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as in the neighboring states. But most of all they quoted the means by which Judge Parker had been nominated, and the effect on the Bryan men throughout the commonwealth. As the trick had been turned in St. Louis in the face of all, it was an easy matter to distribute the story among voters near at hand. As a consequence, the democrats asserted, their local campaigns went all to pieces.

The republicans, while not doubting that the two things mentioned by the democrats figured in the result, saw yet a third cause which gave them great comfort. In their opinion the policy of protection had been growing stronger in the states for some years, and had now found encouragement for an emphatic expression. They read an endorsement of that policy in the republican congressmen elected, and predicted that the future would sustain their view.

The time is at hand for the test. Mr. Roosevelt is still on deck, but pledged to retire at the end of his term. Judge Parker got what was coming to him, and now is as good as dead. Mr. Bryan is again the darling of his party. What is at stake then in Missouri this year is the simple proposition of choosing between the two parties as respects national policies. If the republicans carry the House with the aid of Missouri, the state will share through assignment of her members on the majority side of the committees in the way of carrying forward the policies she has supported in the present House. If the democrats carry the House, and Missouri shows a return to her old allegiance by her membership in that body, the state will assist in the marking-time program to follow. For with a democratic House and a republican Senate, and a presidential contest approaching, legislative progress will be out of the question.

Both parties are cultivating the voters industriously. Republican speakers of national renown are on the stump, and Mr. Bryan is again appealing to those who in the past have shown marked loyalty to him. Should Missouri repeat her performance of 1904, or even approximate it, the result, as respects protection in particular, will be notable.

Regulations and Personal Bonds. Two of the subordinate officials of the District government have reported to the Commissioners that the practice of the Police Court in accepting the personal bonds of defendants found guilty of violating the municipal regulations seriously militates against the enforcement of the law and the maintenance of the proper standards of municipal government. The health officer finds that often when his inspectors discover cases of disregard for the sanitary rules the court, instead of fining the defendants and thus bringing them sharply to a realization of their offense, accepts personal bonds and thus permits the idea to spread that the District government is merely "holding up its finger" at delinquents and is not disposed to punish them. The building inspector brings the same condition to the attention of the Commissioners, saying that his subordinates are seriously handicapped in their enforcement of the regulations by this line of procedure, offenders acquiring a feeling of virtual contempt for the laws when they see the court repeatedly allowing violators to free with a warning. Of course, the most the Commissioners can do is to bring the matter to the attention of the court and urge that the regulations be more sharply enforced whenever offenses are proved. The regulations themselves do not provide for this form of suspended sentence, but in every instance stipulate maximum and minimum fines or terms of imprisonment. The theory of these sliding scales is that merely technical offenders or those in whose behalf extenuating circumstances may be cited will be punished by the application of the smallest fine or the shortest term. By accepting personal bonds in so many cases as to occasion the courts now on file with the Commissioners the court has practically written new provisions into the regulations.

The health and safety of the community depend upon the strict enforcement of the sanitary and building regulations, and it is exceedingly hazardous to permit them to fall into disrepute by allowing to spread a belief that they are only written for moral effect.

The Philippine Garrison. If there is any possibility of a reduction of the Philippine garrison General Wood's protest against such a move should prevent it. He states the argument against reduction of the force in terms which should convince the government of the unwisdom of exposing the islands to attack from without or disorder from within by weakening "the means of defense. In certain parts of the archipelago, those populated by the Moro tribes, our authority, although completely established, is nevertheless yet dependent in the main upon our military foundations. In other parts the process of educating the inhabitants to a sense of citizenship is progressing satisfactorily. Yet there is always at this stage a possibility of an uprising on the part of a few discontented people, and it remains true that our aims and intentions are not sufficiently understood by a portion of the inhabitants to render them immune from seditious influences. It is not safe yet to lower the barriers between peace and possible disorder."

In any case, however, whatever may be the actual conditions in the islands themselves, the position of Manila as an outpost should preclude the reduction of the garrison. Affairs in the far east are not stable, notwithstanding the crushing defeat of Russia and the present quietude in China. There remains a possibility of a disturbance in that quarter of the world. American interests, large and growing, should not be left exposed to the chance of injury, by the weakening of the forces which now can be concentrated at Manila and render an accounting in case of trouble while the reinforcements are sent home. The islands are too far from base for the military establishment to be brought down to the strength of a mere police guard.

The fact that art students have hissed him will not disturb Anthony Comstock. Like the villain in the play he has learned to regard hissing as a testimonial to his efficiency.

There is much to be admired in Miss Bertha Krupp's wedding program, which was distinguished by a \$250 trousseau and a \$250,000 gift to the workmen's pension fund.

The car has a yacht and an automobile, but would feel safer from anarchists in a private flying machine were among the present possibilities.

The fact that Richard Croker should live to receive an apology for criticism of his political career shows that nothing is impossible.

applied to the Conduit road, which is owned by the national government, would prevent the mulcting of motorists by the Maryland municipal authorities. This would mean that that portion of the Conduit road lying beyond the District boundary would soon become a speedway for racing motors, to the infinite danger of the other users of the highway.

Inasmuch as all the traffic, with an insignificant exception, on this road originates in Washington, it is proper that the rules which govern the city and, assuming that the Commissioners' authority is to be sustained, should govern the entire length. Two-thirds of the road lies in Maryland, and if the speed restrictions are to be withdrawn from that end owing to the failure of the Maryland municipalities to maintain their jurisdiction, the result will be that practically the entire length of well-paved surface will be given over to the furious speeding of motors, driving all other vehicles to other parts for safety.

If the government is to maintain this road as a speedway for high-powered cars, they should have the whole stretch. It is, however, hardly to be conceived that Congress, if appealed to in the premises, will consent to such an arrangement. In case such a request is made the reply most surely consistent with the rights and safety of the majority will lie in terms of an enactment extending the Commissioners' jurisdiction as to speed regulations to all parts of the highway owned by the government.

It is not a bad sign when the farmers insist on having the biggest orators of the country as speakers instead of the beginners in political life. In an era of true prosperity the farmer gets used to having the best of everything.

And now Mr. Bryan is being scored for his manner of refusing a social invitation in Illinois. It takes a very astute man to be lionized without giving offense somewhere.

W. R. Hearst may be far from the most popular man in the country at present, but there is no denying that he is the most discussed.

Silveira, having seized over a million and scuttled a ship, must be accepted as a conclusive demonstration that the old-time buccaneer spirit is not wholly extinct.

Mr. Rockefeller continues to make an occasional donation just to show that his disposition has not been soured by the attacks on his methods and motives.

The political campaign is quite as lively as when corporations were permitted to dump in loads of money.

"I'm afraid I haven't many good arguments for our side of the question," said the orator.

"No arguments?" responded the campaign manager. "Then quote statistics. They sound wise and everybody would rather take them for granted than try to understand them."

"Do you read the fashion magazines?" asked the visitor.

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "They often give such valuable hints on what not to wear."

The present situation claims attention most expert. With everybody calling names and no one getting hurt.

"How is your boy doing at college?" "Well," answered Farmer Cottosel, "I don't exactly know whether to compliment him or make a fuss. He came out first in his class but he was last in a foot race."

"Do you think the time will come when there will be no money in politics?" said one boss.

"I don't know," answered the other. "It won't be our fault if it doesn't. We have done the best we could to take out all there was in it."

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The Palais Royal, A. Lisner. Birthday Anniversary and Complimentary Prices. Tomorrow—Wednesday—will be the last day of the celebration of this anniversary.

Let Us Take the Elevator to the Fourth Floor and Walk Down. Quite a Picture Gallery on This Fourth Floor.

"The Young Mother," a water-color facsimile of a world-famous picture, in 6x13-inch gilt frame, is presented at a nominal price—19c. Then come larger den pictures in mission frames. The latest copy-rights are at a complimentary price—89c. Note the subjects:

- \$6.00 pair for \$7.50 Hand-made Renaissance Lace Curtains. Extra good value at \$7.50. \$3.98 pair for the \$5 Imported Cluny Lace Curtains and Mercerized Tapestry Portieres, looking like silk. \$1.79 pair for \$2.50 Lace Curtains and Renaissance effects. Machine-made, but marvelous like the hand-made. 89c. pair for Brussels effect Lace Curtains, worth \$1.50. Elaborate in design and 60 inches wide. 25c. for Anti-Sweat Window Shades, 6 feet long. Usual 25c Shades are only 6 feet long.

Lace Waists and Cloth Skirts Worth \$7.50 for \$5. And Other Attractions on the Third Floor.

Of course, the Sample Suits have been, and will be, the leading attraction—values up to \$20 at \$13 for choice. The Separate Waists and Walking Skirts at \$5, worth \$7.50, are the next best favorites. These are from leading makers, anxious to help along the Birthday Anniversary. The following are regular stocks, at complimentary prices until tomorrow evening:

- \$18 for \$20 Suits. \$27 for \$30 Suits. \$35 for \$40 Suits. The entire stock quoted at complimentary prices during the Birthday Anniversary—10 per cent discount allowed on the newly Imported Suits here at \$40 to \$60. Of course, the most popular will be the well-known \$20, \$30, \$35 and \$40 Suits, to be \$18, \$27, \$30 and \$35, respectively. There's a style here for every woman, be she petite, grande or neither one nor the other.

\$9 for \$10 Coats and \$18 for \$20 Coats. \$21 to \$55 Evening and Street Coats at 10 Per Cent Discount.

The \$10 Coats, to be \$9 until tomorrow evening, are here in the long tourist, college and shorter box-front style, with semi-fitted back. The \$20 Coats to be \$18 are of kersey cloth, 48-inch length, satin braid and velvet trimmed.

All Children's \$5 Garments to Be \$3.98 for Choice. \$2.98 for \$3.48 Garments. \$1.88 for \$2.48 Garments. 84c for \$1.00 Garments. \$2.29 for \$2.98 Garments. \$1.39 for \$1.98 Garments. 44c for 50c Garments.

\$1.50 to \$5.00 for "Novent" Skirts for Adults. Fitting the Hips Like a Glove, with Flounces Widely Flaring.

79c is a complimentary price until Wednesday for samples of American-made corsets, retailing at \$1.00 to \$1.50. \$1.19 for samples of Corsets made to retail at \$2.00. \$1.19, but only until Wednesday. \$2.29 for models of French "P. D." Corsets, made to retail up to \$3.50. Only a limited number to be distributed. \$3.98 for Bath Robes, made to retail at \$5. Choice of All-wool Elderdown and Jacquard Blanket effects. 88c for any \$1 Warm Kimonos, \$2.50 for any of the Silk Kimonos, and \$4.49 for any of the Silk Petticoats marked \$5 and \$5.50.

Second Floor for \$1 Dress Fabrics at 89c. To choose from are 54-inch-wide Plain Broadcloths, Shadow Checks, Herringbone Effects, Wire-woven Serges, Melrose, Man-like Suitings, Readona Crepe, Satin Prunella, Black and Fancy Silks, etc. Of-course, the new browns, reds, greens and grays are conspicuously in evidence.

39c Yard to 69c for New 50c to 75c Trimmings. The new Black Silk Passementeries are to be 39c instead of 50c a yard. The new Steel-studded Elastic Belting is to be 69c instead of 75c per belt length. The new Persian Velvet Trimming to be 59c instead of 69c per yard. Liniings are also on this second floor.

\$5.98 for Any of the Famous \$7.50 Trimmed Hats. The Untrimmed Hats and Trimmings are not only offered at complimentary prices—but the services of the Palais Royal's famous milliners are at your command. This Birthday Anniversary will be gratefully remembered—if only because of the attractions in these Millinery Parlors. Think of only 98c a bunch for Ostrich Feather Tips worth \$2.50. It's so true that a representative of a leading wholesale house offered to buy all these Feathers and pay us 98c a bunch for them. The chief of this department will vouch for this statement.

\$1.98 for the \$2.50 French Felt Hats, in smallest to large sizes. They are here in black, navy, cardinal, wine, brown, greens and grays. \$1.98 until Wednesday evening. 39c for choice of the Palais Royal's well-known superior variety of 50c Birds, Quills, Sweeps, Coques and Flowers; many tables full. 38c—only until tomorrow evening. 89c yard for the \$1 Black Velvet for Millinery use. 24c for 5-inch Messaline and 48c for 6-inch Scotch Plaid Millinery Ribbons, worth 35c and 68c, respectively.

Table Linens and Bedwear Are on This Second Floor. \$4.39 tomorrow instead of \$5 pair for California Wool Blankets. \$5 is a price surprise. 89c instead of \$1 for full size Comforts, covered with silk-kolone in art effects. 59c for the well-known 60c "Palais Royal" Bed Sheets; 14c for the 18c "Palais Royal" Pillow Cases, 45x26 inches; worth 20c. 75c yard for the 98c Irish Damask; 72 inches wide.

First Floor—Famous for "Tiffany Room." The room containing 50,000 Wedding Presents; the room of mirrored walls and ceilings, with glass cases filled with Art Nouveau Articles, Silverware, Bric-a-brac, etc. The Birthday Anniversary mementos include the following: Tea Sets, made to retail at \$11 worth up to \$12. Dinner Knives, made to retail at \$5.00; per set \$4. French Gilt Clocks, selling \$1 here regularly at \$2.50. Dainty pieces of Bric-a-brac for 25c; art pieces at \$1.