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Tom Lawson's campaign against J. D. R. and allies seems to be prompted by motives other than those of gain of lucre. He pays his own expenses, and charges nothing for his talks.

Wonder if those Kansas farmers have followed Tom Lawson's advice and disposed of their Standard Oil stock. In such event their holdings must have swamped the market.

The June graduates and the June brides have been relegated to obscurity, awaiting the next season. In the meantime the world will devote some little thought to other less important things.

J. Adam Bede, the humorist congressman from Minnesota, is being groomed for governor of that state. He would at least inject some sunshine and laughter into the executive office of his state, and in all probability would make a good executive in most respects.

Walter Scott, the sensational miner, who engaged a train to make a record breaking run from Rockies to Chicago, evidently wants the world to know that he's here. If he had not chartered that train he would probably never have been heard from outside of his mining gulch. The thirst for notoriety prompts many strange undertakings.

The conviction of the aged Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, is a sad commentary upon that man's character. His shame is none too great, if he is guilty as charged, since age should be more immune from the temptation to commit crime than youth, and the high office held by the defendant should especially impress him with the seriousness of his offense.

The incidents connected with the fourth trial of ex-secretary of state of Kentucky Caleb Powers, illustrates the implacable prejudice and enmity which may be aroused in that southern commonwealth, where feuds are frequent and historic. The intensity of their hatred is equalled only by the ardor of their friendships and loves. They are a people of passion and impulse, and peculiar temperament which seems to develop in warm countries. The continuous presence of the revolution in tropical countries may be attributed to this temperamental effect of the climate. Kentucky, not being so far south as the tropics, should shake off this unchristian spirit.

"Where are the reapers, Oh! who will come?" is the cry of Kansas. Those college athletes who went out there last year have not been urged to come back. They were wonders on the gridiron, the diamond and the athletic fields generally; but somehow, the eighteen hour race with the binder seemed to be out of their line, and they fell behind the public run of the local harvest hands, who had been trained in the art of setting up grain shocks eighteen or twenty hours a day, more or less, under the pitiless rays of a Kansas sun. This was a game in which the burly, over-muscled college athletes met an inglorious defeat. Without drawing odious conclusions may it not be suggested that college athletic training is directed at no particular end, save that of winning races and contests.

Luther Burbank, the California plant wizard, who by selection, interplanting and grafting of plants, has produced some truly marvelous results, thinks he will succeed in producing a cobless corn. Mr. Burbank has evolved many new fruits, and improved many of the older varieties.

Ex-mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, almost paralyzed some of the property owners of that city, recently by appearing before the board of equalization and stating that he had not been taxed enough. People who had been accustomed to tax dodging all their lives, and who had grown to think that one of the evidences of business sagacity, and personal strategy, were astounded by this wanton disbursement of real wealth. They are hoping that the practice may not spread, and include any appreciable number of citizens. Never the less Mayor Harrison but followed the example of one of the members of Denison's city council.

AN AMENDMENT

That grim old man, who is Secretary of the Interior, in making it extremely uncomfortable to land grafters and forest thieves. We need more Hitchcocks.—Denison Review.

Why not make it Alcock's, Broz. Meyers? Then there would be a dead sure hit on the grafters.—Estherville Enterprise.

We acquiesce in any amendment that contributes to the deadsureness of that bitch.

IT MUST COME

An amendment to the New York Code, 409 and 410, goes far to prevent the disasters which in recent years have resulted especially on the 4th of July, from the use of dangerous toys and weapons by children. It makes it a misdemeanor to offer, sell, loan, lease, or give any gun, revolver, pistol, or other firearm, or any airgun, or toy pistol, or instrument, or weapon, in which loaded or blank cartridges or ammunition are used, to any person under the age of sixteen years. It also makes it a misdemeanor for any such person under that age to carry, or have in possession, in any public place any such article. A proper enforcement of this statute will save the lives and limbs of many who would otherwise be victims of these dangerous weapons. In this matter New York takes a step which ought to be taken in every state. The annual slaughter on the Fourth of July has been credited with a large number of deaths by lock jaw. The easygoing indifference of the American public to disasters or wrongs of any kind that resulted from anything that is called sport, however misdirected or wanton, has been, and still is, greatly to our discredit. This statute furnishes one instance, at least, of improvement in this particular.—Case and Comment

THE ROOT OF EVIL.

The Jefferson Bee of last week contains the following comments with reference to the speeches of LaFollette, Hobson and Gearhart, delivered at the Chautauqua meeting at that place.

"Three men have brought the truth home to Greene county people during the past week brought it as it never has been brought before. Not only a great truth, but one of alarming import to our country in this era—the truth enunciated ages ago by One Inspired, which, when simmered down to its essence, comes to just this: that the love of money is the root of all evil.

"No such burning words were ever brought to Jefferson on the lips of man as came from LaFollette last Sunday, addressed to an audience of two thousand people who filled the great Chautauqua auditorium. He is a man with a mission, is this LaFollette, and he certainly means to fulfill it. He was as anxious to get his message into the hearts of the people as they were to hear it. Else why did he enlarge the one address, for which he was under contract, into two addresses in order that he might say all that lay upon his mind? A man out for lucre alone would never have done that. He talked two and a half hours Sunday afternoon, and two hours Sunday evening, and then time failed him to say all that he would.

COST OF LIVING.

The Department of Commerce and Labor officially announces that the cost of living has advanced, "thus confirming suspicions which the wage earners have been entertaining for several years," says the Washington Post. —Ex.

No person at all posted on prices has had the temerity or disregard for truth to dispute that allegation. What has been claimed by the advocates of protection, and the resultant advance in prices, is that prices of raw products, and wages, have advanced more than living expenses have advanced during the same period of time.

The farmer who receives twenty-five per cent more for his products during a given time than he had heretofore received, does not object so much if prices of the commodities which he purchases advances twenty per cent. He prefers that to no advance in any line. He would even profit by a uniform advance in prices, as he always calculates that he will sell more than he buys, and hence he will be benefited by a general advance in prices of both raw products and finished articles.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

J. D. Yeomans, of Sioux City, who was relieved from his position of Civil Service Commissioner, may be pardoned for the natural disappointment resulting from his retirement. It is to be hoped that his present frame of mind may be taken into consideration before much weight is given to his pessimistic prophecies regarding the Panama canal. Of course the democratic organs, ever ready to disparage and obstruct, are transported by this delectable morsel to feed their followers.

The buoyant spirit of confidence of the American people can stand a good deal of such gloomy expressions without being discouraged, but they do not generally appreciate the disposition so characteristic of democratic newspapers, to throw a wet blanket over every step of progress instituted by whatever political party. Because one lone man just removed from office, sees fit to utter some evil forebodings and pessimistic opinions, certain newspapers regard the optimism and intelligence of the whole country besides as of no weight, or seem to so regard it.

The administration did not go into this canal project without duly investigating the conditions and possibilities on the isthmus, and carefully considering the views of expert civil and constructing engineers, especially employed to investigate the subject. The statements of Mr. Yeoman are such that their lack of plausibility should be evident to the most gullible. We do not know whether Mr. Yeoman is an engineer, or whether he has any of the special knowledge necessary to form an opinion as to the advisability of adopting the Panama route in preference to the Nicaragua route; but regardless of that consideration we feel that the expert opinions of those who investigated the two routes may be regarded as reasonably authoritative.

Public discussion of subjects involving technical knowledge may have its value, but the efforts of demagogical agitators to distort facts and engender prejudice by the obscurity of such subjects will not be favorably regarded by the people.

ABOUT REFORMERS.

The lot of the reformer has never been an attractive one. He has been the object of ridicule and contempt from time immemorial. He undertakes to demonstrate that the majority are wrong, and hence he is unpopular. The majority are often easy-going and indifferent, and do not take the time nor trouble to investigate to ascertain whether or not they may be wrong in some of their ideas. Then, too, the majority are often patient with wrong-doers, and tolerate things which they know to be unjust and vicious, because they do not deem them sufficient to warrant waging war against them, and these things grow, and extend their insidious power surreptitiously.

After a certain period of the prevalence of injustice and oppression by the forces of corruption there comes a psychological

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moment when the reformer springs into being clothed with the authority and power of the majority. If his advent is not premature or delayed his power is commensurate with the ire of the outraged and wronged majority, provided he impresses that body with his capacity for leadership.

This portion of the 20th century seems to be one of the world's reform eras. This era is an era of political reform, as distinguished from religious reform. Public trusts have been betrayed; the will of the people has not always guided men who have been elected their representatives; private individuals have approached public officials with bribes and favors until the chastity of office has been dragged into the mire of venality. An aroused public sentiment now arises and demands the discontinuance of this state of affairs, and when the public stands up and seriously makes a command, all the powers of darkness cannot fail to understand its portent.

The cause of reform never was more fortunate in the personnel of its champions than it is today. Gov. Folk, Robert M. LaFollette, Mayor Weaver, and our own governor, Governor Cummins, are men who would reflect honor and respect upon any good cause. Mr. LaFollette is the true knight of modern reform. He possesses a facility of speech and fervor of eloquence that seems to place him above the greatest of modern orators in a

cause of this nature. Governor Folk has a record even at this early stage of his career that sheds lustre upon his fame in no small measure. The future is not so dark as it has often been in our past history.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In The District Court of Iowa, Crawford County September Term A. D. 1905

Sears McHenry, Plaintiff, vs. M. F. Johnson, Mrs. M. F. Johnson, Nilus Hunt, Defendants.

To the Above-Named Defendants, and to Each of You:— You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Crawford County, Iowa, a petition by the plaintiff, Sears McHenry, claiming that he is the absolute and unqualified owner of the East One Half (E. 1/2) of the south East Quarter (S. E. 1/4) of Section Twenty nine (Sec. 29), Township Sixty Four (64) North, Range Thirty Nine (39) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in Crawford County, Iowa, and asserting that you make some claim to said property, and asking that his title to said property be quieted in him as against you and each of you.

For particulars see petition now on file. Now unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term of said court, commencing at Denison, Iowa, on the 11th day of September, A. D. 1905, default will be entered against you, and judgment and decree rendered as prayed.

GUNNECK & LALLY, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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