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THE PRESIDENT'S PLEA AT WATERLOO.

President Taft made a great speech at Waterloo, Iowa, a name with a spooky sound and a bad reputation. His subject was the "Relation of Government to the Business of the Country," and he pleaded with much argument and evident sincerity for a calmer view of all great questions affecting the welfare of the country.

The President believes that the recent decisions of the Supreme Court have fixed the status of the trusts, have drawn their fangs, have made it necessary for them to break up, and that the law as interpreted by the Court is ample for the control of these combinations in restraint of trade.

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The President believes that "we have a very lame banking and currency system" with which opinion there will be general agreement. The Monetary Commission will recommend to Congress "a combination of all the banks of the country, reserving to the smaller banks a power of selection greater than the ratio between their capital and the capital of the larger banks."

We join the President most heartily in his plea for a more conservative policy in dealing with the great business interests of the country. It looks as if the passions of the hour must have nearly spent their force, and it cannot be said that the President himself has not been "progressive" enough to suit the most rabid of the reformers.

Just so! Old Dobbin having disappeared from the stable, we would look the door—or having in our amorous folly and through years of Republican misrule disposed of the goose, we should turn about now and find some other way of producing golden eggs.

"PLAY BALL!"

Connie Mack didn't want to come, had never heard of such a thing, carried on powerful about it, got real uppity; but after Dr. George F. Bagby the Potentate of Acacia Temple, got through massaging him with the rabbit foot of the Mystic Shriners, Connie came down like the dead-game sport that he is and swore by all the gods of the Diamond that he would "play Richmond if I bust." Jimmie McAleer, whose perspective is somewhat broader than Connie's, had already said he would come, because he knew where he was going, and the game will be called on Wednesday, October 11, at the baseball park in this great town.

Talk about your Correggios and Raphaels and stuff, all you please; they are not in it with the All-Star cast of the greatest game by the greatest artists in the world; mind you, we said in the world! Look at the list, ladies and gentlemen, look at the list of the few of the immortal names that were not born to die: Cobb, Tris Speaker, Clyde Milan, Kid Elberfeld, Sam Ford, Harry Lord, Ed Walsh, McGillicuddy and Oldring and Strunk and Plank and Morgan and Coombs and McInnis, and the rest of a noble army of the most glorious figures in the annals of Sport!

There was never anything like it in these parts. These men who have played before the crowned heads and the bleachers of this continent, who can outrun, outbat, out-field, out-coach any other professional in the great arena are all coming to Richmond. They will play a swift game and they will play for all they are worth and play the game as it seldom has been played before on the Southern diamond.

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TAFT: NO POLITICIAN.

When he reached Baldwin, Kansas, the other day, President Taft left his car to call on Senator Bristow's aged father, a highly respected retired Methodist minister living at that place. That was a very thoughtful and proper thing for the President to do, and he is to be commended for his tender consideration for the revered clergyman by whom the President's visit must have been highly appreciated.

THREE TIMES MODERATOR.

At the meeting of East Hanover Presbytery, the richest Presbytery in the Virginia Synod, in Blackstone this week, the Rev. Dr. Cecil, pastor of the Second Church of Richmond, was elected Moderator. Dr. Cecil is also Moderator of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly, the highest Presbyterian court in the South, and Moderator of the Synod of Virginia, the strongest Synod in the General Assembly. This is a very notable fact, and shows in what high esteem he is held by all the brethren. It will doubtless shock outsiders of the political sort to know that "there's nothing in it" for Dr. Cecil, except a great deal of extra work and responsibility, there being neither salary nor patronage connected with the office of Moderator.

MORRIS SHEPPARD.

Many aspirants for Bailey's seat are sprouting up in Texas. The latest is Morris Sheppard, Congressman from the Texarkana District, and he will push the others mighty hard for the place. He is strong in Texas and strong in Congress—a clean-cut, fearless, upright young man, the intellectual equal of any man in Texas. He comes of a distinguished family of Texas; he has rendered brilliant service in the House, and if he is sent to the Senate he will discharge the trust with ability and statesmanship. In the Senate he would stand out prominently, but never ostentatiously. The Lone Star State could make no mistake in entrusting a senatorial

commission to the strong hands of Morris Sheppard.

POVERTY IN NEW YORK.

According to the New York World only two families in every 100 of the 1,673 which have been in the care of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor this summer were brought to poverty through intemperance. The percentage goes against preconceived ideas and is surprising small. As The World says, "It should disturb that prosperous complacency which sees in poverty only or mainly the penalty of wanton misdeed." The Association's report for 1909 showed that intemperance, imprisonment, desertion, shiftlessness and inefficiency, all told, accounted for not 12 per cent. of those brought to want. The figure for that year showed that 65 per cent. of the poverty was attributable to two causes—sickness and unemployment. This summer, the two causes account for 68 per cent. of the poverty noted and 43 per cent., or nearly half, was due to sickness.

ON TRIAL.

On October 6 at Lovingsston, Ben Hubbard will be arraigned for the murder of Dr. James A. Pettit, and will receive, we trust, that speedy trial guaranteed to him by the law of the land. Rumors are current, however, that he will be made the victim of mob violence, that lynch law may anticipate due process of law, and that the prisoner will be executed by those who have no right or authority to take the case in hand. For the good name of Nelson County it is to be hoped that these rumors are idle fabrications. Too often, little respect has been shown for the law in Nelson. Only last year in Nelson a mob took a condemned murderer from the jail in which he was incarcerated, and whether he lives or is dead no man yet knows save those who were engaged in this unlawful procedure. Whether rightly or not, many look upon Nelson as a county which is stained with human blood and marked as a place of violence and lawlessness.

The good people of Nelson have a solemn duty to perform. It is to see that the process of the law is not interfered with, and that the hand of the law shall not be turned aside by the reckless clutch of the mob. Let Nelson follow the example of Chesapeake and see to it that the dignity and power of the court and the State are maintained. Nelson itself is on trial.

BALTIMORE AND THE "BOOSTERS."

At fifteen minutes past the hour of 12 o'clock next Sunday night, that is to say at forty-five minutes of 1 o'clock next Monday morning, the same being the second day of the month of October, a special train made up of four Pullman palace sleeping cars, two dining cars and two baggage cars, will leave the Main Street Station in this city bound for the Promised Land. All the cars will be full, the Pullman cars, naturally and of right, with a splendid contingent of the progressive business men of Richmond, representatives of the commercial bodies of this city, Mayor Richardson, the head and front of our municipal establishment, sundry writers and thinkers sent along to enliven in a new Odyssey the story of the glory of this great expedition.

"Into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley and vines, and fig trees, a land of honey"; which is the State of North Carolina. The train will be known all down the line as "The Boosters' Special," and it will have the right of way. The people in the grand old North State: "Carolina! Carolina! Heaven's blessings attend her," are waiting and watching for the finest body of Virginians, native and permitted, that ever went out on a wholly fraternal mission. People all over the country are beginning to talk about it and to wonder why it wasn't done before and how other places could do something of the same sort in their own interest. Here is the Baltimore Sun, for example, taking the cue from an editorial article in The Times-Di... and quoting what was said in that article about the flourishing cities and towns and centres of commercial activity that are to be visited next week, philosophizes thus:

"All of which is a creditable and ambitious project for little Richmond, which is going right down into Baltimore's business territory to capture some of our customers, if possible. We commend this concrete and practical movement to our merchants and as a good example of 'git up and git'." They have an opportunity, as The Sun has suggested several times, of doing the same thing and covering a wider territory, in connection with the Fifth Regiment's visit to Atlanta. The question is whether they will do it.

The New Haven Journal-Courier, "way up in Connecticut, has also been attracted by the Richmond movement and has reproduced in its columns the editorial article which has caused the Sunpaper to sit up and take notice. For the encouragement and emulation of our Yankee kin who are somewhat given to notions themselves, our Baltimore contemporary need not worry about "little Richmond" (a rather mean figure, we should say, in view of the fact that The Times-Di... patch has been the able and consistent backer of the proposition to hold the next National Democratic Convention in Baltimore, out of which the business men of that fine town would make some money, and get a great deal of free advertising); the Sunpaper need not worry about "little Richmond." She can take care of herself and of all her friends as well. As to "going right down into Balti-

more's business territory to capture some of our (Baltimore's) customers, if possible," we like the assurance, the assumption, the air of proprietorship in the impertinence of the Sun. "Our customers," forsooth! How come? The North Carolinians are not that sort of people; they wear the yoke of no master. It has been one hundred and thirty-six years, as the North Carolina calendar reads, since a certain King of England spoke of my Colony and my subjects in the territory which now comprises the State of North Carolina, and the world knows what happened at Charlotte and King's Mountain, and the descendants of the brave men who resisted British aggression will resist now the idle claim that they are owned by the trades-people of Baltimore.

Besides, the expedition next week is intended rather to "get acquainted" than to solicit business. Some of the voyagers from Richmond may take with them a few specimens of what they make and sell; and, if they are asked, will probably tell why the things they have are better, last longer, are cheaper and altogether superior to any of the imitations that might be offered by Baltimore drummers; but the special object of the present expedition is to make friends and to show our neighbors that we are really worth knowing, not because we have something to sell to them, but because we are the same sort of folks they are themselves. Another point of difference between the Richmond movement next Monday and that urged by the Sunpaper upon the Baltimore merchants and the Fifth Maryland Regiment, is that the Richmond people will go to North Carolina with love in their hearts for their neighbors and not with guns on their shoulders, or whips in their sleeves, or claims to exclusive possession of North Carolina territory or insulting reference to "our customers"; but only with the hope that knowing what Richmond really is and what sort of people live here and do business here, there may be, if agreeable to the North Carolinians, closer relations between Richmond and the North Carolinians hereafter and mutually awakened interests which will be for the benefit of both.

Representative Adamson, of Georgia, nominates Ty Cobb for the vice-presidential place on the Democratic ticket. That isn't half bad. Tyus is the most popular Democrat in the country, and has really done more than most of the possible Democratic nominees for second place that can be named.

I'm glad to see you have none but colored waiters," said Chief of Detectives Allender to an official of the City Club, of St. Louis, at the Taft luncheon given in that city lately. "There are no anarchists among negroes." The St. Louis Republic adds: "The President of the United States needs no protection against derringers or dynamite among the men of dusky hue." There is a deal of truth in this? Who ever heard of a negro bomb-thrower? It was a white man, whose cowardly bullet struck McKinley, but who was a negro who grabbed the assassin and held him until he was in custody. Give the black man his due.

At the convention of the New York State Embalmers' Association in Syracuse, a movement is being put forward to change the name "undertaker" to "mortician." The objection to the old name is that it has long been subject to ridicule.

Purple is the color of the new hats and gowns and purple is also the color of the old man who foets the bills.

There are those who will recollect with gratification that when he drove up to the Conference of Governors at Spring Lake, Governor Harmon rode in that grand old Democratic vehicle, the hack. The hack has been the symbol of success in many an election.

To what pitch and at what length may a repentant sinner raise his voice in confession and appeal at a church service without disturbing the peace is a question to be decided by a justice of the peace in proceedings to follow the filing of an affidavit in Logansport, Indiana, against John Clouse by Deacon Harvie Helvie, of the Zion Evangelical Church. Deacon Helvie says that Clouse whispered to him in service several days ago that he was repentant, and was a seeker for the mourner's bench. The deacon exhorted Clouse to "lift his voice in repentance," and Clouse, it is asserted, obeyed so literally that neither the pastor nor the choir could be heard, and the service had to be abandoned.

Whiskey has gone up three cents the gallon, but that will not keep it from going down every minute of the day.

It is said that Mr. Edison has perfected a hat that will satisfy for all time to come women in their craving for novelty. The man should gratefully erect a statue to the wizard at once, for they could afford to do it in the circumstances.

The authorities of Illinois and Missouri are in a quandary. There has been a violation of the law, but who shall do the punishing? The dividing line between the two States runs through the middle of a bridge at the little town of Alton. Ben Smith and Bob Taylor were crossing the bridge when they got into a quarrel and finally into a fistfight. Ben got Bob down and was gouging him. Half of Ben was in Illinois and half of him in Missouri. The fighting halves of each were first in one State and then in

another. Whether the gouging was in Illinois or in Missouri is a mooted problem. Ben lives in one State and Bob in another, so that if the matter come into court, it makes a deal of difference in which State the action is tried.

One of the things which retard the progress of the Palmetto State is that her bright young men are kept too much in the background—the clean cut, progressive, well-trained new blood that, if infused into the body politic, would give it more life. Younger men in the Legislature, younger men on the bench are needed. Why not make a start now in the matter of the vacant associate justiceship of the South Carolina Supreme Court? Why not elevate to that seat Joseph Berry Lyles, of Columbia, for more learned in the law than many judges twice his age, trained in the best law school in the country, experienced in all branches of the law, a student of jurisprudence, a profound thinker of vigorous mind, of fine judicial qualities? He would impart progress and power to the highest court of his State.

Voice of the People

For Dr. Carrington. To the Editor of The Times-Di...: Sir,—I enclose a clipping from today's Ledger-Di... of Norfolk, relating to the election of the surgeon in the penitentiary. I am glad to be able to note that other cities than our own are looking at this matter in the same way; and I feel that the article is strongly voicing the ideas of the large majority of the people throughout the State, as it no longer seems to be a local measure, but a State-wide one.

It may not be irrelevant here to note that every article that I have seen along this line has been unanimously for Dr. Carrington. If any has been written bringing out Dr. Mann's qualifications or presenting his claims to the office as superior to those of Dr. Carrington's, the writer has not seen it.

The writer further believes that our honored Governor could not in his official position, for the interests of his nephew, perpetrating such nepotism that the four corners of the State are now crying out in their daily editorials that the present incumbent be retained. Whether the Governor is supporting Dr. Mann in his campaign or not, and whether Dr. Mann gets the job or not, the fact remains that Dr. Mann is nephew of the Governor, who has already personally nominated four out of the five present members of the board to the penitentiary, which fact gives the free thinkers the opportunity of putting two and two together.

Richmond. "OLD SUBSCRIBER."

Penitentiary Surgeon. No reason has been assigned for any possible change in the present surgeon to the State Penitentiary, and still there is a persistent rumor to the effect that Dr. Herbert Mann, a nephew of Governor Mann, is to be named to succeed Dr. Charles V. Carrington.

The selection of the prison officials under the penitentiary board, which is composed of five men named by the Governor, and at present four out of the five reside in Richmond, so this patronage is practically a local affair. The board meets next Saturday, and at that time the plums will be heaped out.

Dr. Carrington has served as surgeon to the penitentiary for many years, he is abundantly qualified for the office, and his long and efficient service is being urged by his friends in behalf of his re-election this year. The officers of the State Penitentiary should not become a matter of ward politics and patronage in the city of Richmond.

Dr. Mann asserts that the Governor is not favorable to his candidacy, and Governor Mann has stated that he tried to dissuade Dr. Mann from getting into the contest for the place. It is not likely, however, that the Governor has carried his opposition so far as to suggest to his appointees on the board the propriety of re-electing Dr. Carrington instead of Dr. Mann.

The selection of Dr. Mann under the circumstances is sure to be regarded over the State from the viewpoint of nepotism, and of this fact it seems that both the doctor and the Governor are aware, but this is a very practical age.—Norfolk Ledger-Di...: I have traveled up and down the State, and done near all the good; I have advocated temperance, and though in with bar-keeps stood; And the maxim that I go by: When things begin to buzz I never let your right hand know what your left hand does.

You always raise your right hand: When you stand to take an oath, And thereby leave your left hand free (There's no sense in using both), And when you bring up a County, Can be used in give and take; What is there worth in politics If you can't a nephew make? Now, of course, my high position Makes me careful what I say, And when I say I stand hands off, It's my right hand's bid away. For experience has convinced me That when things begin to buzz To never let your right hand know what your left hand does. RICHMOND.

Too Good. "He has been too good to the prisoners," And they lay this crime at his door; He forgot that men whose hands are clean Have nothing to do with the poor; Not poverty comes of the lacking of gold, But dishonesty of body and soul. Forgetting that helping of such as these Is reserved for the free and the whole. "He has been too good to the prisoners," And they've slated his head for the axe. For he stretched out his hand and withheld The lash from quivering backs; And he went where sorrow called him, Giving aid, e'er for pain, And they're most his claim on the list Of work politically slain. "He has been too good to the prisoners," Oh! Man of Galilee, If commendation from above Never comes to man from thee, These words must be the message In human ears would fall, "He has been too good to the prisoners," These words completing all. MANCHESTER.

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Daily Queries and Answers

Longest Words. Will you print some of the longest words in the English language? O. T. Some of the longest words known are: Transubstantiation, Electrophoresis, Metaphysicotheological, Pseudomonotheism, Theologicalism, Undistinguishableness, Anticonstitutionalism, Disproportionableness, Electrophysiology, Electrophysiological, etc.

Stainer Violin. I have a violin with the following stamped on the back: "Jacobus Stainer in Absam prope Ompionum, 1716." Translate and give some information concerning it. E. A. D. Jacobus Stainer was about the best known German violin maker of the Tyrol about 1620; the exact year is not known. The model he used was principally his own, but he was born in 1620, and his father's name was not Stainer, but he changed it slightly. The original Stainer model is very high. The Stainer model is very high. The Stainer model is very high.

Grammatical Usage. Are the following preceding words in the following sentence a permissible close of a letter? "Thanking you for the consideration you have shown me, and asking your further indulgence by considering the above question, I am," READER. Yes.

Henry Brown, the Slave. I would like to have you tell me something about a slave, Henry Brown, who was helped from slavery and shipped North in a box. It was a long while before the war, and he was afterward called Henry Brown and letured. Give dimensions of box. L. H. Henry Brown was born in Louisiana

BY LA MARQUESE DE FONTENAY. COUNT VICTOR VOSS MARRIES IN NEW YORK

Count Victor Voss, who on Saturday, immediately on landing in New York, after securing the necessary license, was married to Dona Francesca Ricci, of Florence, the divorced wife of Heinrich Riedemann, the King of Hamburg by Alderman "Jimmie" Smith. It happened so on the premises, is a son of a family that has played a considerable role in the history of Northern Germany, and especially of Prussia. One of his grandmothers, Amelia von Voss, was the morganatic consort of King Frederick William of Prussia, her children by him being created Counts of the Empire. Voss was the grand mistress of the King of Prussia, and most devoted attendant of Queen Louise. He is the son of Count Voss who was ambassador of Frederick the Great at the court of St. James. In fact, the Voss family played a role at the courts of Berlin and of Mecklenburg, to which latter Count Voss was now attached, in the capacity of chamberlain to the reigning grand duke.

The house of Voss was recently engaged in an extraordinary lawsuit, which resulted in the removal of the name of a lady who had until that time figured in the official works of the Count. Count Voss, who was devoted to the members of the house, it was, indeed, a cause celebre. It seems that the late Count George Voss, who was a childless man, but in this country, married a peasant girl of the name of Antonia Debska. The union, though happy in every other respect, was marred by the absence of some one on whom he could lavish paternal care and affection. Count George adopted the little daughter of one of his widowed sisters, who was married to a carpenter. The carpenter and his wife relinquished all claims to the girl, whose name was Antonia Debska, and she was adopted by Count and Countess George Voss as their own offspring.

In order to completely establish the position of the girl, the Count and Countess, as a Lutheran clergyman to furnish him with a baptismal and birth certificate, as being his offspring. When the child, who was brought up as Countess Helen von Voss, and figured as such in that section of the Almanach de Gotha devoted to the German and Austrian courts, was thirteen years of age, her aunt and adopted mother died. This was in 1873. A year later Count George married a woman of his own rank, Emmeline Harris von Countessky, of the Galician, that is to say, of the Polish-Austrian nobility. He foolishly confided to her the secret of his origin, but threatened her with death, in case she should reveal it to any one else.

When Helen grew up in complete ignorance of her true identity, she was a very lovely girl, she was married, as Countess von Voss, to Major (then Captain) Otto von Grone. Unfortunately, Countess von Voss, who had devoted to her adopted daughter, neglected to make a will, and when he died a question arose as to the disposition of his large fortune. It was then exposed to great temptation. If she kept the secret of Helen's birth, she would be obliged to surrender a portion of her dead husband's estate. If on the other hand she revealed the true facts, she would become the sole heir.

It is not surprising that she decided in favor of the latter alternative, and one morning Mme. von Grone received a letter informing her that instead of being the daughter of Count Voss, she was the daughter of a carpenter, and of his peasant wife. She was added that inasmuch as she, Mme. von Grone, had received so many benefactions from her adopted father during his lifetime, she would do well to abandon all claim to his inheritance, and not to risk the exposure of her humble origin, which a lawsuit would necessarily entail.

The widowed Countess von Voss had, however, reckoned without her host. Major von Grone, far from shunning the revelations, he was so well pleased to take the initiative in litigation, and before she knew where she was, the widow found herself the defendant, instead of the plaintiff, in an action. This major case was that he had been induced to marry his wife by the representations that she was the only child and heiress of Count George von Voss, and consequently that a fraud had been practiced upon him. He had evidence to show that inasmuch as his marriage had taken place six or seven years after the second time of Count George Voss, the latter's widow

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