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Time Yet to Prevent a Blunder.

It is too late to save the historic trees in the Botanic Garden, but not too late to save the Grant memorial from being tucked away in that humiliating site.

It is certain that the friends of the Grant memorial enterprise very shortly will be knocking at the doors of Congress for additional legislation to rescue the object of their patriotic affections from the continued obscurity and shameful environment.

The House of Representatives is at present on record as opposing the Botanic Garden site for the Grant memorial. It is altogether likely that on a full presentation of the case in the House the majority already scored against it will be adversely increased.

This, of course, means the sacrifice of a small sum of money, in the cost of the work already done, and the obligations to contractors incurred. But what will be these few hundreds of dollars compared with the advantage of getting for the monument to Gen. Grant a location entirely suitable and significant of the honor and esteem in which his memory is held by the American people?

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As the case stands, with the conference in a deadlock and going back to their respective houses for further instructions, nobody is suffering from the delay but the innocent public. The street railway companies can well afford to allow the matter to drift along as it now is.

It is the public that pays for this indulgence in obstinacy on the part of the conferees representing the House and Senate. The public is not disposed to differentiate between them, as regards the burden of blame. It continues to plod its weary way between the station and the cars, and it is justly incensed at the spectacle of a do-nothing Congress trifling with a question which, after two years of delay, should have been settled in the first week of the present session.

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to a tie, which, under the law, could not be broken by the lieutenant governor.

The conditions favored the lobbyists who infest Albany during sessions. For the past week the most extravagant stories have been afloat suggestive of the activities of the professional persuaders of legislative conferences. Enormous sums of money have been mentioned as figuring in possible bargains. The fact was frankly recognized that it was worth almost any amount to the interested identified with the race-track gambling business to block the wheels of legislation. It is now asserted that one senator, a supporter of the bills, was lured to the outskirts of the city and engaged in an all-night poker game and piled with liquor until he slept. He woke and went to the capitol to find that his watch had been turned back five hours, and that he had narrowly escaped missing the session. Here is an extract from one of the news reports of the day's doings in Albany, printed this morning in New York:

"One senator, whose renomination is uncertain, was told he could be nominated and elected to Congress without cost to himself if he would vote to kill the bills, or his expenses in Europe would be paid for as long as he would consent to the Annual retainers or yearly guarantees of huge sums were offered to another senator, besides patronage for friends and relatives. Both these men are of unquestioned integrity. They rejected the proposals instantly and voted today for the bills. Senators in the last twelve hours have been offered a great deal of details of which seem almost incredible."

Nothing is plainer than that the race-track gambling business is one of the most profitable of today's varied human enterprises. It means millions a year to the small group of top-notch operators and proportionate sums to the smaller men of the lower ranks. The aggregate contributed by the public to this interest is probably the better part of \$100,000,000, counting all the tracks and meets. Of course there is some apparent giving and taking. The public must win occasionally, else the game would be soon worked out. But the insiders win often, whether because they know what is going to happen or are more clever matters not. They take money that belongs to legitimate trade, that should go to the support of families, and their enterprise spells ruin to thousands annually.

It is not remarkable that a vote at Albany yesterday was worth a fortune.

The House Comedy.

Is the game worth the candle? Is there any political capital in the House filibuster? Is there even entertainment in the sharp personalities and the dull parodies that are being hurled across the center aisle these days? This is the question the stage play is plain. We all know the actual situation. Personally, the extending persons are on the best of terms. Mr. Payne and Mr. Williams entertain no contempt for each other. Mr. Williams and Mr. Dalzell are fiery but for a purpose. If the galleries take heed it is only for a moment. Not the most casual visitor carries away an impression strong enough to influence the conduct of another. His principal thought is that men charged with serious business make poor showmen, and should leave fun-making to others.

Recast the actors and we should see, what? Would Mr. Williams as leader of the majority permit Mr. Payne as leader of the minority to take charge of business? Not if he could prevent it. Would Mr. Payne in such circumstances attempt to do so? In all probability, and give about the same reasons for his conduct that Mr. Williams is giving for his. And Mr. De Armond as first lieutenant would view the minority's maneuver in the same light, and probably characterize it in the same terms, that Mr. Dalzell now does.

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his party's service. He must do his duty in that sphere of action to which it may please his party to call him. And he will. If nominated for governor he will accept. The republicans have made Ohio good fighting ground for this year, and the office of governor is one both of honor and opportunity.

The fact that Blairitz is not on their own soil may make Britons a little resentful about accepting it as the Oyster Bay of England.

The mottoes that hang on the walls of the Berkman-Goldman homestead ought to make interesting reading.

The price of silver continues to fall—but there is no use of going into arguments that everybody recognizes as obsolete.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Politician's Theory. "Why did Diogenes adopt those spectacular methods in his effort to find an honest man?" "Oh," answered Senator Sorghum, "I suppose he had a hard job that paid neither salary nor perquisites that he wanted to work off on somebody."

Compensation. "The position of President of the United States has many annoyances," said the observant statesman.

"Yes," answered the enthusiastic sportsman. "But look at its advantages. Think of the privilege of shaking hands with all the athletic celebrities!"

"When you are bein' instructed all to once," said Uncle Eben, "to practice close economy an' to avoid hoardin' yoh money, advice do git sort o' confusin'!"

A Prohibition Warning. Reform shows opportunities. Which we with care must shun. To backslide by communities. Instead of one by one.

Dropping Below the Average. "All men are born equal," remarked the liberal-minded man.

"Yes," answered Mr. Sirius Barker; "but there is a yellow streak in human nature that makes a lot of them insist on not staying that way."

Busy Days.

The bee is busy, it is true; He buzzes all the day;

The ant has lots of work to do, Nor worries o'er the pay;

And yet their match is surely found For labor long and hard.

When father gets to puttin' round In our back yard!

The place is strewn with odds and ends, There's sawdust everywhere;

He breaks a lot more than he mends, But doesn't seem to care;

And when he tries to drive a nail He comes back sore and scarred;

We shudder as we hear the wall In our back yard!

The chickens are quite homeless now; The coop is all awry;

The pigs set up a fearful row, He said he'd fix the sty;

Our bees to other haunts have gone, Some words that should be barred

Are heard as father patters on In our back yard!

No Hope With Bryan.

When such leaders as Seward, Cameron and Chase were defeated by Lincoln in the Chicago convention of 1860 all factions of the party rallied to the support of the nominee.

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