaft fell out of Westminster abbey. As the abbey has been standing for 600 years, it can be excused for wanting to lie down.

An eastern specialist says that a wooden-legged man does not have grip. Perhaps not, but the general public will feel more sure of the statement that he does not suffer from corns.

We call for the indictment by the grand jury of Tom Brown, secretary of the city administration, for not wearing kid gloves and looking sleek and well fed.

Even the Chicago Journal says that that town in the months of winter, with its long months of bad weather, it's all the fault of the city council.

A New York writer tried to "lick" a man who accused him of being a French count. Now and then even the worm does a turn.

Some of the big chimneys still smoke a little, but it must be put down to their credit that they do not smoke cigarettes.

Rev. Dr. George Rainford said in "damm" and address and repeated it in an interview. Whether it was his beloved pastor drifting?

The whole northwest shows a desire to be put off at Buffalo with The Journal's Pan-American excursion.

Go-Won-Go-Mohawk will lay off to-day and with Com-on-Go-Fishing will take a little trip to the lake.

California is oiling some of her roads to lay the dust. If anything will lay California dust, it is great stuff.

The Kansas City Star speaks of Pierp Morgan. This is false masejate.

Well, how would you like to be "the ice-man" now?

THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE MAN.

(Series under the direction of President Andrew S. Draper of the University of Illinois.)

XII.—JAMES J. HILL

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The face is one of singular interest. The eyes are dark and piercing, now twinkling with keen appreciation of your joke. If it be neither seasoned too high nor yet too abjectly tame; curiously interesting eyes, reflecting many an electric change in the keen mind.

The forehead is high, broad, commanding. Back of the hair, well down to the shoulders, a shock of silver-streaked hair, while the lower part of the face is covered with a bushy, straggling beard, here and there whitening. The nose is prominent, the mouth a curious combination of the severe and the gentle; delicate, indeed, from one point of view, from another, strong and virile. You may look for all sorts of words of great weight and of the most varied and varied—words of keenest enjoyment of the beautiful, words that bite like scorpions, words that ring with the tense but never strident re-sonance of authority. The figure is rather that of the normal well-knit and strong of frame. Seen in some lights, you would think the man foreign-born, from the Latin half of Europe, so swarthy the tones of his face; but, on any other view, he shows particularly, he is no more the man of the south, but a conquering Saxon, born to rule.

It is an inadequate picture of one of the commanding figures of modern commercial life. The man who has made the Great Northern railroad, just now one of the leading members of a company of men, small in numbers but mighty in financial power, a company that makes the world and the world acquiesce. If it is supposed he has a great work of art, he is not a painter, but a chessboard of finance where skill is everything, luck nothing.

His Appreciation of Merit. While perhaps finance, or, in a more restricted sense, the feature of modern commercial life which we call railroading, might be called the chief passion of his life, he is not a man who is without an untiring devotion, yet it would be unfair to set him down as a man of one idea, and that the size of a piece of gold. In his beautiful home in the city of Minneapolis, he is not a collector of the best that money could buy. Years ago he began buying pictures; as soon, in fact, as he was able to make investments of that kind he bought and bought, and he never buying. If it is supposed he has a gallery in money value worth at least \$1,000,000, but it represents a sum far and away beyond this—that not-to-be-estimated sum which represents the ever-increasing value of great works of art. If you know of a new artist who is sure to "arrive"—and he does not know of the same man—be sure you have hit upon a fruitful topic, for he is ever on the lookout for the new man in art.

He has devoted himself to art just as he has devoted himself to railroading. He has a gallery of more than average ability. Mr. Clark's portrait of the Metropolitan last night by George Clarke and a company of players of more than average ability. Mr. Clark's portrait of the Metropolitan last night by George Clarke and a company of players of more than average ability.

Practical and Far-Sighted Methods. Whatever Mr. Hill knows, he knows, there is no matter about it. When his railroad had grown stronger and stronger until it was coming to be known as a leading feature of northwestern life, he determined to lead the farmers along the lines of his own more independent ways, to try to help them while he helped himself. It is not every year that the wheat crop is bountiful, but it is not every year that the wheat crop is bountiful.

more. As Hill says, I was a talkin' man than him, but he owned a farm, and there is women that sees more in a farm than per-sonal property. As far as the money equal. As far as me and Hill, disrespective of substantial, Mirandy liked me.

"'Hi was a heap sht better lookin' in moon days than I ever explained Mr. Burgess, whose personal beauty was not, to put it mildly, exactly phenomenal.

"'Much obliged, Milt," said Mr. Hostetter modestly. "But as I was sayin', Mirandy kinder liked me. As I was sayin', things kep' gittin' more skeew-wowed, and me and Milt kep' gettin' closer and closer, and like as not we'd a-catched some day right where we was, but Mirandy packed up her duds and went over into the ad'j'nin' county to teach winter school, and when she was gone me and Milt shied off for awhile and didn't have no grievance agin' each other—least of all, we had fit, tooth and toe—nail for her, and I had a sight of beaus where she was teachin' but she never told nobody at home about her business in that line when she come back, three or four times, and she was out last three months, and when it was out, Mirandy showed up agin, and was just as smilin' at me and Milt as ever. 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