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Absurd Claims.

Democratic papers drop into absurdities so frequently in discussing economic conditions that recent lapses have not been of sufficient importance to notice. In the days when the ludicrous cry of "the tariff is a tax" was the slogan of the free trade Democracy the press of that party enjoyed printing extensive lists of articles in daily use and by some wonderful juggling of figures attempted to show that the people were being robbed by the "robber tariff." The New York Journal has applied these same tricks in regard to trusts, making the ridiculous claim that the price of nearly every article in common use has been advanced through the operations of trusts and commercial combinations. And here are some of the articles that are in the Journal's list: Soap, pickles, tobacco, stogies, cheese, canned corn, peas, beans and salt. This is the height of absurdity. In commenting on these false claims an able eastern contemporary says: "Their production never could be controlled. Every hotel-keeper, every restaurant or boarding house, and every householder could have all the pickles he might need put up on the premises, and he would be able to have made for himself an abundant supply of soap."

That the price of such things are higher than they were not long ago is a natural consequence of the better times. While commerce and industry were in a condition of stagnation, prices had to be shaved down as low as possible to meet the limited purchasing ability of the people. Manufacturers and dealers were compelled to sacrifice the greater part of their legitimate profits in order to do business at all. Now that the great army of the unemployed has been transformed into an army of wage-earners, it is again possible for men in business to take their legitimate profits. The increase of the prices of some commodities would have attracted less notice if it had taken its usual place, ahead of the increase of wages. It is well known that when times improve after a period of depression, wages are generally the last to go up. Prices advance first. But as soon as the beneficial influence of the McKinley administration began to have its effect, wages first of all were increased in all parts of the country. Then, gradually, prices of some things began to go up. Having had their joy over the increase of wages first, the people are naturally inclined to grumble somewhat because they have to pay more for some things than before. If the advance of prices had come first, they might have complained no less, but the following advance of wages would have been more impressive and would have caused them to stop their complaints while they rejoiced.

Presidential Succession.

The presumably fatal illness of Vice President Hobart involves an interesting situation. Even in the event of his recovery from his present illness Mr. Hobart's family have announced that he will retire from public life, and this will necessitate the Republican party casting about for a running mate for President McKinley next year, for it has been generally conceded that Hobart would be nominated with McKinley next year. Again in the event of his recovery it is not likely that he will be able to stand the strain of resuming his position as presiding officer of the senate, and where he will be greatly missed. These duties will devolve upon Senator William P. Frye, of Maine, who is president pro tem of that body. In case, however, the vice president dies Mr. Frye will not succeed to the vacancy, as was formerly the case until 1885. The death of Vice President Hendricks in the early part of Cleveland's first administration, made the uncertainties of the old law stand out in a strong light. Under the old law the succession was first to the vice president, next to the president pro tem of the senate, next to the speaker of the house, and then to the chief justice, but the office could go only to any other than the president pro tem of the senate while that office was vacant in the body.

Under the present law, if the president becomes vacant and no vice president to succeed him, Secretary of State John Hay would become President for the entire remainder of the presidential term, and in the event of his death the secretary of the treasury would succeed him and so on down embracing the whole cabinet. Thus the fitful changes which were possible under the old law are avoided by the new statute, as if the secretary of state were to become President even in the first week of an administration,

he would serve the entire four-year term. The new law gives permanency and avoids all needless changes or complications in the presidential succession.

An Excellent Showing.

The report of the financial condition of the government for October is attended with some very pleasant surprises. The treasury accounts for the past month show a surplus of \$2,000,000 for October. The receipts for the month were \$47,533,588, which included \$18,367,809 from customs, and the amount from this source for the four months of the fiscal year ending with October has been \$75,416,319. The internal revenue collections for the month were \$26,455,463, and for the four months ending with October \$106,377,659. The miscellaneous receipts for October were \$2,370,326 and for the four months \$12,074,187, making receipts from all ordinary sources for four months \$100,900,165.

If this rate of receipts should be continued through the remainder of the fiscal year the total for the year would be \$770,000,000, which is \$90,000,000 in excess of the estimate of Secretary Gage last autumn. The customs receipts at the present rate would reach \$226,000,000, as compared with estimates of \$205,000,000, and the internal revenue receipts would reach \$310,000,000, as compared with estimates of \$285,000,000. The surplus thus far for the four months of the fiscal year ending with October, has been only \$7,225,490, but there has been some unusual expenditures and the surplus for the entire year promises to be much larger than at the ratio for the first four months.

The expenditures for October were \$44,012,000, of which \$10,677,000 was for pensions, \$12,478,000 for the war department and \$5,121,000 for the navy. The two military departments have thus expended \$17,595,000, as compared with expenditures in October, 1897, upon the old peace basis, amounting to about \$8,250,000.

This excess of about \$9,000,000 as the result of the Spanish war and the garrisons in the dependencies does not represent much more than the proceeds of the war revenue act. The cash balance has gained more than the nominal surplus and stands at \$294,020,992.

Pharisaical Assumption.

The Fairmont Index dropping into a pharisaical mood exudes these refreshing remarks: "We are glad to see that Senator Elkins has seen the error of his way and suggests a change in the policy of his party in this state. For a number of years his party has been running things to suit themselves, not caring for the capacity of their nominees, just so they suited their purposes. Now it seems that he has seen the error of that way of doing things, for in his Parkersburg interview he advised his party 'to see to it that only good men, wise men and honest men are selected for standard bearers of the party,' which, if adopted, will be quite a change from the past procedure of the Republican party."

In the light of the last odorous Democratic state administration, and the most reprehensible acts of the Democratic members of the last legislature, we are at a loss to understand the spirit of self-satisfaction implied by the language used by the Index. The present Republican officers who have been administering the affairs of the state have done more than well. The breath of scandal has not touched the official acts of any of the gentlemen occupying the state house at Charleston. The Republican party knows its duty too well to depart from a policy it has always maintained in nominating "wise and honest men" for office. Can the Democratic party point to its record with such pride? Senator Elkins was only enjoining the party to use the same care it always has exercised in selecting none but the most competent men for office.

The Louisville Courier Journal, although Democratic, is fair enough to see the prosperity that has come over the land. In a recent issue it gave prominence to the following: "A private letter received here the other day from a Louisiana cotton planter said that he was selling all his cotton at 7 to 12 cents a pound and nothing under 7 cents. A man who has just returned from Huntsville says he saw cotton selling there from the wagons of the negro planters at 6.52 cents a pound. Such prices at these mean a high state of prosperity in the south, and completely knock out the force of Senator James Jones's remark that he didn't see any great prosperity, and that cotton hadn't advanced much, anyhow. The senator, in common with a great many others, keeps his eye fixed upon that time when cotton sold on the plantation at 2 1/2 to 3 cents. That time has gone by now, and we are living in a new and better era."

There is no rose without a thorn, and there never was a hero but what had some detractor. General Funston is now realizing the penalties of greatness by being charged with all manner of criminal acts while in the Philippines. It is no wonder that he is indignant over the latest slanders which charge him with desecrating churches, but we think he has spoken hastily in attributing their origin to Archbishop Ireland. That eminent prelate is too careful and just a man to make use of reckless expressions, and his simple denial, which he has given, should pacify the hot-headed Funston.

Those eminently argumentative gentlemen, Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Sharkey, will absorb the attention of a large proportion of the American people this evening, to the exclusion of all other interests.

In the light of the British disasters in South Africa the achievements of American arms in the Spanish war shine out in striking contrast, and all this, too, in spite of enemies at home.

English statesmen are consoling themselves in the hour of humiliation by talking of "our ultimate victory." Ultimate is a very indefinite word.

President Kruger is now in a position where he can evolve a few ultimatums with very good grace.

General White blames his reverses at Ladysmith on the mules. Well, the

patient mule will have to stand it. It is a case where no amount of kicking will avail anything.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

There are tricks in all trades pertaining to horses.

Don't worry about slander; it will rub off when it gets dry.

The more a man loafs the more wages he expects when he works.

A successful poker player attributes his good fortune to pot-luck.

Self-preservation may be nature's first law, but lying is a close second.

A wise man knows when to withdraw, but a fool never knows when he is beaten.

A non-openable door is wanted for closets in which family skeletons are stored.

Unless a man has confidence in his imagination he should never pose as a theorist.

A married man says a thing of beauty comes to be a joy when his wife wants one like it.

It is useless to acquire knowledge unless you have a little common sense with which to season it.

What a happy old world this would be if his satirical majesty never cared to wander from his own fireside.

The man who slowly climbs the ladder to success remains there longer than the one who reaches it via the balloon route.—Chicago Daily News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Love is the jewel; marriage is only the setting.

Lots of men get married just so as to be amused.

Most women have no doubt that heaven is very different from what they think it is.

If the women took to going to church and leaving their babies in the charge of men they would be just as likely as not to go home some time, and find them cooked for dinner.—New York Press.

Sir Redvers Buller.

Chicago Record: General Sir Redvers Buller, commander of the British force in South Africa, comes of an old Devonshire family, and had he wished he might have lived the life of a courtier, and was wearing the queen's uniform in nineteen. Mr. Archibald Forbes, in speaking of Buller's achievements in the Zulu war, says: "Here was a man with some £5,000 a year; a beautiful home in fair Devon waiting for his occupancy, a seat in parliament all but secured, and yet for the patriotic love of leading that strange medley of reckless adventurers he was living equally in the South African wild, sleeping in the open for three nights out of the six, with a single blanket thrown over his head, his hands so disfigured by cattle sores, the curse of the veldt, that I never saw them unbandaged. With his intrepid heroism he had saved the lives of so many of his men that in talking to them it almost seemed that he had saved all their lives."

What Stumped Him.

A drummer tells a story of a hotel where he stopped, and just as he was writing his name on the register of the hotel, saw a climax leetularius wending his way across the page. The man paused and remarked: "I've been bled by St. Joseph flea, bitten by Kansas City spiders and interviewed by Fort Scott graybacks, but I'll be darned if I was ever in a place before where the bed bugs looked over the hotel register to find out where your room was."

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

He—What would you do if I should die and leave you? She—Leave me how much?—Tit-Bits.

"She goes in for realism, doesn't she?" "Yes, indeed. Even the clocks on her stockings are striking."—Philadelphia North American.

First Politician—Will this war on the trusts amount to anything? Second Politician—Oh, they're being compelled to pay us an indemnity.—Puck.

"No son," said Pat, "is an educated man. He graduated from a civil service examination last year."—Philadelphia Record.

Ella—To think that it is two years since we met, and you knew me at once. Then I haven't changed much, after all. Bella—Oh, I knew you by your bonnet.—Tit-Bits.

Loyalty—"What did you smash him for?" "He insulted a friend or mine." "What did he say?" "He said that next time, my friend, was to be my friend's in his community."—Washington Star.

"So your little brother is ill, is he?" asked Mrs. Hojak to Freddy Tomdick. "What is the matter with him?" "I don't know, ma'am. The doctor won't let me see him, because he has a contagious disease."—Harper's Bazar.

A Bargain Offered—Editor—Well, young woman, if the story suits me I will pay you \$15 for it. Young Lady Author (persuasively)—Oh, come, now. Buy it without reading, and I'll let you have it for ten.—Brooklyn Life.

Slumber Song.

Little white feet that slip along
Babyhood's ways in babyhood's days,
Little red lips attuned to songs,
Babyhood's lays of babyhood's Mays,
Little round cheeks of pink and red—
"Suffer the children!" so he said
Whose babyhood's days were heralded
By angels up in heaven.

Little wide eyes so luminous—
Babyhood's eyes of babyhood's skies—
Little clean mind that looked at us
Babyhood wise, in babyhood guise,
Little tired body gone to bed—
"These my little ones!" so he said
Whose babyhood days were visited
By angels seven.

Little soft hands and hair of gold,
Babyhood's face of babyhood's grace,
Little straight limbs so strong to hold
Babyhood's pace in babyhood's race,
Little fresh heart and tumbling head—
"Such is the kingdom!" so he said
Whose babyhood days were comforted
By angels every even.—Post Wheeler.

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SENATORS BY APPOINTMENT.

Vexed Question of a Governor's Right to Act When the Legislature Does Not.

New York Sun: The constitution of the United States provides that the time, place and manner of holding elections for United States senators shall be prescribed by the legislatures of the states they represent. It provides, too, that Congress shall at no time alter regulations for the choice of senators, and section 5, of the constitution, provides that each of the houses of Congress shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members. This is all the law there is on the subject of the admission of United States senators, and for many years there has been going on a controversy on the subject of the right of a governor to appoint a senator where the legislature has failed to elect.

The question is as complicated indeed, as that of the identity of the man who struck William Patterson, the birthplace of Homer, the respective merits and advantages of city and country life, and the Schleswig-Holstein dispute. Normally, of course, where the term of a senator has expired—and this is one of the few controversies of American politics of which there is no partisan aspect—or when his term is about to expire, the duty of the legislature of his state to choose his successor is perfectly clear, and usually the legislature conforms to it. At times, however, such a result is not easily attained. A legislature may be desirous to elect a particular man, but a majority of its members may agree upon a candidate; the period, sometimes fixed by constitutional provision, during which a legislature may lawfully in session, may expire; the impracticability of securing a quorum of both houses may present itself, or the governor, whose power over the course of legislation is considerable, may intentionally obstruct the choice whereby the legislature will adjourn without choosing a nominee. Up to this point, politicians are pretty generally agreed, but the question which follows is not so easily disposed of: Has the governor of a state the right to fill the vacancy arising, and if so, what is the status of the applicant in such a case? Is he entitled to admission, or must he desist and remain unrepresented in part until the next legislature convenes, one or two years later, as the case may be, a majority of the states at present having the system of biennial sessions under which the lack of representation would continue for two years.

The matter has been treated by the senate in various ways. It has come up again and in more serious form, in the case of Pennsylvania, the legislature having adjourned without choosing a senator and Governor Stone having designated Senator Quay for the vacancy until the next legislature meets. Mr. Quay is a veteran senator and, as an influential member of the majority party representing the strongest Republican state in the country, and as a former chairman of the Republican national committee, it has been thought by many that his credentials will be accepted, though without reference to the establishment of any precedent in this particular. However that may be, the fact is that this simple question of senatorial representation now in the same unsettled condition that it has been for a number of years, and there seems to be no way, short of an amendment to the constitution, of definitely disposing of the matter, a determination in which all political parties would be satisfied, as the present condition of uncertainty, besides being an injustice to each of the states in which it is raised, is the cause of acrimonious and tedious controversies in the upper house.

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