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### ROGER Q. MILLS.

Roger Q. Mills, who served for many years as one of Texas' representatives in the United States Senate and the lower house of Congress and was the author of the Mills tariff bill, has lost faith in the Democratic party. In a letter written at his dictation to a political friend in San Antonio Mr. Mills says:

"The present exhibition which is being made in the United States Senate by senators calling themselves Democrats, and assuming to read out of the party all those who do not bear the mark of their approval is shameful. In fact, it is a very difficult matter in these degenerate later days for a real Democrat of the old school and one who had confidence and belonged to the party for the sake of the principles which it represented, to have any idea at all as to what a Democrat is.

"The party as now represented at Washington might as well pass out of existence, for it has survived its usefulness, and only serves now to make a humiliating spectacle to make honest Democrats hang their heads in shame. I believe that men who think like we do would rather see the party die than to see it further prostituted to serve the uses of the base men who now seem to control it."

### The Biederwolf Meetings.

The series of meetings held here by Evangelist Biederwolf and his assistants, closed with a lecture Monday night. The large shipping and storage room of the Truitt nurseries was used for the meetings.

The building was arranged to seat about 2000 people. At times it was more than full and many had to go away. A lively and growing interest was maintained during the three weeks' service. Something over 400 people were added to various churches.

There was no particular excitement during the services, but these people, mostly fully grown up, were convinced of the evil of their ways and inspired with a desire to turn from the evil of their ways and take up a new and better life, by the earnestness and convincing logic of the speaker. Some did not like the plain speaking style of the minister. He has a way of calling a spade a spade and telling people of their faults that is not always popular. He scored the devotees of fashion and the fashionable card players as well as many of the prominent vices of the men. We believe the effort has been the means of awakening an earnest religious spirit in the city, among the church people, that will result in much future good outside of the immediate benefits of church membership.

At the meeting Sunday morning an effort was made to raise a suitable offering for Mr. Biederwolf. Six hundred dollars was pledged. This amount goes to Mr. Biederwolf directly. The expenses of the meeting were met by other funds.

Mr. Biederwolf is not a reformed drunkard nor a converted clown, but an intelligent, educated man, capable of presenting the great bible truths in a convincing and forcible manner. He is doing a great work in Kansas and Chanute was fortunate in securing his services.

### A Long Time.

Sixty-eight years is a good long span for a couple to live together as man and wife, yet such is the record of Mr. and Mrs. C. Isenhour of Erie. They celebrated the big anniversary at the home of their son, Chas. F., in Chanute last Sunday.

Mr. Isenhour is 91 and Mrs. Isenhour 88. Both are hale and hearty for persons of their age.

They have 31 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

J. M. Dunsmore of Thayer was here Monday.

### CANADIAN HOSTILITY.

The most uncalled for and absurd agitation of the many foolish movements of the times is the scare of the people of Canada regarding the trip of the American gunboat Nashville through the Great Lakes. The object of the boat's tour is purely peaceful, an experiment in inland navigation, but the Canadian newspapers and politicians are protesting as seriously against the alleged violation of treaty rights as their British cousins have been doing for the past year or so over the threatened invasion of England which they profess to see in Germany's plans for building a first-class navy. Our Canadian cousins appear to overlook the obvious fact that if this country so desired it could gobble up Canada with as little ceremony as was required for the fat gobbler in the popular minstrel song to dispose of the grasshopper sitting on the sweet potato vine. It is true, on the other hand, that under the terms of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain each country is limited to the maintenance of only a few small warships in the Great Lakes, but the mission of the Nashville is so obviously friendly, and the prospects of hostilities between this country and Canada so remote, that the indignant state of mind into which the Canucks have worked themselves can only be explained as an example of the characteristic habit of the average Britisher of grumbling about everything foreign in which he can possibly find cause of offense. In the meantime, while the Nashville is quietly reposing in the harbor of Chicago, the Canadians in Montreal are making a counter demonstration to the hospitalities that have attended its arrival by madly cheering for the new convertible armored cruiser Simcoe, which has arrived on its way to the Great Lakes. The Simcoe is the most powerful warship of the Canadian fleet.

The incident is valuable, however, in one respect—it should remind Americans who are being beguiled by the alluring advertisements which Canadian land companies and promoters are sending out regarding the extraordinary fertility of farm lands in the provinces of Northwestern Canada, of what may be expected of them in the event of future friction between this country and our Northern neighbor. An American who allows himself to be persuaded into taking up these lands must not only renounce his American citizenship, but he must be prepared to endure all sorts of abuse of his native land at the hands of his British neighbors, and if necessary to take up arms against the Stars and Stripes whenever the occasion demands. The rights and privileges of American citizenship are worth more than all the wheat lands in Canada, not to mention the fact that equally fertile acres may be had almost for the asking in the genial Southwestern country where all the other conditions of existence are incomparably superior.—Kansas City Journal.

Even "the pineapples under glass" argument of the Free-Traders has been knocked out by the actual results of Protection. It was once assumed that the most preposterous thing imaginable was to attempt the encouragement of the production of pineapples by a Protective Tariff, but the preposterous has been achieved and Florida today produces 725,000 crates of the delightful fruit, and, what is more to the point, the vast production has resulted in making pineapples, which were once a luxury, accessible to owners of slender purses.—San Francisco Chronicle.

### MORE OF THE "BLACK HAND"

Within recent months there have been several instances of "Black Hand" activity in Kansas City, and now comes word from Evansville, Ind., that an Italian blackmailer has demanded that a wealthy fruit dealer of that place send \$130,000 to a man in Kansas City, upon pain of having his daughter kidnaped. Whether this case is authentic or not, the fact remains that the "Black Hand" outrages are not confined to the eastern states where they have been most numerous, but are spread all over the country.

It is believed that agents of the government have succeeded in locating the central headquarters of this organization of cutthroats, and arrests are being made daily. Post office Inspector Oldfield, who was responsible for the arrest of the eleven alleged blackmailers in central Ohio, has received many threatening letters demanding that he cease his activities in that direction. But Oldfield says he will continue to do his duty regardless of threats. If he falls a victim to the hideous methods of the Italian murderers it will be only another innocent sacrifice to our national weakness and cowardice.

There was a time when the "Black Hand" could have been stamped out easily and effectually. That was when attention was first called to the encroachments of the criminal foreigners in this country. The federal authorities were importuned to place a stronger restraint upon immigration. But instead of doing this they merely named another "commission" to junket abroad and "investigate" conditions there. This commission did not contribute anything of importance to the knowledge already in possession, and the immigration laws have not been enforced along the lines suggested.

That the operations of the "Black Hand" brigands have thus far been confined chiefly to rich Italians in this country is no palliation nor any promise of security. It is only a question of time when the "Black Hand" will turn from Italian born to American born. No American citizen with money can say that he is safe from the depredations of these murderers so long as they are given practical immunity to pursue their lawless tactics. The federal government is doing only half its duty when it sends postoffice inspectors to arrest foreign criminals operating in this country. The gates should be closed, and all foreign subjects should be bundled aboard ships and sent back without waiting until they have committed actual murder.—Kansas City Journal.

### MRS. SAGE'S MUNIFICENCE.

Soon after the death of Russell Sage, the multi-millionaire financier of New York, his widow announced that she would devote the remainder of her life to the distribution of the colossal Sage fortune. It was a singular caprice of fate that the hard man of business should devote fifty years to accumulating some \$65,000,000 at the cost of almost every human impulse, grinding day after day in the weary treadmill of business; cold, grasping, miserly and going even to his death with the very sound of the ticker in his ears; and that then his widow should devote herself actively to giving away this vast accumulation, with the expectation of dying practically a pauper.

Under the strict construction of super-moralists, the Sage money is tainted; but if there was ever any real taint to this fortune by reason of the manner of its accumulation, it has been cleansed and purified through the noble uses to which it is being put by the good woman who is spending it. No doubt there were many thousands of people who

### The Fourth of July.

It is well that the spirit of patriotism should be kept alive in the breast of the American citizen and also well that the hard working American should have a day off occasionally from his labor and his cares. The citizens of Chanute are going to be patriotic this year and take one day off to celebrate and jolly.

A fine program of amusements has been arranged and it is expected to make of our glorious natal day a day of fun and frolic.

Every arrangement is being made to furnish amusement for everybody and we are expecting the largest crowd Chanute has ever seen. The railroads are making arrangements to run special trains to accommodate the people.

The fair grounds at the edge of town will be used for the celebration. Good shade and abundance of water. A special feature of the entertainment will be a parade and drill of the uniformed rank of Odd Fellows and they have promised to be here in numbers from all the towns around us. A contract has been made with a balloon man to be here and make an ascension and parachute drop. There will be horse racing, hitch and go races and various kinds of amusements.

At night moving pictures will be shown on at least two prominent buildings on Main street that all may see. Let everybody come and let us have a good time together, remember Monday July 5th is the day.

Envy Mrs. Sage her wealth and the social position which it insured her. But there in another side to the equation which has been shown since Mr. Sage's death. Mrs. Sage is naturally charitable, humanitarian and devoted to the relief of human suffering and misery.

During the long and hard years when the stern old financier was taking his exactions from the less fortunate in the mill of the money mart, there were no doubt numberless times when Mrs. Sage's heart was wrung by the tragedy of such a career of selfishness. The call of suffering came to her ears, but she could not answer because of the tight hold which her husband always kept on his money.

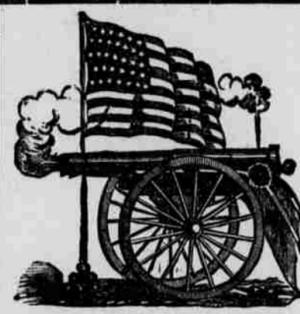
There is little wonder then that when all this accumulation of wealth as placed in Mrs. Sage's hands she sought to make reparation for lost opportunities for doing good. That she has given wisely no one can doubt who glances over the list of her magnificent benefactions. In three years she bestowed \$25,000,000, or almost half her fortune. A recent statement says that Andrew Carnegie has given away about \$51,500,000, mostly in libraries. Thus Mrs. Sage, in the period of three years, has given nearly half as much as the great steel king. And, dollar for dollar, the Sage millions will do more to relieve the suffering and raise the standard of society than the Carnegie fortune invested in libraries.—Kansas City Journal.

### Scrap Over a Girl.

D. M. Jones and Miss Marker were at the Katy depot Monday afternoon expecting to take the train to Parsons, presumably to get married. Soon there appeared on the scene one Ernest Glaze accompanied by the girl's brother, Chas. Marker, and Jim Freehouse, her brother-in-law. It seems young Glaze had been looking with longing eyes on the many charms of Miss Marker and when he saw her about to escape with her other lover he made things warm for Jones.

Poor Jones was so cuffed about that he seemed to lose all thoughts of his purpose and came back up town to have his assailant arrested.

Young Glaze was arrested and fined \$2.50 and costs. The marriage was deferred and the expense is not very much for the chance he can have to work over the affections of Miss Marker.



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