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## COURT VS. CONSTITUTION.

Republic of Wednesday representing Uncle Sam receives upon the pedestal of the White Horse, a gilded figure representing the United States. The figure stands a triumphant, clothed in cap and representing the supreme court. Sam says to the woe of the constitution. Fight with that fellow, like a bunch of waste. The cartoonist has aptly illustrated that has impressed the minds of many of our people. We have read the decision of the supreme court in the Porto Rico case. The Foraker act was the action of the republican party controlled by the present administration and it was necessary that the administration should be. The court has shown its inability of meeting the necessities of the case and as a consequence its decision, has sustained the administration. The supreme court is the creature of the constitution and should be subservient to its provisions, but in the late majority decision it has rendered it has distorted the constitution. It would appear to have done so to it and ignored the origin. It is but another syndicate that have a grip upon the government that even the highest court must do their duty. The act of the supreme court commits this government to a policy of might which has ever characterized the imperialism of the old party. With both branches under its absolute control the republican party will doubtless amend the constitution to suit its purposes. The slogan of the constitution is dead is the present trust bound when the constitution is in opposition to the realization of its purposes. How long the constitution will stand this suicidal policy to be seen.

## ROOT OF THE EVIL.

The protection policy of the republican party is the root from which grows the trust evil of the country. The people are justly angry against the oppression and exploitation of the trusts, but we had better kill an obnoxious tree at its root than to try to kill the branches as to try to kill the trust without going to the root from these obnoxious institutions. The beginning of the trust was practically from the passage of the McKinley tariff in 1890, the only trust being the only one in its proportions before that time.

Mr. Beardley in the May issue of the Quarterly Journal of Economics has an article giving some data concerning the trusts and their growth. The McKinley tariff afforded the opportunity taken advantage of by the greed of the capitalists to form combinations and to raise the prices of sugar, kerosene, oil, lead, whisky, and envelopes. Mr. Beardley says that the steel and wire trusts have an average protection of 30 per cent. The tin plate trust is protected by a duty of about 10 per cent; window glass by 66 per cent; glass by about 60 per cent; salt trust by 89 per cent; flour by 15 per cent; the Carbon trust by 123 per cent against Scotch whisky.

Mr. Beardley contends that the trusts afforded these various advantages at the expense of the

consumer.

The democratic party is the party of reform on the tariff question and is pledged to tariff revision. A vigorous application of the democratic axe to the root of the now vigorous trust plant would soon eradicate the evil and the people would cease to suffer from the exactions of trust greed.

## OUR SCHOOL NUMBER.

This issue of our paper is so fully taken up with notices of our schools that we have had very little room for local and general news and editorial matter. Our schools are among the most important interests of our town and we feel that no apology is needed to justify the prominence which we give them this week. Lexington is proud of her excellent educational institutions and we want the people to hear of the excellent work which they are doing.

Mrs. Annie E. Snow of California has commenced suit to recover possession of 3,000 acres of Texas oil lands which includes all of the oil gushes in the district except two. Rather a cold deal this for the present owners.

Gas is reported to have been found at Ananias, La. That name is calculated to throw a doubt over all gas stories from the town.

## How to View the Sculpture at Buffalo.

It would seem well to emphasize this fact, that the general scheme of statuary was treated as a unit as to its scale, so as really to form a part of the exposition as a decoration of the same and not as individual statues or groups—because to many of the sculptors this was entirely a new idea. With most of them the statue or group had always been modeled for no particular place and to look equally well in the parlor, park, or museum—and to subordinate the sculpture to the general artistic purpose, and to make it an integral part of a big artistic scheme was to many a new experience and not an easy one; but it is fair to say that the work has been carried on with enthusiasm and with every endeavor to subordinate individuality for the sake of general harmony. Therefore, when judging the sculpture at the Pan-American Exposition, to be perfectly fair to the individual sculptor, it will be necessary to consider the general effect, and the success of each individual piece of sculpture as a part of this effect, as well as the individual merit of the work, because in many instances the sculptor may have made sacrifices for the sake of the general result and should receive credit for having done so.—From "The Field of Art," in the June Scribner's.

## Opposition to Morgan.

From the Philadelphia Record. Fired with a laudable ambition to be the biggest thing afloat in its line, the Hamburg-American Steamship company has taken steps to expand beyond the girth and extent of Mr. Morgan's recently created community of ocean carrying interests. But let the Hamburgers beware, lest in such an hour as they think not the cloud-compelling Morgan descend upon them flourishing a writ of ejectment. Who are they that they should seek to thwart the inevitable and oppose the irresistible?

## The Few Will Rule.

From the Dubuque Herald. The robbery of the people for the favored few will go on. Mr. Babcock will not have his way. The events of the last three or four years show the power of the trusts and the subserviency of the republican party to them. They will rule it in the future as they have done in the past.

Mrs. D. Haecker and daughter, Miss Annie, left Tuesday evening for a week's visit in St. Louis.

Mr. Lon Kelley and family left Tuesday evening for Kansas City, where they go to make their home.

## Stone is Against It.

Special to the Kansas City Times. Nevada, Mo., May 27.—The following letter from ex-Governor Stone to Editor E. E. Bean of this city on the proposed Pertle Springs convention was received today:

"I believe I can make my position on the proposition to hold another so called Pertle Springs convention a little clearer than it appears to be in a recent interview," says the ex-Governor. "I have not, and do not favor the proposition for the following reasons: "The national democracy met in convention in Kansas City on July 4, 1900, and then and there unanimously adopted a platform and organized a national committee. Shortly thereafter the state democracy met in convention and unanimously adopted a platform and organized a state committee. These platforms and committees stand today as the latest expression of party sentiment and are representative of the party organization. I believe the Missouri democracy is satisfied with these platforms and organizations and I know I am.

"I see no need, therefore, of a convention being called merely to reaffirm the platform and endorse the organization," continued he. "If there are any who wish to change the platform of the organization let them demand a convention. Such a demand from that quarter would be logical. If a demand of that kind should come from that quarter I would second the motion.

"If the 'reorganizers' wish to put the question to the test I have no objection. Moreover, I will say that, while I see no necessity for a convention at this time, I have no objection to one being held if it should appear that there is any considerable sentiment in favor of it.

"Being a Jeffersonian democrat, I believe in the sovereignty of the people. I believe the people should be in fact as well as in theory, the real source of power. Therefore I am always willing to hear what they have to say and to submit to their will."

## An Anti Grasshopper Fungus.

Its not only beneficial insects, however, which are being imported, but diseases of injurious insects, says L. O. Howard in Everybody's Magazine. In South Africa the colonists suffer severely from swarms of migratory grasshoppers which fly from the north and destroy their crops. They have discovered out there a fungus disease which under favorable conditions kills off the grasshoppers in enormous numbers. At the Bacteriological Institute in Grahamstown, Natal, they have cultivated this fungus in culture tubes, and have carried it successfully throughout the whole year; and they have used it practically by distributing these culture tubes wherever swarms of grasshoppers settle and lay their eggs. The disease, once started in an army of young grasshoppers, soon reduces them to harmless numbers. The United States government last year secured culture tubes of this disease, and experiments carried on in Colorado and in Mississippi show that the vitality of the fungus had not been destroyed by its long ocean voyage, and many grasshoppers were killed by its spread. During the past winter other cultures were brought over from Cape Colony, and the fungus is being propagated in the department of agriculture for distribution during the coming summer in parts of the country where grasshoppers may prove to be destructively abundant.

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