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SPRINGS THE DEADLY PARALLEL

To Show That Billy Sunday Stole the Eloquence of That Great Agnostic Robert Ingersoll

It Will Take Much Explaining Besides "Trumped up Lies" to Satisfy the Doubting

That great exponent of billingsgate and Bohemianism, Billy Sunday, who never sells at so much per save through the medium of "free-will-offerings" arranged in advance by his business manager is getting into deep water. So far he has been able by his noise and blasphemy to keep himself free from attack, but now the tide seems to be turning and some of his sharp practices are being shown up. The American people will stand for almost any fad for a while, but there does come a turning point and a revulsion. It is probable that Billy does not care much if the turn comes now or later for by this time he has so many "free-will-offerings" poured into the lap of his business manager that the question of want will never trouble him more.

Billy in addition to his many other accomplishments is now accused of stealing the thoughts, phrases, and even sentences of Robert G. Ingersoll in his Truth Seeker, an agnostic paper published in Philadelphia. The paper quotes in parallel columns sentences in Sunday, delivered to soldiers in Bluffer Falls, and sentences delivered by Ingersoll in the Academy of Music, New York, May 30, 1882. The train of thought, even in the longest sentences and paragraphs, is almost identical.

Here are a few of the corresponding sentences of both orations:

SUNDAY.	INGERSOLL.
This is a day for memory and for tears. A mighty nation bends before its honored graves and pauses to sprinkle dust the tearful tribute of its love. Gratitude is the fairest flower that sheds its perfume in the human heart.—Beacon Times, [illegible] 1912, page 1, column 3.	This is a day for memory and tears. A mighty nation bends above its honored graves and pauses to sprinkle dust the tribute of its love. Gratitude is the fairest flower that sheds its perfume in the heart.—Complete Works, Vol. IX., page 419.
Again we tell the story of our country's life, recount the lofty deeds of vanished years, the toil and suffering, the defeats and victories of heroic men, of men who made our nation great and free.—Ibid.	Today we tell the history of our country's life, recount the lofty deeds of vanished years, the toil and suffering, the defeats and victories of heroic men, of men who made our nation great and free.—Ibid, page 418.
On this day the great struggle between the colonists and the kings should be told. We should tell our children of the contest, first for justice, then for freedom. We should tell them of the Declaration of Independence, the chart and compass of all human rights. All men are equal and have the same right to life, liberty, and to happiness.—Ibid.	On this day the story of the great struggle between the colonists and the kings should be told. We should tell our children of the contest, first for justice, then for freedom. We should tell them the history of the Declaration of Independence, the chart and compass of all human rights. All men are equal and have the right to life, liberty, and happiness.—Ibid, page 413.
This declaration unwarped kings and wrested from the hands of titled tyrants the sceptre of despotism and arbitrary power. * * * It opened all the paths to force and put the star of hope above the poor man's hale.—Ibid.	This declaration unwarped kings and wrested from the hands of titled tyrants the sceptre of despotism and arbitrary power. * * * It opened all the paths to force, and put the star of hope above the cradle of the poor man's babe.—Ibid.
England was then the mightiest of nations, mistress of every sea, and yet our fathers, poor and few, defied her power.—Ibid.	England was then the mightiest of nations, mistress of every sea, and yet our fathers, poor and few, defied her power.—Ibid.
They had the brain and the heart, the wisdom and the courage to utter and defend these words: "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." In the defense of this self-evident truth the war of the Revolution was waged and won.—Ibid, page 4, column 5.	They had the brain and heart, the wisdom and courage to utter and defend these words: "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." In defense of this sublime and self-evident truth the war was waged and won.—Ibid, page 418.

When shown the article in the Truth Seeker, Billy Sunday branded it as "trumped up lies."

The evangelist explained that he had been told he was using a part of Ingersoll's famous speech, but that he had never read a line of Ingersoll. People, he said, sent him clippings, among which was "some good stuff," which he used. Afterward he was informed it was from Ingersoll's speech.

There are a number of people in St. Joseph, among them a few ministers, who want Billy to come here and take up a "free-will-offering" through the agency of his business manager.

PRESS CLUB BANQUET.

A Get-Together Meeting at the Robidoux Tomorrow Afternoon.

The newly organized St. Joseph Press club will hold its first "get-together" banquet at the Hotel Robidoux at 1:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21. The affair will be strictly for newspaper men, including reporters, editors, advertising men, publishers, newspaper correspondents, newspaper men from towns adjacent to St. Joseph, former newspaper workers and other local life members. Short talks will be made by the leading newspaper men of St. Joseph, including C. D. Morris of the Gazette, L. T. Golding of the News-Press and Ewing Herbert of The Stock Yards Daily Journal.

The membership of the club is now greater than its most optimistic founders anticipated and it is now believed that the St. Joseph Press club will take its place among the big press clubs of the west.

WILL NOT NAME THE GROCER.

A St. Joseph housekeeper who does her own marketing says that the other day while visiting friends she dropped in at an Atchison grocery store where she was a stranger and there saw a full grown cat sitting on a basket of unwrapped macaroni. She says that she remarked to the grocer that it looked strange to see a cat sitting on the macaroni, when that functionary answered: "Yes, it is queer, for cats usually prefer the spaghetti, it's softer."

W. A. Bodenhausen of the Berger-Bodenhausen Clothing Co. was elected president of the Missouri Retail Clothiers' Association at its meeting held at St. Louis this week.

IT DESERVES THEIR SYMPATHY.

American People Should Pity the Hard-working Protective Tariff League.

The American Protective Tariff League held its thirtieth annual meeting in New York last week and on yesterday this paper received a copy of the proceedings. There were fifty-eight members present, the majority being from Connecticut and Massachusetts. There was not a member present from St. Joseph and from a glance into the league directory it is discovered that there is not a member of that organization in the state of Missouri and yet the A. P. T. League is, according to the report sent this paper, seek to control the United States.

The members present at the meeting represented almost every thing resembling interest but there was not a farmer or a working man among them. It reported the collections and expenditures of $1,269,[illegible]. It was reported that the league has "the greatest newspaper service in the world" and "a complete service in all the colleges in the United States." The president declared "I have faith in the patriotism of the American time, and we are going to have the best, the most scientific, the most practical protective tariff within sixty days of March 4, 1917 that was ever known in this country."

It appears that another campaign is to be made for the tariff and the old appeal will be made to farmers and wage workers. It seems somewhat strange that the farmers and wage workers have no representation in the league while the whole campaign will be made for their benefit. It appears from the report of the secretary and from what some of the speakers said, that the league has had rather hard sledding during the last year. One of the speakers, Mr. Ivy, said: "In the past two or three years we have been rather under the ban. A man dare not go down the street and say he was a member of the Protective Tariff league, he would be afraid he would be put in a bastile." The secretary reported that "Document No. 14, To Farmers: What Has the Underwood Free-Trade Tariff Done to You?" has small sales.

It appears that the farmers, being the most prosperous class in the country, are very hard to convince that the Underwood tariff has robbed them. The report says that 186 papers in Nebraska run the stuff, but the league has not the member in that state. In regard to the circulation of its literature in the colleges the report says:

"We met with some results at first, as a large proportion of the college professors were free-traders, unfortunately, however, we encountered a footlight."

The Tariff league represents the sixty sinners of the American people.

FRATERNAL WEEK ALMOST HERE.

Will Be Great Event in St. Joseph March 1 to 6.

Fraternal week in the City Worth While, March 1 to 6, will be one of the big events of the year, and there is promise of an unprecedented crowd in the old town during the five days of hilarious pleasure and profit.

Speakers of national renown have various and numerous fraternal organizations throughout the four great states of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. There have been already upwards of 45 lodges entered from various points in the above named states and many more are coming in to join the festivities.

Speakers of national renown have been secured for each day's program at the Auditorium, where the exercises, drills and contests, band concerts and vaudeville features will be held, the hall to be beautifully decorated and booths installed. There will be two grand street parades.

Fraternal Week headquarters, 8th and Jule streets, is at present one of the busiest places in the city. Here the several committees are working overtime to arrange the many details of the great event staged for the first week in March. W. A. King, the affable secretary, and T. J. Whitehead, president of the association, are officers at the work and they will be pleased to answer any and all inquiries relative to the coming festivals of fraternal orders.

Kansas City will always grieve at the St. Joseph one of the preferred cities as regards the exodus was reported favorably by the committee Thursday.

The Sons of the Revolution will hold their annual banquet at Hotel Robidoux Monday night.

"HADLEY A DOUBTER IN 1912."

Of course it would make no difference to the result if Herbert Hadley, the Republican ex-governor of Kansas—or was it Missouri; or to speak more plainly—the ex-Kansas governor of Missouri, should make the Republican race for United States senator from Missouri for a third beaten third he would be, when he recovered from the shock, as he would never know what had happened to him.

And again how he was wronged—so smoothly and so well which he deserved—at that Rep. "get together" meeting in St. Louis Friday night—it was worth the money.

Hadley had an open letter read at the meeting which was nothing more or less than a bid for the Republican senatorial nomination—and what do you think that is for?

When that letter was read from all parts of the hall [illegible] "Point out the man who will [illegible] a well and honest [illegible] that will [illegible] Herbert—[illegible] it was cheer [illegible] enough.

"Hadley was a doubter in 1912."

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

A New Version Adapted to and Dedicated to the British Admiralty.

Oh say, can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
We have always persisted as gloriously and unerringly.
But the submarine scare, and the bombs in the air
Have made us contend that our flag is not there.
Oh, say, does that star spangled banner now wave
To insure that no Britain can ever be a slave?
On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foeman's proud host in dread silence reposes,
"What is that?" he exclaims, "do I wake or I sleep?"
What flag now the breeze half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
And the colors reflected now shines on the stream,
"Tis the star spangled banner! Long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between our loved homes and the foes we might suffer,
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven rescued land
Praise the power that hath made us free from the wave.
And to brave little Belgium, which served as a buffer,
Then conquer we must for the Lusitania we trust
To kindly forget we are ever unjust,
And the star spangled banner we sorrowfully crave
May enable Britannia to still rule the wave.

GET PRESIDENT WILSON TO STOP.

President Wilson is coming West in a short time to attend the Panama exposition. He is going to stop at Kansas City, those tell lows down there claim. What's the matter with getting him to stop in a better city—St. Joseph? Get busy.

As Prohibition Propaganda in Gallatin.

When some man, or young man, steals a few chickens or a horse, we promptly send him to the penitentiary for a term of years. But right here in Gallatin day after day men are violating the laws of God and man, sending souls to perdition, making homes miserable, young manhood and young womanhood is being dragged into the gutter, all because of the illegal sale of liquor. It is unmanly and an great effort on society is waged against it. The expense of it are before us all the time. It is no excuse to point out some one else and say, "Why don't he do something?" We are all guilty alike for allowing this disgraceful thing to exist in our town and county. It is high time for a change and there is no time like now!—Gallatin North Missourian.

IF HE DELIVERS THE GOODS.

There is Fine Advice in It of Some Benefit to the Farmers.

Some of these rabid, wild-eyed newspapers who are working to get inexperienced and untried college men foisted off on the farmers at a high salary should read this from the Mexico Times-Intermediate last week:

R. V. Fugemann, one of the county's most progressive farmers and stockmen, who was here from his home near Vallier, the other day, is of the opinion that the farmers of Marion county are not opposed to the employment of a farm adviser, provided the adviser is a man who can really advise them, and in giving his views in regard to the matter he continued: "I extend the general sentiment of this class of the county's splendid citizenship.

"The great trouble with the farm advisers is that the greater part of them are not capable of advising a man who has been in the business all of his life, like Mr. Fugemann. The farmers want men for advisers who have experimented in conducting farms themselves, who have had experience with the purpose of advice in connection which advisers have been trying out and the results of a general thing have come far from satisfactory.

"These so-called experts do not live on the farms they advise about and are ignorant from the necessary practical knowledge of the conditions from which they come. They are full of theories and short on practical knowledge and when called down on a point they quote book at a rate that is quite amusing.

"The schools are going to change for now for the farmers are wise to the idea that they must get the practical feeling somewhere that which is to be of lasting benefit to them, and the result is that we are going back and not go to the university of life that seems to be the thing that will get them ahead.

"I have talked to many farmers about this and other matters and I know that the general opinion among them is that a farm adviser should be employed if the right man can be secured. These men are hard to get however, and the man who is employed will be compelled to show results or other wise. They are willing to pay the salary for advice worth while but they want a man who is in touch in dealing the farmer whether it be a crack farmer or one who doesn't know the difference between a horse and a cow and alike.

"Farmers all over the country who have given thought to the matter agree with the sentiment that was expressed to Mr. Fugemann and many of the leading agricultural papers are beginning to voice the sentiment.

A TRIFLE TOO LATE.

Detectives Failed to Get Hold of Bee-Leads R. Patmont.

Last week the papers were full of the exploits of the Bee-Leads R. Patmont, who was "intelligently" by the secret service men in which Patmont was arrested. But [illegible] the [illegible] Patmont from the [illegible] [illegible] They are

[illegible] Patmont was [illegible] [illegible] at Wyandotte. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Late he was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]