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Love down to the last cell in your heart, laugh from some inexhaustible spring of joy, suffer to the final drop of anguish, but don't whine. That's living.  
—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

### School Elections

All over this state important elections will take place today, the most important elections, those of school trustees. It is strange that so little interest is taken in them, considering their great importance. It matters far less who our mayors are, our county officers and most of our state officers. Yet the school elections are allowed to come almost without warning of their approach.

The school trustees are responsible for the expenditure of large sums of money. They can waste it. They can graft. There is less check upon them under our laws than upon any other officer, state, county or municipal, in the matter of money spending. They outline the policies of the schools on which their success so much depends; they employ the teachers.

But there is one good thing to be said of this apparent lack of interest in school elections, for it may be that it is not a lack of interest at all, but a confidence that the right thing will be done. The elections are always non-partisan, and they are factional only when there is an abnormal condition, a feud in a neighborhood. Usually men of good character and capacity are put forward as candidates for school trustees. It is to be said for them that they usually have an interest in the schools and are generally the fathers of school children. For the most part, therefore, our school trustees are good men, notwithstanding there seems so little interest in their selection.

### Why Not Submit the Question?

The administration and its supporters in their endeavor to secure the repeal of the toll exemption clause are no doubt inspired by the highest motives, the protection of the national honor against the charge of violating a sacred treaty. But they are not wise at all times in the manner of presenting their case. There is also something arbitrary in their method of procedure. It is proposed on the part of the administration to declare, by an act of congress, that the treaty means what the British think it means, while a good many Americans think it means something else, though the wish may be father to the thought.

For instance, the United States as the builder and sole owner of the canal, has advertised in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty that it shall be open to the ships of all nations on equal terms. Some Americans believe that that means that this country has promised not to discriminate among the nations which have no financial interest in the canal, as to the use of it. The proprietor of a grocery store may advertise that his goods will be sold at one price to all, though that would not mean that he and his family would be affected by the terms of such an advertisement.

We do not say that this is a good argument in favor of the exemption of American vessels from tolls, but it is one argument of many that have been made, showing that the question is two-sided. There is another measure in congress which recognizes this fact and proposes to leave the dispute to arbitration, the natural court for the settlement of disputes between nations. In this court America could exert no improper influence. The rights of England or of any other foreign country could suffer. The altruism of the supporters of the president is splendid, but rather foolish. Representative Shirley said on Thursday:

"We come here with this repeal bill with no apology for our position. For seventy-five years we have held out to the nations of the world the promise to build a canal for all the world. We promised to build it as a great boon to humanity throughout the wide world and not for the small dollars and cents added to our commerce. In this situation, the American nation does nothing out of the ordinary."  
Our purpose in building the canal, as every representative who heard Mr. Shirley knew, was for our own convenience, for our own needs, especially emphasized by the exigencies of the Spanish-American war. What ever "boon to humanity" the canal might become would be wholly incidental. The matter of a return in dollars and cents, of the cost of the great enterprise, was probably not considered, but it was considered that this nation would derive some great advantage from the canal. Freight rates across the continent would be lowered. Our navy for the guarding of our coasts would be rendered more effective. There was no altruism at all in the building of the canal. It was a national business proposition. If Great Britain has any interest in it so that it might be regarded as an international business proposition, that fact can be determined in a court of arbitration, far better than

by congress. To the country, the verdict of such a court would be acceptable. And the democratic party would miss one more chance for its recall.

It will be time enough for us to sustain our national honor by accepting the verdict of a court of arbitration. Many Americans would feel, if congress should dispose of the question against the material interests of the country, that pusillanimity had put on the guise of a concern for our national honor.

### British Democracy

James D. Whelpley in the current Century states that the late King Edward VII shortly before his death said: "My son will rule as king and probably his son; but he may be the last king of this country." Since the death of Edward many things have occurred in England which, if he could have foreseen, might have caused him to narrow the field of his prophecy. Among them has been the futile revolt of the House of Lords against the proposition to take away its power of veto, a revolt which threatened its own dissolution. The aggressions of democracy have been rendered more active by the opposition of the conservatives, just as the progress of a malignant cancer is hastened by the unskillful treatment of it.

We may pass over the concessions which Laborites and other elements in opposition to the aristocracy have wrung from as reluctant hands as those of King John when he granted Magna Charta.

Great Britain is now confronted by the trouble in Ulster, in itself an apparently insignificant thing, and so far as the Ulster opposition to home rule is concerned, it is really insignificant. But it is a trouble which is not confined to Ulster or Ireland, but permeates the mother country, where all the danger lies.

The defiance of Ulster is not a serious matter, and the recalcitrancy of those British army officers who refused to move against the men of Ulster would not have been a serious matter if their refusal were really based on the ground they have given—an unwillingness to raise their arms against men of their own blood. It would be easy for Great Britain to send to Ulster army officers and men restrained by no such compunctions.

But the recalcitrancy of the army officers is an expression of conservatism, in the last ditch, against home rule which is being wrung from an unwilling country. It is in such useless struggles after defeat that conservatism weakens itself for the defense of positions which have not yet been assailed but lie in the way of the approaching democracy.

The opposition of Ulster to home rule is as natural as the longing of other Irishmen for it. The right and the wrong of this controversy have nothing to do with this consideration. Conservatism alone is at fault in attempting of permitting opposition to a movement which has become irresistible. The higher the waters rise against an obstructing dam, the greater the force they gather and the wider the sweep of destruction when the dam breaks.

"Some newspapers still persist in reporting the true number killed in accidents when they could sell more papers by doubling the number," remarks an exchange. It is unfortunately true that many newspapers take this business view of the case, but in practicing the exaggeration of horrible details, they are less at fault than that part of the public to which such exaggeration appeals. Newspapers get better only as their readers improve.

So far as appears on the surface, there is no opposition to the re-election of Mr. Sims Ely to the grammar school board. Any opposition would indicate a want of appreciation of earnest and valuable service through a period in which the schools have made a most remarkable advancement and have been brought to a level with the best in the country. For similar reasons, there should be no opposition to the re-election of Mr. E. T. Collings to the high school board.

### FAMOUS SHORT POEMS

Printed in connection with the work done in the English department of the Phoenix Union High School.—Conducted by Prof. I. Colodny.

I remember, I remember  
I remember, I remember,  
The house where I was born,  
The little window where the sun  
Came creeping in at morn;  
He never came a wink too soon,  
Nor brought too long a day;  
But now, I often wish the night  
Had borne my breath away.

I remember, I remember,  
The roses, red and white,  
The violets, and lily cups—  
Those flowers made of light!  
The lilacs, where the robin built  
And where my brother set  
The laburnum on his birthday—  
The tree is living yet!

I remember, I remember,  
Where I used to swing,  
And thought the air must rush as fresh  
To swallow up the wing.  
My spirit flew in feathers then,  
That is so heavy now,  
And summer pools could hardly cool  
The fever in my brow!

I remember, I remember,  
The fir-trees dark and high;  
I used to think their slender tops  
Were close against the sky;  
It was a childish ignorance,  
But now 't is little joy  
To know I'm farther off from heaven  
Than when I was a boy.  
—Thomas Hood.

ENGLAND'S TROUBLE, TOO  
"And how's your husband, Mrs. Hooga?"  
"Es still rather poorly, ma'am, thank ye kindly;  
'e's bin suffering a lot with 'is gastric ulcer!"—Exchange.

### WOMEN MAKE A RECORD AS FINANCIERS



Miss Bina M. West and a File of Bonds.

In thrift on the scale of big financing women have made a record here this year, by the reinvestment of interest on a dollar. Men financiers cannot excel this; perhaps there is no trust or insurance company which can equal it.

Before the January 1 coupon cutting began in the head offices of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, which employs only women, plans and preparations had been made to have the coupons cashed and reinvested immediately. With rigid requirements as to the safety of investment the semi-annual reinvesting process is a test of efficiency and wit. The record made this year by Miss Bina M. West, the supreme commander of this, the largest fraternal beneficiary society exclusively for women in the world, shows women to be peers of men even in business which runs into the millions.

From its inception about twenty years ago Miss West and the other women organizers of this Society have made the chance to show the highest business acumen of their sex in matters of great importance. The Ladies of the Maccabees of the World now have outstanding insurance for \$177,000,000 and 170,000 members. In 1892 when Miss West set herself to the pioneer's task of providing insurance for women, her equipment consisted of one desk and



a debt. Only women have done the work of organizing and managing, even to actuarial intricacies, of this great business of insurance in connection with social philanthropy. The only men employed are those about the head offices in Port Huron, Mich., the janitor, office boy and elevator operators.

### March

By WALT MASON

The month of March is full of starch, and pepper too, and ginger; her divers gaits none imitates, there is no cheap infringer. One hour she's gay and mild as May, and makes you think of fishing, but while you look for line and hook, a blizzard comes a-sweeping. March seems to sing of balmy spring until she has you grinning; and then, odds blood! your name is Mud, and Winter has an innings. March hums a tune suggesting June or dreamy, mild September, and while you list she gives a twist and brings in bleak December. This rattled maid, bold, unafraid, is playing tricks forever; to jolt our nerves with crazy curves is always her endeavor. She gives us rain till we complain of pink pains in the gizzard; she gives us heat and winds and sleet, and thunderstorm and blizzard. She winks her eye and spring July, and then rings in October, till we see red and wish her head were soaked till she is sober. But soon she'll slide, and bring her hide, and April, soft and tender, will come and smile in siren style, and fill the world with splendor.

### MEXICAN INTERVENTION

To the Editor of The Republican: I see Senator Fall of New Mexico criticises President Wilson severely because he does not "go in and clean up Mexico." I do not belong to Mr. Wilson's party, but I want to most heartily commend him for his good sense and judgment in staying out. If Senator Fall and all others favoring intervention were consistent they would make the offer to enter a regiment that would be put in the front rank of the first battle in Mexico. Neither he nor any other howler for intervention would be willing to do this—not much. They are very anxious to sacrifice thousands of other American lives, but have no thought of risking their own.

Whenever you hear anyone howling for intervention, just ask him if he will volunteer to go, the first opportunity, and you will find he is struck dumb.

After twelve or fifteen years of life in Mexico and South America, I think I know something of those people, and I am sure it would be a colossal, if not a criminal, blunder to intervene in the Mexican crisis. It would mean: First, the sacrifice of many thousands of American lives; second, it would cost the United States many hundreds of millions of dollars; third, we would have on our hands most perplexing, difficult, almost unsolvable national problems for five years—yes, for ten years; yes, for twenty years; yes, for—

I sincerely hope President Wilson and Secretary Bryan will not change their opinion on intervention, unless it becomes an absolute necessity.

ARCHIBALD J. SAMPSON.

### HAS EARTH EXPANDED OR CONTRACTED?

A scientific survey to determine the exact distance between the cities of Berlin, Germany, and Washington, D. C., will be made by the German Geodetic Institute at Potsdam in conjunction with the Coast and Geodetic Survey of the United States. Fifty years ago this distance was computed, presumably accurately; the purpose of repeating the computation is to ascertain whether the earth has expanded or contracted during the past half-century. The Germans will establish the distance between Potsdam and Horta, in the Azores, and the Americans will ascertain the distance from Horta to Washington.—Engineering Record.

### Farm Notes

By HOWARD L. RANN

Dental circles of the country have been set in an uproar by the invention of a Paris dentist, who has gotten out a self-fitting plate of upper teeth for the dairy cow. This will fill a long felt want. A German scientist has discovered that the original cow had tusks like a hall tree, but in the attempt to chew the wig off a cocoon she drove them back in, with the result that her descendants have had to wag bare gums through a cheerless eternity. There is no sadder sight than a hopeful milch cow going up against a mess of old corn with sore gums. It is like feeding celery to a toothless goat. We have no doubt that this invention will never do its perfect work until some genius rigs up an evener to straighten up the rotary jaw action of the average heifer. A friend of ours watched a milch cow with swinging jaws trip through a modest repast one day, and before she got to apple pie and cheese he was so cross-eyed that he went into the house and kissed the hired girl by mistake. The cow whose lower jaw is hung on a pivot is a sight that would make a tight-wire walker dizzy.

Some of the kitchen utensils now in use are a menace to life and limb. Take the open-faced skillet, which can sear the whiskers off of the innocent bystander with hot lard at a distance of twenty rods. Then there is the rolling pin, which has flattened out the wishbone of many a peevish lubber. The worst of all is the folding ironing board, which is an offspring of the revolving clothes rack. A lady of our acquaintance who weighs 250 pounds ringside fell into the lap of some of these collapsible ironing boards the other day, and when a plumber extricated her she looked like a star patient of an obesity hospital. More men have lost their religion and several inches of pink cuticle by trying to fold up one of these devices without calling in the hired girl, than from any other cause.

### WHY HE WENT

Jones, who doesn't own a motor car, and is never likely to, was met at the motor show by a friend, who expressed surprise to see him there. "Well," said Jones, "it's lovely once a year to come and look at a whole mass of cars that you don't have to dodge."—Christian Register.

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### OVERPRAISING THE CLAN McCROBE

Postmaster-General Burleson tells of an old Scotchman who was listening to former Secretary Wilson's lectures on the activity of microbes. The secretary of agriculture said: "There are microbes in the cabbage, and microbes in the wheat, and microbes in everything that grows."  
The old Scotchman paid strict attention to the lecture.

When he left the hall one of his friends asked him how he liked the lecture.

"I don't see why the secretary of agriculture should put so much stress on what the McCrobes done," he said. "They've done no more than the McGregors or the McPhersons, and there lives no such can as the McCrobes, anyway."—Youth's Companion.

"How do you like my new hat, M. Bolreau?"  
"Lovely, madam. It makes you look quite thirty years younger."—Pele Mite.

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