

THE CLUBS.

(A Fairbanks Club, composed of men over six feet tall, has been organized.)

Have you seen the club they've started out in Indiana? Every man six feet tall and shaped like a banana; Every man is six foot tall, and long and lean and lanky, But their hearts are big as pumpkins and they'll take no hanky-panky. Every man's for Fairbanks, the famous Hero Hoosier, And every man drinks buttermilk, not a single one's a booser. Oh, the club will work for Fairbanks, from street parades to snooping, And when they're full of buttermilk they'll sure set things a-whooping!

There's another club of voters They've got in Cincinnati, And the figure of each member is like an oyster patty; The smallest man that's in it is a good three-hundred-pounder, And every man's for Taft, the greatest living "rounder." "Hurrah for Good Old Bill!" they cry when the club goes out parading. And when they beat it home again the roadway needs regrading. A mighty club the Taft Club, I tell you things go humming, When down the sidewalk sounds the cry, "the elephants are coming!"

And many other clubs there are to boost some favorite member, And bring him first beneath the wire along in next November, The D (dash) boys for Cannon; the Light Weights boost for Knoxy; The High Financial Magnates shout for Cortelyou by proxy, heaves and stouts and thins by dozen, To boom the various boomlets of their favorite sons or cousins, But, alas! a Whistling Whisker Club is allowed on no condition, For Hughes assigns his boomlet to a Private Room Commission. —C. B. Quiney.

KIPLING ON WEALTH.

Rudyard Kipling, who has written twenty books, is on record for only one speech. It was a good speech and it made a deep impression on the young men of McGill University, Montreal, who heard it.

Kipling, like other men of clear vision, is concerned about the undue place the pursuit of wealth has in modern life. Business to earn money is only the machinery of life, not of life itself. He who lives only to earn money is in the same class as the man who lives only that he may eat, or the woman whose sole purpose in life is to wear fine clothes. We eat and we wear clothes that we may live for better things, and if we can earn money it should be with some nobler purpose in view.

Look about you, advised Kipling and sooner or later you will see some man to whom the idea of wealth as mere wealth does not appeal. Continuing, he said:

"I advise you to watch this man closely, for he will presently demonstrate to you that money dominates everybody except the man who does not want money. You may meet that man on your farm, in your village, or in your legislature. But be sure that, whenever or wherever you meet him, as soon as it comes to a direct issue between you, his little finger will be thicker than your loins. You will go in fear of him; he will not go in fear of you. You will do what he wants; he will not do what you want. You will find that you have no weapon in your armory with which you can attack him; no argument with which you can appeal to him. Whatever you gain, he will gain more."

"I would like you to study that man. I would like you better to be that man, because from the lower point of view it doesn't pay to be possessed by the desire of wealth for wealth's sake. If more wealth is necessary to you, for purposes not your own, use your left hand to acquire it, but keep your right for your proper work in life. If you employ both arms in that game you will be in danger of stooping; in danger also of losing your soul." Kipling is right. The world is

full of splendid things for the men who will stand upright and who will not stoop.—Gazette.

A RHAPSODY ON THE KANSAS HOGG.

By F. D. Coburn.

It was well said by a former cabinet minister that in the American hog we have an automatic, combined machine for reducing bulk in corn and enhancing its value; that he is a mint and the corn of our common country the bullion he transmits into the golden coin.

In Kansas he finds the favored zone—his eldora and here he always makes both ends meet. For Kansas is a corn orchard packed with grasses and fragrant with the bloom of alfalfa, the greatest forage plant vouchsafed by providence to men, growing here in a profusion elsewhere unknown. Hence it is that Kansas possesses more of these latest model self-lubricating mortgage removers than all New England and fifteen other states and territories added.

Uncle Sam, our foremost connoisseur of pork, but with no special partiality for Kansas, recorded in a report for January of this year, 1907, that the Kansas hogs are worth "per capiter" 15 per cent more than the Missouri hog, 36 per cent more than the Kentucky hog, 56 per cent more than his Virginia compatriot, 97 per cent more than the Arkansas hog, and 148 per cent more than Florida's favorites.

There is probably no other territory of the same area as Kansas where the conditions of climate, soil food and care are more congenial to the hog's health and wholesome development, and he is nowhere found so developed except among and by a high order of people. High class swine are unknown and impossible among a low class people.

Kansas swine, coinage of Kansas grass, grain and brain, in the world arena at Chicago and then at St. Louis, met the world beaters and beat them. She has given Poland China, Chester county, Berkshire and New Jersey a thousand years the lead and easily distanced the namesakes of all.

The Kansas hog, in his sphere typifying the good, the true and the beautiful, is a joy even to the Hebrew, and, like the state that lends him in solace to humanity, is in but the morning of his career. His one passport, everywhere demanded and always sufficient for entree to presidents, potentates or peasants, is—"Kansas" on the rind.

Tampico, Mex.—Five men were drowned in a storm off the coast. They were engaged in the government service.

San Antonio—At a meeting of the Business Mens Club, John B. Carrington, formerly publicity agent of the club, was chosen secretary.

Brownsville—R. B. Creager has been commissioned to receive the extradited prisoner, Gabriel Morales, charged, together with Juan Morales, with the murder of Inspector Gregorio Duffey.

Washington—Owing to the improved financial condition in banking circles, Secretary Cortelyou has begun to call in the money deposited with various national banks.

Washington—Dr. O. A. Knapp appeared before the Committee on Agriculture and asked for an appropriation of \$200,000 to establish co-operative demonstration farms in the boll weevil district to fight the pest.

New York—Ex-Secy. Shaw has formally opened political headquarters in New York and is very active in securing delegates to the republican convention.

Rio Janeiro—The battle ships have left the port and their next stop will be at Punta Arenas in the Straits of Magellan.

Washington—American consul at Hatien report that the insurgents are gaining ground in the Hatien revolution, and are threatening the capitol.

Harrisburg, Pa.—The law fixing passenger fares at 2 cents a mile was declared unconstitutional.

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