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"Sensible Regulation."

The Baltimore Sun expresses the belief that "the people of the United States have come out second best in their contests with the trusts under the leadership of President Roosevelt."

It says the people do not want a "policy of destruction, but of sensible regulation." It wants some practical results, other than big fines that threaten security values, and prefers a trial of the "put some prominent man in jail" policy which has just been announced.

That there is something wrong with the trust policy of the administration we readily admit. The trouble is that the Sherman anti-trust law, which the Department of Justice is trying to enforce, is totally unsuited to the conditions of the day.

It is enforced the worse because the business generalization in consequence of enforcement. But we cannot agree that nothing has been accomplished. The moral effect of the assertion of governmental power over vast combinations of capital has, undoubtedly, been very great.

There is no use battling against present-day tendency along this line. Our idea is to let our loved and cherished giants of the past rest in peace until a better and a more appropriate day shall dawn.

Just now, public clamor tends to fall penalties as a remedy for trust wrongs. In this matter, public opinion in Wall street and outside has a curious affinity. Judge Landis' imposition of the big Standard Oil fine touched the pocket nerve of the financial district.

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aylisms and porchouses. Massachusetts is one of the States which has given this matter careful thought, and Gov. Guild, of that State, has appointed a commission to investigate the subject of old-age pensions and insurance, with a view of having a law passed covering the matter.

Under the system of old-age insurance in Germany, almshouses have practically been abolished and the general welfare of the citizens of Germany has been greatly improved by the feeling that they are secure against the accidents of poverty which may "accompany old age."

The Central American republics are trying to get together for the purpose of establishing permanent peace. There promises to be an elegant lot of fighting in the getting together.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

BUCK UP! No matter what the stress may be, no matter what the storm, a certain few will always see who talk against reform.

And thus do tyrants rise to power and trample down the right. Because some people dread the hour when they must stand and fight.

Talking Shop. "How about the stovepipe joke?" inquired the first humorist. "I didn't have the nerve to take it down this year," responded the second gloom dispenser.

Fearfully Foxy. "I work a foxy scheme on my boy. He'd rather wash the dishes than wash his hands, so I let him wash the dishes."

In a Dry Town. "Boss, I've got a sinking sensation." "Well," demanded the druggist, "what do you want?"

The Sarcasm Editor. "How about that new candidate for the Senate?" "He says he has nothing to say."

NOTHING SERIOUS. From the Philadelphia Press. Rev. Mr. Goodley—Have you ever done anything for the church?

His Belief. Towne—His great contention is that all men are born equal. Brown—That's all right. Towne—But he seems to think he's better than most men.

What He Meant. "Mr. Nerve tried to hug me last night," said Tess. "Oh!" remarked Jess, "that's what he meant when I saw him hurrying toward your house. He told me he had a 'pressing engagement.'"

Mamma Hunting Titles. "I admit that I love you, Clarence," said the young heiress, "but I'll have to speak to mamma."

Coining a Word. "You haven't got that English butler any more," remarked Mrs. Naybor. "No," replied Mrs. Nuritch, "we discharged him. He didn't—er—bottle to suit us."

Another Sort of Animal. "What a gay dresser Snobley is!" "Oh! yes, he considers himself quite a social lion."

Too Much Alive. "Gee willikins!" exclaimed Farmer Korntop, after listening to the story, "he must be a regular dead beat."

RESTRAINT OF COMMERCE. Constitutional Power to Regulation Resides in Congress Alone. From the New York Times.

From the New York Times. "If there be any single fruit of our national unity; if there be any single element of our Union; if there be any single triumph of the Constitution which may be placed above all others, it is the freedom of commerce among the States, under which that free trade, which is the aspiration of philosophers, is assured to all citizens of the Union, as they circulate through our whole broad country, without hindrance."

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. This whole prattle about the difficulty or impossibility of revising the tariff is pure humbug and false pretense. In 1857, when an increase of rates was desired, a special session was called, and as there was a Republican President to call it, and the work of revision was undertaken at once.

An Unsubdued Trust. From the Baltimore American. The government has been asked to take up "the laundry woman's trust," which will be a hard enough job, but the real work of war will come when the country makes an effort, through Washington and all its power, to break away from the unorganized tyranny of the cook ladies.

Air in the Subway. A health expert has been testing the air in the New York tunnels and subways, and finds that while it is unpleasant, it is not injurious. The wheels and brakes release about twenty-five tons of iron dust every month, but iron is good for the blood.

Not with Explaining. From the Columbia State. An English doctor says that first love can be explained on scientific grounds. But why explain it? Most people would rather forget it.

MEN AND THINGS.

Former Senator Cameron. J. Donald Cameron, who is riding a castle on a knob of the South Mountain, near Carlisle, Pa., seldom comes to Washington.

Between Home and Business. There is a great army of New York business men who think, as computers, they are doing pretty well when they travel, some of their places of business and their homes each night and morning.

The Olympic Games. The first station of the vast stadium that is to be used for the Olympic games of 1908 has been put into position on the grounds of the Franco-British Exhibition at Shepherd's Bush, London.

Optimism Smoked. The Church Missionary Society has reported news of the high importance step taken by the Chinese authorities to put a stop to opium smoking.

Education of Hindus. That a great change is coming over the minds of the high classes in Hindustan is illustrated by nothing so well as the modern tendency of the sons of wealthy families to seek education elsewhere than in England.

Married an Indian. Frederick W. Canfield, son of W. W. Canfield, editor of the Utica Observer, has just married, after a courtship of seven years, a full-blooded Pueblo Indian bride.

Slaughterhouse Rewards. There was married in Seville the other day, one Manchego, the champion bull fighter of Spain, a man who has been making \$100,000 a year at the gentle pastime of killing bulls.

Post-graduate Japanese. A great number of Japanese students come over to our colleges and universities, but it is rare for Japanese to come here for post-graduate courses.

A Kingly Farmer. Many of the British nobility, finding their income not up to their dignity, have gone into the business of money making, and many of them sell the same from their preserves, the butter and eggs from their farms.

Selling Cheaper Abroad. The Standard Oil is doing just what the Republican tariff encourages.

THE OPTIMIST.

Because a man doesn't choose to write polished English is no reason why his words are not worth hearing, and though the possibility may be a little rough, the sentiments of the following from the Tucumcari News, coming down in New Mexico, contain a deal of help to optimists.

"If things don't happen to come your way, don't blubber about it. Yank your own coat and go to work. You'll find you've got a lot of hard times. The world has no use for a blubberer. Other men have troubles of their own, and don't want to be burdened with yours."

Poets have written on this same theme, and have not said any more than the direct spoken editor of the West. The usual thought, however, is that it is fine to be able to pour your troubles into the ear of a sympathizing friend. So spoke the poet.

"How hard's the heart that has a friend, A sympathizing ear, 't' lead To troubles too great to smother. For as with grief, when you are tested, 'Till a sparkling bubble, when they're raised, So sorrow is cheered by a living pound, From one vessel into another."

As a matter of fact there is too much of this reliance on the "heart of a friend." Much of it is grounded in pure selfishness. To many men their puny aid is a trivial witness of supreme importance, and they feel so afflicted that they must, therefore, bother the world with them.

No man ever won success in this life by "blubbering," as our friend from Tucumcari says. No man can't give anything by whining about his troubles, his ills, his failures. Failures are given to us so that we may benefit by them.

OUR MURDER RECORD. Negroes and Italians Contributed Four-sevenths of the Homicides. From Harper's Weekly.

Everybody knows that this country has a very bad murder record. At present, we are having about 5,000 murders a year, which is from eight to twenty-five times as many, in proportion to population, as such countries as England, France, Germany, and Japan have.

It is optimism—the religion of happiness—that leads to such success!

From the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. "Fecundity is admirable only when quality goes with it. Wise old Aesop represented the man who is making forty out of one at a birth, by responding, 'Yes, but it is a lion.' When lions are hatched in profusion there is danger that many of them will be ill-considered."

From the Chicago Record-Herald. "I have been absent from my home traveling through the South for the past three months," said Ambrose Conover, of New Jersey, at the New Willard, last night.

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AT THE HOTELS.

"The Ohio Democrats are right in their statements that they will have a chance in Ohio next year, unless this fiction between the Foraker and Taft forces is stopped. Just what is behind this fiction I have not yet been able to determine, but in my opinion it is ridiculous, in fact, it is a mere embroidery in such a small connection."

"Taft is one of the finest men our State has ever produced, but he has chosen a man worthy of his steel when he enters the arena with Foraker. Both have search friends, and both prefer to sacrifice the peace and harmony of the State and give the East a lesson in the things they desire, rather than leaving for it the standard of their chosen leaders."

"It seems to me the simplest and easiest thing in the world for the Foraker forces to acclaim Taft as the Presidential candidate, and if you'd be immensely better off if Taft and this men would work for the Senatorship for Foraker. Foraker, I understand, is willing to sink the ambition of his life, the Presidential chair, and come out for Taft, as he sees that he has no chance as yet to become President with the administration tipped allied against him."

"Taft, also, is said to be willing that Foraker should leave the Senatorship, and what forces are at work to prevent a reconciliation, I cannot see. The situation requires some action. If you go forward, any make peace between the two, and I believe that it is only a question of time when the difficulties will be adjusted. If they are not, you can expect that Taft will not be the next President, and that Tom Johnson, or some other equally undesirable Democrat, will be the next Senator from Ohio. I long for a man like Mark Hanna, who first gave us two Republican Senators, to grip this situation, and see that it is adequately as it should be, and as adequately as it can be."

Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., of Massachusetts, and his party spent yesterday in Washington, where they arrived from the Jamestown Exposition. They were quartered at the Arlington Hotel, and before leaving for Gettysburg yesterday afternoon, said:

"This far, Massachusetts has been the only State to send her governor to the exposition, and whether it repaid Massachusetts to send such a poor representative, it certainly repaid her governor. The relations between Virginia and Massachusetts have always been very close, although they appear to have been against each other on almost every important question. In the old days, however, Otis and Patrick Henry stood side by side, and Jefferson and Adams—you know how close these were. In all other ways, and down to our own day, there is something akin in the feelings and traditions of the two States, and each seems equally representative of its particular section of the country."

"The exposition itself greatly exceeded my expectations, and even though it were not among the finest that this country has ever seen, the old place and its traditions are a well worth a visit at any time. I am not in close enough touch with political affairs to say anything, and I would prefer not to, at this stage, anyhow. The situation in Massachusetts does not need comment—it is harmony there. That's my main consideration."

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