

seemed to have a reputation as a speaker and as a statesman, and he had been heard to say that while Baker could prepare a speech and deliver it with wonderful power, he would probably fall in the senate when called upon suddenly to speak on some high theme. Mr. Breckenridge on that day made his speech giving his reasons for resigning his place in the Senate and going home to his native state to help the southern Confederacy. It was a prepared speech, as classic as it was bitter, and as the speaker progressed the question among the Republican senators was, who would answer. At last the name of Baker was mentioned, and a couple of gentlemen went to the cloak room, woke him up, told him Breckenridge was making a most impressive and terrific speech, and asked him if he would reply. He said he would. He walked into the senate chamber, still in his uniform, with his sword at his side and heard the last fifteen minutes of Breckenridge's speech, in which he summed up the substance of what he had said and gave the reasons for what he proposed to do. When he ceased, Baker took the floor and then for an hour he held that senate spellbound, and when he finally came to the sneering question of Breckenridge, which in substance was, where will you get your soldiers to invade and wreck the south, Baker repeated his words and then said it was easy; it would only be necessary to stamp one's foot and call upon those who were willing to die for their country, to have myriads spring as it were from the ground in the Republic's defense. When he stamped his foot the scabbard of his sword rang on the marble floor, and such a thrill went through the hearts of the senators as they never felt before.

The conclusion is that everywhere around us we see men who are greater than they seem to be. They lack the opportunity to have their greatness called up. When the war broke out Grant and Sherman were middle-aged men, their

lives, although they were educated at West Point, had been practically failures. One was a clerk in a tannery, the other had charge of a little street railroad in St. Louis. They were given their opportunity, and they gravitated to the front just as naturally as does the blood-horse when he is making a long race against a mustang. Those who die "with all their sweetness in them," are more numerous than we think.

The Smoot hyphen seems very much perturbed regarding the attitude of the liquor men in the coming campaign, for since the raw killing of a year ago it has been difficult for the federal bunch to frame up a new trap to gather in the liquor interests. It was so easy before and the results, political and financial, were so gratifying to the bunch that they are having a hard time to plan another campaign, where as the price of silence they can get another bundle of sucker money. Of course, they haven't told where all the money went to, but that isn't really necessary. They got it to start with when they abruptly ended their campaign for prohibition; but who got it when Governor Spry vetoed the prohibition bill will never be known. Certainly Spry did not, though there were powerful interests at work making the veto positive, and they worked so hard that really they were entitled to some fair compensation. They got it coming and going, and it was as clever a piece of graft as has ever been seen in all the machinations of the tricksters who have controlled the situation in this state since Smoot came into power.

A press dispatch, all the way from London, conveys the important news that King Edward, fond of flowers as he is, has no especial partiality for any single variety. Evidently his preferences have undergone a marked change since the days when he was so very fond of the Jersey Lily.

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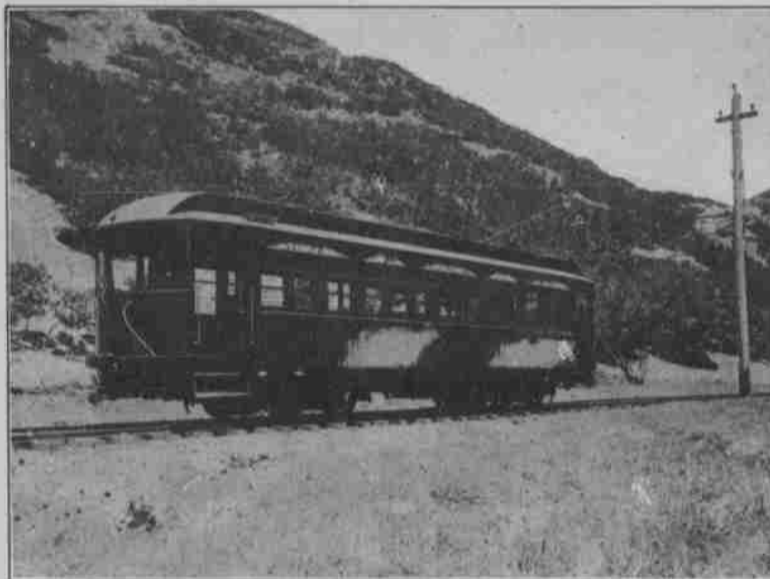
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