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After the Boss, the Leader

The political boss is passing away. Who or what shall take his place in the American system of government?

Remember, he was a real factor in the system, as much as the legislature, the judiciary or the executive. He was that part of our unwritten constitution that provided the delegates for all the conventions in our various units of government, from precinct to nation. And these delegates uttered the party doctrine and named the party tickets.

The boss was the source of government.

But he is going or gone. Under the rules and regulations of the new republic that has quietly evolved—the republic of direct nominations and direct legislation—there is no place for the boss. Power has been taken from his hands, absolutely. He is obsolete as a stagecoach in a land of railroads and trolleys.

But after the boss, what?

Some form of leadership and of organization, surely. Public sentiment cannot express itself without it. But it must be the leadership and organization of disinterested service. It must be the kind of leadership that can stand out in the sunlight before men and justify itself by the appeal to patriotism, to morality, to humanity.

It calls for a higher order of ability, as well as higher motives, than the work of the boss. And it will pay a higher reward, for the leaders of the new day will win love, honor and remembrance.

Never was there such an opportunity as now for the man of character and capacity to impress himself upon the public mind. Many years ago Emerson wrote:

"There will dawn ere long on our politics, on our modes of living, a nobler morning, in the sentiment of love. This is the one remedy for all ills, the panacea of nature. We must be lovers, and at once the impossible becomes possible."

And it is coming, brethren!

"PINAFORE" is making a hit in New York. Boston is much interested in Esperanto. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is doing well in Canada. Guess the great west will have to get agitated over "Home Sweet Home."

The People They Hook

In the trial, at Boston, of Rev. Norman Plass, former president of the Redeemable Investment Co., we are getting some light on "those who bite". Amongst other things, Rev. Plass writes to Rev. George E. Ladd, of Colorado, who purchased $100 worth of Redeemable stocks:

"College presidents and professional men generally invest their money injudiciously."

There is undoubtedly much truth in this. Professional people, particularly misses and school teachers, seem to form a large proportion of the victims in the get-rich-quick business. The explanation is that they want to make money, like everybody else, and are so thoroughly absorbed in their professional work that they make little or no investigation before putting in their money. Still, they are the people who are accredited with having more than the average of good sense and conservatism.

During Mr. Taft's maneuvering in Texas and Southern California it has been discovered, too, that the "promoters" are finding the purses of the army and navy boys very productive territory.

The pity of it all is that it requires no extraordinarily developed mind to comprehend that a bonanza seldom, if ever, has to go hunting for financial backing. The really "good things", save in very rare instances, can readily find all the necessary private capital. Other "good things" are a mere gamble, if indeed they have even the chances of a gamble, with the odds heavily against the crowd.

L. FRANK BAUM, author of the "Wizard of Oz," is "broke." His liabilities amount to $12,600 and his assets $85, consisting of two suits of clothes, a typewriter and a book of reference. Seems as if the latter ought to help some.

The Future of Utah

Utah is thoroughly aroused by the attacks, at home and abroad, on polygamy. Fact is, it's "hurting business". Mormons and Gentiles alike feel that it interferes with the prospect of the state's development. People demand information about "social conditions" before deciding to settle there.

It is due to the church authorities to say that they have recently disciplined two of their high officials—a thing hitherto unheard of—and that men who have been among their sharpest critics now seem to believe in their good faith in trying to purge the church of its unpardonable fault.

Utah is a grand state and the Mormon communities, apart from the "peculiar institution" rank among the most inspiring in the country. Nowhere have poor men had better opportunities to become financially independent or made better use of them.

If the old bone of contention could be buried out of sight, and Mormon and anti-Mormon work shoulder to shoulder, Utah would go ahead at a pace that would "astonish the natives." Here's hoping that is just what will happen!

QUEEN MARY's gift of $60,000 will be invested in diamonds for the Order of the Garter. Just might have known that Mary would put the money into garters, dress-shields, socks or lingerie of some sort!

Dead Men Tell No Tales

Who got that $1600 which the artist didn't get for painting the portrait of Secretary of State Day, now Supreme Court Justice Day?

Ex-Secretary of State Root tells the congressional investigating committee that Secretary of State John Hay alone knew where and why that $1600 went. Hay is dead. "Dead men tell no tales." Let not the committee despair.

Why not put Justice Day on the stand? Maybe he has light that he doesn't want to shed voluntarily.

CONNECTICUT tobacco farmers have been very prosperous lately in raising the "shaded leaf" under tents. But now they are getting in the shade of the tobacco trust themselves.

Observations

Frank Blighton, editor of Tucson Voice, has found in Senator Ives a lawyer who works without fee simply to prevent "the gang's" jailing an editor who stands for the people. Pass that man Ives along, Frank! The whole country needs him.

Methodist church at Galveston has kicked out Gov. Colquitt. He's too much of a "wet."

So many crooks of one sort or another are going to attend that coronation that London's calling on Chicago for secret police help.

Signboard at a car crossing obstructed the view and five people died in the ruins of an auto at Los Angeles. How about the sign board in Tacoma.

Champion Johnson says he can see no white man's hope who can even make him perspire. And any white man who undertakes to make that Jack Johnson perspire is no hope of ours.

The first red roses arrived in the Western world at the time of the crusades. Now they have made a blue rose. But it probably doesn't smell any sweeter than the red.

Taft's Lame Duck club seems to offer inducements totally lacking in Teddy's Liars' club. The Ducks get corn.

"You're a bad, bad trust," says U. S. supreme court to those tobacco fellows, "and you've got to find another way to do it!" Sounds like an order to pick our other pocket.

First gun in woman suffrage campaign in California was fired at San Diego, in the shape of a piano solo. What yer laughing at? San Diego piano solos will make the men vote the women anything they want that keeps 'em busy otherwise.

"Sweeping victory for the government!" roars Wickersham, as U. S. supreme court sends the Tobacco trust back to the lower court to devise ways and means of skinning us.

What do you think of that Danbury, Ill., farmer who paid $50 to $600 for his fiance's kisses and took six years to find out that she didn't love him. The dear old lemon peel only woke up when she told him to read the Bible and marry a California widow. Of course, that would wake up a wooden Indian.

Some day, perhaps, the climate of all Quebec may be changed from cold to warm by damming the straits of Belle Isle and shutting off the Arctic current. Maybe, too, they'll keep the whole Atlantic coast warm some day by washing it with the Gulf stream.

While he is changing his cabinet someone advises Mr. Taft to consider Louis D. Brandeis for attorney-general. Would Senator Guggenheim vote to confirm him? Would Ballinger endorse the choice and the railroads applaud?

Mary Frothingham, daughter of a New York broker, hooked one of those foreign titles as Countess Alexandre Konlosoff Tolstoy, and finds that her count has two other wives after him.

With Harriman forking over campaign funds and Steel Trust Gary running to him for advice on how to swallow Tennessee Coal & Iron, it may be said that Mr. Roosevelt was also a good-natured one surrounded by gentlemen who knew what they wanted.

Everett True and His Triplets

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

June brides, please sit up and take notice. Grandparents today, at 51 and 50 respectively, having been married 25 years, they are sweethearts still; they are chums still—W. J. Bryan and his better half. This day Mrs. Bryan turns the half century mark. And it is only befitting that her quarter of a century of matrimonial bliss should be portrayed for the benefit of the June brides, one of whom is her daughter Grace.

U. S. supreme court majority seems to feel that there has been a great improvement in the judges put on that bench since Harlan was appointed.

Way down in "heathen" Africa, in South Nigeria, is a race called the Ekoi. One of the superstitions among the parents forbids quarreling in a household of little children. Not a bad idea for "heathen" Ekoi to send a missionary to the United States to teach the natives here that superstition.

Taft says he's going to visit Salt Lake in September. Why not put it off until November next year, William?

Sweet oranges were introduced into Europe by the Portuguese in 1547.

TODAY IN HISTORY

June 17, 1861, there was a battle at Booneville, Mo. Two days before the great seal of the state of Missouri had been taken from the statehouse at Jefferson City, about the only disappearance from that section that Jesse James or Cole Younger did not get blamed for. Gov. Claiborne Jackson had heard that Brig. Gen. Nathaniel Lyon and United States troops were coming to Jefferson City, so he grabbed the seal as the insignia of his office and fled to Booneville. Lyon followed hotly and collided with the Missouri troops at Booneville. History does not record that he ever got the seal. But he did get the guns of the Missouri troops and a lot of prisoners.

A pedigreed hog was killed by a Georgia railroad and a jury awarded $10,000 damages. And you couldn't get that for ten dead section men.

Carnegie has given $200,000 for a hero fund in Holland. The Chicago Tribune comma in its customary witty way comma calls this Dutch courage.

Fine creamery butter was made as early as 1898 B. C.

Just

The same, we wish our grocer would stop sending that kind.

Baba Bharati, a high caste Hindoo, says American women wear too many clothes, "enveloping their bodies and forgetting their minds."

Most Anything

By Fablegram.

LONDON, June 17.—I went out to look at Buckingham palace today. A pleasant young man met me outside and asked me if I knew the palace was built on a ball bearing turn table. I said I didn't. Yes, he said, they turn the palace around every noon so the king's sitting room will always get the sun. Too bad, he said, it's 12:15 and they've just turned it around. But for two pounds ($10) he said, the engineer'll turn it around again. So I gave the man $10 and he went in to tell the engineer. I watched the palace, but it didn't move, the young man didn't return, and I believe I was bunkoed. If I'd had any sense I'd have known the sun never shines in London, even on the king's sitting room. Bunjor.

ADAM FAY KERR.

If you quiver and shake when it's
noisy,
If excitement has shattered
your nerves;
If arguments cause desperation,
And the dope of the medicos
serves
To make you more frantic than
ever,
Don't worry, but lessen your
pace
And move to a town where the
ball team
Is stuck in sixth place.

Dispatches from Berlin say: Rosa Blachek, one of the Siamese twins, who lately appeared at a Paris music hall, was arrested by the police today on a charge of breaking her contract.

Her sister, Josefa, was, of course, obliged to accompany her to jail, and complains that though innocent she has to share the imprisonment.

The women named Mary in England have given a $62,000 fund to Queen Mary.

And

A British clergyman in New York, named George, tried to get all the Georges in America to do the same for the king.

But

He raised only $13, and everybody's wondering who the other 12 boobs were who gave a dollar apiece.

TODAY'S JOKE IN BLACK AND WHITE

A gouty and grimly sarcastic old man writes a note to his doctor asking him to call.

The doctor's wife reads the note: "If you are interested in a pretty foot and ankle, come over this evening."—London Punch.

THE TIMES CIRCLE

FIRST PRIZE, $1

By Earl Garey, 3825 East I St.

I am going to spend my vacation in the most useful way that I can think of. I would like to have two or three weeks to play ball and other games in. The rest of my vacation I will spend in work. I already have a job, and if I do my best I will have a chance to earn for myself a new overcoat and shoes for the winter. I think that I will be helping myself and also my father.

THIRD PRIZE, 50 CENTS

By Lois Purvis, Puyallup.

I think to be a good housekeeper is something to be proud of, and my chief ambition is to be one.

My vacation will be spent in learning how to keep a house properly. I want to learn how to cook and sew, wash clothes and iron, so that when I grow up I will be a good housewife who can make her home bright and cheerful.

SECOND PRIZE, A BOOK

By Anna Armstrong, 313 So. 17th.

I am going to tell you what I would like to do this vacation. I would like to go to the mountains and pick huckleberries. I would get up about 6 o'clock in the morning to pick the berries. I have never been to the mountains, but have heard the scenery is just beautiful. I would love to see the sun rise, and set from the mountain top. I would much rather sleep out under a tree than in the tent, but mamma says it is too cold at night.

I hope that there will be lots of berries. If there are, and if I go, I will bring you home some.

Your book is at the Times office for you, Anna.

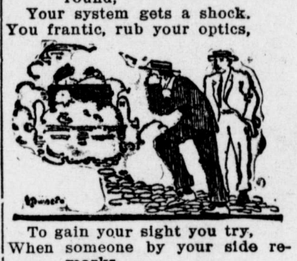
AT LAST.

Mr. Newlywed as they were starting on their wedding journey)—My own, are you glad you are mine—mine forever?

Mrs Newlywed—Yes, dear. Now I can cut green onions whenever I please.

Foolish Questions.

Barney Oldfield aspirant
Skids madly round the block;
The dust flies up, the dust flies round,
Your system gets a shock.
You frantic, rub your optics,



To gain your sight you try,
When someone by your side remarks
"Is something in your eye?"

While jumping wildly 'bout with pain,
You swear and make reply,
"Why, no, you fool, I'd scratch my head,
If I had hurt my eye."

A Dirge of Disappointment

A sensitive grandsire named Glidden
In the house kept his dome of thought hidden;
"My whiskers are handsome Enough," he sighed, "and some—
But I'm bald as an egg with no lid on."

THE TACOMA MARKET

RETAIL PRICES.

Meats

Round steak, 15c; sirloin, 15c; porterhouse, 20c; pot roast, 18@11c; mutton steak, 12½c; chops, 15c; pork steak, 17½c; chops, 20c; ham, sliced, 25c; liver, 8c; veal chops, 20c; hens, 25c; pork sausage, 12½c; lamb shoulders, 10c; picnic ham, 12½c.

Vegetables.

Peas, 15c, or 2 lbs. for 25c; asparagus, 5@7c; radishes, 20c per doz.; cucumbers, 10@15c each; potatoes, home grown, $2.50, Yakima, $2.75 sk.; tomatoes, 10@ 15c per lb.; cabbage, 3c lb.; lettuce, 2 for 5c; all bunch stuff, 3 for 5c; cauliflower, 5@10c head, rhubarb, 3 lbs. for 10c; artichokes, 2 for 15c.

Fruits.

Apples, $1@2.25 box; oranges, 15@60c doz.; grape fruit, 2 for 15c, 4 for 25c; lemons, 20c per doz.

Dairy Products.

Eggs, 25c doz.; cream cheese, 17½c; cottage, 15c; Swiss, imported, 35c; domestic, 25c; butter, 25@33c; dairy, 25c.

Fish.

Halibut cheeks, 2 lbs. 25c; halibut, 8c lb; salmon, 15c; smelts, 4 lbs. 25c; black cod, 10c; salmon trout, 18c; rock cod, 15c; clams, 3c per lb.; eastern oysters, $1.00 qt.; $1.50@2 a hundred; Olympia oysters, $1.00 qt.; shrimps, 12½c@25c; crabs, $1.50@2.00 a doz.; perch, 10c.

Hay, Feed and Grain

Prices in Tacoma.

Bran, 85c sack; shorts, $1.20 sack; wheat, $2.15 sack; oats, $1.65 sack 100 lbs; hay, timothy, $24 ton; alfalfa, $17 ton; corn, $1.60 sack.

WHOLESALE PRICES

Livestock.

Cows, 4½c; steer beef, 6¼@6½c; wethers, 4½@4¾c; lambs, 5½@6c; ewes, 5@4½c; hogs, 10@11c; heifers, 4¾c.

Poultry

Turkeys, 23@25c; ducks, live, 12c; hens, live, 17c; springs, 20@22c; squabs, live, $2.50@3 doz.; dressed, $3@3.50.

Vegetables.

Artichokes, $1 doz.; beans, wax, 8c lb.; green, 8c lb.; bell peppers, 20c; Chili peppers, 12c; tomatoes, $2.25@3.50 crate; cucumbers, hothouse, $1.50 doz.; carrots, 20c doz. bunches, $1 sack; beets, 20c doz., $1.75 sack; 7c; radishes, 30c doz.; rutabagas, $1.25 sack; parsley, 35c doz.; lettuce, $1.50 per crate; spinach, 5c lb.; sprouts, 8c; green onions, 20c doz.

Butter and Eggs.

BUTTER—Washington ranch, candled, 23c.

B. I. P. U. QUOTATIONS

FRUIT — Gooseberries, 5c lb.; strawberries, $1.75@2.25 crate.

VEGETABLES—Head lettuce, 15c doz; cucumbers, 50c@$1.50; spinach, 3c lb.; radishes, 15c; rhubarb, 1c; new asparagus, 7@8c; home grown asparagus, 7@8c; green peas, 6@7c; potatoes, $41@44 ton.

MEATS—Roosters, 10c; hens, 15c; springs, 20c; veal, 10@11½c.

EGGS, 23c.

Osgar und Adolf Find they are not the Only Celebrities in "Lunnon" . . . . . By Condo