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For Supreme Court Justice Fourth District of Illinois, GUY C. SCOTT.

Hanna and Roosevelt are now in tender embraces politically, but Hanna has something up his sleeve. It isn't his arm, either.

The floods visited W. J. Bryan's newspaper office and soaked all the paper. Perhaps some of Bryan's political critics won't consider the Commoner such dry reading now.

The disturbances of Turtle Mountain, in British Columbia, show that we have a volcano and earthquake belt to the north as well as to the south. Possibly they are intended as a warning that the United States is as large as it ought to be, if the people want a quiet existence.

It is gratifying to note that Attorney-General Knox proposes to make Baer produce the coal trust's railroad and other contracts. The attitude of the trust toward the government in this matter has been one of insolent indifference, and the government must assert itself or acknowledge the coal trust its master.

Mark Hanna, in his opposition to the renomination of President Roosevelt, which was checkmated by the peripatetic president by an appeal to the organized appetite of his party, represents no inconsiderable element in the republican party, an element, however, that is not as aggressive as it is important. Mr. Roosevelt, like Benjamin Harrison, while he has made a fairly good president, as republican presidents go, has no devoted following outside of those who have official ties in their mouths and a few who have been fooled by his spectacular tricks into believing he is a truly wonderful man. The level-headed republicans, like Senator Hanna, who look beneath the surface, understand that a campaign with Mr. Roosevelt as a presidential candidate will be more dazzling than safe, and that he is liable to receive far more applause than votes.

Postmaster General Payne in the midst of other troubles is confronted by a growing deficit in the free delivery service, one-half of which is chargeable against the rural delivery branch. It is about 30 days before the appropriations for the next fiscal year are available, and the fear is that the deficit, first reported May 7, may increase not by arithmetical progression, but rather in a direct ratio to the square of the time. It seems to have cost considerable to collect the names of patrons along country routes to be sold to merchants in large cities. Congress cannot be blamed with neglect of this popular service, for it made immediately available a large appropriation. The conclusion almost unescapable is that high jinks were played with the money while officials were proffing by side lines of trafficking in departmental information. And this is the great business department of the government.

A Campaign for Reform.

One effect that the rottenness in public office under republican administration is going to have, is that it will lead to the adoption of a platform by the democrats next year something after the order of that adopted in 1876, on which Samuel J. Tilden was nominated and elected. That platform called for reform in almost every paragraph, and the democratic rallying cry of that year was "Turn the rascals out!" It is daily becoming more and more evident that there is as much necessity for reform now as there was then, and it seems to be the growing consensus of opinion in democratic circles that the cry of "Reform" will be one of the issues in the next campaign.

If the honest men of the nation, regardless of party affiliations, could be made to understand the conditions at Washington in many of the departments, and how the holding of public office under republican auspices throughout the land is being considered a "private snap," they would sweep the republican party out of office on the cry of reform alone, and with no other issue in the campaign.

A Great Presidential Tour.

The tour by President Roosevelt which will end a few days hence will be notable for many reasons. It will be the longest ever taken by a presi-

dent of the United States or the head of any other great nation. By June 6, when he reaches the national capital, he will have passed through or touched 22 states, and will have traveled in the neighborhood of 14,000 miles. The journey has stretched from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and has, besides, covered many degrees of latitude between New Mexico, Arizona and southern California up to the northern part of the state of Washington. While most of the tour has been through the states and territories west of the Mississippi, it has, or will have, extended through many of those east of the river also. No other president has ever, on a single stretch, passed through anything like so many states. Although the south has hardly been entered, the greater part of the rest of the country, exclusive of New England, has been traversed or touched, or will be by the time the tour ends a few days hence.

The Way to Catch the Public Eye.

There is but one "best" way to catch the public eye, in an inoffensive and purely legitimate manner. The greatest merchants long since found out that way. Look at the amazing amount of spread ads, plain, displayed and small ads, published in all the really successful papers of the land. In each city there are favorite media used by the chief traders, and also by the humbler seekers for help in times of need. Arrayed attractively and classified expertly, these columns of announcements fill, even to the ordinary reader, a story of human interest that few romances can equal. Every phase of existence has its photograph, suggestion or plea. The classification of announcements is a comparatively new and certainly a helpful aid to the student of modern life. Old Mr. Bennett justified the personals in his paper on the ground that everything of human interest was entitled to a chance. The desire to know the news makes people buy a newspaper. Every advertiser is interested to see his appeal. You are not likely to turn from your paper to the posters on the fences, and as you are in a car the freaks on the street don't catch your eye. "Printers' ink" made Bonner and Barnum, two lousy bees, who gathered much of the public's honey.

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR.

Hundreds of Rock Island Citizens Can Tell You All About It.

Home indorsement, the public expression of Rock Island people, should be evidence beyond dispute for every Rock Island reader. Surely the experience of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing in far-away places. Read the following: John Taylor, of 743 Fourteenth street, grocer, says: "I had a dull pain in the small of my back which I attributed to the sluggishness of my kidneys. There were no other symptoms of kidney trouble, but I was anxious to get rid of it before further complications set in which might be more difficult to check. Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention and I obtained a box from the Harper House drug store. I took them regularly, and although I only used one box, it was sufficient to cure me." For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn company, Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

A PESTIFEROUS GERM

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People who complain of falling hair as a rule do not know that it is the result of dandruff, which is caused by a pestiferous parasite burrowing up the scalp as it digs down to the sheath in which the hair is fed to the scalp. Before long the hair root is shriveled up and the hair drops out. If the work of the germ is not destroyed hair keeps thinning till baldness comes. The only way to kill dandruff is to kill the germ, and until now there has been no hair preparation that would do it; but today dandruff is easily eradicated by Newbro's Herpicide, which makes hair glossy and soft as silk. For sale by T. H. Thomas, druggist.

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DAILY SHORT STORY

A Love Game.

(Original.)

There are three of us bosom friends who understand one another perfectly—Tom Allison, Bob Turnlee and myself. We are forever chaffing one another, poking fun, ridiculing, abusing—in short, doing everything but praising. At times Tom and Bob will unite to hammer me unmercifully; then it will be Tom and I against Bob or Bob and I against Tom.

When Lydia first saw us together, she held her breath, expecting to see me land a blow plumb between Tom's eyes. Then she expected to see Tom pick up a poker and brain me. But when the process was repeated between Tom and Bob she began to wonder what it all meant. Finally she became fascinated with it.

"I'm going to try it with Mae," she said to me.

"Better not. Women won't stand that sort of thing," I said to her.

"I'd like to know why. They can stand it just as well as men—that is, if they want to."

"That's it exactly; they don't want to."

"I shall explain it all to Mae; then we'll begin."

"You'll lose your friend. I tell you what you do. Begin with a man. Specialists going in for a dangerous experiment first try it on a dog. I will be your dog in this instance."

"You don't seem to have a very high opinion of yourself."

"Never mind that. You wish to be on what I will call abusive terms with a very dear friend. After you have proved that you can stand such treatment yourself it will be time enough to try it on Mae. When shall we begin?"

"Now."

"Very well; now if I do, I will play a rubber of pingpong. I will treat you exactly as I do Tom and Bob. If I offend you during two games, you give up your attempt with Mae."

She accepted the terms and we went to the table. She served the ball. At the first serve it struck the line between the courts.

"Get that squirt out of your eye," I remarked, "and put the ball in the court."

I could see the blood mount to her cheek, but with a spasmodic effort, she controlled herself and gave me the next ball properly. I am very expert at pingpong; when I returned it I landed it in her eye.

"You did that on purpose," she said hotly.

"Of course I did, and I'll do it again if you give me another such ball. That's not your side of the table. Stand on the other side."

She darted an angry glance at me, but thought herself, and, biting her lip, proceeded with the game. We had a number of spirited returns, and at last she missed the ball and it rolled under a sofa. She waited for me to get it. Since I was playing with a woman and it was only in words that I was to treat her as a man, I complied. But I gave the usual grumble, "If you can't do any better than that, I'll send a balloon at you."

Again she bit her lip, but said nothing except to count, making a mistake. "Fifteen—love."

"See here," I said, laying my racket on the table. "If you can't win the game by a fair count, you'd better give it up."

"I meant love—fifteen; you know very well I did. You're trying to aggravate me. I'll aggravate you and see how you like it."

She served the ball viciously, and it fell clear of the table.

"There you—you horrid thing!"

"That's fine repartee. You'd make a good end man at a minstrel show."

By this time her eye shone with suppressed anger, and her cheeks were flaming. The game had only been begun, and I considered it ungenerous to push her too hard, so I let her alone till we stood forty—deuce; then I began a little prodding. She had a very lugubrious look on her face, partly from anger and partly from injured innocence.

"Come, Mrs. Dismal," I said. "Why don't you weep a few tears? They'd blind your eyes and give me the game."

"I don't care. You're acting horribly. I never heard you talk this way before, even to Tom or Bob."

"Well, now, I like that. This would be peaches and cream to either of 'em. Vantage out!"

She was so flustered that she missed, though I had put the ball in the center of her court.

"That was foul!" she exclaimed.

"Oh, you plead the baby act, do you?"

"Nothing of the kind! I say it was a foul ball."

"Well, call it off. We'll call 'em all off except those that strike your racket. You'd better ram the handle in your hair and go to sleep. I'll send the ball against it and do your playing for you."

This can hardly be called a feather, but it "broke the camel's back." She threw down her racket, put her hands to her eyes, and, going to a sofa, buried her face in a pillow. It ended the game which was to decide whether a woman could stand a man's treatment of a man. It was the end of another game which we two had been playing, and in which I was indignantly beaten. I went to her, put my arm about her and my face as near to hers as I could get it and said:

"Lydia, sweetheart, forgive me."

"You have acted very harshly."

"I have been brutal."

"You would not expect Tom or Bob to excuse such treatment."

"I would crawl at the feet of either if I had acted half so badly."

I lifted her head, took away her hands and kissed her. After all it was a love game. F. A. MITCHEL.

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