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Virginia and Maryland on a Crusade.

The authorities of both Maryland and Virginia are indicating their good will in the matter of clearing out the moral plague spots which fester on the borders of the District. In Maryland last night a raid was made upon a resort at one of the notorious settlements of gamblers and vicious characters just across the District line toward the east and prisoners were jailed in such numbers as to give either the full or the local attendance for a few weeks on the local treasury a generous income if the law is strictly enforced. The only marvel is that this was not done before, as the raided establishment has been conducted openly for a long period, and yesterday's occasion was in no wise exceptional. This settlement, separated from the District only by an imaginary line, is particularly offensive to the people of Washington, especially in view of the fact that it is necessary, in order to reach one of the near-by water resorts, to pass through the evil community and for passengers to the former place to come in contact with the rough and even dangerous crowd of patrons of the dens. The entire elimination of this traffic is possible if the officers of each of the counties adjacent to the District will persistently seek the enforcement of the law. By keeping the gamblers and other classes of lawbreakers constantly on the move they will soon find it profitable to seek other regions. The only tendency is to settle on or near a car line, and this condition renders it the easier to drive them out of the local field.

Over in Virginia wholesome results of the Jackson City fire are in prospect. Incidental to the trial of the man charged with setting the blaze the courts are securing a mass of evidence showing clearly the character of the burned places, and it is now possible at a minimum of cost and effort to convict the proprietors of those resorts of violation of the law and to force them permanently out of Alexandria county. As in Maryland, the vicious resorts are located with reference to the lines of travel, and there are only two places in near-by Virginia which offer opportunities to these people to establish themselves, Jackson City and Rosslyn. With the former purged by fire and kept free from contamination through the diligence of the courts, Rosslyn will remain a subject for remedial attention. The recent disorders there in which the soldiers from Fort Myer participated pointed to one way at least to the reformation of the settlement. If the federal government could find a way to control the approach to the military post it would soon be able to supplement the reformatory endeavors of the county in an effective manner. This, however, would require time. While some such arrangement is being devised it is to be hoped that the county, aided perhaps by the state with funds and legal talent, will continue the good work already begun at Jackson City and root out the foul establishments which now menace the peace and morals of the capital.

The Congressional Campaign.

The ball has opened. Chairman Babcock has called his staff around him and settled down to business in New York, while Chairman Griggs is directing operations for the democrats from headquarters here in Washington. The one man is entirely familiar with his work. The other is a new figure in the national field. But every congressman stands upon his own campaign. Mr. Babcock will find many changes since 1900, which will test his judgment without regard to his past successes, and Mr. Griggs, who has had some experience in a local field, may be expected to capitalize that to advantage in the larger task to which he is now addressing himself.

These men are very much in earnest, and their plans are assurance that we are to have a spirited campaign. It would be a public spectacle if this were not so. Sham, or half-hearted, contests in our politics would be a betrayal of national interests. It is idle to point out that with a democratic House and a republican Senate the Fifty-eighth Congress could do no business which would invite partisan controversy. Control of the House is always a prize in itself, and always worth the most serious effort to win. We may be very sure therefore that Mr. Griggs means what he says, and that he will be assisted until the close of the polls in November by the advice of many of the ablest men in the democratic party.

So far as the republicans are concerned, it is not merely a question of holding on to what they now have. There are divisions in the party which are not, and could not be, disguised. They are the natural products of the party's success. They relate principally to the tariff, but are not confined to that subject. The tariff in the present no such disruption as the democratic party offered in the matter of silver. But they demand attention, and if they do not receive it promptly the consequences to the party may be disastrous. What is necessary for the republicans to show in this campaign therefore is the ability to harmonize their differences, and give the country assurance that continued republican control will mean a continued purpose on their part to grapple with issues as they may arise.

The people are prosperous, but not indifferent to that account to the public welfare. If the campaign shall show a lack of red fire and of drums and fife as compared with the campaigns of 1896 and 1900, we need draw no unfavorable conclusions. Great showings are not always manifestations of real interest.

Mr. Bryan and New England.

It turns out that Mr. Bryan's New England trip has not been wholly without encouragement. "What can the man expect in that quarter?" many people asked themselves when the trip was announced. "That is still the enemy's country for him. It will never be otherwise. No matter what all this section is giving a serious thought to his political fortunes."

This observation was hasty. One man at least appears who is giving as much thought to Mr. Bryan now as he did six and two years ago. This man is Alexander Troup of Connecticut, of sufficient importance to have been at one time a member of the democratic national committee. He proposes to attend the national convention of the presidency, and links with his name for the vice presidency that of Lewis Nixon of New York and Tammany Hall.

This would repeat in a way the democ-

ray's action in 1896. Mr. Sewall, who was Mr. Bryan's running mate that year, was an eastern ship builder, prosperous and personally popular. He probably had small sympathy with Mr. Bryan's views about national questions. But he was a democrat, and desired his party's success even on a platform to which he could not give his unqualified support. Like other democrats of that day, he wanted to win at the polls, and was willing to trust to luck for a satisfactory working out of all problems with the democracy in power. And so he accepted second place on the ticket with Mr. Bryan, and threw both his name and his wallet into the scale.

Mr. Nixon is no more a Bryanite than was Mr. Sewall. His New York training and connections make him a friend of sound money. His profitable business as ship builder leads him to favor the ship subsidy scheme. He has no record on the tariff, but he is probably not a free trader. In a general way he is a democrat, and having supported Mr. Bryan twice for the presidency is probably prepared to do so again. Would he, as Mr. Sewall did, accept second place on his party's national ticket, and be content of promoting his party's success at the polls, and trusting to luck in case of success for a satisfactory solution of all vexed problems?

Mr. Troup proposes Mr. Bryan again because he believes the Nebraska leader "can poll more votes than any other democrat in the country." That is a simple platform. He is much as says: "Let us first catch the hare, and then decide how we shall serve it." There is a second to Mr. Troup's nomination?

Keep Up the Coast Defenses!

If the coast defenses of this country are worth anything at all, they are surely worth maintenance in the best of conditions, which means their manning with crews of highly efficient artillerymen. This necessarily involves expense in the providing of ammunition and the holding of frequent drills and trials. But, assuredly, the end is worth the cost. It is deplorable that a board of inspection should find conditions at the coast fortifications as bad as they are reported to be in the eyes of the officers who recently made the rounds of these works. They found, it is said, that not only were some of the guns badly mounted, but that the crews were, in many instances, utterly inefficient, ignorant of the working of the mechanism of the weapons, and decidedly deficient in their target practice.

This condition was generally complained of before the war with Spain caused Congress to devote a large appropriation to coast defenses. It was hoped that the old deficiencies of the artillery service would be remedied when millions were spent in guns and emplacements. But apparently the personnel has not kept pace with the artillery and the consequence is the unsatisfactory showing of the defenses under the scrutiny of the experts. It has been urged in this connection that it is unwise to cause the men in charge of these guns to use them freely for target practice, in the fear that this proceeding will permit too easy an acquaintance with the location and the character and efficiency of the batteries. If this objection is valid, no time should be lost in providing central testing and practice grounds fitted out with duplicates of all the types of guns used on the coast, where detachments of the gun crews could assemble at intervals from the various posts and be through courses of instruction and training. This should be frequently done, so that no man need grow rusty. But it may be doubted whether such secrecy is necessary or desirable. Presumably today in every war office in Europe there rests a detailed plat of the coast defenses of the United States, the ranges of the guns and the various routes of both land and water approach. The military attaché who could not obtain such information would not be worth his salt to his government. And even if these facts are not known now it would not be long after the first whisper of a war before every necessary detail would be ascertained through spies, willing to sacrifice their lives if need be.

As She Reasoned It.

"It is but natural," said Mrs. Van Scadders, "that those who possess wealth should consider themselves the best people."

Practical Consideration.

When Shakespeare wrote some years ago, "No doubt he sometimes said, 'I wonder if the critics will applaud me when I'm dead.'"

Quite Bitter.

From the Brooklyn Eagle. "Will it be possible, Will it be possible, Will it be possible to put any sweetening into the Cuban sugar question?"

Juvenile Beggars.

From the Chicago Tribune. "No more charitable work, or work more valuable to the community, could be performed than that which the Visitation and Aid Society has undertaken in securing the arrest of juvenile beggars. The society proposes to take the children from the streets and from the homes where they are taught to depend upon society for a living, and place them where they will be disciplined and taught to work for a living."

Spartans.

From the Baltimore American. "Thirty-six speeches were delivered at a mass-meeting held in Spartanburg, N. C. Now we understand why that town received its name."

Typhoid.

From the Philadelphia Press. "That typhoid is a water-borne disease is now universally admitted, and is the chief justification for the enormous expenditure now in progress to secure the water from which the typhoid bacillus and other disease germs and impurities shall have been filtered out. But filtration, while it will decrease typhoid, cannot be expected to extinguish it wholly. Ice and milk are familiar vehicles for the germs, and as the experience of typhoid conveyance, familiar vehicles for the germs, and as the Spanish war showed, the soil contaminated by typhoid patients is a direct purveyor of that disease."

Out of Politics.

From the New York Sun. "President Roosevelt, Secretary Root and the United States army have removed the Philippine question from the political arena of 1902, and probably likewise from the political arena of 1903 and 1904. The continued assertion of the legitimate sovereignty in the Philippines and the continued exercise of our duties and rights under that sovereignty are no more questions at issue than is federal jurisdiction over Porto Rico or Alaska."

A Sign of Peace.

From the Omaha Bee. "The resumption of competitive rifle practice for marksmen in the regular army is another corroborative of the fact that peace has been restored."

Treatment of Anti-Vaccinationists.

From the Philadelphia Times. "Persons who refuse to submit to vaccination when the sanitary officers find it necessary to perform it, that be regarded as noxious germs and to be immured by themselves, to guard the public from contact with them. Let them be shut up in a place where they can be warned of their homes and all other persons be warned from entering there. This would be both a humane and an effective penalty and it would soon bring the recalcitrant to terms."

Descended From Juggernaut.

From the Memphis Commercial Appeal. "The automobile seems to have succeeded to the good will and fixtures of the old Brooklyn trolley car."

the participants in the outrage upon its dignity and prerogatives. The question paramount in the minds of those who desire Virginia's progress and who deplore, for the country's sake, the reckless abuse of the power of the mob in the name of self-defense is whether the materials thus being gathered for a successful prosecution will be utilized.

The famous foreign violinist whose friends now accuse his secretary of being a Svengali is a lucky man. The least suspicion that the bow wielder in the subject of a powerful will, that his music is the transmuted thought power of a hypnotist, would suffice to swell the audiences to an extraordinary degree. Other advertising devices become crude and commonplace in comparison.

Labouchere, who writes rhymes himself, is indignant because Alfred Austin is to receive a pension. The poetry business has always suffered through a lack of esprit de corps.

"The boys in blue" will never sound as poetic as "the boys in blue." But the men inside the uniforms may be depended on for the usual results.

A St. Louis judge decides that a wife has the right to beat a bad husband. This is one of the rules which will not be permitted to work both ways.

If Mr. Chamberlain emerges from his part of the program with as many bouquets as General Kitchener has received he will be entitled to general congratulation.

The moral obligation of mine owners to provide fuel for the general public regardless of their private misunderstandings does not appear to cut much of a figure.

Governor Stone of Pennsylvania is having all the hard work and responsibility during the strike, in spite of the fact that Mr. Quay has selected a man to supersede him.

SHOOTING STARS.

Inadequate. "I suppose," said the learner in politics, "that you would advise a man to follow the old method and go into a campaign with a barrel of money."

"No," answered Senator Sorghum, with emphasis; "a barrel of money is no good. Now-a-days you want a hoghead of it at least."

An Overworked Phrase.

"I've got it at last!" exclaimed the playwright, excitedly. "What?"

"An idea for a melodrama." "Some new situation?"

"No. This is a negative idea. I'm going to write a play in which nobody, as he cringes beneath the scathing words of the hero or heroine exclaims, 'Don't say that!'"

Evolution.

"Strike for your altars and your fires," they said in that historic day. Time has remodeled men's desires. And now they strike for better pay.

A Slightly Confused Opinion.

"I can easily understand why authors complain that there isn't much money in literature," remarked Mr. Curmox. "Where do you think the difficulty lies?"

"In the author's lack of business sense. They put the books like Dante's and Milton's, works such as make you feel like you was doing a day's work when you read 'em, into shape for the market at the most expensive prices. The real interesting ones that you want to read from cover to cover, such as 'Mabel's Mad Marriage' and 'Daisy Dick, the Hypnotic Detective,' are sold in paper covers at the ridiculous figure of 50 cents a volume."

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Also a lot of \$5 Russets reduced to \$2.50.

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Furniture Factory, 14th and M. Storage Warehouse, 22d and M. Matts and Couch Factory, 1210-12 D St.

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Clearing Sale at the Palais Royal. All Summer Goods are to go—and go before September brings us the autumn-winter importations. Prices are to be so reduced that the Palais Royal Clearing Sale will be the talk of every home. The Palais Royal advertisement will be the most interesting news in The Star—to every one with a present or prospective need. 49c 69c 98c \$1.29 (\$1 Waists.) (\$2 Waists.) (\$2.50 Waists.) (\$3.50 Waists.) The entire stock of Shirt Waists has been bunched into lots almost irrespective of actual values. As stated above, \$1.00 Waists will be found in the lot at 49 cents, and so on, as indicated. All are this summer's approved styles. The absence of the cheap store's gaudily trimmed cheap waists will be a relief. Great tables full on first and third floors.

Belts, 10c. (Best 25c kind.) Gloves, \$1. (Some Were 75c.) Fans at 10c. (Some Were 25c.) Millinery, 9c. (Mostly Worth \$1.50.) Handkerchiefs, 16c. (25c Quality.) Neckwear, 29c. (50c Neckwear.) White Dress Goods, 12c. (18c to 25c values.)

Choice of the ultra-fashionable White Dimities, in all the prettiest of stripe and check effects. These splendid bargains, with 48-inch Persian Lawn at 25c instead of 37 1/2c yard, will await you tomorrow on second floor.

50c Mohair, 39c. 68c Mohair, 49c. The popular 50c quality Black Mohair Brilliantine, at only 39c yard. More often sold at 75c yard. Black and colors. Only 49c yard.

25c quality Merveilized Gingham reduced to only 16c. 37 1/2c French Gingham, for waists and men's shirts, 19c. 25c Imported Swiss, including black and white effects, 12 1/2c. 50c quality Silk Mousselines, black and colors, reduced to 39c. 50c All-wool French Chailles reduced to 29c.

50c quality Taffeta Silks, in all the best shades, 39c. 75c quality Black Foulard Silks reduced to only 49c. 50c quality Nap. Silks, black and colors, 39c. \$1 quality Fancy Black Taffeta Silks reduced to 29c. \$1 quality Guaranteed Black Taffeta Silk for only 89c.

It is NOT the season for using curtains—but it IS the best time in the year to secure bargains. The new importations will be here in September. Between now and then occurs a clearing sale of present stock.

Choice is offered of Brussels effect and Real Irish Point Lace Curtains. The designs are all good, and, while the new curtains to be shown in September may be a little different, they will be no better. Now is the best time in the year to secure bargains.

Clearing sale of the Art Silks and Satins used for fancy work and draperies. Best of 25c All-linen Huck Towels, 40 inches long, at only 18c each. Best of 18c quality Black Towels reduced to 12 1/2c. All-linen Bleached German Crash, 8c. Double-bed size Sheets, 60c quality, for only 49c. Pillow Cases, usually sold at 12 1/2c, for only 9c.

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