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Funny, isn't it, that what turns the leaves red leaves us blue?

He is a wise letter writer who knows what not to say.

Something ought to be done to encourage the languishing umbrella industry, too.

If Alfred Austin possessed a sense of humor he might have a great deal of fun reading his own works.

The Vienna Academy of Sciences has spent nearly \$9,000 in working ten tons of uranium ore for radium.

Now it is announced that locomotor ataxia is curable. The science of the twentieth century is evidently going to be epoch-making.

Some correspondence school could make a hit by instituting a course in what letters to burn and what not to write.

Count Zeppelin now has half a million dollars at his disposal for airship experiments. The recent destruction of his apparatus proved a good advertisement after all.

By performing a few more deeds of heroism during the next six months Kermit may succeed in making his own stories from Africa worth one or two dollars a word.

A French countess, noted as a hunter of big game, has been lost in the wilds of Africa. It is to be hoped that the lions she started out to find did not find her sweet enough to eat.

The latest explosion on a French armored cruiser again demonstrates the tremendous efficiency of the warships of France in wrecking themselves and killing off their own crews.

To do away with public love-making a western town has passed an ordinance requiring young people to be at home by nine o'clock. Well, it's getting dark earlier now, and much can be done before curfew.

A Gotham ex-multi-millionaire and king of Wall street, after having won and lost two fortunes, is now working on a salary. This fairly illustrates the ups and downs of speculation, except that all ex-speculator kings are not lucky enough to get the salary job.

A man in New York has sued his wife for divorce on the ground that she gives him either raw or burned steak, and that this constitutes cruel and inhuman treatment. Which practically indorses the contemptuous view of the masculine sex in the recipe given at a club meeting to make a husband happy: "Feed the brute."

This year's "senior wranglership" at the University of Cambridge, England, gave great honors to a young Russian Jew. The result of the "mathematical trips" shows that Selig Brodetsky, whose father had sought an asylum in England from Russian oppression, had been bracketed with Mr. Ibbotson, scholar of Pembroke, for the coveted British blue riband of mathematics.

Hopeful visions of the future are always valuable, if they serve only to stimulate the imagination. The secretary of the Postal Progress league looks forward to a time when the rural delivery shall convey to the "man at the sources" electric power for mechanical purposes, freight and passengers, and shall furnish telegraph and telephone service. Stranger dreams have come true.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company mechanics have lately equaled the ingenuity of the automobile owner who jacked up his car and used the motor to run a circular saw. They have equipped 17 locomotives in the Pittsburgh yards with hose and pumping machinery so that they may be used as fire engines. A system of signals has been arranged for calling the engines in case of need.

According to Richard Croker it is American money which seems to be keeping Egypt going. "Two-thirds of the visitors," says Mr. Croker, "I met all around came from America, and they represented all parts of the states. They provide the people with a living not only in the hotels, but in the streets. I never saw such people for begging. As soon as an Egyptian child is born it seems to ask for backsheesh, and Egyptians are looking for money all the time."

The name "vaudeville" originally came from the ballads of Oliver Baselin, who was born and flourished in the Val de Vire in Normandy. The Val de Vire ballads came to be known as the vaudeville ballads, and these and similar sprightly songs constituted the vaudeville entertainment. It is a long stretch from this to dances, acrobatic feats, dramatic sketches and Johnny Hayes telling how it feels to be a Marathon winner in the Olympic games.



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT,
Elected Tuesday as the Next President of the United States.

CABINET BUILDERS BUSY.

Usual States Making Their Appearance in Washington.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The usual cabinet slates, which invariably follow the election of a new president, are making their appearance. Of course there is no authoritative ground whatever for the mention of specific names as Mr. Taft has not given the slightest intimation of his intentions, so far as can be learned. But this does not stop the usual conjecture.

In this speculative comment, Secretary Root is often mentioned as likely to continue at the head of the state department, if he desires to stay. It is known that Mr. Taft has a high regard for his former cabinet associate. It appears to be the general impression that Secretary Luke Wright will be another to remain, owing to the warm personal attachment between himself and the president-elect, including their close association in the Philippines during the constructive period of the American work there.

It appears to be quite generally accepted that Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee, will be included in the forthcoming cabinet, probably as postmaster general, a post for which he would have practical qualifications, owing to his service, until a few months ago, as first assistant postmaster general. The defeat of Congressman Hepburn of Iowa, long chairman of the commerce committee of the house of representatives, has aroused some comment as to his availability as secretary of commerce and labor. The committee of which Mr. Hepburn is the head, had much to do in creating the department.

THE INDIANA RESULT.

Radical Change in State's Congressional Representation.

Indianapolis, Nov. 5.—A radical change in Indiana's representation in the national house of representatives was the most striking feature of Tuesday's election. The latest unofficial returns complete give the Democratic party 11 members and the Republicans two. This is a gain of seven for the Democrats, the former representation being nine Republicans and four Democratic members.

The Democrats made a clean sweep of Kansas City and Jackson county, Mo. Not a Republican candidate was elected. The majorities ranged from 2,800 to nearly 8,000.

How About This?

Macon, Ga., Nov. 5.—The Georgia Republican state committee gave out the following: "Indications now point to a Bryan majority of 5,000 or less. The state gave Parker 37,000 in 1904.

CLEAN SWEEP IN NEBRASKA

DEMOCRATS GET ABOUT EVERYTHING IN SIGHT.

Republicans Only Save One Congressman Out of State's Delegation of Six.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 5.—Returns Wednesday night on Tuesday's election which, while far from complete, are sufficiently definite to confirm and emphasize the first report that the Democrats have made a sweeping victory in Nebraska. While the pluralities for the victorious party are not phenomenally large, they are complete, the state ticket and candidates for congress in most instances running parallel with Bryan, who was expected to lead the ticket by several thousand.

Complete returns from a third of the counties and scattering precincts returns from most of the remainder show that Bryan will have a plurality of not less than 10,000 and Shallenberger Democrat for governor, and the balance of the Democratic state ticket will have hardly a thousand less.

But the Democratic victory does not stop there. At least four and probably five of Nebraska's six congressmen are Democratic, only one Republican, Hinshaw, in the Fourth district, being assured of escaping defeat. Nearly complete returns from every county in the Fourth district show that Hinshaw has won by nearly 700 votes although his district gave Bryan a plurality. There is a close fight in the Fifth district between Norris, Republican, and Ashton, Democrat, with the chances favoring the Democrat. Not enough returns have been received from the Sixth to base an estimate, but the trend of the district is Democratic.

The greatest surprise of all is the overwhelming majority the Democrats will have in the legislature. Of the 133 senators and representatives elected the canvassers of returns Wednesday night could find but 18 Republicans who had won. These, of course, are incomplete, but the Republican committee concedes the Democrats will control both branches. Lancaster (Lincoln) county, which has for 20 years elected none but Republican members to both branches, this year sends four Republicans and three Democrats.

The Election in Porto Rico. San Juan, P. R., Nov. 5.—Elections were held Tuesday throughout the island for members of the legislature and the resident commissioner at Washington. The results show that every district was carried by the Unionist party, with increased majorities. Tulio Larrinaga was re-elected commissioner.

BUSINESS MANAGER FOR CHURCH

Cleveland Institution Plans to Try a New System.

The Epworth Memorial Methodist church in Cleveland has decided to try a new system of church management. A business manager has been appointed who will give his entire time and attention to the finances of the church. As executive secretary he will collect the benevolences, dues of members, subscriptions, etc., and pay all expenses. He will serve as secretary of the standing committees of the church and keep a record of their business for transmission to the official board. This, it is expected, will leave the pastor free to give attention to the larger plans of the work and to his pulpit and pastoral duties. Epworth Memorial has the largest membership of all the Protestant churches in the city. It has an extensive charity work and handles over \$35,000 in contributions every year. Dr. G. K. Morris, district superintendent, strongly commends the innovation. "To my mind," he says, "it is the ideal of church government. I expect to see the plan adopted in many other cities."

BOTH UPLIFTING.



"I see that they're a-goin' to uplift us farmers!"

"What do they calculate ter use—balloons or dynamite?"

15 YEARS OF SUFFERING.

Burning, Painful Sores on Legs—Tortured Day and Night—Tried Many Remedies to No Avail—Cured by Cuticura.

"After an attack of rheumatism, running sores broke out on my husband's legs, from below the knees to the ankles. There are no words to tell all the discomforts and great suffering he had to endure night and day. He used every kind of remedy and three physicians treated him, one after the other, without any good results whatever. One day I ordered some Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent. He began to use them and in three weeks all the sores were died up. The burning fire stopped, and the pains became bearable. After three months he was quite well. I can prove this testimonial at any time. Mrs. V. V. Albert, Upper Frenchville, Me., July 21, 1907."

Time's Wonderful Changes.

Harry Lauder says that when Sir Alexander Ramsay was constructing upon his magnificent estate in Scotland a piece of machinery to drive, by means of a small stream in his barnyard, a threshing machine, a winnowing machine, a circular saw for splitting trees, a hay press, an oat roller, etc., he noticed an old fellow, who had long been about the place, looking very attentively at all that was going on. "Robby," said he, "wonderful things people can do nowadays, can't they?" "Ay," said Robby; "indeed, Sir Alexander, I'm thinking if Solomon was alive now he'd be thought naething o'!"

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Disgruntled Dad.

"I see," said the Wall street man, "that you are engaged again."

"I am," admitted the son and heir.

"Just when violets and theater tickets are due for their fall rise. Why must you always fall in love on a bull market?"—Kansas City Journal.

I AM A MOTHER



How many American women in lonely homes to-day long for this blessing to come into their lives, and to be able to utter these words, but because of some organic derangement this happiness is denied them.

Every woman interested in this subject should know that preparation for healthy maternity is accomplished by the use of

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

Mrs. Maggie Gilmer, of West Union, S. C., writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I was greatly run-down in health from a weakness peculiar to my sex, when Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me. It not only restored me to perfect health, but to my delight I am a mother."

Mrs. Josephine Hall, of Bardstown, Ky., writes:

"I was a very great sufferer from female troubles, and my physician failed to help me. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound not only restored me to perfect health, but I am now a proud mother."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

Savagery in Civilization.

It is no time to say that man cannot, in civilized society, be guilty of cannibalism. I tell you there are more cannibals in New York than in the Isles of the Pacific; and if to-day you were suddenly to take away the support that comes from eating men, there would be thousands and thousands of empty maws to-morrow in that city.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Clear white clothes are a sign that the housekeeper uses Red Cross Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package, 5 cents.

You don't have to go to a rink to see a lot of cheap skates.

It Cures While You Walk. Allen's Foot-Ease for corns and bunions, hot, sweaty, calloused aching feet. See all Druggists.

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Put new shoes on the youngster. Look at them in a week. They're usually battered, scraped, almost shapeless. Get a pair of Buster Brown Shoes. Scuffing, scraping, kicking doesn't mar them—they thrive on knocks. They wear.

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