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## UNWISE AND DISCOURTEOUS.

Medill McCormick, one of Col. Roosevelt's most ardent supporters, is letting his temper run away with his judgment. As a witness yesterday before the Clapp committee investigating campaign funds he created a sensation by declaring the attempt on Roosevelt's life was caused by "character assassins and hard like hill-men who, by their falsehoods, incite weak-minded men to actual assassination." Such a shocking statement naturally aroused the committee to protest, and it was expunged from the record. No other action by the committee could have been properly taken. If Medill McCormick believes he can make political capital by this slanderous Mr. Hill, Taft's campaign manager, and other supporters of the president, he is much mistaken. His violent denunciation of Mr. Hill was most discourteous and unwise, especially in view of the consideration and courtesy accorded Col. Roosevelt by Mr. Hill and his co-workers in the ex-president's critical hour. No matter how bitter the campaign has been, the people, in a time like this, want fair play and will insist upon it. McCormick's attack on Hill will only harm the Progressive cause.

All of Colonel Roosevelt's political opponents have shown the kindest feeling and the most courteous chivalry in their expressions since his adventure with that demented would-be assassin in Milwaukee. President Taft's messages to his former friend and to Mrs. Roosevelt were models of unaffected solicitude. Senator La Follette, Bryan and Debs all have assurance of sorrow at the deed and hope that its victim's recovery would be prompt and perfect. Governor Wilson has temporarily cancelled speaking engagements in Massachusetts and Maine.

It is to be regretted there are extremists in Roosevelt's new party who seek to make capital for the third term aspirant by asserting that the assassin upon him was incited by the violence of his political opponents. Everyone who has followed the history of politics in this country during the past nine months knows that violence was not introduced into the campaign by Wilson or Taft or by the supporters of either.

The close examination of Schrank which has been made by District Attorney Zabel of Milwaukee, has convinced that official that the man acted absolutely alone in planning and attempting to kill Colonel Roosevelt. The district attorney does not think it possible that Schrank had an accomplice or that he was hired to do what he did.

Much has been said about the weapon which the would-be assassin used—a 38-caliber revolver on a heavy mount which made it more effective for mischief. As Roosevelt himself said, a weapon like that makes "a nasty drive at a man." It is remarked that Colonel Roosevelt has killed lions in Africa with smaller bullets than the one he is carrying in his chest.

The doctors have found that the impact of the bullet braced a rib, and this accounts for the development of painful symptoms. To the universal delight of the American people, the patient's recovery is proceeding again.

## MAN MAKES THE MARKETS.

If property is a gift of God who was God's grace withdrawn from this country from 1892 to 1897? In point of fact, it was not withdrawn. The earlier and later rains fell as usual, the soil was just as fertile, the people were just as industrious, and the crops were just as bountiful as in the preceding four years and yet the prices of farm products during those four Cleveland years were less by \$4,500,000,000 than the same crops would have brought if sold at the prices which prevailed during the preceding Harrison administration. That is to say, the penalty which the farmers of America paid for four years of Democratic administration was equal to one and one-half times the cost of the civil war.

Bountiful crops are indeed in a very large measure, "the gift of God," but

God does not look after the markets. That is man's business and it is markets which really determine prosperity and the prices which the farmer receives in those markets depend in largest measure upon the purchasing power of his customer. Men who are sleeping in the parks and eating at public soup houses do not make profitable customers. Democratic victory means a change from the protective system under which the country has prospered for sixteen years and which may change, if history repeats itself, will come disaster.

It does make a difference who is elected. It is a serious matter for this country whether the Republican administration shall be continued or whether a Democratic administration shall come into power.

## CONGRATULATIONS.

The many friends of Capt. and Mrs. Ferdinand Petermann join in congratulating them on their golden wedding anniversary, and rejoice that they are in rugged health. Their years of married life have been happy years, and that they will continue to enjoy each other's companionship for many years to come is the wish of The News and all Calumet. Capt. and Mrs. Petermann have reason to be proud of their long married life, honored name, and the splendid family they have given to the community.

It does not often fall to the lot of copper country married folk to celebrate their golden wedding, hence this occasion is one for much rejoicing, especially when it is taken into consideration that the greater part of that life was spent in usefulness in the upper country. It is something to have lived a long life that has been fruitful of usefulness and consideration for others.

## SYMPATHY WITH MOTHER.

There will be satisfaction generally that a way has been found to start legal action against Johnson, the negro pugilist, because of his alleged relation with a nineteen-year-old white girl. The mother of this girl, whose home is in Minneapolis, endeavored to prevail upon her to leave the negro, and when she refused had Johnson arrested on the charge of abduction. This was followed by his arrest on a federal charge under the Mann act prohibiting the illegal transportation of a woman from one state to another. In the event the mother fails to recover her daughter she has arranged to have her examined as to her mental condition. Sympathy in this case is all with the mother. The negro has defied her, and others who have sought to aid her, and she has been compelled to seek the aid of the law. That she will be successful in her quest will be the wish of all good citizens.

## SOME STRAW VOTES.

A certain natural suspicion of the results of straw voting is intensified by reading about what happened recently in the Oregon town of Corvallis. Four honest, independent canvassers of the electorate were made. According to the Portland Oregonian:

George Denman first passed the hat and got the following result: Taft 162, Chafin 2, Wilson 6, Roosevelt 6, Debs 0.

Then Bob Johnson tried it and produced these statistics: Wilson 93, Debs 3, Taft 6, Roosevelt 6, Chafin 0.

Next Dr. Hanford employed the scheme and proved that the bull moose was rampaging in Corvallis in this wise: Roosevelt 13, Wilson 1, Taft 6, Chafin 0, Debs 0.

As there was still some dissatisfaction, Henry Price went out on the same street and found the wind blowing as indicated below: Debs 9, Wilson 1, Roosevelt 1, Taft 6, Chafin 0.

The only safe conclusion it is possible to draw from these interesting returns is that George Denman is for Taft, Bob Johnson is for Wilson, Dr. Hanford is for Roosevelt and Henry Price is for Debs.

## TAFT'S FIGHT IS YOUR FIGHT.

President Taft is leading the Republican party in a gallant fight to save the protective system to the country and to maintain popular representative government under the constitution. President Taft's fight is the fight of every Republican. Under the banner of the Republican party this country has prospered for over fifty years, save only during the four years when the Democrats were in control of the government. It would mean the ruin of business to suddenly charge from the protective system to the free trade laws which the Democrats, in accordance with the declaration of their platform would promptly enact.

With manufactured articles and cereals upon the free list, as proposed in the tariff bills passed by the Democratic house and courageously vetoed by President Taft, many factories would be closed. Not only would there be an army of idle workmen, thus destroying the home market for the farmer, but the latter would also be forced to contend with the influx

## SOME GOOD STORIES

### How He Got His Honors.

Micker and Pat had been at school together, but had drifted apart in after life, says Argonaut. They met one day, and the conversation turned on athletics. "Did you ever meet brother Dennis?" asked Pat. "He has just won a gold medal in a marathon race." "That's fine," said Micker, "but did I ever tell you about my uncle at Ballythomas?" Pat agreed that he could not call him to mind. "Well," continued Micker, "he's got a gold medal for five miles and one for ten miles, a silver medal for swimming, two cups for wrestling, and a lot of badges for boxing and cycling." "He must be a great athlete, indeed," said Pat. "You're wrong," cried Micker. "He loses a pavilion!"

### A Quick Answer.

Barbara's mother wished to teach the little child the precious lesson of self-control, so she allowed her to eat two chocolate creams, then she put a third on the table and said, "Now, Barbara, this is yours, too, but I want you to save it. While I am out of the room you say, 'Good St. Joseph, help me!'" When the lady returned there was no chocolate cream in sight. Barbara, however, offered an explanation without being asked.

"Oh, mother," she cried dramatically, "I said, 'Good St. Joseph, help me!' and he said 'Help yourself, little girl, just help yourself!' So of course I did."—Lippincott's.

### Not the Real Thing.

From a city apartment little Jack was going for the first time to spend Christmas at his grandmother's farm. As he ran up the steps of the old house his grandmother caught him up in her arms and put him down, rasy and laughing, before the great log fire in the living room.

"Isn't that fine, Jackie boy?" she said.

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### "THIS IS MY 35TH BIRTHDAY."

Alfred Gayne Vanderbilt, the titular head of the wealthy Vanderbilt family, was born in New York City, October 29, 1877. He attended private schools and later spent several years at Yale. In 1899 he inherited the bulk of the great fortune left by his father, the late Cornelius Vanderbilt. Two years later young Mr. Vanderbilt married Miss Elsie French of Newport. They were divorced several years ago and last December, Mr. Vanderbilt took for his second wife Mrs. Smith Hollis McKim, of Baltimore. In the New York Central railroad system and in numerous other large railroad, industrial and financial corporations. He has done much to promote the breeding of fine horses in America and for some years he has been at the head of the association that gives the annual horse show in Madison Square Garden, New York.

Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, 87 years old today.

Thomas Q. Seabrooke, well known comic opera comedian, 52 years old today.

Augustus O. Bacon, United States senator from Georgia, 73 years old today.

Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal, who is prominently mentioned for the "red hat," 57 years old today.

### IT SOME TIMES HAPPENS.

Oh, dear! Just see that great big deer. Fire, quick! You'll miss him I do fear.

He'll run, and that will spell our fun; Shoot! shoot! Why don't you use your gun?

Bang! bang! two noisy rifles spoke. And from surrounding hills resounding echoes woke.

Silence follows echo—all is quiet now. The "hunters" swiftly fade away—they've killed a farmer's cow.

Moral—It might have been a man.

of foreign grain admitted duty free.

The fight which President Taft is making is more than a fight for the Republican party. It concerns every American citizen, without regard to his political affiliation. Upon the outcome of the contest depends the preservation of our institutions and of national prosperity.

Progressives will have to go some to outbid the Socialists, who promise a six-hour day and a \$2,000 income for everybody.

The conduct of Mrs. Roosevelt in the Chicago hospital indicates that the Colonel is on intimate terms with at least one real boss.

Montenegrins who are singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," seem to be practicing what they sing.

France is about to elect another president, but up to the present writing is not all fussed up about it.

Jack Johnson will find Uncle Sam much harder to knock out than Jim Jeffries.

Better make out your will before you go hunting.

The woods are beautiful these days, but for our part we prefer to admire them from a distance.

Deer and partridge are plentiful it's said—so are the hunters.

said, "You don't have big log fires like that in New York, do you?" The boy looked with wide-eyed delight at the huge logs as they blazed and crackled in the generous old fireplace, but he was staunchly loyal to his "six room and bath."

"It's nice, grandma, but it's only an imitation log log, isn't it? We have real ones in my house."—Lippincott's.

### He Had An Explanation.

A committee had the state senator on the carpet.

"Didn't you promise, if we elected you, to get our country road bonds?"

"Why certainly, gentlemen."

"Did you do it?"

"No. You see, airships are getting very common now. I thought we'd better wait a few years. Maybe we won't need any roads at all then. Fine weather for corn, isn't it?"—Kansas City Journal.

### How He Understood It.

A traveler whose train had stopped at a town famous for its buns, beckoned to a small boy on the platform, and giving him 10 cents told the little fellow to bring him a bun and buy one for himself with the other nickel.

The boy soon returned, calmly eating a bun; he handed 5 cents to the astonished traveler, remarking:

"There was only one left, mister."—Ladies' Home Journal.

### Her Feet.

"How very studious she is," said one girl.

"Yes," replied the other. "She has ambitions. She wants to leave foot-prints on the sands of time."

"Dear me! I should think she wouldn't."

"What do you mean?"

"They would be number seven, at least."

### At the Summer Resort.

"I'll have some chicken a la king."

"Sorry, but it's all gone."

"Well then, roast duck."

"All out."

"Then bring me some lobster a la Newburgh."

"The landlord's family are all of that."

"Grilled sweetbreads with bacon."

"That got on the bill by mistake."

"How about some spring lamb with French peas?"

"Mrs. Jones just got the last order of that."

"Pork tenderloin and spinach."

"All gone."

"Well, what have you got?"

"Same as usual. Roast beef and brown gravy or roast pork and apple sauce."—Grand Rapids Press.

### Why Noise Was Necessary.

Tom McNeal of Topeka found this story roaming round Kansas:

Two little boys in a Kansas village, whose parents are out a good deal in the evening, are left in care of a grandmother, who looks after them.

A few nights before Christmas the boys were getting ready to go to bed and were saying their prayers. Little Jimmie was petitioning the heavens

for a certain line of Christmas presents, and he was doing it in a voice that could be heard for half a mile. The noise annoyed his older brother, who interrupted Jimmie to ask:

"What are you prayin' for Christmas presents so loud for? The Lord ain't deaf."

"I know it," answered Jimmie, "but grandma is."—Saturday Evening Post.

### Heartless.

"You say Algy has been heartlessly deceived by a young woman. Did she

lead him on to think that she really loved him?"

"Oh, no, worse than that. She led him on to believe that she didn't care a rap for him. Then when he carelessly proposed, she accepted him on the spot."

City Auditor Mitchell reports Boston's funded debt to be \$114,525,497.67, a decrease of \$1,334,491.66 since December 31, 1911.

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Denver's Mountain and Plain festival opens today.

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