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the way the Armour grain business is conducted. Naturally it would be asked what protections there are against leaks. There are no protections, for there are no leaks. One may meet well-informed, high-salaried Armour men, holding responsible positions, who come in contact with the head of their house daily. One might wonder how he can be sure that these men are proof against the pressure from the outside for information concerning the Armour plans. The head of the house worries little about this, for these men do not know his mind. His confidential agents in other markets do not know it. There are times, of course, when it is his interest to make known his plans to his agents, perhaps to the general trade, but always he reserves the right to change his mind at any moment without notice.

When the markets are on decline, and the last open expression heard from the Armour house was bullish, and the last-known market operations were on the buying side, natural inference breeds the story of big losses. Yet no one can tell. There is a much bigger question than the mere market operations of a large firm, back of the recent market changes. There is the question of the decline of Chicago as a wheat market. When December wheat began to be traded in, some time earlier in the year, wheat was moving freely to Minneapolis, and prices in Minneapolis favored the shipper. But the Armour control elevators in Chicago with at least 13,000,000 bushels storage capacity. To have them standing idle would be to lose heavily. Armour began to buy December wheat. Chicago advanced more, proportionately, than Minneapolis, and after some weeks the thing had shifted about. Chicago and Duluth, which is in some degree a feeder of Chicago, began to draw the wheat, and Minneapolis was falling behind. This, of course, is temporary. The close of navigation on the lakes will throw the movement this way again.

Meanwhile, however, Armour bought some millions of wheat for December delivery, which has since been going into Chicago. Without doubt this wheat, as fast as bought, was hedged by sales of May. Armour then has it bought for December delivery to him and sold for May delivery to others at prices 3 to 5 cents higher, which is a good elevator carrying charge these days. The pit observers, aware that Armour bought heavily in December, and seeing the prices now sagging, naturally see big losses. Yet Armour need not care how much prices rise or fall. The interesting part of it is the illustration of the ability of a man with plenty of money, temporarily to change conditions so as to draw grain to a market in quantity much greater than would appear were natural conditions alone to operate.

Princess Louise of Saxony is said to owe \$900,000. She must have been a very creditable princess in her time.

The Wisconsin Session. If Governor La Follette is really committed to the program of legislation accredited to his intentions in today's dispatch, his presence in Madison will be needed for some time. The governor is said to contemplate not only an investigation of insurance companies, but the appointment of a committee, which will probe the Milwaukee Street Railway company as well.

The Milwaukee Street Railway company was under the fire of a recent grand jury, but the results obtained were meager, compared with what La Follette hoped for. None of the high officials of the company were touched, and this fact saddened the governor. He has a profound belief in the corruption of the Milwaukee Street Railway company, and he has many reasons in his own political experience for holding that belief tenaciously. It was Pfister and the street railway company which delayed for four years his arrival at the governorship. It is Pfister who has been his arch enemy in politics.

Governor La Follette has also in mind a revision of the election laws, which will do away with straight party voting. He would have the form of ballot with which we are familiar in Minnesota. Undoubtedly this would tend to keep the La Follette faction in power in Wisconsin. After every great victory like that won by La Follette there comes a reaction, and this reaction might be sufficient to remove him from the statehouse. He can prevent such a catastrophe by making recruiting from the democratic party easy. This, the individual ballot would do.

La Follette has always had, and always deserved, considerable democratic support. He has stood for the people, and the people, irrespective of party, have stood by him. The value of the pure Australian ballot is that it permits a man to vote for a favorite candidate on the other ticket without sacrificing either his party regularity or the remainder of his own ticket. It loosens party allegiance and this is just what La Follette needs in Wisconsin today. If he should be a candidate for a fourth term as governor, he would need every ounce of political strength he could draw from the minority party to overcome the natural antipathy to fourth terms, and the weakening effect of having stirred up enemies among those who have suffered by experimental legislation in favor of the under dog.

The silver question is again worrying the financiers. This time it is because the price of silver is coming up. It is the same old problem, however, illustrating the difficulties of a double standard. The best way to run a silver currency is to do as we do in America; say that in limited quantities it is worth as much as gold whether it is or not. Having enough stuff lying around loose to make good our bluff we make it with equality. Besides, every time silver goes up Mr. Bryan feels indorsed, we have nothing but good wishes for Mr. Bryan and are always glad to see him indorsed, except on election day.

Ballot Reform. It is a little surprising to see the New York Times commending the ballot reformers and supporting the proposition to do away with party emblems on the ballot, and yet standing for what is known as the party column. It admits that for a man who can read, the party emblem is superfluous, but it still adheres to the idea that the names of candidates ought to be arranged on the ticket without being required to canvass the merits of every candidate on the ballot. In ordinary elections, the Times says, the party column enables 95 per cent of the voters to cast their ballots by making one cross mark. This it regards as a convenience which is not to be done away with, nor should ballot reformers, in the judgment of the Times, fail to give due consideration to the interests of the voters who are not independent but partisan.

In Minnesota we haven't had a ticket arranged with the party column for more than fifteen years. Our Australian ballot has contained the names of all the candidates arranged in the order of the office to be voted for—all the candidates for the leading office in one division, all the candidates for another office in another division. The voter must not only be able to read, but he must go down the ticket and vote for a candidate for every office, or his vote will not be counted for that office. He may also vote for a republican candidate for one office and a democratic candidate for another. He is given every liberty of choice, as he ought to be, and absolute secrecy as to how he votes. This assumes, of course, a reasonable degree of intelligence and education on the part of the voter, but ballot reformers are bound to insist upon such qualifications. If the Times favors real ballot reform it should stand for the Australian ballot and for the requirement that the voter mark the name of each candidate for whom he wishes to vote.

Foraker's Mind Working. Senator Foraker has drawn a bill in which he has tried to "meet the complaints against the present railway conditions and at the same time avoid conferring the rate-making power upon the interstate commerce commission or any similar body." This is what Senator Foraker says is accomplishing what the president desires in another way. In another way! By not accomplishing it.

Perhaps the most significant thing about this bill is that it is evidence that the opposition senators are thinking hard and conferring frequently. Paul Morton says the American people do not want cheap insurance. If by this Paul means that the people do not want insurance done on a margin which endangers security, he is correct, but if he means that the people do not want their insurance done as cheaply as possible, he is wrong. The insured in this country, for example, are entirely out of sympathy with an insurance deal which gives Mr. Paul Morton \$80,000 a year for what could be done better by many a real insurance man for \$25,000.

Perhaps you would like to know where Uncle Sam's surplus goes. Well, for one thing, it cost the government about \$6,000,000 to print the elegant report of the board of lady managers of the St. Louis exposition, with fine photographs and portraits of the members of the board. Wouldn't that call for a tariff on your hides?

Admiral "Bob" Evans said that the 10,000 saloons, British and American, on shore leave, with their pockets full of money, behaved better than an equal number of college students would have done. Anybody could do that!

With the rise in the price of silver bullion the fear is expressed that the Philippine Yankee peso will run over to China. We seem to be far from a "scientific currency" when it is liable to emigrate.

There are 100,000 miles of black spots on the sun, and yet the sun is a pretty bright old fellow after all. Perhaps this will encourage the people who are inclined to think the whole earth is dark when they look at Kishineff and Korea.

Sara Bernhardt's luggage, which was landed with her Sunday in New York, comprises fifty-two trunks. This looks as the Sara was prepared to go on swimming.

It looks as if President Roosevelt would have to take up the cause of the man who never gets a seat in a streetcar.

Predictions today: "Warmer." The coal man says that this weather is "unseasonable."

NEEDED FOR KICKERS. Chicago News. About 240,000,000 pairs of shoes are made annually in this country, and even that number is less than is needed to accomplish the amount of kicking that has to be done.

SURPRISE IN PENNSYLVANIA. Kansas City Times. Senator Knox also indorses the president's plans for regulating railroad rates. Pennsylvania must find the sensation of having a real senator decidedly novel and exhilarating.

OPINIONS CHEAPER THAN DIGGING. Chicago News. Still, the fact that the foreign engineers want a sea-level canal would carry more weight if the foreign governments had to foot the bills.

AND THE BEEF TRUST, TOO. Chicago Record-Herald. Retail prices of meat are 5 cents higher in Germany than they were a year ago. Prosperity must be getting a firm foothold in that country.

DOES IT RING TRUE? Chicago News. When a Russian workingman sees a new manifest by the government his first impulse is not to take it home and try it on the piano.

JUGGLED MONIES OF POLICEMEN

George W. Perkins Deals as Insurance Man and Morgan Partner Are Disclosed.

Journal Special Service. New York, Nov. 25.—More light has been thrown upon the way the money of the policyholders of the New York Life insurance company was handled yesterday by George W. Perkins in his dual role of member of the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. and as vice president of the New York Life.

The money was juggled yesterday at the session of the Armstrong committee as regarded by the committee as the most flagrant revealed during the entire investigation. It was also disclosed that the money was not the official cognizance of the acts uncovered is imperative on the part of the district attorney.

Disclosed Before Committee. These facts were brought out before the committee. First—That the New York Life insurance company made a loan of \$25,000 during 1907 to a Boston banking house. The interest and commissions on this loan amounted to \$40,000. A check for that sum drawn to the order of the New York Life was received by the company from the Boston bank. The check for \$40,000 was taken by M. M. Mattison, a bookkeeper of the New York Life, to the First National bank, cashed, and \$40,000 in money turned over to Mattison by George W. Perkins. No entry of the \$40,000 was made in the books of the New York Life. What Mr. Perkins did with the money Mattison could not say.

Second—That, on the order of George W. Perkins, \$59,310.79 belonging to the policyholders of the New York Life was paid by J. P. Morgan & Co. to Andrew Hamilton, the assistant secretary of the company. On Dec. 31, 1901, J. P. Morgan & Co. for some undisclosed reason, advanced \$59,310.79 to Andrew Hamilton. On Oct. 14, 1907, the interest on this advance amounted to \$2,590.24, making the total amount of Hamilton's debt to Morgan & Co. \$61,901.03. On that day the New York Life was to have paid to Hamilton the missing \$2,590.24, but the New York Life refused to do so. Hamilton's debt was wiped out by order of Mr. Perkins to wipe out Hamilton's debt with J. P. Morgan & Co.

Third—That the statement of its syndicate participation furnished by the New York Life to the Armstrong committee was false. It included a participation of \$2,325,000 in the original United States Steel syndicate. This is the first time so far as is known that the New York Life company attempted to trick the Armstrong committee. The company attempted to explain this by saying the participation was in the name of the New York Security & Trust company, but the New York Life furnished all the money, got three-fourths of the profits and the trust company one-fourth. In several letters written by the trust company to the New York Life reference was made to the syndicate participation in these words: "Which we are carrying for you."

Perkins Got \$50,000. Fourth—That the original participation of the New York Life in this syndicate was \$2,490,000, but of this \$25,000 was given to Andrew Paine, one of the New York Life directors, by George W. Perkins. It was not shown that either Paine or Perkins put up a dollar of their own money. They received their profits, however. A Pennsylvania company, which is building the Pennsylvania tunnel from Long Island city to Jersey.

Fifth—That the New York Life had also an interest in the preferred trust syndicate of the United States Steel corporation, called the Bond Conversion syndicate. This, like the other, was arranged for by George W. Perkins thru the Security & Trust company.

Statement by Perkins. Mr. Perkins gave out this formal statement last night: "The transactions referred to before the insurance investigating committee today were perfectly proper and legal. The nature of the inquiry does not make this clear I am sure the committee will give me an opportunity to offer further testimony in the matter."

Mr. Perkins will be summoned by the Armstrong committee to explain the \$40,000 which he took possession of and the payment by Morgan & Co. out of the \$59,310.79 of the New York Life of \$59,310.79 to Andrew Hamilton. He will probably be the first witness called when the investigation is resumed on Monday.

Morgan as a Witness. The idea of calling J. Pierpont Morgan as a witness is being seriously considered by the committee. Mr. Morgan has the reputation of being one of the wisest and most reliable of men on the witness stand and of telling the absolute truth.

The committee wants to know the genuine, undistorted facts concerning the \$40,000 which he took possession of, and why the money belonging to the policyholders of the New York Life should be employed to cancel that debt. With Mr. Morgan on the stand the committee is confident it will learn the whole truth about the matter.

BUBBLES RISE ON SEA OF POLITICS

ANTE-PRIMARY ACTIVITY IS ALREADY IN EVIDENCE.

Republicans, Declaring Organization Is Still in Excellent Shape—Speculate on the Eggs Congressman Fletcher Is Hatching—State and City Rumbling with Aspirations for Office.

Although the next primary election is fully ten months away there is no lack of interest in various political contests. Already prospective candidates and their friends are prowling about to ascertain the lay of the land, and what show there will be for getting thru the door that leads to the city hall, the court house, or the capitol.

The political dopesters are already planning ways and means of uniting the republican party in Hennepin county. Some insist that it is some politics to say that the party is disrupted locally simply because it refused to stand for a deal framed up with the approval of a St. Paul democratic boss, at the last election. It is believed that the republican organization of Hennepin county is as strong as ever, and will make its preponderance felt next year.

Conspicuous among the deep-laid schemes are the subject of much speculation chiefly because Mr. Fletcher has confined his confidences to the congressman from the fifth district. It is believed that the wily old campaigner is still in the ring with as clever a game as he has devised for some time.

Evidence of Deals. He is aware that the party will not stand for the "one more term only" plea much longer, and will refuse longer to listen to the cry of "wolf, wolf." At the same time his strength is sufficient to make his own party his casual consideration, and he knows it. It is believed that his refusal to retire from congress now is part of his game for the governorship. By saying the old-time "wolf" behind me and "boost me for governor," he has opened an avenue by which he may permanently lose him as far as the 1906 campaign is concerned. At the same time he knows that he is in a position to come back at them by being a candidate for congress in case their backing of his gubernatorial boom is not sufficiently effective.

Friends of Mr. Fletcher have expressed the wish that he make good his promise to retire from politics at the close of his present congressional term. He has a host of friends not only in Hennepin county, but in the state. He is an able campaigner, and his advice is worth much to the party. Should he retire and say to his friends "I have done my best, and I have done for me and now wish to retire and leave the field to younger men," he would find warm words and kindly feeling on every hand, even among those who are his bitterest enemies. He would become a strong factor in local affairs and would be sought in an advisory capacity. As long as he wished to dabble in politics in this way he would be welcome, and his influence would be much greater than it possibly could be should he persist in hanging on for more last terms in congress.

There will be some changes in the legislative districts at the next primary. Friends of Mr. Fletcher have expressed the wish that he make good his promise to retire from politics at the close of his present congressional term. He has a host of friends not only in Hennepin county, but in the state. He is an able campaigner, and his advice is worth much to the party.

There are likely to be several changes in the forty-first district. General George P. Welch, the incumbent, will probably find an opposition candidate in the field in case he decides to run. W. D. Washburn, Jr., is said to be interested in congressional possibilities in the district, and his name is being mentioned as a prospective candidate for the house from the country, and is strong in the city, particularly in the eighth ward.

There will be contests all along the line in the forty-fourth. John G. Lund who was in the house last winter will be in the game, but not for the legislature it is believed. At any rate there will be enough candidates to more than fill the places.

Several aldermanic contests are cooking in Minneapolis, particularly in the fourth ward, where a faction of the republican party seek to replace Alderman Merrill. It is said that Frank Moody, former registrar of the waterworks will be a candidate, but Mr. Moody says wait.

Chief Deputy Arthur L. Jones of the sheriff's office, will be a candidate for the "whole thing," but will not be alone in his aspirations.

Things to See at the Theaters Next Week

Metropolitan—"The Maid and the Mummy" will be the attraction next week at the Metropolitan, where Richard Carle's musical play begins a week's engagement tomorrow night. This play was one of the big musical successes of last season, having enjoyed three months' runs in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. "The Maid and the Mummy" has a good plot, the music is of the catchy order, the scenery and costumes of the highest quality, and the company one of the best on the American stages.

The plot concerns Dr. Elisha Dobbins, an aged scientist, who thinks he has discovered the elixir of life. So he goes about seeking a mummy upon which to experiment. He finally gets into the curio shop of Washington Stubbs, a former theatrical manager, who is selling his theatrical properties as genuine antiques. Stubbs has no mummy, but he contrives to procure one. He dresses up Bolivar, his property man, as a real mummy, and sells this very live and very hungry and very lively specimen to the scientist. Then the scientist goes to experiment upon the mummy before his class of lively seminary girls. It is easy to see where the fun comes in. There are two love intrigues, one concerning Washington Stubbs and Trisxie Evergreen, his former leading lady; the other concerning Don Romero de Cabanos, a freighting, kissing-crazy Brazilian, and the daughter of Dr. Dobbins.

The company is headed by Miss Boley and Fred Warren. Miss Boley will appear as Trisxie Evergreen, incidentally presenting two burlesques that show her to be an actress of wonderful abilities. Mr. Warren is headed by Janet Priest of Minneapolis, whose impersonation of Muggsy, a street urchin with a fondness for love stories and pit pickles, is unique; George Beane, the old-time "Wolf" behind me and "boost me for governor," he has opened an avenue by which he may permanently lose him as far as the 1906 campaign is concerned.

Everywhere the chorus shares honors with the soloists. The chorus is headed by Mrs. Richards and Nettie Fields, a charming young person, with melodious voice and nimble legs. Other features will be Charles S. Laird in new illustrated songs and ballads, Raymond and Trisxie, in a brand-new comedy sketch, and a fine set of new motion pictures.

Unique.—The Unique will enter the lists Thanksgiving week with a big novelty which is the "Harmonious Trio." Hanvey have had in preparation for weeks. This is the new extravaganza with burlesque trimmings which will go down in local history as the "Harmonious Trio." The attraction which will furnish the first half of next week's banner bill. New and beautiful scenic effects will be introduced in the presentation of a Gotham roof garden, decked in all the splendor of a first night. Some twenty clever people will take part and Manager Elliott believes it will easily duplicate the big success of his last venture, the mastodon minstrel performance, a few weeks ago. All the old favorites will be in the cast, and many entertaining new songs, new monologues and new faces, for Seaman, Adam and Rogers, composing the "harmonious trio," which has made such a hit this week, will be featured in the roof garden festivities.

The regular vaudeville bill contains some good acts. The grotesque and the burlesque have been the specialty of the "Fun in a Chinese Laundry." The turn includes some clever aerial work. Another fanciful conceit will be the stunt of the "Harmonious Trio," which has made such a hit this week, will be featured in the roof garden festivities.

Dewey.—John F. Burke, a comedian of repute, will appear with the Innocent Works at the Dewey theater next week. Mr. Burke, who has been in the world of burlesque has made him internationally known, will assume the leading comedy characters. "A Night in Newport" and "The Diamond Palace" are the titles of his prettiest costumed burlesques. They will give scope to Mr. Burke and to the large and carefully selected company with which Manager Dinkins has surrounded him. Their various acts will be written and arranged specially for this company and were enthusiastically received in the cities in which it has already appeared. Among the comedians and scullery maids, Salvation Army flower girls and Adonis number. Among the vaudeville acts interspersed thru the burlesques will be "Nocturnal" by Mrs. Richards and Eugene Jergs, illustrated songs; Alene and Hamilton, singers and dancers; the original Ginger Girls; Deonzo and Elliott, comedy acrobats and barrel jumpers, and Dexta, who appears everywhere as the statuee blonde.

NEW ORGAN DELIGHTS. Fine Instrument Is Dedicated by Bethlehem Norwegian Lutheran Church.

Members of the Bethlehem Norwegian Lutheran church, Eighteenth street and Fourteenth avenue S., are thoroly delighted with their new pipe organ, which was dedicated last evening. It is not as large as some of the instruments in the city, but for sweetness of tone and responsiveness is probably not excelled. It is from the works of George Kilgen & Son, St. Louis. Its excellent qualities were well displayed by George Kessel, under whose deft fingers the big instrument produced an unusually beautiful and strong quality rarely found in an organ.

Among the numbers presented were Webber's overture, Batiste's grand overture, "St. Cecilia" and "Jose's" by Grieg. Organ and piano arrangement of von Suppe's "Poet and Peasant" overture and Rosini's "Semi-rantide," by Messrs. Kessel and S. Moist, were particularly well received. Mr. Moist, who is a Chicago artist, had a brilliant command of the piano, and the unique duets were unusually good for that class of work.

The organ numbers were varied with selections by the Arion Male quartet, Miss Jennie Anderson, soprano; A. J. Gahner, tenor; and Archie Tull, bass. Miss Birdie Anderson was the accompanist. Miss Anderson sang "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," by Handel, and "The Eyes of the World," by G. F. Handel. She has a pure, clear soprano voice, which she handles with good judgment. Mr. Tull has a bass voice of exceptional beauty, and is much promised with greater experience.

"The Unmasking" has been a big success wherever presented, which is said to be partly due to the rapidity of its action, to the splendid lines written by Mr. Davis and to the capabilities of the supporting company, which includes Eleanor Hicks, formerly of "Vivian's Pappas," Vail De Vernon, formerly of "The Cleopatra Case," Warren Emerson, Joseph Vail and Harrison King. There are two other big features, the Milani trio, Italian street minstrels whose singing and playing have made them many friends on former visits, and the three great Navaros, European gymnasts and hand balancers. A second gymnastic turn, which promises to cause much comment, will be the aerial horizontal bar act of the Loretta twins trio. Plenty of comedy is promised by Raymond and Finlay, and Lottie Bureke with "Stagedale Satire" by Cameron & Flanagan singers and dancers, and Bryant & Saville in their latest creation, "Start Me," while the kinodrome will add its mite to the amusement.

Franz Eber, in "Dan Cupid," the dainty Hengler sisters, dancing; Mosher, Houghton & Mosher's marvelous bicycle riding; T. Nelson Downs, coin juggling; Dixon & Holmes, with their descriptive singing; the Wartenberg brothers, foot juggling, and Werden & Gladdish, with their illustrated songs, will be on the Orpheum boulevards for the last time tonight.

Lyceum.—The Lyceum will make a strong bill for public favor next week with a bill of European novelties in which the four Lamonts, headed by the singing top-notchers, the Lamonts won distinction in Paris, Berlin and London, and their American tour has been triumphant. The Lyceum has a singing troupe, another European turn which caught the humor of Paris is that of Von Tella and Nina, the man and woman on flying rings. This act is swift, sure, graceful and pleasing. The Lyceum has a bill of sensational "scare" tricks. Next comes the famous Brohet trio of American burlesque roller skaters, a laughable oddity. The Lyceum has a bill of European novelties in which the four Lamonts, headed by the singing top-notchers, the Lamonts won distinction in Paris, Berlin and London, and their American tour has been triumphant.

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TICKET RUSH EXPECTED. All-Star Offering at Auditorium Commands Great Interest.

The all-star course—which includes Sara Bernhardt, Calve, Nordica, Walter Damrosch and the New York Symphony orchestra and other big attractions—of immense interest. A big demand for course tickets is predicted when the sale opens Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The Metropolitan Music company's store. In an effort to prevent speculation in tickets as much as possible, the number any one person may purchase at one time has been limited to two. The fact that purchasers of course tickets are enabled to hear the entire series of eight star entertainments for the amount that is usually paid for two or three events of a similar nature is particularly responsible for the indications that there will be a rush for tickets. Another reason for the indications is that buyers have the first choice of seats and need to make only one visit to the box office during the entire season.

Thanksgiving Rates, Northern Pacific Railway. On November 29th and 30th the Northern Pacific Railway will sell round-trip tickets to any point on its lines in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota at one and one-third fare for round trip, good returning until December 4th, 1905. A pleasant holiday trip at low cost. The A. O. or write Mr. E. F. McNeill, C. P. & A., 19 Nicollet Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

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