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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1907.

Bryan and the South.

The Brooklyn Eagle, which has been sounding Democratic sentiment in the South toward Mr. Bryan's Presidential aspirations, reaches the conclusion that the Nebraska has lost very little of his Southern prestige as a party leader.

Through the answers given to the Eagle's inquiry runs an unspoken confession that the policies of President Roosevelt are more popular than any other in the country.

Through somewhat paradoxical, this diagnosis faithfully reflects the sentiment of a considerable portion of the Southern press. Practically every Southern newspaper stands for, outside of government ownership and the initiative and referendum, is cordially accepted throughout the South, and the political radicalism with which he is conspicuously identified finds expression in the legislation of the Southern States.

For evident reasons, the important consideration in the election of a Democratic candidate for the Presidency is his strength among the voters of the North and West. It would be a much more valuable enterprise than polling the South if some of the enterprising contemporaries would seek to determine the extent of Bryan sentiment outside the States whose electoral votes are assured in advance to Bryan or any other candidate the Democratic party may nominate.

The indications are that it is going to be pretty hard to break Cleveland, Ohio, of the Tom Johnson habit.

Federal Injunctions in Minnesota.

Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota, faces a railroad controversy resembling in some respects that in Alabama, where Gov. Comer has called the legislature to meet for the purpose of enacting "irrevocable legislation" to determine whether the "people or the railroads control the State."

On Friday last Judge William Lochren, of the United States Circuit Court, made an order enjoining the enforcement of the law reducing freight rates passed at the last session of the Minnesota legislature, on the ground that the law was confiscatory.

Following threats by State officers that criminal prosecutions would be instituted to compel the observance of the rate law, Judge Lochren granted a sweeping injunction restraining every prosecuting officer of the State from taking any action to enforce it.

The measures above described indicate that the Dewey-Engel is fully committed to a thoroughgoing, though gradual, program of constitutional reform, beginning with the local governments and proceeding upward to the throne.

been left undisturbed by the general furore, so that we may expect to see a vigorous protest from those residents of the Commonwealth whose actions are still untrammelled by judicial order.

It is noteworthy that Judge Lochren did not enjoin the 2-cent fare law, though he did not hesitate to denounce it as confiscatory.

Mr. John L. Sullivan has announced for Bryan. Has John L. forgotten that pardon he jollied out of Mr. Roosevelt last winter?

Pink Whiskers and Clothes. That Mrs. Ida Van Claussen is emphatically determined to show her head-buzzing gown to his most gracious majesty King Oscar of Sweden, no matter what that gentleman may think or how long she may have to wait, is apparent to the most casual observer.

To be sure, the preliminary bow appears to have been won by the King. He still possesses a marble heart, so far as the introduction of Mrs. Van Claussen is concerned.

That new machine that signs one hundred checks at a time is all right. Now bring on a machine that will sit up in the bank and cash them without asking embarrassing questions.

An automobile house advertises "clothing for men, women, and chauffeurs." It has long been our opinion that the chauffeur considered himself ill.

Considering the fact that they were served at a Fairbanks luncheon, it is strange that some one has not thought to suggest that they might have been liquid air cocktails.

Bright red caps are recommended for guides who conduct hunters through the Maine forests this season. What good would they do? They would be mistaken for woodpeckers, as likely as not, and bagged in the same old way.

Attitudes, platitudes; they turn the political tricks these days.

We do not care if they put the Hon. Dan McGinty's likeness on those 10 gold pieces. They will look good to the average man, notwithstanding.

Admiral Dewey is afraid we shall find a purchaser for the Philippines; while the New York Herald is equally afraid we shall not.

"Why is a strap hanger?" asks the Birmingham Age-Herald. Because he is good natured and doesn't kick as much as he might.

If that machine for the cure of pre-vertebral colic, which the Houston Post, there will not be enough of it left to put in a two-ounce sack—meaning, of course, the machine, and not the Post.

"What shall we name our next cup defender?" asks a contemporary. As it is to be of the schooner type, how would "The Milwaukee" do?

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

THE HEROINE OF THE NOVEL. The maids of old were, worthless things, who stormed and laughed and cried. And played on a hero's poor heartstrings in a thousand ways beside.

Your modern girl tears not her hair; her hands she does not clasp. Her dearest look is a baby stare, and she's never known to gasp.

Too Deep. "My mother-in-law broke her leg to-day." "Accidentally?" "How do I know? I can't keep up with her games."

Horse Sense. "I want men with horse sense." "Didn't he have horse sense?" "No; he wasn't content to plod along working for me for his feed; wanted to do something for himself."

The Point of View. Our pardonable pride is what often term insufferable arrogance.

He'll Soon Improve. He's very ill, but grow not dim, My friend, of eye. It seems some court is after him To testify.

Always Safe. Were it a penal offense to have a million, a certain old magpie would come into court and prove ownership of \$437.

Too Much for Him. "I went to a ball game to-day," remarked the kolf enthusiast. "Tell me about it," said the fan. "Well, at the second stroke the pitcher foiled."

Food for Thought. "Two churches here now, eh? The town only boasted one last year." "That's right." "You must have had a revival." "No; we had a split."

NOTHING SERIOUS. From the Philadelphia Press. So Ticklish. "It's funny how ticklish women are, isn't it?" "Yes. Now, I brought a feather home the other night and it nearly tickled my wife to death."

All Her Work. "I'm sure, Edith," said the girl's mother, "that I saw him kissing you last evening." "Nonsense, mother. He's entirely too bashful."

The Measure of His Love. Miss Hoamley-Ritch heard something to-day that would indicate that Mr. Hunter simply cannot love me as he said he did.

Just a Jeer. "Yes," said Miss Brazz, trying to make an impression. "There were many prominent people there—society people whom I recognized. There was Mrs. Astor."

Not Compulsory. "One thing about this new brand of cigars I'm using," said Stungman, "is that they last so long." "But what of that?" replied the man who had tried one, "you don't have to smoke it to the bitter end."

Helping Him Up. "Yer honor," protested the seedy prisoner, "dis is list a case of police persecution. Dey're tryin' ter keep me down, yer honor. You ain't got to let 'em keep me down, are you?"

Modern Criminal Judges. From the New York Evening Post. The "hanging judge" and his tribe are as extinct as the dodo. The jurists who were famous for their display of wit in the sentencing of criminals have left no successors.

Moral Obligations in Philippines. The moral obligation of the United States to continue its guardianship of "the inferior people" in the Philippines until they shall have reached their mental majority is heavy enough to prevent any bargain sale of the islands.

On Common Ground. Senator Foraker and Judge Parker seem not far apart in their views of the "new Federalism." Either could have delivered the speech of the other last week with scarcely the change of a word.

Equally Safe with Either. From the Baltimore Sun. Plans seem to have been formulated to leave this country for several weeks in the hands of Brother Loeb and the bulldog.

MEN AND THINGS.

Meeting of Attorneys General. St. Louis is to have a gathering on September 20 and October 1 which should be productive of some excellent results.

The Longest Military Record. Sergeant Major Robert Elliott, of the British Army, has been awarded the Royal Victorian medal for the longest continuous service in the military ranks of Great Britain.

Admirals All. It is a curious fact, made patent by the Boston Transcript, that almost half the navy officers who are rear admirals are New Englanders.

Redshirt the Indian. The report that Redshirt, the famous fighting chief of the Sioux Indians, had tried to commit suicide because his women folk declined to chop wood for him, recalls to the Dundee Advertiser the time when he visited England in Buffalo Bill's company.

American Pearls. In the Verdigris River, Indian Territory, James H. Davis, a negro, found a beautiful rose-pearl in a mussel shell.

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PARKERS OF THE PAST.

Our Government Still Lives in Spite of Political Peasants. From the Hartford Courant. We'd be more alarmed perhaps if we did not recall other occasions on which distinguished middle-aged gentlemen got an imperiled Constitution on their nerves, and gave way to the same kind of panic and used the same kind of language.

The late Senator Hoar had a warm personal affection for President McKinley, who had not that knew him? Yet in one of his speeches about the Philippines the Massachusetts Senator said (in substance) that future historians would date the decline and fall of the American republic from the administration of William McKinley.

We took the liberty of reminding him that Senators of an earlier generation were just as positive that the Constitution was being subverted and that the republic was headed straight for destruction when Andrew Jackson removed the deposits from the veto pen, and talked back to the Senate.

Here we are in 1907. The Constitution is still with us; the Executive power is not swallowed up all the rest; Congress and the Supreme Court are doing business at the old stand; the country sleeps well and eats well. We think Judge Parker may safely cheer up; honestly, we think so. The President sometimes says things which lend themselves to misinterpretation, we don't believe for one minute. If he should mistake his rank in any instance, the judicial power of the United States is there to set matters right.

And Mr. Justice Brewer told us all last June that the case arising—will perform its duty as faithfully and fearlessly in these days as it did in John Marshall's days.

PROVOCATION IN THE CRUISE. Some Reasons for Disapproving the Naval Manuever Proposed. From the Independent. It is a great pity that it should seem necessary to the government to send the main part of the fleet to the Pacific. There is only one possible reason for it, namely, the Japanese hurry. It has come to the eyes of the Navy Department that California is making trouble with Japan, and that reckless talk of war may lead to war, and that there is quite as much danger of war with our old friend Japan as with any other power in the world.

Erzo, let the fleet go where it may possibly be wanted. That is the sole explanation, whatever authorities may say. It is not for a practice cruise; not to make a patriotic display to our citizens in the Pacific States. It is only for the purpose for which navies are created, to be ready for war. There is a great deal of nonsense talked about it, and the last absurd story is that President Roosevelt has some occult personal and political purpose in view, and has made an agreement with Emperor William to protect our coast with his German fleet while ours is watching the Japanese! But we do not approve this transfer of the fleet. We believe it provokes distrust and ill-will, and that the navy as little in the public eye as possible, just as the army keeps quiet, because war and its agencies are discreditable when not used. Nor is there the least danger, to human vision, of war with Japan. We don't want it; Japan doesn't want it. We can't afford it; Japan certainly cannot.

HUGHES ON THE PLATFORM. Common Sense Talk Popular Among Rural New Yorkers. From the New York Sun. Wherever Gov. Hughes appears in public he is greeted by crowds of unusual size, which listen respectfully and attentively to what he has to say. Yet the governor is not an orator of wonderful gifts or an expounder of novel and sensational doctrines. He speaks as a man, and he speaks to those who will stop and hear him. He indulges in no blazing personalities. He seems incapable of abusing any one. He does not call people by shorter and uglier words. A speech by the governor is a pretty tame affair in comparison with the italicized outpourings of some of his contemporaries.

Still, the people who hear his passionate, well considered words do not seem to be bored. On the contrary, they appear to enjoy listening to a calm man, fully master of himself and his subject, who tells of his own experiences, who does not froth at the mouth, and who, under all circumstances, keeps his head. They manifest a capacity for solid food just at the time when they are supposed to be particularly keen for wind.

Perhaps this success has been done the public. It may prefer intelligence to bluff and bluster, after all.

Bryan and the South. From the Nashville Tennessean. To tell the truth, the effort to turn the South from Bryan has about spent itself, and in Tennessee it is virtually at an end. All the leaders of importance have come out for Bryan, and the loyalty of the rank and file was never questioned. Even the mention of an ex-Tennessean held in such well-deserved respect and affection as Joseph W. Folk, could not avail to shake the conviction in this State that William Jennings Bryan is the best hope of success next year for the Democratic party. Tennessee is for Bryan, and so, we prophesy, will be the whole South.

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