

A "SCRAP" on the floor of the National House becomes a scrap of history, does it not?

WE'LL just have to give it up. We can't get any of the protective tariff papers to tell us what is the matter.

THE sleeping-car porter is vindicated and his most valuable "tip" is assured to him. The Wisconsin Supreme Court on the 13th decided that the Nye law which prohibited the letting down of upper berths not in use is unconstitutional.

A PENNSYLVANIA town was threatened with a Kansas City Sunday not long ago through the importunities of the preachers for its enforcement. The authorities agreed to enforce the law, stating that they would begin by arresting all the paid choir singers and paid preachers who should preach and sing for pay on the Sabbath. The preachers suddenly concluded that they did not favor enforcing the Sunday law.—*Kansas City Post.*

IN 1904 the United States census estimated the total wealth of the Republic at one hundred and seven billion dollars. Of this amount thirty-six and one-fourth billion was accredited by Moody's Manual in 1906 to the great trusts. A pretty object lesson demonstrating how the Great American System and the business systems fostered under it have inured to the benefit of the ordinary citizen! It proves the Democratic contention that Protection robs the many to enrich the few—a proposition so plain that no object lesson ought be necessary to force conviction of its truth.

JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER, who has been so solicitous about campaign contributions, ought to be appointed as a special committee to see that Denver makes her ante good to the last farthing.—*Globe-Democrat.*

AND at the same time see to the return of the money stolen from the policy-holders of the New York insurance companies and paid into the treasury of the Republican campaign committee in 1904. Mr. Parker, it will be recalled, was then placed in the Ananias Club by Mr. Roosevelt, but subsequent revelations sustained his allegations concerning the aforesaid nefarious transaction. Parker was not a "strong" man, but he showed himself something better—an honest and truthful man.

HENRY CLEWS, the New York broker, being asked "would it benefit the country if the buying of stocks on margins were to be prohibited by law," answered, "No; and it can't be done."

That's what the owners of the powerful Louisiana lottery said a few years ago; but they soon realized their mistake. The lottery is a thing of the past and the way the lottery went stock gambling will go, once the American people are thoroughly awakened to the damage it does to the real business interests of the country.—*The Commoner.*

If the abolition of "stock gambling" is to be purchased at the same price to the liberties of the people that they paid and are still paying for the wiping out of the Louisiana Lottery, God forbid! Ten thousand Louisiana Lotteries have not the possibility for evil that is contained in the law enacted for their suppression. But what's the use talking? Those latter days the conviction is growing that it is dangerous for men to be free agents unto themselves and that statutory provision must be made against every weakness and temptation. It is law—law—and then more law! While freedom and individual worth are as nothing in the balance.

"Now let me see if I understand you," said the Man from Mars. "First, the Government borrows money and issues bonds on which it pays interest."

"Yes; that is correct," replied the Politician.

"And then the bankers who own these bonds use them as a basis for currency which they lend and for which they get more interest," continued the Man from Mars.

"Yes; that's it exactly."

"And then the people who have this currency put it back into the banks, so that the bankers can lend it out again and get more interest."

"Now you've got it," enthusiastically exclaimed the Politician.

"Yes, but what I don't understand," said the Man from Mars, "is why the Government doesn't issue this money direct and cut out two or three of those interest charges."

"Oh, that wouldn't be safe," said the Politician, "it might impair the credit of the country."—*New York Life.*

THE following is an exact copy of an original letter in possession of the staff of the *Dramatic News*. I reproduce it as a sample of the pious intolerance which ruled this country in its infant days. I expect the spirit of Godliness in the letter meets Judge Wallace's earnest approbation. He wants to compel all Kansas City to his religious views, and no doubt would hold "rumme and sugar" as less detrimental than the presence of "heretics and malignants" among the faithful:

Boston, Sept, ye 15th, 1682.  
"To ye aged and beloved John Higginson. There be at sea a shippe called 'Ye Welcome,' R. Groenaway Master, which has aboard an hundred or more of ye heretics and malignants called Quakers, with W. Penne, who is ye chief scamp, at the head of them. Ye General Court has accordingly given secret orders to Master Malachi Huxett of ye brig Propasse to waylaye sed 'Welcome' as near ye coast of Codde as may be and make captive ye said Penne and his ungodly crewe so that ye Lord may be glorified and not mocked on ye soil of this new countre with ye heathen worships of these people.

"Much spoyte may be made by selling ye whole lot to Barbadoes, where slaves fetch goodde prices in rumme and sugar, and shall not only do ye Lord great service in punishing the wicked, but we shall make great good for his ministers and people. Master Huxett feels hopeful, and I will set down ye news when ye shippe comes back. Yours in the bowels of Christ."

"COTTON MATHER."

LAST April the Chicago Republicans elected their city ticket. The "business interests" were on their side—the street railway franchise grabbers and the public looting class generally. So Mayor Dunne was defeated and Busse succeeded him. One of the new mayor's early official acts was to remove, without warrant of law, five school trustees unfriendly to some of the aforesaid "interests," replacing them with others deemed more subservient. The displaced trustees objected, asserting their legal right to serve to the end of their appointed term. To prevent the attendance of these trustees Mayor Busse filled the School Board rooms with policemen. In proceedings before Judge Windes for an injunction against the Mayor the injunction was denied on the ground that the trustees had their remedy through quo warranto proceedings. But upon their application to the State's Attorney to institute these proceedings, that official refused. A similar application to the Attorney General was also refused. The trustees then applied for a writ of mandamus to compel the State's Attorney to perform his duty. In the lower court Judge Chytraus decided adversely to the trustees, and they appealed to the Supreme Court of the State, which reversed the lower court and sustained the appellants completely, pronouncing that Mayor Busse violated the law in removing them, and that State's Attorney Healy violated his official duty in refusing to institute quo warranto proceedings. All this (excepting the conclusion) has a familiar ring to those of us who remember the good, old Republican era in Missouri. A Democrat "counted out" of the office to which he had been elected had no recourse. The portals of the Temple of Justice were barred against him. The Republican official had no regard for the law in such case made and provided—no, not even though clad in the ermine of the State's highest tribunal. He simply held that the earth and its fulness belonged to the Saints, and of course the Republicans were the Saints. I am glad this conviction does not extend clear to the top in Illinois, but it is sufficiently pronounced to once more establish that the Ethiopian does not change his skin nor the leopard his spots.

Middlebrook Items.

Misses Louise and Marie Rodach visited in Ironton week before last. Mr. McDougal, agent for the Bell telephone, was here Wednesday.

Tom Myers and William Edmonds went to Bismarck Thursday.

F. Rodach went to Ironton last Thursday.

Mrs. John Sandman went to Bismarck Wednesday.

Chas. Brady, signal foreman, was here Wednesday.

Grandma Block is up and about again.

Lon Ferguson of Leadwood is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Thomas Hill visited at Ghermanville Saturday.

Lon and Frank Ferguson and Fritz Gassman went hunting Saturday.

Wm. Belcher and John Thomas were in town Saturday.

Mrs. Doyle and daughter, Nora, went to Ironton Saturday.

It is rumored that we will have a wedding in town Christmas eve. Merry Xmas, Mr. Editor, to you and your readers!

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