

OUR JOHNS AND SOCKLESS JERRY

They Collide with Considerable Force and Amuse a Hotel Crowd.

THURSTON TALKS ON FARM TOPICS.

Simpson Tells What He Knows About Mortgages, Trusts and the Tariff—Strange and Exciting Political Encounter.

CHICAGO BUREAU OF THE BEE.

It is supposed that Hon. John M. Thurston, the United Pacific lawyer, and "Jerry" Simpson, the alleged sockless statesman, registered the same day at the Grand Pacific.

The Kansas farmer, who claims that his brethren are sorely oppressed with mortgages and debts, paid for by the United Pacific's bonded indebtedness, which, he asserts, is saddled mostly upon Kansas, ran full tilt upon the guns of the United Pacific.

"Now, see here, Jerry," "No, I won't. Wait a minute. Look what you did with sugar, just as if it were after the tariff was removed from this product, did the sugar trust last?"

"Now, Jerry," "How about the business that there is a guaranteed profit of 10 per cent in that can be controlled by a trust," said Mr. Thurston.

"Both! There are enough farming implements being sold around the various farms, simply rotting in place, to supply every farmer in the country. Why? Simply because men like you who know nothing about farming purchased them and did not know how to use them."

"Jerry," "You know you never farmed a legitimate day in your life. You think that because I wear a pair of socks I know anything about farming, was brought up on a farm and I know my arguments have as much weight as yours. Why? I'd just like to challenge you to a plowing match—breaking prairie and so on, if you like."

"You republicans are responsible for the terrible pain of heart that has befallen the Kansas," continued the congressman.

"I consider these mortgages an evidence of prosperity," replied the Omaha republican. "Men went out there who could not borrow a dollar in the world, took up farms, worked them and in a short time found themselves with sufficient money to pay for the mortgage."

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