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THE POT TURNS

These be the days when the "hiring press" of St. Louis, New York and other American cities famed for putrescent government, arise in the blackness of the kettle and call the pot blacker.

The New York World says that the Minneapolis police situation surpasses that of New York. "In that the trains have to be watched lest the force run away."

The St. Louis Star says that in police corruption Minneapolis can give St. Louis cards and spades and yet win the game. The New York Times talks patronizingly of the unjustified assumption by the smaller cities of superiority in municipal government to New York, and proceeds:

New York never presented a spectacle quite so bad—its criminality never spread so far over the official circle, never involved so many men supposed to be respectable. Our villains usually have at least the poor virtues of audacity, and make no serious pretenses of being honest men.

The New York Commercial Advertiser leads off a column editorial on "The Minneapolis Scandal" with this paragraph: Even in New York, where our experience of municipal corruption has not been limited, it is difficult to realize the extent of the rottenness of Minneapolis as revealed by the investigation which has been going on before a grand jury in that city for the last two months.

The Advertiser is kinder than our other critics, for it concludes that after the grand jury gets through the city will be fairly clean. We like to see Minneapolis mentioned editorially in the influential journals of other cities, and we profoundly appreciate such crumbs of mention as fall to us from the rich tables of the metropolitan press.

But there is one thing that our sweet-tempered charitable critics do not as a rule pay much attention to. They dwell on the loathsome maldy from which Minneapolis is suffering, but they do not explain that it is what the doctors call a local trouble and they do not pay much attention to the heroic remedy now being administered. We are not so sure that New York never presented quite so bad a spectacle. There have been times when in New York when caruly a department of the city government was clean. We wish to remind the Times that it is only the mayor and his police force that are affected in Minneapolis, that the various other city offices and departments are generally strong and clean and not in the least affected by the exposures of inquiry among the police. We would remind the St. Louis critics of this fact, too. We have lost no public funds here through malversation or misfeasance. Our council is not corrupt. The city government is administered with a fair degree of economy. Even the police scandal, black and

rat builds a bigger house than usual, when the squirrel puts in more nuts than in other years, but what does it mean when respected and feared Brer Rattlesnake changes his skin so early? And look at the stern measures we have taken to clean up the force. Indictments and convictions have for weeks past been coming out so fast that we can scarcely keep track of them. What is left of the police force has a sterner determination to do right and eschew evil than any police force in Minneapolis ever had before.

The state board of health is going to inspect the water supplies of all towns and villages in the state. It will scarcely be necessary for the board to inspect the Minneapolis supply. We all know that it is bad enough all the time and atrocious when the lower west side pumping station is busy.

It has been the quiet talk of the English press of both parties for some months that the Marquis of Salisbury was reaching the point where he might be classed among those of whom the term "he has outlived his usefulness" might be used. It is more probable that his domestic bereavement and weariness with his long and exacting services to his country, led to the determination to end his days apart from the grind of public life.

Lord Salisbury entered public life under the tutelage of the late Lord Beaconsfield, but he has never equaled his master or even sought to equal him in those somewhat theatrical displays which were called "brilliant" statesmanship by the admirers of Beaconsfield.

"Uncle" Josh Rogers, city controller, is going to keep us out of paying for another year. Mr. Rogers may be an uncomfortable person to have around just now when paying is so badly needed, but an inexorable controller is the best kind after all.

General E. S. Bragg, copul general at Havana, is permitted to retain his post, imperiled as it is by his wife's indiscretion, we are willing to predict that the general will no more discuss public affairs in his letters uxorial. In a few days the news will be spread throughout Cuba that General Bragg has said:

Men are often convicted by themselves as well as by juries. The superintendent of police missed one kind of conviction but seems to have been caught by the other. We are making inferences from his prolonged absence at this time.

The Morgan shipping syndicate is reported to have acquired the Cunard line of British steamships, which the British shipping interests had determined should be the basis of a great British merger of shipping to fight the competition of the Morgan shipping combine.

Mr. Balfour, like his uncle, is a conservative. He was not so stagnant in his conservatism as Salisbury, and has no particular use for Joseph Chamberlain. King Edward, moreover, would not turn to Chamberlain to head his cabinet.

Salisbury's conduct of the foreign affairs of England has been, except in the case of Egypt, too hesitant and retreating. In the orient he has saved England humiliation through the treaty, offensive and defensive, with Japan, which has served as a check to Russian aggression.

A bad sign is reported from Winona county. Nobody knows just what it is a sign of, but there it stands open to the sight of all men experts. Everybody will agree that this has been a late and cold season, but the rattlesnakes of the Mississippi bluffs are sloughing off their old skins about two weeks earlier than usual.

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AN EYE-OPENING STRIKE

The strike of freight handlers in Chicago and the sympathetic inaction of the teamsters formerly engaged in hauling goods from the cars to the stores and markets is turning out to be an affair of the utmost gravity to the whole city and to those classes elsewhere that rely on the Chicago market for the disposal of perishable products.

Chicago is going hungry for the good things of the garden and fields, thousands of tons of those good things rot in the yards, and farmers and truckmen are suffering because they see their produce in the field as well as in the cars rotting because the transportation system is broken in a comparatively small link, but in effect as important as any other.

Innovations being new problems, and the bringing of Texas oil up the Mississippi river in barges is already causing trouble. The oil that escapes from leaky barges gives an unpleasant taste to fish, oysters and shrimps taken from the river, makes the water unfit for drinking purposes and dangerous for the irrigation of the rice plantations.

Some untried papers are trying to make it appear that there is friction between the president and the Minnesota delegation in congress over Cuban reciprocity. Both are in favor of reciprocity with Cuba and both in favor of a reciprocity bill which will benefit the Cubans without benefitting the sugar trust—Madell's Messenger.

Governor La Follette of Wisconsin has been in retirement preparing his speech accepting the republican nomination for governor, which is to be handed him on a silver platter next Wednesday.

The Wisconsin "Globe" calls Governor La Follette a populist. Their definition of a populist seems to be that of a man who establishes a new order of things.

The spontaneous and unanimity with which the republicans of Minneapolis are agreeing on a strong man for mayor is very gratifying.

The Nonpareil Man

Casually Observed. When the archbishop of St. Paul spoke of a certain kind of journalism as "one of the nation's great calamities," several of our hated contemporaries winced visibly.

Dr. De Garmo Gray, the horse show man shining in St. Paul, is a male gray and with a vest of red so brilliant as to be dazzling in its intensity. The whole is topped by a white silk hat that flashes in the sun.

The "ard states" are getting so much rain that the irrigation boomers are bolting for a drainage convention.

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The historic bell cast at St. Petersburg and sent to the Chicago world's fair has been stolen from St. Vladimir's Russian church.

by hard work, enabled the sultan to reduce the debt in the past twenty years from \$518,000,000 to \$220,000,000, notwithstanding the persistent expenditures of the revenues by the sultan on the imperial household to the extent of \$10,000,000 annually.

Turkey, under good financial management, and the stoppage of official stealing, could be in a very good financial condition. To attain this condition, however, the houses of Otman would have to be abolished and Turkish rule and administration with it, and Turkey would have to be altogether in the hands of European administration.

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VERITY WILL TAKE THE TROUBLE IN THE HAND. A HAND IN WADENA, hard district did not drawal of J. D. Jones' name, when it seems to have just begun. Dr. Babcock of Wadena has purchased the Wadena Tribune, and it will be managed by W. E. Verity in the interests of the new Wadena-Tribune-Nell combination. It will be a straight republican paper.

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MINNESOTA POLITICS.

VACANCY ON THE According to the Dispatch DEMOCRATIC Joseph L. Meyer of Little Falls declines the democratic nomination for state treasurer. He is now county treasurer of Little Falls, and thinks he can be re-elected this fall. "Mr. Meyer is fully convinced that the democratic ticket is doomed to defeat and he does not feel called upon to become a martyr for a lost cause."

Modesty is a prevailing trait with Minnesota democrats this year, beginning with John Lind. There was Lars M. Rand, who of late the nomination for secretary of state in favor of another democratic term, and now Mr. Meyer prefers the quiet of the Morrison county parsonage to a wild, dusty, perspiring scramble after the office so firmly held down by Julius Block of St. Peter.

There are some people in Minnesota who do not know "Him" Martin, the chairman of the republican executive committee. For such the following tribute is reproduced, written by a man who knows him through and through. Eastman says in the St. Cloud Journal-Press:

James A. Martin, chairman of the executive committee, which will have charge of the details of the campaign, is a politician of great ability. In the first place he is honest and loyal, has brains and knows how to use them. He is a man of high character, in close touch with public sentiment. He is a leader as well as a worker. He will give the party an ideal campaign and a substantial victory. Mr. Martin is an excellent speaker in republican affairs for years to come, and it is a pleasure to state that he is of the stamp of men who believe in the principles he advocates, and that he places party above any personal consideration.

The Austin Register asks a question of The Journal. It wants to know if Mr. Iverson is an eligible elector of the fourth district, how could he recommend Mr. Thompson as a member of the committee from the first district? Can a candidate have two residences?

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HIS REASON WHY

By JESSIE WADE MANNING

(Copyright, 1902, by the S. S. McClure Co.) "I am sorry we came," said Mrs. Travers to her companion as they emerged from the little railway station in one of the small towns in Holland.

"What could Towers see to sketch in Goo's?" she asked as the wind tossed her hair and she looked at the artist who was sitting on the ground, sketching the scene in front of her.

"Nothing, surely, through such moisture, which can hardly be called rain," answered Robert Meredith, raising his umbrella and walking close to the little lady on his right. "If we had remained with the others at Middleburg instead of coming on this goose chase."

"A most strange place for such a diversion," replied Meredith, who saw her eyes belied her words. "Don't you recollect the conductor calling the town 'Goo's'?" "Then the feet of the natives must be wet, pink cheek. A peculiar tender smile played about the firm mouth of the young man as he learned, in spite of all contradictions, that Gertrude Travers had a heart."

All the long summer he had hopelessly striven to find, but was obliged to be content with friendship. Mrs. Travers glanced doubtfully at her companion, but she appeared unconcerned by her emotion. Even then she would not acknowledge to herself how dear to her heart, in spite of the depressing weather, was the walk alone with him. Their disappointment over the ruins of the castle of the Countess Jacqueline, which Meredith had come to sketch, did not still the pleasure of being together.

"As the old chateau had deteriorated into a hostelry, the question is whether to be made or evaded," said the artist thoughtfully. "Well," said Mrs. Travers, impatiently, a few moments later, as she held the umbrella in a partly sheltered spot, "why don't you sketch?" "Because," answered Meredith, looking quickly into the dark eyes, "I've dreamed of you, and you are a precious habit. But tell me, who was Jacqueline?" "The Countess of Bavaria. And may you, unkindly fairy, be imbued with her spirit?" "I could not resist," replied her sketchbook. "A spirit for what?" she inquired, her curiosity aroused.

"Marrying," he replied solemnly, sharpening his pencil. "Some of our sander and rose water?" "How many times did her ladyship wear the marriage yoke?" "Three times for state reasons and once for love." "Which caused her the greatest turmoil?" interposed Mrs. Travers ironically. "It was Francis Van Borealen's untiring devotion and deep love for her, which she, princess that won her love and esteem," said Meredith, apparently unaware of the last remark and sketching busily. "I have not seen her since." "Was there no monetary consideration?" asked the worldly widow, with a suspicion of a twinkle in her eye.

"Yes, but she was not adjudged a lunatic!" interposed Mrs. Travers bitterly. "But there are no Jacqueline-to-day. She abdicated and renounced all rights and estates for the man she loved." "And she was not adjudged a lunatic!" interposed Mrs. Travers bitterly. "But there are no Jacqueline-to-day. She abdicated and renounced all rights and estates for the man she loved."

"We have ten minutes to catch the train." A short silence fell. Some of the sketchers said softly, looking the artist over critically: "I believe there are still some foolish women who would do that for the man they love." "Would you?" "I would," replied her quick and fast. His lips touched her hair as he bent to hear her reply.

"Well, yes," cooily answered the lady who had four fingers on her right hand, and her legacy, "but only for a man like you." The next instant one little hand was held fast in his, and under the umbrella he kissed the lips so near his own, and the world was a blur. Meredith looked into the now thoughtful face and said tenderly: "You are not sorry that you came to this little town?" "I am not sorry that you came to this little town," replied Mrs. Travers, but considering my dear experience, I think it appropriate named," replied Mrs. Travers mischievously.

"That evening Gertrude's sister sat in tears of disgust while looking over his sketchbook." "Robert, will you tell me why you brought back a sketch of the chateau of Jacqueline?" "I brought back a sketch of the chateau of Jacqueline," smiling and looking at Mrs. Travers, "with a desire to have a fac-simile of the spot where I brought \$50,000."

work on the Pennsylvania Freeman, an abolition paper, formerly edited by Whitteer, a noted writer, and who had been in charge of Graham's Magazine and other publications. He had been engaged to Maria White for five years when he married her. His wife induced him to resign his position and to go to Cambridge. Mrs. Minna T. Antrim has written "A Book of Cousins" which will be published in the month by the Henry Alden company of Philadelphia. Abraham Harley Cassel, according to the Philadelphia Times, has written a book on the publication of a series of veritable American novels by American writers unknown to fame. It is safe to say that the publishers of the book will be very busy in the latter days of the year. The pen that when they find a manuscript they think has promise in it, they pounce upon it and advise the author to write a book. The publishers approach readers with a supplicating "club" and a threat to utilize it in application, metaphorically speaking, if for instance, one does not hasten to read the confessions of Mary MacLane of Butte, and pronounce her intolerable egotism, and find not multifarious allusions to the unpalatable and towering genius, or punish one's self by perusing Mr. Pidgeon's exaggerated and history-defying presentations of the character of Sir John Lubbock.

Paul de Kock's works, in edition de luxe, upon which an extraordinary amount of artistic genius is to be employed, in embellishment and illustration, are to be issued by a Boston publisher in English translation, faithfully to the original, at such prices as \$8.00 for one set in fifty volumes and \$150.00 and \$200.00 for other sets in 100 volumes. The Boston publisher has a library shelves with these well-dressed De Kocks. It is that of De Kock's novels, or some of them at least, did not have some clothes upon them. De Kock, adorned with fig leaves, is laid upon it, and it is considerably worse to have him offered to the public in the altogether, with a purple and gold background.

Books and Authors

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