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TAFT'S RECORD.

President Taft's administration has been marked by business stability and unexampled prosperity. There has been no business depression during his term of office, in spite of the political agitation which has increased as the presidential election draws near.

President Taft has demonstrated wise foresight in handling the nation's foreign affairs. His advocacy of the international peace treaties placed this country in the most favorable light before the nations of the world.

The tariff board and the economy commission are two of the Taft administration reforms for which the president deserves credit. The tariff board was the first step to take the question out of politics.

President Taft should be reelected because he has given the country an honest and effective administration.

WILSON A FREE TRADER.

Gov. Wilson in his campaign speeches has been careful not to lay too much emphasis on his free trade convictions. Mr. Wilson knows that free trade is popular, that the country is firmly settled in its convictions that the protective policy must be maintained.

Better stop, look and listen.—St. Marys (W. Va.) Leader. A number of his published utterances now arise to confound him. Among them is an extract from testimony he gave in 1887 when a witness before the tariff board.

MEMORY FAULTY SOMEWHERE.

The Plate Makers' Criterion, a trade publication devoted to the interests of the stereotypers and photo engravers.

Perhaps Roosevelt does enjoy the confidence of a great many people and perhaps not. There is no denying that he has many worshippers, but the

Sidewalk Sketches

By Howard L. Rann

MONEY.

Money is a medium of exchange which sometimes serves very successfully as a substitute for brains, culture and social standing.

There are two kinds of money—hard and soft, and nobody ever gets enough of either. Hard money is more durable than soft, and lasts longer, as the latter is usually inherited and then blown in on racing cars and the calmed-in chorus girl.



With them, and then looked back with envy on \$18 a week in the cottage on a side street.

Money will land a man up among the leaders if he has anything to go with it, but many a youthful scion has had the plum tree shaken upon him and discovered that he could buy everything except natural intelligence.

Thousands of people scrimp and scrape and sweat through early life in order to land on Easy street, and when they get there find it hard to let loose of a dime than it used to be of a dollar.

Money and happiness don't always drive double. An income of \$25,000 a year is often as troublesome as one of \$2,500. Many a couple has moved onto the boulevard and taken suspicion, jealousy and heart-aches with them.

Since people began to measure everything in money, from character to qualification for office, there is a tendency to hang price figures on the simple, old-fashioned virtues.

Paper money is the most popular kind now in use, owing to the fact that it is easiest to burn. So much money is being burned daily on high-balls and Paris gowns that very little of the surplus gets into model tenement houses.

form and absolutely impotent from every point of view. When people willfully sink their intellect and reasoning powers and give vent to a species of hysteria, the best thing to do is to let them alone.

Getting drunk, an observer notes, is a poor way for a business man to get a head.

Press Comment.

WILSON, JOHNSON AND TAFT.

Chicago Record-Herald: In an excellent speech which he delivered before the Press club in New York Governor Wilson said: "I am not one of those who believe that the right tactics in politics is to depreciate the men you are opposed to and to belittle and misrepresent the forces with which you have to contend."

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WILSON'S DOUBLED PROSPERITY.

Cedar Rapids Republican: We are afraid that Dr. Wilson when it comes to the tariff is a little flighty, a little of the college spirit still adheres to his mode of thought. He said the other day that he would not be in favor of revision did he not believe that it would double and treble our prosperity.

Chicago Tribune: Who and where is the wise manufacturer who next summer will come to the aid of suffering, sweating male humanity? Who will weave a cotton cloth suitable for men's summer clothes—clothes that can join the raiment of wife, sister and mother in the wash-tub instead of having to go to tailor and dry cleaner? We don't know if he exists, but when he is incarnated we do know that he is on the road to wealth.

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Iowa coal has been repudiated. It had been said by some Iowa dealers that the reason they did not handle the Iowa product was that it deteriorated so rapidly when stored, while coal from some of the other states did not deteriorate. The state chemists and others interested in the subject have made an investigation and a number of tests are said to show that there is no foundation for the excuse. It is said Iowa coal deteriorates no more rapidly than other coal.

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Sioux City spanking and other forms of corporal punishment are banished from the schools and lower religious institutions. At Malvern things are different. There a teacher in the public school is charged with assault and battery because she broke the nose of a pupil while administering corrective measures. There ought to be a golden mean between Sioux City and Malvern, midway as it were between nose and nothing. Malvern sets the standard of corporal punishment too high.

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Humorous Comment

Scared White. A union butcher workman was suing a packing firm to recover damages for injuries sustained in a Kansas City establishment. A colored laborer in the plant was called a witness. "Did you work with Jones, the plaintiff?" "Yessah."

Modesty. The dashing young lady was anxious her aunt, who was rather old-fashioned, should look as respectable as possible in her bathing costume. "Surely, Aunt Ella," said the girl rather cautiously, "you're not going to wear your spectacles in the water?" "Indeed I am," replied her aunt. "Nothing shall induce me to take off another thing."—Judge.

Culinary Feat. The waiter was a new hand and the customer was a short, diminutive woman. She gave her order and then tried to settle down on her chair so that her feet could reach the floor. In this, however, she was not successful, so she added another order to her first. "And bring me a hassock," she said. "The waiter paused for a moment and meditatively brushed first the tablecloth and then his chin. He rearranged the glasses several times and then went red in the face. Eventually he scanned the menu. "Yes, madam," he replied at last, "and will you—er—have the hassock broiled or fried?"

FREDERIC. Mrs. S. A. Worley was an Albia visitor Saturday. Henry Moore who has been spending time with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moss left for his home in Indiana Saturday.

CHARITON. Mrs. Ella Bright left last evening for Des Moines, where she expects to conduct a rooming house and where she will reside in the future.

EDDYVILLE. Mrs. Wm. Hankins entertained at dinner Saturday: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bird and sons of Charles City, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chisna and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Noe and children of near Dudley and Mrs. Earl Wells of Ottumwa.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Nancy Ann Finley. Nancy Ann Morgan, was born in Indianapolis, Ind., February 1, 1855. She came west with her parents, and settled first in Cedar county in 1863. She was married twice, first to E. E. Finley, Dec. 17, 1875 to their union two children were born, one son and one daughter, the son died in infancy. Her second marriage was with Lloyd Finley Nov. 16, 1886; they settled near Chillicothe, Iowa, in 1888, and have made their home here since that time. When she was 17 years old she united with the Methodist Episcopal church. She died at their home near Chillicothe, Iowa, September 11, 1912. She leaves to mourn for her, her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Edna White, three grand children, three sisters and two brothers.

OBITUARY. Sarah Both Smith. Sarah Both Smith was born in Westmoreland county, Virginia July 25, 1825 and died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Wm. R. Arnold near Blakesburg, Sept. 8 at the age of 87 years, 1 month and 18 days. She came with her parents at the age of 14 years to Van Buren county, Iowa; was married to John H. Smith in 1844 and moved to Adams township, Wapello county in 1847, and has lived here 65 years continuously. Of her six children only two are living, Calvin A. of Blakesburg and J. H. of Sioux City. Her husband enlisted in 1852 in Co. B, 84th Iowa infantry and died at Helena, Ark., in 1863 and is buried in the National cemetery at that place. She united with the United Brethren at the old Smith school house in 1858, over half a century ago, and has lived a consistent Christian life ever since. She leaves to mourn their loss two sons, eight grand-children and a host of friends. She was truly a pioneer that lived for the happiness and good of others as well as herself. Funeral services were held at the Prairie chapel church by Rev. Donahoe. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery in the Jay cemetery.—Contributed.

OBITUARY. Brakemen Harry Staebler and A. L. Anderson have exchanged turns. Staebler goes to car No. 14545 with L. E. Shaw, while Anderson takes the turn with E. E. Miller on car No. 14019.

ALBIA. Mr. and Mrs. John Jones will leave in a few weeks for Missouri where they will take up life on a farm near the parents of Mrs. Jones. Mr. Jones is a first class carpenter and has worked with his father many years at that trade.

RUSSELL. Nell Loynachan who has been visiting relatives in Colorado and Kansas for the past month, returned home Wednesday evening.

BLAKESBURG. F. J. Raymond and family visited on Saturday in Pella with Robert McIntire and family.

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