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These indefinite "too high duties." Thus we have salvation from any specific commitment in the same old play for time. Action is a question of "some day," when a tentative tariff board shall have furnished the necessary information upon which to act.

The two great parties are in accord as to the necessity of banking and currency reform—as to the vital needs of the business interests of the country. Hence no issue per se is here involved. But the Chicago utterance is a straddle. It induces nothing special and excites suspicion of lack of earnest purpose to do anything at all.

For the rest, and barring glittering generalities on the cost of living, amendment to the antitrust laws and some commonplace observations on economic matters, about which there is virtually little or no dispute, the issues drawn are between the followers of Mr. Taft and those of Mr. Roosevelt, and relate especially to the progressivism of the ex-President as respects judicial reform. This part of the platform would seem to indicate that it was cut and dried early, in the belief that a Roosevelt bolt was a foregone conclusion. It has the hallmark of anticipation of such a development.

IT RESTS WITH ALDERMEN.
The Board of Aldermen will at a special meeting to-night decide whether the use of the streets of Richmond will be given to the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company, with no other protection than the dubious provisions of the franchise as at present framed.

Several Aldermen are announced candidates for the Administrative Board. Their action to-night will throw a strong light upon their qualifications as intelligent executives in whom the city can put trust. Their votes will enable the community to measure them by a cold, clear standard.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.
As a literary production, the national Republican platform is well constructed. Of any suggestion of conservative statesmanship it is void. It is largely apologetic as to the past and vague as to the future.

symphony orchestra of our own within a short time. We believe that it will eventually mean a season of grand opera by the big companies. It will not detract from the spring music, but cultivate a taste for it. With the prestige of the Wednesday Club to count upon, in a year or so we should have the best music at frequent intervals throughout the season.

A BULL MOOSE EDITOR.
"Wanted—One contributing editor who will contribute something to the good of the Outlook, and not make the Outlook contribute to his personal ambition. No Bull Moose need apply. Uncle Lyman Abbott."

The vanity of the Colonel's literary adventure cannot be better shown than by asking what his favorite comparison, Abraham Lincoln, would have done as a contributing editor. He would have seized upon the minds and hearts of the common people with bold humor and crushing wit of the everyday facts of life.

ACCEPT HOSPITAL OFFER.
It is difficult to see any real objection to the plan of accepting the Williams Memorial Hospital and using it as the foundation of a modern public hospital for Richmond. The reports handed to the joint committees having charge of the proposition seem to show that a large and properly equipped institution, amply suitable for the city's needs, and located in the most desirable spot for such a purpose, can be secured for a comparatively small cost.

Galvanized Water Pipes and Zinc Poisoning.
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir—In investigating waters for drinking and other purposes, I have found repeatedly that galvanized iron pipes, that is, iron pipes with a coating of zinc, are used, or were proposed to be used as water supply pipes in suburban or country places around Richmond.

Water having taken up a very small amount of zinc may be recognized by a slight metallic taste, and perhaps a metallic odor, when the water is poured into a glass. A white precipitate of zinc carbonate is formed when the water is treated with a solution of sodium carbonate.

Some folks seem 't git clean thro' life on a technicality. Mrs. Tilford, the barber's wife, has a civil service job and she says she can't get it unless they want to.

On the Spur of the Moment

By Roy K. Moulton

According to Uncle Abner, Ed Higgins has bought a clay farm which is so hard that he has to shoot the soil into it with a 22-calibre rifle, by gum.

The in peddler had a runaway the other day and the echoes of it have kept the population of this village awake nights ever since.

Report on the coding is very expensive in Portugal. Some of our astute candidates ought to be able to make a paramount issue out of that without losing any votes.

A New York State farmer advertises "For sale, a full blooded Jersey cow giving milk, three tons of hay, a lot of chickens and three stoves." Some cow that.

The Corner Store Philosopher. He is a brave authority whom none is able to dispute. He always has a word on diplomacy, finance and fraud.

Low-Grade Rural Teaching. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir—Since I called your attention to the abuse of emergency certificates in schools, the new rules governing the examinations and the grading of applicants have appeared in your paper.

Mr. Farmer, you can talk politics all you want to when you have a gathering, and you have as much right to your favorite candidate as any one, for you are the man who feed the earth; but if you have not put out a big crop this year and giving it your undivided attention, matters not who is nominated and elected, it will not do you any good. You have got to have the goods before you can deliver them or get a good price for same.

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A COMMISSION DE LUNACY.
By John T. McCutcheon.

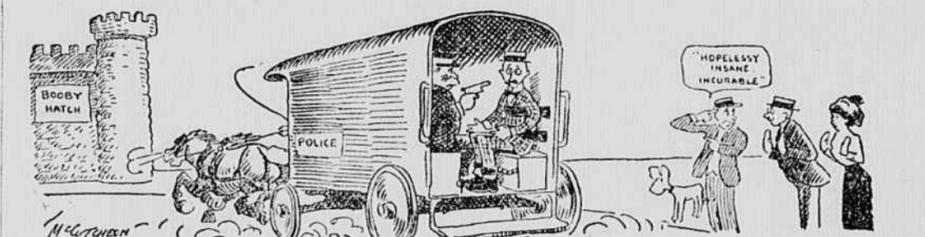
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"You say you have always been perfectly normal—mentally?"
"Yes, sir."
"Never had periods of depression or melancholia?"
"Never thought you were being pursued by somebody?"
"Never imagined you were Napoleon Bonaparte or Julius Caesar?"



"O, just one more question, please. Do you intend giving dangerous firecrackers and toy pistols to your children on the Fourth of July?"
"Yes, sir."
"Take him away, officer. He's as crazy as a loon. He's a menace to public safety."



Off to the Booby Hatch for Incurables.

cloudiness, or even a white precipitate. It indicates much zinc. Clear Chesterfield water is used in a galvanizing pipe, will acquire a white precipitate in five minutes, and in twenty-four hours there will be a white precipitate.

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LOOK TO CONGRESS TO RELIEVE STRAIN

Believed That Legislators Will Appropriate Money for Current Expenses.

Washington, June 25.—The failure of Congress to pass appropriation bills for the running expenses of the government continues to cause much concern to department officials. Theoretically the United States government will go out of business after June 30 if, in the meantime, bills are not passed looking to the paying of the clerks.

It is thought, however, that the situation will be met by a joint resolution by Congress to provide for the running expenses until the final appropriation bills are passed. A resolution has been drafted and is now being considered by Congress, which will insure clerks the payment of their salaries while Congress is discussing the appropriation bills.

Officials of the Treasury Department are of the opinion that Congress will act in due time, and that if the regular appropriation bills are not passed by July 1st, that an emergency resolution will be enacted for the time being.

The purchasing of supplies for the army and navy is controlled by separate legislation and will continue under ordinary circumstances, although the pay of the men and officers will be held up. Various banks are offering to cash the pay vouchers of army and navy officers pending the passage of the bills.

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture, to-day issued a general order to many of his field agents directing them not to incur any expense after June 30, unless they hear from him to the contrary.

HELD ON BIGAMY CHARGE.
Hood Denies Accusation, Claiming He Obtained Divorce in Richmond.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Amidon, Ala., June 25.—C. D. Hood, a local barber, was arrested here to-day on the charge of bigamy brought by Mrs. Mary L. Hood, of Dayton, Ohio. She enclosed in her letter to the officer of photography, a full description, which tallied so completely with the man arrested, she stated that they were married at Jonesville, Lee county, Va., and that Hood became involved in serious difficulty when a charge of bigamy was brought against him at Richmond, and he was forced to leave Virginia, thus deserting her and forcing her to support herself. She stated that from last accounts Hood was employed in Atlanta. Relatives living in Virginia wrote her that Hood had recently married here and on receipt of her letter Hood's arrest followed. His wife here stated to him that she would stick to him if he was innocent, but if he was not, she would help convict him.

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