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Throttled By Law

Tacoma may not sell water or light to citizens outside the city limits. Next year she will have 20,000,000 gallons a day surplus water and probably 10,000 surplus horsepower of electric current. But she can't sell it. Why? The law won't let her, says Judge Stiles. Why won't it let her? Because big business has been making the laws in the state for the last 20 years and has seen to it that the people themselves should not be permitted to nor encouraged to do anything for themselves that big business might want to do and make a profit on.

The Modern Tendency

To get a clear view of the drift of things in this country, take Illinois as a concrete example. During the past 10 years, for the first time in its history, the rural population actually declined—fell off 45,000. Chicago alone now has 39 per cent of the entire population and wages bigger every day. Thus the number of persons engaged in providing food gets less and less; the number consuming food, larger and larger. We are not complaining or drawing pessimistic conclusions from these facts. We call attention to modern tendencies. Doubtless they mean other changes, but they should be such as will make the world a better place to live in.

Dynamics of An Idea

Commission plan of government has been adopted by 166 municipalities, in 32 states. Isn't it wonderful what power there is in an idea? It originates in some man's brain, finds followers, takes hold of the popular imagination, and the first thing you know it has changed the face of the world. Not every idea, of course, but the good ones, the saving ones, that meet real needs of the times.

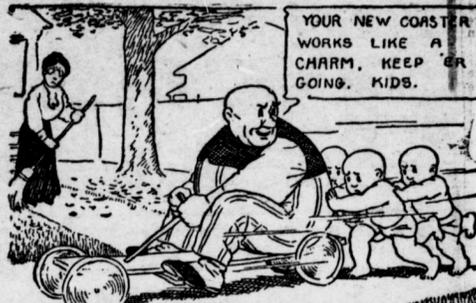
Why, of Course

Mr. Rockefeller and the Rev. Mr. Gates indignantly deny that they took advantage of a \$420,000 loan to get away with security now worth \$700,000,000. A question of veracity is involved. In such cases, the reputation and record of the witness counts a good deal with public opinion. Of course, if the richest man in the world has never coveted or absorbed the property of others, including large slices of the resources of mother earth, his disclaimer will find ready acceptance. Of course!

OBSERVATIONS

NEW MEXICO has got its pet name: "The Pueblo State." DANA'S "Two Years Before the Mast" is again published, this time with illustrations by a marine artist. Just the tale of a boy's trip around the Horn, but classic. JOHN WANAMAKER celebrated the golden anniversary of his Philadelphia store lately and received as a present from his employees the house at Southwark where he was born. He announced that he should use it as a home for crippled children. ALEXANDRE DUMAS'S cook has written a most intimate life of the great novelist. He says: "You cannot imagine what a gourmand this man, who ridiculed all the comfort of modern life, could be." You're no hero to your cook. QUEEN MARY says she won't ride an elephant at the Durbar, but it's hardly expected that she will walk. CHAMP CLARK wouldn't use the official automobile, and now he says he'll be dinged if he will eat in the speaker's private dining room they have fixed up at the capitol. Champ is missing a lot of comfort. NEBRASKA democrats tell Bryan his praise of LaFollette is splitting the party. Well, a party that wasn't split would be dreadfully out of fashion, these days. HOWL for lower prices is ringing around the world, yet the first man who wants less for his products or his labor is yet to be discovered. He will be photographed as soon as found. PHONOGRAPHS will be used to record testimony in a Massachusetts murder trial. Instead of calling on the stenographer to read his notes, they will simply turn the crank and grind out the original words.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



A SAFE DELIVERY. Jones—Dear me! You say you often lay down the law to your wife. How do you go about it? Bones—Why, all you need is firmness. I usually go into my study, lock the door and tell her through the keyhole. TO MATCH THE TRUNK. "Darn the luck! Somebody gave my daughter a steamer trunk." "Why are you kicking about that?" "Now she wants me to give her a trip abroad."

IT'S ALL THE WAY YOU SEE IT

BY BERTON BRADLEY. "That play of Green's is a rotten show, Tawdry, wicked and most obscene. Its wit is coarse and its humor low. I'd be ashamed if I were Green." "But the business it's doing is something swell—Gets by, doesn't it? Well?" "That deal of Ruggles was mighty queer. It didn't look right at all to me, I think his crookedness now is clear. Though the thing was done most legally!" "Hum. Maybe it was a bit of a sell—But he gets by, doesn't he? Well?" "That politician's a fake and fraud. He says a lot, but it isn't true. He's shifty eyed and he's too loose-jawed. And I know he works for the interests, too." "Yes, he is a bunco as you can tell—But he gets by, doesn't he? Well?" JUST OUR LUCK. Williams—This is a queer world. Walker—Right you are. A man's shoes will often get untied, but never just as he is ready to take them off.—Judge. HIS EXACT LOCATION. "Wombat was at the opera last night." "Ah, saw him drinking in the melody?" "No; when I saw him he was drinking in the bar." A FORMER STAR. "Had to shake my roommate." "He seemed a nice young man. No quarrel, I hope?" "No; we parted friends, but we had to part. He was all the time dreaming he was in a football rush." JUST LIKE FATHER'S. Barber—Well, my little man, how do you want your hair cut? Freddy—Just like father's. And don't forget the little round hole at the top where the head comes through.

TABLOID FACTS FOR FARMERS IN FACT AND FANCY

"Seven hundred and fifty million dollars is the best estimate for poultry production this year." This brief statement of fact from the annual report of the secretary of agriculture, issued yesterday, indicates that the great American hen is still running ahead of wheat in the financial race, and that Uncle Sam is taking due cognizance of her importance. There are many other things in Secretary Wilson's report. Here are some of them: "If good roads from the producer to the consumer were general, the benefits to both would be considerable." "Save all the liquid fertilizers on the farm, in cisterns, to be applied where crops are to grow. This will recover the greatest farm waste of our times." "The corn crop is moving northward by seed selection. "The consumer pays a dollar for food. The farmer gets less than 50 cents for it. Who gets the rest?" "When a foreign insect invades, our scientists seek its enemy where it came from. The natural enemy of the boll weevil was an ant that could not endure our winters. Now the native ant is getting busy." "Total value of farm crops for 1911, \$8,517,000,000 or \$277,000,000 below the total for 1910. Decline is attributed to falling off in prices of farm animals. Crops, however, are worth more than in 1910. "Corn is king. Crop estimated at 2,776,000,000 bushels. Value, \$1,700,000,000—a record in value but not in bushels. Three-fourths of the world's crop is grown in the United States.

DR. MACY Is the Thief of Time The time to have dental operations performed is while cavities are small. The BEST place in Tacoma to have dental work of merit is the Tacoma Dental Parlors. 1146 1-2 Pacific av. Ridpath Bldg. Phone M. 4282. Lady Attendant.

Most Anything

I live in Sunshine Alley, So I'm happy all the day. For there the birds are singing, And there the children play. And there the flowers blossom Upon the summer air, Just lovelier and sweeter Than any anywhere!

With all the papers in the country telling about this man Kelly who has his skull trepanned and forgot all about his wife, there's likely to be a boom in the trepanning business.

If men drew the salaries that their wives think them entitled to the supply of coin could be exhausted after one payday.

A Frenchman has invented a process of making wine from bananas.

The spotlight shows up all the spots.

In Connecticut dogs can now ride on the cars.

Hogs have been allowed on the cars for some time.

However, it is provided that Connecticut dogs must ride with the motorman. They have cars made a-purpose for hogs.

It is tough luck to be drawn on a jury just after you have resolved to do your Christmas shopping early.

Wait Mason complains that some men are only pious on Sunday. After sizing up their brand of piety we are inclined to be thankful that they are not pious on week days, too.

Bird Coler is against Woodrow Wilson. Wood's luck is phenomenal.

There are more than 100 firms or individuals manufacturing aeroplanes in Germany.

WHY? The government pays 4 cents a pound to the railroad for carrying mail; the express companies pay three-fourths of ONE cent to the same railroad for hauling express packages.

It's a wise man who hires a stenographer with hair that matches his wife's.

Talking about popular fiction, how about the story about the landlord who gives a discount on the rent because he realizes that the furnace hasn't been doing its duty.

Heartless old Doc Wiley would cut druggists' profits down to 40 per cent if he had his way.

You have no right to live unless somebody else is glad that you are alive.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Colorado is talking of sending a woman to the United States senate. The legislature could not agree on a man to take the toga worn by the late Senator Hughes, so the women voters have put forward Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, one of the most eminent women suffragists of the country, as their candidate for the place. She is getting such support that her candidacy has passed the stage of being a joke.

MRS. DECKER

TODAY IN HISTORY

Dec. 8, 1864, while Gen. W. T. Sherman was marching through Georgia with his 60,000 men, he found a crowd of them assembled around a young officer whose foot had been blown off by a torpedo planted in the road, his horse being killed also. Sherman found that there had been no resistance at that point, nor warning of danger, but the road had been mined with 13-inch shells set with friction matches to set them off when trodden upon. "This is not war," exclaimed Sherman, "but murder," and he ordered a batch of rebel prisoners to be brought from the provost guard armed with picks and spades and marched them in close order along the road so as to explode their own torpedoes or dig them up.

THE MARKETS

Table with columns for various commodities and their prices. Includes Apples, Pears, Oranges, Lemons, Cranberries, Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Beans, Turnips, Pumpkins, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Cabbage, Onions, Fish and Oysters, Clams, Crabs, Butter, Washington Creamery, Eggs, Eastern, Washington Ranch.

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Christmas Suggestions What makes a better Christmas present than a new SUIT or COAT. For Saturday's selling we place on sale 2 lots of suits and 2 lots of coats at prices unheard of before. Read carefully as follows: Lot 1--Suits at \$13.95 35 Suits in this lot; materials are serges, mannish worsteds, tweeds, etc.; values up to \$27.50. Saturday special \$13.95 Lot 2--Suits at \$20.00 Beautiful New Tailored Suits in tweeds, serges, chevots and mannish worsteds; regular \$29.50, \$32.50 and \$35 values. Saturday special \$20.00 Coats at \$14.75 45 Coats in this lot; materials are plaid backs diagonals, homespuns, tweeds and Austrian cloths; values up to \$25. Saturday special \$14.75 Coats at \$19.50 35 Coats, the cream of our large assortment; materials are two-faced, plaid back and mannish cloths; values up to \$29.50. Saturday special \$19.50

Surprises Await You in TOYLAND

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Table listing various toys and their prices. Includes Standard Coaster Wagons, Doll Buggies, Shoo Fly Rocking Horses, Wheel Barrows, Hand Car, Velocipede, Rocking Horse, Doll Buggies.

Our 35c Ideal M. J. Coffee with Cream served Free Saturday afternoon and evening. Prices for Saturday and Monday Our 35c Ideal M. J. Coffee 29c Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel 19c 6 lbs. Rolled Oats 25c 2 cans Cascade Milk 13c Full pound Seeded Raisins 10c

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