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THE COMMERCIAL WOLF CRY.

Whenever the federal government, in the course of its high and splendid offices in behalf of the people, finds it necessary to abridge the insolent aggressiveness of some powerful person, firm or corporation, the wolf-cry of "paternalism" is set ringing from one end of the domain to the other, and some adept commercial thief surges to the front with a specious plea in behalf of the combines and trusts and attempts to make it certain in the popular mind that the country could not exist if it were not for the presence and methods of the alleged beneficent business aggregations. We are tired of the dogma and its heralds. We know the real value of superb and orderly classifications of business rules and their application to the immense tasks of filling the markets and fixing the course of transportation, and all the vital expedients of perfect conduct of commercial affairs and are not deprecating anything of the sort. It is the mask of duplicity and dishonesty these people wear in discussing these great questions; their lying and chicanery, in the presentment they make, that we resist and deplore; the falseness, and adroit pleading, that mystifies an misled public, that we take comfort in the conclusion that at last the people are becoming well enough posted to waive the beguiling stuff aside and hold fast to the real knowledge of the fraud.

President Roosevelt has done more to expose the rottenness of the system in the few years he has been dealing with it, than any other man in the country ever developed before, and if this were the only base upon which this man's name is sent to the people again, it will be over-whelmingly sufficient to carry him into the White House and fix his place forever in the national heart.

Every man knows that the tendency of commercial life is toward the closest and minutest line of concentration in all things, and that the great rule is fastening itself irrevocably upon the business sense of the world, but not along the route of spoliation, fraud and robbery practiced by the dominant trusts, who grown fat upon the blood-pickings wrought upon the common people.

The cry of "paternalism" will mean much more than some of them realize at this day, if the law does not intervene to stop the debauchery of the markets, and save the people from the withering effect of the present course of incalculable plundering.

THE GENTLEMAN THIEF.

The "pink domino" burglar just captured in Portland turns out to be a college graduate, a refined and elegant dilettante thief, who stole, not an abnormal taste for extraordinary for the sake of plunder, but to gratify excitement, and for a bizarre reputation that few men possess outside some assinine novel.

We have been scanning this published paragraph in the Portland papers and confess ourselves unable to

trace any sign of the cultured and respectful gentleman in the likenesses. He is a low-browed, hard-mouthed, cruel-faced young man, without a single redeeming feature; and his methods, as heralded in those same papers, are of a sort that belong peculiarly to the natural-born, conscienceless criminal.

The Portland papers will have to forego the sensation and give the devil his due, in this instance. The capture was a clever one and the officers are entitled to the grateful acknowledgment of the citizens for duty well done; beyond that, the law, rigorous and apt, must be invoked, without any fool frills about the scamp being of a different cult from the rest of his dirty, treacherous, woman-beating, sneak-thieving gang.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

When the Republicans in the Missouri Legislature offered a resolution commendatory of President Roosevelt's fight on trusts, the Democratic majority in the house took and converted it into an endorsement of W. J. Bryan, and adopted it. Political wisdom in Europe is submerged in humor.

The deposition of Mr. Mears from the clergy for engaging in too intimate studies of tenderloin sociology should be a timely warning to other enthusiasts. Why, even the police captains in the precinct, are afraid to investigate conditions.

Mr. Rogers believes that Providence is on the side of this country. Still, we'll have to treat Providence right. We can't expect to retain valuable allies without extending the ordinary courtesies.

Allegheny is bringing suit against Greater Pittsburg for divorce on the grounds of cruel-treatment, incompatibility and non-support. Pittsburg took all the offices.

Mr. Foraker says he has no war with Roosevelt. Well, the firing hasn't actually begun yet, but there is a sound in Ohio like the dread shiver of scabbard steel.

Meantime the surface of the earth is barely scratched and we're taking out the copper and silver and gold and lead and other metals by the tons and tons.

If England has found another man the equal of Lord Cromer to take his place in Europe she need have no fear for the future of the country.

Sorry to see that Mrs. Leslie Carter has been robbed. Always believed her to be in the public eye on account of natural qualifications.

If the members of the National Academy of Design should come to the point of black eyes they could easily fix each other up.

It might be worse here—the Northwestern is trying on a new snow-storm. Winter habits are hard to shake off.

"Good," said Mr. Harriman when told by the reporters that he intend curbing his power in the Union Pacific.

General Christmas, soldier of fortune, has been cut to pieces by the Nicaraguans. That ends his celebration.

Walter Wellman is off for the North Pole suburbs. Here's a success! Wish we could go as far as Paris with you.

Osteopathy having reorganized by the State of New York as legal, that gives a man another chance for his life.

If the jury had mentioned several weeks ago they were getting fuddled, it would have saved a lot of trouble.

Public Opinion is an invincible argument for righteousness. It is a pity it is asleep most of the time.

Mr. Carnegie has courage enough to openly declare that the Kaiser is the greatest man on earth.

Major Fremont, son of the famous "pathfinder," seems to have got on the wrong path himself.

F. Marion Crawford has come to New York to get some idea for a good Italian story.

It will be a mighty hard job to talk stagnation in the face of abundant crops.

The jury, said the baseball editor, after deliberation, declared no game.

Coal and ice are preparing to exchange places on the price schedule.

Heavens! have we all to go through the harrowing process again.

Why this diffidence, gentle Spring?

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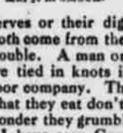
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SHORT TALKS BY L. T. COOPER.

CHRONIC CRANKS.

We all have met people who are continually kicking. Life seems a terrible thing to them. They seldom smile. Something dreadful is going to happen, nothing is ever just right, and they worry and fret and complain from morning till night. Their trouble seems to be just a bad disposition but this is seldom so. In most cases there is one of two things the matter with them; either their nerves or their digestion is responsible. Both come from the same thing—stomach trouble. A man or woman whose nerves are tied in knots is bound to be mighty poor company. The same thing is true if what they eat don't digest properly. No wonder they grumble, I don't blame them. I have seen Cooper's New Discovery change the whole disposition of people in a month's time simply by getting their stomach in shape again. Even the expression on their faces was altogether different. The worried, tired, fretful look changed to a peaceful happy expression, and the lines of care disappeared altogether. Many people tell me about this in letters. They seem to think it a miracle. It is not. It's just the stomach working again. Here's a case of this kind: "I suffered with my stomach for thirteen years. Nothing I ate seemed to digest. I also had chronic constipation, and was tired, dull, irritable and dependent all the time. I found it difficult to attend to my duties as traction agent at this place." "Six different doctors treated me and all gave different opinions." "I began taking Cooper's New Discovery, and to my surprise it helped me from the first. I have gained ten pounds in three weeks and am feeling fine. My work now is a pleasure, where before it was drudgery." J. R. Smock, Cicero, Indiana.

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