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NOTHING THE MATTER.

What is the matter with the United States anyway? asks a correspondent in a letter to the New York Sun.

There are loud and vehement wallings about evils and wrongs and matters which he says, so he asks what is the matter with the country.

Ask the farmer. He will answer that the crops this year are worth nine billions of dollars.

Ask the steel and iron makers. They will answer that more tons of coal, coke and ore are being converted into finished steel than in any previous year.

Ask the railroad president. He will answer that traffic is almost at the record breaking point for all time.

Ask the merchant. He will answer that sales exceed all known turnovers in business.

Ask the car and locomotive builders. They will answer that they are employing nearly three times the number of laborers that were getting wages a year ago.

Ask the shipbuilders. They will answer by pointing out upon the ways a ship for every berth, some of them for foreign orders.

Ask the laborer himself. He must answer that his average wage is now greater than ever before and that his average hours of work are shorter.

Ask the banker. He will point to check clearances. He will point to a barometer for the swelling tide in all business.

Ask anyone or every one except the big bull moose and his political worshippers and the answer must inevitably be: The country is bigger, richer, happier, healthier than it ever has been or than any other people has been.

So what's wrong with the United States? Are the inhabitants of this favored land a lot of impoverished slaves, or are they merely being humbugged by the high priest of discontent?

DOWN WITH FARM DRUDGERY.

"Years ago when prices were low," says Collier's Weekly, "it was often necessary for the farmer and all his family to work early and late to make a living and pay the mortgage."

THE EXAMPLE OF 1896.

The Wayne, Neb., Herald cites the case of a farmer who has just retired in that vicinity and who will cast his vote this fall for President Taft and the republican ticket.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT.

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Sidewalk Sketches

By Howard L. Rann

MANNERS.

Manners are a form of social gymnastics which people use for the purpose of convincing everybody that they are perfectly at ease.



giving way to the habit of wearing the hat at an angle of forty-five degrees and filling all the willow plumes in the car with tobacco smoke.

"Judge Gemmill finds," says the Record-Herald, "that in the six years immediately preceding 1911 there were in Cook county 804 reported homicides.

"For the whole United States the percentage of convictions in the last ten years has been sixty to sixty-five per cent, Judge Gemmill estimates, against which our 55.9 per cent appears low.

"Partly, perhaps, because our police machinery is not so efficient as that of other countries; the proportion of trials to arrests would seem to indicate that in Cook county. An arrest in European countries as a rule means a trial; a trial means conviction in a large number of cases because the evidence is strong.

The announcement that the republican national committee plans to republish some of Woodrow Wilson's written views on the immigrant question in the campaign text book and distribute them among the voters of the country is rather disconcerting to the government's friends.

A news dispatch from Des Moines says the Register and Leader has come out for Roosevelt. If that is true it is the most consistent thing that paper has done for some time, as it has been keeping up a guerrilla warfare on Taft without openly joining the opposition.

In a communication in today's paper T. R. Bickley calls attention to the fact that a revolutionary soldier is buried in an unmarked grave in the Dalhousie cemetery.

The Press believes the truth to be this: Roosevelt had accepted the financial backing of certain huge interests, notably the steel and harvester trusts, which had contributed immense sums of money, certainly not less than a million dollars to his campaign.

Editorial from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch: A Roosevelt man complains of this paper's attitude towards Roosevelt's candidacy, and especially resents our assertion that the Roosevelt party is a one-man party.

The Post-Dispatch would not needlessly offend the admirers of Colonel Roosevelt, who constitute a respectable body of men and a force to be reckoned with.

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Penrose Not the Man. Kansas City Journal: What Mr. Roosevelt says about the corruption of Senator Penrose may all be true, but that is not the point.

TWO GENERATIONS. Iowa Falls Citizen: Down in a pasture in the woods lie the remains of three little babes, buried several months ago.

PITY THE RICH. Chicago Tribune: The rich man has his feelings touched and is lucky in that when the weather is hot.

AS SOUTHERN NEGROES SEE HIM. Atlanta Independent: That the Roosevelt, who dined with Booker T. Washington, who led the fight in 1882.

THE THIRD TICKET. Waterloo Courier: Yesterday there was issued from Des Moines, under the direction of Carl Frank, chairman of the state central committee of the progressive party, and his advisers, a call for a delegate convention to be held in the capital city on September 4.

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Tuesday from a visit at Lansing, Ia., and La Crosse, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Watson of St. Joe are expected for a visit with the latter's father Leonidas Baker and sister Mrs. Roy Hatcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller pleasantly entertained a number of lady friends yesterday afternoon at their party.

Miss Beattie Eyrum returned yesterday from a visit with relatives in Garden Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman of Lucas, returned home yesterday after a visit in Benton township with her sister Mrs. Harvey Whitledge.

Miss Queen Frater and little brother John of Okaloosa arrived yesterday for a visit at the E. O. Miller home.

Mrs. Nelle Bright went to Des Moines to spend several days with her sister Mrs. Frank Malone and brother Jas. Boylan.

Harry Hess who has been employed at the J. L. Piper grocery store for two years and a half, has resigned his position and will leave Ottumwa Wednesday for Omaha where he will study dentistry at Creighton college.

Miss Ruth Collier of Osceola returned after a visit of several days at the J. P. Hardin home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Henry of Hastings, Ia., who had been visiting at the home of his sister Mrs. John Perry of Ottumwa, returned home last evening.

Mrs. Frank Kestler and daughter Pauline and son Hal went to Glenwood yesterday to spend a week with relatives and friends.

A. B. Gookin has returned from a business trip of several days to Colorado.

Mrs. Adam Younker of Derby returned home after a few days' visit with Mrs. E. B. Burt.

Mrs. Nellie Vice of Derby was in the city yesterday enroute home from Fairfield. She and her daughter, Opal will move to that city in a short time.

Miss Opal will attend Parsons college and Mrs. Vice has accepted a position there.

Mrs. W. P. Harned of Pawnee county, Okla., returned home after a month's visit with her daughter Mrs. H. E. Agan.

Mrs. E. E. Moore left last Monday for a three weeks' visit in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy returned home Tuesday after a few days spent at the J. B. Wilford home near Blakesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilford and Pearl Overhauer are visiting at the John McCoy home.

Garnett Gilyeart returned home Friday after spending a week with Lucy Cook and Mary Aldridge and attending chautauqua at Fremont.

Glenn Proud has been suffering the past week with tonsillitis and an attack of typhoid.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Rooker spent Sunday at the John McCoy home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilford took dinner for a two months' visit with relatives on Sunday at the parental E. E. Gilyeart home.

A. C. Gilyeart of Mt. Union came Sunday for a few days' visit with his brothers E. E. and J. B. Gilyeart.

Rev. Horn returned home Sunday and held services at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Mrs. George Shepherd entertained the ladies of the Willing Workers at her home Thursday afternoon.

ALBIA. While Frank Daggett was trying to start his new motorcycle yesterday he collided with Emmett Noble's auto, which was driven by his young daughter. Both machines were damaged.

Mrs. E. F. Asbury returned yesterday from Leon where she spent the week with her granddaughters Pauline and Lucile Asbury who have spent the summer with her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carlburg and two children of Ottumwa, Mo., came from Buxton yesterday morning to spend a few days at the home of Mrs. Margaret Young and visit with other Albia friends also.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Garner will leave Friday evening for Kansas where they will visit a week before the opening of the school year.

PEOPLE'S PULPIT. The Courier will publish in this column articles contributed by its readers. The communications should be typewritten or in plain hand, on one side of the paper, and signed.

Editor Courier:— We have just held on the chautauqua grounds the seventeenth annual reunion of the old settlers and old soldiers of Wapello county. To me it was not an eminent success, but perhaps it was because I was too busy to enjoy the occasion. Personally, I think the meeting of those bodies should be on separate days, with no "set speeches." They should partake more of the nature of a Methodist class meeting of old times memory. However, this is not what I wish to dwell upon. I was surprised to learn my old friend Elias Kitterman, at least one revolutionary soldier is buried in Wapello county; his grave neglected and perhaps, but three persons in the county who can locate that grave, viz: the mother of Millard Bowen, Capt. W. H. Kitterman and Elias Kitterman. It seems to me that steps should be taken to place a suitable monument on that neglected grave. We have Sons of the American Revolution here. I will not appeal to them but rather to the Daughters of the American Revolution. The old revolutionary hero was buried in the Dalhousie grave yard. Ladies, interest yourselves in this matter. I feel that this neglect is a disgrace to us all. I am foreign born. I couldn't help that; I wasn't consulted, but thank God, I earned my right of citizenship in the bloody days of the 60's, and this old hero should be remembered by the descendants of those noble sires. T. R. Bickley.