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I want it said of me, by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow.  
—Abraham Lincoln.

**Support the Resolutions**

More important than any other question that will come before the water users' election on April 7, more important than the choice of a governing board, is the question whether the water users desire that the scope of the project shall be enlarged by one-sixth, so as to include every acre of irrigable land in the valley. There will come before the members of the association at that time two resolutions, embodying recommendations by the board of survey in its recent report, for the conservation of the flood waters of the Verde river and for the installation of twenty-one additional pumping plants.

The board of survey limited the acreage under the Roosevelt project to 183,000 acres. There were excluded about 31,000 acres which had been signed up in the association, and a part of which had been in cultivation, though not within the last three years.

Realizing the importance, not only to the owners of these excluded lands, but to the whole valley, of supplying them with water, the board recommended the construction of a reservoir on the Verde and the installation of additional pumping plants. If the association adopts this view at the election, the subject will be passed to the proper authorities, with the result, we believe, that there will be an early development of the needed water.

We can think of no reason why any resident of the valley should not enthusiastically endorse these resolutions, for the concern of every land owner in the valley is the concern of all. Every acre added to the irrigable area is an addition to the wealth of the valley. Any acre left to go back to the desert would be a blot upon the whole.

The additional proposed water supply would make the supply of the whole project more uniform and certain, for, though there is an abundance of water for all the lands which the board of survey has included in the project, we can remotely conceive a situation in which there might not be enough. But with the more steadily flowing waters of the Verde at our disposal to supplement the waters of the Roosevelt dam there could never come a time when there would not be an ample supply for all.

We have heard that some water users, though we do not know who they can be, have expressed opposition to the resolutions on the ground that they relate to matters in which they have no concern; they themselves are already assured of water, for their lands are among the 183,000 acres included by the board of survey. They have understood that the cost of the developments recommended in the resolutions would be added to the cost of the Salt River project which, they think, would increase their own share of the burden.

But, if such objecting water users would engage in a little calculation they would discover that their own loads would be lightened thereby. It is estimated that the total cost of a reservoir on the Verde and the twenty-one proposed pumping plants would not exceed \$1,500,000. If this sum were added to the cost of the Salt River project and the total were divided by 211,000, the number of acres which would then take part in the payment, it would be found that the cost per acre under the whole project would be a little more than \$4 an acre less than if the cost of the Salt River project, as it now stands, were borne by the 183,000 acres which have been included in that project.

Thus there is a selfish as well as a broad and patriotic reason why every water user should support these resolutions at the election on April 7.

The Republican from the beginning has steadfastly advocated the conservation of the flood waters of the Verde. The waters which pour down that stream and past the city in a flood several times a year should be saved for the watering of every acre of irrigable land in the valley. We believe that the Salt River project will be incomplete until this water is saved and every acre in this great valley has been brought under cultivation.

**The Constitution and Its Perils**

"Mother" Jones, guardian of miners, whether of the Western Federation or the United Workers or the Industrial Workers who do not work at all, discovers that the constitution is in danger and calls upon somebody to save it, nobody in particular, just somebody. General invitations of this character are seldom answered. Appeals should be made definite and certain and addressed to authorized and official sources. Doesn't "Mother" Jones know that our United States Senator Henry F. Ashurst is the defender ex-officio of the constitution, to which post, on the retirement of the late Joseph Weldon Bailey, he was appointed, unanimously confirmed by the senate, and that he has

furnished his official bond, already approved, for the faithful performance of his duties? In justice to Mr. Ashurst it should be stated that for this service he receives no salary or other emolument in addition to his salary fixed by law for his regular senatorial services. If "Mother" Jones doesn't know this, we suspect that she doesn't know whether the constitution is being violated or not.

But, speaking of the perils of the constitution, we have noticed in the course of years that at almost every stage of history somebody has feared that somebody else had evil designs against the constitution. Whenever a man finds things coming his way he assumes that the constitution has clear sailing, but when clouds hover about his personal or political fortunes he is confident that somebody is monkeying with the constitution.

As a matter of fact, the constitution has never been in danger except from its self-appointed guardians. The civil war appeared to threaten it, but it did not. Two sections of the United States, both friendly to it, but each thinking that the other was hostile to it, gave a bloody interpretation of a disputed point, and after that the constitution was stronger and safer than ever.

A very large majority of the people of this country are law-abiding. They regard the constitution as sacred. They may differ at times as to what it means, but these differences are always adjusted, ultimately, in the right way. Almost every session of every state legislature makes an assault upon the constitution. Now and then courts do, but these assaults are as futile as the summer sea waves which lap against the rocks. The constitution is safe, notwithstanding the apprehensions of "Mother" Jones. Mr. Ashurst has the softest job we know of unless it is that of the keeper of the seal of a secret order.

**Formal Applications**

The mayor and commissioners-elect have saved themselves a world of annoyance by the public announcement that all applications for the appointive offices within the gift of the commission must be made in writing. It is also a saving of button-holes, something to be considered at this time when the cost of living is already so high. The mayor and the commissioners might have gone farther and have proclaimed that a personal, verbal application would be considered a disqualification for appointment.

If often happens, and we believe generally, that the most glib and persuasive talker is the least capable man. His personal contact with the appointing powers, therefore, might result in the disposition of an office to an unworthy man. But when his application is reduced to cold writing, the mayor and commissioner are spared the magnetism of his presence. Moreover, time that would be wasted in argument is saved.

The disappointed office-seeker may threaten to retaliate. "Hereafter," he may say, "at the opening of a campaign I will print a piece in the papers notifying candidates who desire my support, and vote that they must prefer their requests in writing. Personal solicitation will not be permitted. Verbal solicitation will not be considered. All formal requests for my suffrage will be filed and duly acted upon on election day."

But, we believe, in the cases of our mayor and commissioners-elect, whatever canvassing for votes was done, was done through paid advertisements and statements which have all the form and force of applications in writing. The campaign was remarkably free from personal solicitation by the candidates, though the friends of some of them were not entirely inactive.

**FOREIGN TRADE IN 1913**

The year 1913 broke records of many kinds. For instance, it saw record totals of exports and of total trade, with a record excess of exports over imports. On the other hand, it failed to see the preceding year's totals of imports equaled, despite the fact that a new and lower tariff was in operation in the last three of its twelve months, and notwithstanding that the country bought supplies of food, notably meat and corn, from abroad as never before in its history.

While the failure of imports to expand was a puzzle to many observers, there was nothing unexpected in the way exports swelled, throughout the year. The aggregate of exports for the calendar year was \$2,484,311,176, a sum 3.5 per cent larger than in 1912, and to that extent the greatest total ever recorded. Imports, however, only aggregated \$1,792,183,645, a decrease of 1.8 per cent from 1912, the largest total ever recorded. The total trade of the year was \$4,276,494,821, a sum 1.4 per cent greater than in 1912, and the excess of exports over imports was \$682,127,531, or \$58,000,000 greater than the hitherto record calendar year 1908, and \$26,000,000 in advance of the largest excess ever shown in any prior year, calendar or fiscal, that recorded in 1907-8.

**BOSTON GOES TO THE BAD**

A few years ago the people interested in reform in the politics of Boston gave great care to framing and securing the adoption of a new city charter. Primaries were abolished, and nominations are made directly by the people. Somehow the reform has not worked. The candidates for mayor favored by the reform element have been defeated at every election since the adoption of the new charter; and, by general consent, the city has the most corrupt government in its history. It is today the most costly city in the world in its government. Boston has been slow to annex its suburbs. Brookline, Cambridge, Newton, Somerville, Everett, Chelsea, Malden and Revere are really integral parts of the city. If Boston included as much territory as Chicago or Philadelphia it would not only be the second city in the country in population, but would be much better governed.—Watchman Examiner.

**ON A TOUCHY TOPIC**

On a recent Sunday afternoon, at a large sanitarium devoted entirely to treating tuberculosis, a young Methodist minister was preaching to the assembled patients, nurses and doctors. In a most vivid manner he was describing the great peace, contentment and happiness to be had in the world to come. Suddenly one of the patients, a girl of about 20 years of age burst out crying.

"What is the matter?" was the general chorus, as the rest crowded around her.

"Oh," she sobbed. "I wish he would stop talking about heaven. I am here paying \$18 a week to keep out of that place."

**WHILE FORMER SWEETHEART GOES TO LAW, PRESENT ONE MAKES HER WEDDING PLANS**



Miss Ruth L. Satterthwaite.

While Miss Cecile Harris, a former sweetheart of Harry Atwood, is pushing her \$50,000 breach of promise suit against him, Miss Ruth L. Satterthwaite of Reading, Pa., is preparing for her marriage to the Toledo birdman. Shortly after the commencement of the suit against Atwood, Miss Satterthwaite announced that the action of Miss Harris would have no effect on the plans for her marriage to Atwood this spring.

**The Clucking Hen**

By WALT MASON

The old gray hen has thirteen chicks, and round the yard she clucks and picks, and toils the whole day long; I lean upon the garden fence, and watch that hen of little sense, whose intellect is wrong. She is the most important hen that ever in the haunts of men a waste of effort made; she thinks if she should cease her toll the whole blamed universe would spoil, its institutions fade, yet vain and trifling is her task; she might as profitably bask and loaf throughout the year; one incubator from the store would bring forth better chicks and more than fifty hens could rear. She ought to rest her scratching legs, get down to tacks and lay some eggs, which bring the valued bucks; but, in her vain perturbed way, she says, "I'm derved if I will lay," and hands out foolish clucks. And many men are just the same; they play some idle, trifling game, and think they're saving wood; they hate the work that's in demand, the jobs that court they cannot stand, and all their toil's no good.

**GROWING WEALTH OF GERMANY**

Financial papers are astonished at the enormous sums forming the increase of capital in Germany, as shown by the annual statements published. This has even caused more excitement in France than the somewhat belated discovery that the gold reserve of the German Reichsbank is, at the present moment, far higher than that of the Bank of England, as that of the Bank of France is higher still. What has astonished people far more than the latter statement is that the gold reserve has been increasing in Germany during the last four years far more rapidly than anywhere else. In the last year during which peace prevailed (1910) the German Reichsbank had 1069 millions of marks in its cellars on February 20; on February 2, 1914, this reserve had amounted to 1575 millions of marks, showing an increase of one-half. The last published statement shows that the proportion of gold reserve to notes in circulation is in Germany 79.1, in England 57.3-8, and in France 70.85; that is to say that Germany shows the most favorable proportion in this respect.

The figures recorded for the German savings banks during the year 1913 show an increase of over one milliard of marks in money entrusted to their care; at the present moment there are more than twenty milliards of marks deposited in the German savings banks, and the total reserve fund amounts to over a milliard. All this proves, despite all that M. Hubert may write to the contrary, that Germany's mobile wealth is steadily on the increase. That there is no lack of capital seeking investments in Germany is proved by the manner in which the new Prussian state loan has been subscribed; it was subscribed for no less than 71 1-2 times. And all this is happening just at the moment when a new defense tax of over one milliard marks is about to be raised. The tax declaration papers that had to be filled in respect of this new defense tax show how much richer Germany is than had been anticipated in the estimates prepared by the government.

In Frankfurt-on-the-Main the total amount of capital declared by the taxpayers has increased to the extent of half a milliard of marks in the course of the last five years, and there is every reason to suppose that the same will approximately hold good for the whole of the country. This cannot be explained away by the supposition that the penalties to be enforced in the event of false returns have led to this result; it is no doubt largely owing to the vast amounts of capital which have been accumulating as the result of the political tension during the last three years.—Continental Correspondence.

No matter how hard the times get th' wages o' sin are allus liberal an' on th' dot. Politics makes strange puzmasters.

**Farm Notes**

BY HOWARD L. RANN

We have been asked a good many times if there is any certain remedy for the cure of mumps in aged pigs. We have never found any, and we have tried everything on the market, from a cold compress to a pickaxe. If the old-fashioned Irish mumps ever gets a grip on the vocal chords of a sow enfeebled by age and lack of filial respect, it is all off. The mumps is a cross between the lumpy jaw and a chesty colic. It is more to be dreaded than a rubber dam on a protruding gum. If we had our choice between entertaining the mumps or reading the editorials in the Ladies' Home Journal, we should have to flip two bits and trust to an overshadowing providence. One of the saddest sights in this cheerless world is a fat man with a set of mumps which drop down over his wishbone like a cheesecloth jelly strainer.

We are glad to note that the cruel practice of driving a horse with blinders is going out of fashion. Nothing will strain the eyeballs of a gelding quicker than trying to get a line on a gad fly around a pair of sideboards which fit like a Derby hat on a hedgehog. If you want to ball up the eyes of your work horses with cataracts, keep up this pernicious practice.

When rigging up a roadster for the horse market, don't neglect the use of the curling iron on his mane and tail. The average horse buyer is an aesthetic chap, a lover of the beautiful and a devotee of the New Thought propaganda. The sight of a wavy mane and tail will make his mouth water like lemon juice on a cleft palate. The use of the curling iron requires caution. One of our neighbors was toying with a curling iron one day in the rear of a melancholy gelding with a torpid liver, and while trying to figure out what effect the decrease of Lot's wife had on the salt market he absent mindedly burned the mustache of a horse spavin, with the result that the gelding ran a hasty log through his interior mechanism. Unless your ribs are puncture proof, always use a curling iron with a handle like a hoe.

Anxious Mother—There's a look about that young man's eyes that I don't like. He looks at me out of their corners, as if trying to conceal something.

Daughter—Perhaps he is trying to conceal his admiration for you, ma.

Mother (much relieved)—Oh, I didn't think of that!—New York Weekly.

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**SELFISHNESS**

There's a mean little devil that hangs at our heels; we can't shake him off any way. And when we're inclined to do some kindly deed, he's certain to spring out and say: A few little words in his mean little voice—a sly and insidious hiss. That makes us think twice ere we do as we planned.—"Say, what do YOU get out of this?"

We'd tramp him to death if we could, but we can't; he always just back of our heels. He slips out and checks every impulse for good; the joy of right doing he steals.

For let us once show any movement that way, and never a chance he will miss. To hob up and whisper the Tempter's own thought—"Say, what do YOU get out of this?"

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