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THE HEALTH MUSE.

"How doth the busy little fly Improve each shining hour? Washing his tootles in the milk And castrating it to sour."

So sings the bulletin of the municipal health department of Saranac Lake, N. Y. And here is another gem from the same source:

"Little pots of flowers, little pots of paint, Make attractive neighborhoods out of them that ain't."

Wherefore the bulletin urges all citizens to get busy in a general, protracted, anti-fly, anti-dirt and pro-beauty campaign. For—

"It ain't the individual nor the city as a whole. But the everlasting team work of every blooming soul."

Such poetic appeals should certainly produce results. And why confine their application to Saranac Lake?

THE CAMPAIGN ISSUES.

Already we have it that the hand-picked committee on resolutions that will be announced in Chicago next week to settle the republican platform, are at work deciding the issues, but oh, such issues! It is merely to be a rehash and a compilation of what the republican leaders have been drumming up, and plotting to create, for months.

What honest issue can be raised against the reelection of Pres't Wilson and the continuation of the democratic party in power?

With Germany having yielded to the demands of the American government, conceding all the points raised by Pres't Wilson in defense of American rights and for the upholding of American honor, can there be any question of the efficacy of the handling of foreign affairs?

Will the republican party contend that despite the fact that Pres't Wilson won a great diplomatic victory, not merely for the people of the United States, but for civilization itself, this country nevertheless should have gone to war with Germany?

When Pres't Wilson gave the order for the American troops to enter Mexico to break up the bandit bands which had been causing the loss of life and property along the border, the republican leaders in congress applauded the firm action that was taken. It was agreed by the republican leaders in the senate and house that no other action was possible.

Will they say now that the United States government should withdraw the troops from Mexico or will they say that the United States should declare war against Mexico?

So far the opposition party has confined itself to vague and general statements that the handling of foreign affairs will be made an issue. The count will have to be more specific or else it will be given short shrift in the court of public opinion. Pres't Wilson's statesmanship has forced the respect of the world, and the knowledge of his reserve power, the realization that a united nation stood behind him, have kept the country at peace while millions of men are being sacrificed on the battlefields of Europe, because such statesmanship in Europe was lacking when most needed.

Can preparedness be made an issue? Sen. Lodge of Mass., returning from a conference with Col. Roosevelt, advocated on the floor of the senate an army of 250,000 men. The army reorganization bill of the democratic party, as finally passed by the two branches of congress, calls for a regular army of 211,000 men. Is there any room for an issue here?

Sen'y Daniels of the navy department, established the naval consulting board, headed by Thomas A. Edison, so that the scientists of the country might be mobilized for national defense. The present administration likewise has established an industrial mobilization committee, to inventory and aid in the development of all American industries, for strength in time of peace as well as in time of war.

The administration naval bill, recently introduced in the house, carries an appropriation of \$241,000,000. This is an increase of more than \$91,000,000 over last year's appropriation. It is the greatest measure for naval preparedness ever advanced by any administration. In addition to the five new battle cruisers, of the most modern type, there is provision for submarines and all other warships deemed necessary, together with an experimental laboratory, a real aviation corps, and every other modern weapon of defense.

As a result of the work of the democratic administration, there will be complete military and naval preparedness, without militarism. There will be the maximum of efficiency, with the minimum of expense.

If the republicans are to make preparedness an issue, they will have to be more specific than they have been in the past. Even though they had done their part, when they were in control of the government, and

could now point to their own record, which they admittedly are not able to do, they would have to be more specific with respect to the defects of the present administration's program of preparedness.

When the republicans of the house protested against an early vote on the naval bill, it came out that they wanted action on this measure delayed until after the republican convention, so that said convention might denounce the democrats for failing to meet the "preparedness" question. They certainly are hard up for issues.

Industrial defense has been provided by Pres't Wilson's administration. It will be found in the new banking and currency law. In the administration's tariff commission bill, in the anti-dumping bills and other measures behind which the whole weight of the administration is being thrown. The democratic platform will assure industrial defense, rational, reasonable, permanent. The present nation-wide prosperity, which seems to give such concern to the republican party, will be amply safeguarded, both with respect to domestic business and exports, without further agitation, upheaval or uncertainty, if Pres't Wilson and the democratic party are retained in power.

If the republicans are in favor of a permanent tariff policy, and an end to the periodic tariff agitation, let them give their platform approval to the administration's tariff commission bill, which has already been formally endorsed by the United States chamber of commerce, representing the business, men of the nation.

The present measures of industrial and military and naval safety will constitute a permanent policy for the nation, unless new men, seeking a return to power without issues, are given the opportunity to overturn the safe and constructive work that has been done. This is no time for "swapping horses in the middle of the stream." It is no time for the personally ambitious to thrust themselves between constructive achievements and the people. It is no time for domestic upheaval. What has been done in the past three years has withstood the test of world cataclysm. If the present administration has not eradicated special privilege, and builded upon a firmer foundation of equal opportunity, the United States would not have weathered the storm and reaped the benefits of an unprecedented prosperity.

Americanism will be written large in the democratic platform. Under that heading will be listed the achievements of Woodrow Wilson for America. Under it will be given the record of what has been done, and what will continue to be done, by the administration for financial, industrial, military and naval security. If the public is to be promised by the republican party four years of overturning, uprooting and uncertainty, the public must be shown definite proofs of what benefits will be conferred by such a course at such a time.

DIM THE AUTO LIGHTS.

The agitation for an ordinance requiring dimmers on automobile lights, to us seems well timed. There has been an auto accident said to have been caused by the extreme glare of machine lanterns, and on the heels of every catastrophe always comes a demand for some type of reform. We are a generous people when it comes to courting danger as long as no one is killed. There should be no delay in the passage of a dimmer ordinance, and, when passed, the first man, and the second, and the third, and so on, that lifts a grumbling voice against its enforcement, should be transported to the penal farm for thirty days, if not for life. Had we had a dimmer ordinance, properly enforced, the Galbreath accident might never have occurred. Assuming that the accident was due to the absence of dimmers, compelled by law, the city is morally responsible for it. Why not do something once in a while without waiting for the spur of catastrophe?

The agitation for a dimmer ordinance is not new. It has been going on for a year or more. It merely hasn't gotten anywhere. We suppose that the council has been to an extent derelict, perhaps, however, not without encouragement. The damnation that has been conferred by automobile owners upon public officials because of their efforts to enforce laws already passed to regulate motor traffic, would ordinarily discourage anyone from attempting to pass any more laws for the regulation of such traffic. The passing of a dimmer ordinance will not remove the danger from the glare of automobile lights unless the ordinance is enforced, and unless there is to be strict enforcement there are tough laws on our statute books as it is.

Give us the ordinance but let us have enforcement to follow.

UNIONIZING THE STAGE.

The country's actors are joining the Federation of Labor, The Actors' Equity association, a mutual protective society, representing the craft—or profession, or whatever it is—has been in existence for some time. Now it has voted to affiliate with the big union labor organization. The question was carried by the overwhelming vote of 1,298 to 20. Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, is working out the details of amalgamation. It is expected that the new union will be formally admitted at the federation's annual convention next November.

The Actors' union has nearly 2,000 members. It includes not only the rank and file of the acting craft, but many of the foremost actors in the country. On its council are such distinguished men as George Arliss, Holbrook Blinn, Jefferson De Angelis, Robert Edson and David Warfield. The actors expect, through their new affiliation with the federated labor unions, to compel fairer treatment at the hands of theatrical managers. They have many grievances regarding terms of contract, salaries, hours, etc.

Now that this matter is settled, the proposed Authors' union may as well follow suit. The school teachers are already unionized and affiliated in some of the big cities. Pretty soon the lawyers and doctors and preachers may do likewise. Can it be that the Federation of Labor is destined to absorb all the "professions"?

FULL PROVISION.

The national republican convention is to have five chaplains.

Thus the convention will have talent enough present to ask God's blessing on what it is about to do and His forgiveness on what it does—provided the five don't get to fighting or bolting.

The old guard republicans of the senate have succeeded in preventing confirmation of a progressive, Mr. Rublee, as a member of the trade commission. In their turn thousands of progressives will refuse to confirm the surrender of their principles and cause to the old guard.

Numbering the prime cuts of beef at Berlin shows another "joint" stock enterprise.

The Velvet Hammer

By Arthur Brooks Baker

THEODORE ELIJAH BURTON.

Elijah was a prophet in the good old ancient days, Who showed the sons of Abraham the error of their ways. He laid the language pointedly and roughly on the mark, And every time the sage a word it simply peeled the bark; And those who read his record know that he was not afraid To grab the bull by both his horns and call a spade a spade.

He had an honored namesake in the U. S. senate hall, Who also distinguished for his gift of gab and gall. He gets a vein of fervor and of oratoric fire From the distinguished clergyman who functioned as his sire; And when he rolls a wad of words to swat a burning wrong, You may implicitly believe he swats it good and strong.

He thinks the job of president is one which he can fill In generous compliance with the sovereign people's will. He thinks the sov'reign people would rejoice to see him ride The elephant who tyrifies the Grand Old Party pride; And modestly he elevates his welkin-stirring voice To woo the chance to function as a freeborn people's choice.

He's full of deep statistics in his tall and stately brain, For memory's thing from which he simply can't refrain. He hopes the worthy voters may remember how he fought To keep from hungry congressmen the reeking pork they sought. And when they seek a champion to lead the lovely game, Insist that Theodore Elijah Burton be his name.

They have screaming comedies in the silent drama.

THE MELTING POT

FILLED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF

THE PLATFORMS.

The time of campaign promises approacheth now apace. When statesmen clamor for a chance to enter in the race; To chase the fickle voters up and down the goodly land; To lure them in with lemonade and charm them with a band; To raise for proud democracy a wild and woolly shout, And righteousness attempt to throw the other fellows out.

The platforms will be builded out of timbers good and strong. Each well selected with a view to helping things along. The promises concocted with superlatives of care Will be with great propriety entraved upon the air; And when the boys have got the jobs, the pudding and the fees, The promises will still remain upon the pleasant breeze.

We'll give to Brother Capital the freedom he desires, We'll give to Brother Labor any wage that he requires; We'll stop the sale of liquor till the town is gasping dry, We'll make each corner lot a fine emporium of rye; We'll back the powers of righteousness and lift the lid of sin— We'll promise each and every thing that helps to get us in.

A. B. B.

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DISCOVERED.

Where we used to be our slumbers were rudely shattered each morning about a quarter of nine a.m. Sleep was out of the question and no matter what you threw at the cats they always came back. But we finally moved and for over a week enjoyed the early morning hours in slumber.

Suddenly one morning at about 2 a. m. the serenades began. "Well," murmured the missus, half awake, "I see they've learnt we moved."

Z. H.

This brought in to the sporting editor added to his joys: Victor catcher; Frank, pitcher; William Short stop; Henry, third base; Frank, secken base; Joe foist base; Loyd high field; Glen left field.

The movie camera has come into its own as a star witness. A company sued for a "hopeless" or "helpless" result of an accident, introduced a film showing the "helpless cripple" hard at work.

We have often read of "untold agon," but it is a rare bird.

Those Arctic explorers who eat whale meat might be said to live on the fat of the sea.

Here is a real baseball critic. He heads his story as follows: "Players necessary on any ball club. No matter how capable the manager, he will boss a losing club unless he has pitching, fielding and hitting strength."

It used to be the office sought the man, But now it's the other way. And a gentleman, whose name we don't mention, Is willing to chase it every day.

When it comes right down to "getting by" a pair of shears are certainly a great help.

For instance— Ben Haines, a farmer residing near South Milford, lost a valuable Jersey cow, which died after a short illness. Haines recently held a sale, selling all of the cows except the Jersey. At first it was thought the animal died of loneliness, but a post mortem revealed the fact that the animal had swallowed four rusty nails, two good sized pieces of copper and a fence staple. One of the nails had penetrated the pericardium. There is a question as to whether the animal committed suicide.—Kendallville News-Sun.

And again—

YOU KNOW 'EM.

Five Mishawaka and South Bend men came to Cass county for a Sunday's fishing on Whitmanville pond and they had a glorious day's sport, capturing such a string of fish as would make glad the heart of any fisherman; in fact, the fish bit so well that when they had reached the limit the law allows—25 each—they just couldn't stop, and this became their undoing, for Game Warden Condon happened along to size up their catch and when he found they had so far exceeded the law's allowance he brought them all to Cassopolis to settle before Justice Reynolds.

All plead guilty to having broken the game laws and were assessed \$10.00 each, making a total of \$50.00 which they paid into the local treasury.—Cassopolis Vigilant.

And yet once more— Postmaster McCormick announces that when his term of office expires next month he will ask the Nickel Plate company for his old job back as car inspector. This is refreshing

or gorgeous, a bride pretty, a wedding beautiful—same as Yellowstone park? That a salesman insists upon your buying shoes that are too small?

When she wrote the chap who had jilted her, "If I were to write what I think of you, I'm afraid I would have very little self-respect left," she felt she had quashed him completely. She wasn't anywhere near so certain, though, when in reply she read, "And if I were to write what I think of you, you wouldn't have a darned bit of self-respect left—of that I am certain."—Macon, Ga. News.

Already more than 100,000 of the Neutrality league telegrams have been sent to Washington and the industry is still active. It would almost take a national treasury to pay the telegraph tolls, and we may be sure it is not the United States treasury.—Guthrie, Okla., Leader.

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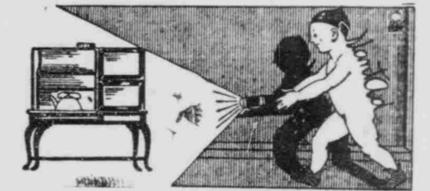


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