

TEDDY will "thrice refuse" and then—mebbe!

THOSE Germans are apt in designation. In the Vaterland they call the high-tariffites "whole-hoggers."

WHAT will Congress do? Much thereon depends. May the House make every democratic Democrat rejoice!

If the Democratic candidate for President in 1912 be ever so slightly tintured with Privilege, it will make up-hill work for us; and it ought to.

THE \$50,000 fine assessed against the International Harvesting trust by the Supreme Court recently was last Monday by that body, in banc, reduced to \$25,000, Judge Graves vigorously dissenting.

A DOZEN bars of "Good Morning" costs us, wholesale, \$2.50. In England, where they are made, the price is \$1.55 per dozen. "The foreigner pays the tax," you know, but, unfortunately for our pocket-books, we are the foreigners.

My faith in the now "progressive" Democrat who was too safe and sane to vote the ticket in 1896 is limited. He may be all right at present, but it will take mighty conclusive evidence to convince me of the alleged fact. This may not be important, but it is strictly official.

I, TOO, say that Champ Clark ought to be "leader"—in the interest of the Democratic party. This is the main thing, but it will give strength, also, to the second consideration: his candidacy for President. He cannot shift the burden of leadership to Underwood or any other man and grow in the affection and confidence of Democrats who are democratic, or of people insistent upon the extinguishment of Privilege.

"HE may go down in history uniquely characterized as the President who was liked best for the way he took his not being liked, the President popular by his acceptance of unpopularity, successful in his failures, honored in his rebuffs," says Harper's Weekly. To which the St. Louis Mirror responds: "This is a compliment neat but not gaudy." An apt revival of an old-time apothegm to which a supposititious colored brother was an essential factor.

THE St. Louis Republic is daily publishing letters from the people relative to the Folk-Clark contest. The salient feature of the pro-Folk letter is that in nearly every instance the writer deals in a covert or open threat that if his favorite is set aside a "bolt" will follow. There is one thing to be said of "the old guard" to its credit: it doesn't "bolt," whether success or defeat attends its efforts. It doesn't panoply itself in the robe of heaven, but it does abide the decision of the majority and redeems its pledges.

A DOZEN things calling themselves men—in Kansas—about two weeks ago waylaid, seized, stripped and tarred the body and limbs of a defenseless woman. Though the deed was done at night, several of the perpetrators were identified and have been prosecuted to conviction and sentenced, each, to one year in prison. It is a case wherein the punishment by no means fits the crime. Life sentences at hard labor would have rid that community, in particular, and the world, in general, of the human misfits who have so disgraced them. A more atrocious crime does not does darken the annals of the country.

I DESIRE to congratulate Attorney-General Majors upon the successful ending of his suit against the International Harvesting Company of America, and all citizens interested in the welfare of this State must feel the same way. The suit has been pending several years, but on the 14th inst. the Supreme Court of the State decided to enjoin the Company—a rabid trust—from doing business in Missouri, and fined it \$50,000 as an unlawful conspirator in restraint of trade. On condition, however, that if the Company pays the fine, separates itself from the International Harvester Company of New Jersey, files a statement of its business, and satisfies the Court that it will obey the laws in the future, it may be permitted to continue doing business in the State. It has 60 days to comply with this condition. The decision is in form an affirmation by the Court of a decision of Special Commissioner Theodore Braze.

THE recent prosecution of Fred Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, gave his party a "boom" such as to make it victorious at the late elections in scores of instances. Mr. W. says he and his editorial associates are again to stand trial, having been indicted upon the allegation that his recent exposures of the conditions in the Leavenworth penitentiary were obscene. He did use pretty plain English, but my senses were not shocked, excepting in the information of the infamies that were said to prevail in that Federal prison. The investigation that his charges induced was followed by the discharge of the deputy warden, who was the chief object of attack. I have devilish little use for the tender susceptibilities which bar the disclosure of crime because the relation thereof may be unpleasant or even revolting. There is nothing more innately prurient than an affected extreme modesty. Still, Mr. Warren and his associates may be guilty as charged. The law and the court must determine that question.

THE Congressional Committee investigating the famous Lewis "fraud order" concluded the St. Louis session two weeks ago. The papers say that Mr. Lewis, through his witnesses, established the truth of his every contention, and that the committee will urge drastic changes in the postal laws and "regulations." They are certainly needed. If you don't think so, just read this paragraph taken from the report of the committee's proceedings, as given in the Woman's National Weekly of Nov. 23:

"The next witness was former Inspector in Charge Fulton, who had been subpoenaed all the way from California. Fulton's examination lasted all day Saturday and late Saturday night. He was faced with having seized and held some three thousand sealed letters addressed to citizens in all parts of America, and when asked on what authority of law he had seized them, confessed that there was none. Asked what he had held them for, he said in order to learn from Washington whether there was anything in them that could not be lawfully mailed. Asked how either Washington officials or he could tell, without opening each and every sealed letter which is against the law, he could not explain. Then it was developed how three hundred thousand copies of a single issue of the Woman's Farm Journal had been secretly seized after the usual postage had been paid on them, in October, 1905, and are still stored in the basement of the St. Louis post-office. At first Fulton tried to defend this act, but finally confessed that it had been an outrage, absolutely destructive of the publishing company's business. Members of the committee openly denounced this act as having been utterly indefensible and lawless, arbitrary confiscation of property by the postal officials."

I TAKE this from a Chicago special to the St. Louis Star, dated November 7:

Mrs. Louise Vermilya, formally charged with the murder of Policeman Arthur Blonette, and believed by the police to be the arch prisoner of the century, slept very little last night in the bed in the county jail hospital, which she occupied. Each of her restless movements was noted carefully by two detectives, detailed to watch her, and more than one attempt was made during the night to break down the iron nerve of the woman and obtain from her a confession concerning some of the twelve deaths, now laid at her door by the police.

Think of it! A prisoner—and a woman—in the dead hours of the night, asleep or awake, under the scrutiny of detectives determined to "make a case" through the mental breakdown of the accused! Is it not a pride-compelling refinement upon the grosser physical torture which of old wrung "confessions" from its agonized victims? O, ours is the Christianized, civilized method! The thumbscrew and the rack and the nail-pulling pincers we have discarded, and we shudder as we reflect upon the savagery which employed them. Now, we mercifully use the Third Degree, a mental process which, though it may rend the reason, leaves the body decorously unmaimed. The story in the dispatch is told as coolly and in as common-place manner as the recital of a church meeting or tennis contest; hence, we may take it, the Chicago detectives' ways is the official and approved way. Plainly speaking, is it not a damnable way? I care not how great the offense, the victim of such treatment ought to have the protection of the law which presumes innocence until guilt is legally proven. No wonder the public's low rating of the average detective.

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