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To be good is noble; but to teach  
others how to be good is nobler—  
and less trouble.  
—Mark Twain.

**Absolute Power**

A bill in the New York legislature for the re-organization of the police system of New York city is encountering opposition from two sources. It has been called the Goethals bill because Colonel Goethals, when he was invited to become head of the New York police department said he would consider the offer only, on the condition that he be given absolute control over the department, similar to that which he exercises in the canal zone. Though the negotiations of the New York administration were broken off by his acceptance of the governorship of the canal zone, the police bill, in accordance with his suggestions was presented to the legislature and has been energetically pushed by Mayor Mitchell.

The bill leaves policemen of all grade no recourse against the will of the head of the department. When discharged they are denied a hearing; they have no appeal. The bill is fought by some who believe, perhaps honestly, that the proposed power is too absolute to be put into the hands of one man. They would perhaps, not object, if the power were to be exercised by Colonel Goethals but it might fall into the hands of men who would use it as wrongly as a somewhat similar power was used by Tammany at its worst, when a conscientious and vigilant policeman could be "broke" at the wink of an influential dive keeper. The criminal element opposes the bill in the fear that the power might be lodged in the hands of an efficient and incorruptible head of the department.

An interesting question is presented. We must confess that there are not many Colonel Goethals in this world. At any rate, not many have been discovered. There are as honest men but there are few such combinations of honesty and efficiency. Colonel Goethals was the right man in the right place in the canal zone. He would be the right man in the right place anywhere. But an instrument put into his hand to give the greatest play to his efficiency would be a dangerous weapon in the hands of another.

If his exercise of his great power had proved a disastrous experiment in the canal zone it could have been quickly abandoned by President Roosevelt who instituted the experiment. But the head of the New York police force, backed by a city administration and buttressed by a law which could not be quickly repealed or amended, would be able to do much harm in case he did not turn out to be a Colonel Goethals.

Within two weeks we will have a man in Phoenix, clothed with similar power, but he will be in this favorable position—if he is not capable of exercising it properly he may be immediately removed by the administration and if the administration should refuse to remove him, it would be subject to recall.

There is no doubt that such power and undivided responsibility, safeguarded as it was in the canal zone and as it is here, is productive of the greatest efficiency but we are inclined to agree with the New York objectors that it is a very dangerous thing there.

**Reckless Driving**

One of the immediate needs of the city is an increase of the number of motor cops on North Center street by two, to catch the violators of the speed and other traffic ordinances. The county should have two on North Central avenue beyond the city limits. These officers would not have to be maintained indefinitely, only long enough to throw the fear of the law into the hearts of insane drivers. A stiff jail sentence or two, imposed by the police court or a justice's court would go a long way toward stopping this dangerous form of out-laws. We punish burglars severely when we catch them but no burglar except him who goes prepared to kill if interrupted, is so much a menace to the community as many of the drivers along this boulevard.

Any magistrate who should deal leniently with one convicted of reckless automobile driving ought to be debarred from holding office in this community again. The new city government would furnish us with an earnest of its good intentions and efficiency by taking hold of this matter at its first meeting.

The two motor policemen we have are vigilant and do all that two men can do, but they cannot watch the long stretch of road which so many are using as a race track to the peril of life and limb of others who frequent that thoroughfare on business or pleasure. Traffic in the business district is well regulated and it should be so outside that district.

**Elgin Butter**

The town of Elgin, Illinois, which we believe, the watch-making industry first made famous has lost its identity completely in the business of butter-making. Elgin is no longer the name of a town but the name of a grade of butter whose manufacture is without geographical boundaries. All the Elgin butter is not made at Elgin and we suppose that some of the butter made there is not Elgin butter.

Formerly the butter made at the dairies there was known as Elgin butter. The Elgin industry spread until it came to embrace all of northern Illinois, southern Wisconsin and several counties in Michigan. All the butter within that district of the same grade, fixed by the Elgin, (not the town), board of trade, was known in the market as Elgin butter.

Now, the rules of the board of trade have been recently revised, so that the name Elgin can be applied to any butter which comes up to the requirements of the Elgin call board. It may be made anywhere in the United States, but it must conform to the Elgin standard, 93 points perfect on a scale of 100. It must be fresh-churned and must be offered for sale by a member in good standing of the Elgin board of trade. The board members are found in all parts of the United States and are not all at Elgin and vicinity, otherwise, the butter, qualified in other respects could not conform to the "fresh-churned" requirement.

We learn from this how valuable is a well established reputation. The Salt River Valley already has a national reputation for its oranges, so that in the eastern markets the best California oranges pass for Arizona oranges. We should build up a similar reputation for all other products of the valley, its cotton, its dates, its olives so that the excellence of any of them would be identified with the Salt River Valley.

**Ohio Farm Loans**

While this government is investigating rural credit systems abroad and experts are filling pages with arguments in favor of such a system in this country, Ohio has a rural credit plan of twenty years standing. Of the measure of the success of it we are not informed but it must have been found successful for it has commenced itself to eighty-two of the eighty-eight counties of the Buckeye state. More than \$12,000,000 is now out among Ohio farmers, more than sixteen per cent of all the farm loans in the state. These loans are made through building and loan associations, that is, so-called building and loan associations though they are really farmers' land banks. What rate of interest the farmers have to pay we do not know, but if it is no less than the prevailing rate the borrowers have the advantage of not being at the mercy of the caprice of individual lenders.

There is perhaps not as much helpfulness in the Ohio system as in the German and other European systems which are conducted less as money making enterprises than to make things easier for the farmer.

Looking at The Republican war map yesterday morning we fail to see what the Mexican trouble is about, who's doing the fighting. There are no combatants anywhere except rebels and as the rebels are not fighting among themselves, they are not really combatants. That war map is the most peaceful scene we have gazed upon for many a day. It needs only the presence of Mr. Bryan with the peace doves building nests and laying eggs in his back hair. We suspect that our old friend Villa has gone into the map-making business.

We also think that English army officers should not owe their military eminence merely to the fact that they are the sons of more or less noble houses. There was a time when English knights rode the horses and the yeomen and the peasants did the foot work. But that was a time when the knights did more of the actual fighting than the officers do now, thanks to the invention of gunpowder which blew a whole lot of chivalry and other foolishness away.

**THE JOB AND THE MAN**

To find the right man for the job is an old and ever-pressing problem in spite of parades and mass meetings of the unemployed. It now appears from investigation and observation, however, that the search should be directed toward finding the right job for the man. In other words, employers have found that instead of the old policy of "hiring and firing" until the right man is discovered, it is worth while to give some study to individual adaptability with a view to discovering what work a given man can do best.

Excluding drones who are beyond redemption, it has been found that men who were a failure and who would not, even if allowed to do so, stay in one line of work have made valuable employes in some other line.

One industrial concern believed it worth while to investigate this theory and asked every man who left its shops or who was recommended for dismissal to say why he was resigning, or why he was not doing better work, and whether there was work that he would like to do and felt that he could do well. A majority of the replies indicated that dissatisfaction or unsatisfactory service was due to a misplacement of men rather than to shiftlessness or actual inefficiency.—Electric Railway Journal.

**WHILE TRYING**

If I must fail to be of worth,  
If I a losing race must run,  
If I must fall unto the earth  
With not a deed of value done;  
If I must miss the victor's crown,  
For which all humans here are vying,  
I shall not whine if when I'm down  
It can be said I fell while trying.

I'd rather have men say I lost  
But made a gallant fight for it  
And with my failure paid the cost,  
Than speak of me as one who quit,  
And though I find the hill too steep,  
And fall when in the dust I'm lying,  
This consolation I would keep:  
That though I fell, I fell while trying.  
—Detroit Free Press.

**AKRON'S CORPULENT COPS DON'T NEED A GYM; HERE ARE SOME USEFUL HINTS**

The police of Akron, (O.) in petitioning for a gymnasium at their central station point out that through lack of exercise they have become fat overweight. The cartoonist has suggested a few ways in which these portly policemen may reduce without putting the city to the expense of a new gym.

**Farm Notes**  
By HOWARD L. RANN

We have a letter from a young lady who says that she got stung by a matrimonial bureau and wants to know if there is any redress. None that we know of, Bertha. The mere fact that you drew a prize with feet like a premium ham and a face that would curdle the ink in a fountain pen is no reason why the courts should restore your furniture and pristine innocence. The matrimonial bureau has padlocked many a winsome widow with a 30-inch waist to a lean soak with a hop breath that would file the trimmings off the chandelier, and he had about as much chance of redress as the man who bucks the board of trade with a lead dollar. The courts are not designed to protect females who can't tell a real man from a link of summer sausage.

The safety pin is the greatest invention since the discovery that a robust war answers every purpose of a bone collar button. There is no necessity for a man to become shoulder bound wearing binding twine galluses when he can snap a safety pin to his liver pad and go about in perfect comfort. You can hook a pair of jeans to a pique vest with a string of open-ended safety pins and dance every set on the menu with the sweet confidence that they will be harder to shake off than a union suit. The man who rivets a pair of peek-a-boo stockings to his shin bone with a safety pin will never be arrested for exposure of a serawny biceps. Nothing will put a sleep walker behind his schedule quicker than to clump him to his couch with safety pins which have a grip like a brother Mason who is trying to pass you a gold brick. A friend of ours who was ribbed up with brass safety pins was thrown on the operating table with a P. O. call for appendicitis, and before they charged him with other they had to unlodge his bodice with a blow-pipe. The safety pin sticketh tighter than a book agent on a 99 per cent. commission.

**SAN FRANCISCO AS A NAVAL BASE**

It is inconceivable why San Francisco people should not realize that their interests lie in aiding the government to establish a new navy yard on San Francisco bay. Persistent demand for the retention of the Mare Island yard will lead to the location of a new station at San Diego or some other place than San Francisco on the west coast. In that event, the appropriations for enlargement and improvement year by year will go to that establishment and the yard at Bremerton, for the Mare Island yard is not entitled to, and should not receive, much more of the public funds. It is a yard entirely unsuitable for the purposes of the repair and docking of the big ships, and it is an extravagance to maintain it for the benefit of small vessels. It is in the third class, despite the vast sums which have been periodically lavished upon it. Impartial judgment—of those who are not controlled by any such silly motives as Mr. Curry ascribes to naval officers—is unalterably against Mare Island as a station of value in any sense to the navy, and for what there is in it for themselves commercially and in a purely selfish way—the better off they will be. In the meantime, futile agitation is not strengthened in equality by such allusions as that in which Mr. Curry has discourteously indulged. He can not hope by such a form of "argument" to convince the members of the naval committee, while the comfort he affords his constituents must be in proportion to their lack of intelligence. The conservative citizens of San Francisco, who may be regarded as representative, must regard Mr. Curry's attempt to destroy naval criticism of the Mare Island Navy Yard as the veriest trifle.—Army and Navy Register.

**Statesmen**  
By WALT MASON

They do not sow, they do not reap, they do not shear the gentle sheep, or milk the sad-eyed cow; they do not build, they do not till, they toil not in the noisy mill, nor guide the mule-drawn plow. We've heard them tell us we are grand, the bone and sinew of the land, and we have cheered and grinned, but words were all we ever got from that smiling statesmen lot, for all they sell is wind. We take our produce to the store, and haul it twenty miles or more, to get provisions tinned; but statesmen get all things they need, the very finest goods, indeed, and all they pay is wind. We work till we are halt and blind, and if we get a month behind, threats in our ears are dimmed; but statesmen do not work at all; they loaf in palace and in hall, and square the bill with wind. They drink the noblest wines of Spain, and eat the butter of the Dane, and fruits from tropic Ind; the luxuries of every land are evermore at their command, and all they pay is wind. What chumps we are, to toil and strain, and worry till we go insane, supporting such a group of parasites, who live at ease while we are spaving our knees to get the children soup!

**FIFTEEN-INCH GUNS**

The fifteen-inch gun, which now becomes—though for how long no one knows—the standard weapon of British battleship armaments, is the heaviest weapon now carried, or intended for carriage, in modern fleets. It weighs ninety-six tons and fires a shell of 1520 pounds, with a muzzle velocity of 2655 feet per second, and the projectile is capable of penetrating nearly six feet of wrought iron at the muzzle, and just over two feet of toughened steel at a range of two miles.

Twenty-five years ago three battleships were built for the navy (Sans Pareil, Victoria and Benbow) armed with two 18.25 110-ton guns, but these fired a shell of only 1675 pounds, while the projectiles of the famous "Woolrich Infants"—sixteen-inch eighty-ton muzzle loaders mounted in the old battleship Inflexible, launched in 1876—weighed 100 pounds less.

The two battleships which Germany is laying down this year will carry the same armament as the Queen Elizabeth—eight fifteen-inch and sixteen six-inch. The Krupp fifteen-inch gun, however, fires a shell of only 1675 pounds, so that they will be considerably inferior in weight of broadside to the British ships of the 1912 program.—London Leader.

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**THE FLOOD PROSPECT**

That is a very informing letter published this morning from Forecaster Neffert. Everybody is interested in the weather. There is nothing else which we so much discuss and so promptly forget. Mr. Neffert reminds us from records what has been going for a long series of years in the matter of floods in the Connecticut valley.

He confirms, what the Courant has frequently asserted, that great snows are more likely to fade quietly away than to make disastrous floods, while our great freshets come from heavy rainfalls. He proves this by a long string of data, which people prone to weather arguing should cut out for reference and (when it helps) for confirmation.

If we get a phenomenal flood this spring, it will be due to rain yet to come more likely than to the snow already on hand (and foot, too) Hartford Courant.