

# ROAD WILL SURELY DISCOVER AN OUTLET FOR SYSTEM WEST OF DENVER BEFORE YEAR ENDS.

Purchase of Western Pacific May Be Result of Visit of Mudge to Denver Recently.

The Rock Island system will find an outlet west of Denver this year. The company has not given up all ideas of buying the Denver, North-western & Pacific and if that presents the most feasible way to reach a connection with the Western Pacific at Salt Lake City negotiations will be opened with David H. Moffat for its purchase. The Rock Island is behind the Denver & Gulf and will finance the construction of that line from Dallas to Denver and Colorado Springs.

The above information comes direct from parties who were in close touch with H. U. Mudge, president of the Rock Island system, who spent yesterday in Denver. Mr. Mudge "played golf" yesterday afternoon, according to official announcement given out this morning by the Rock Island officials.

The principal objections to the purchase of the Moffat road, as put forth by the officials, after examining the special report made by Chief Engineer James Berry, was the expensive cost of operation over the heavy grades and the necessity for constructing the tunnel through James peak if the line was to be used for transcontinental traffic. These drawbacks, however, are not such that they will definitely prevent the Rock Island from purchasing the road if other arrangements to get to Salt Lake City cannot be made upon more advantageous terms.

The object in constructing the Denver & Gulf is not only to get a direct route from the Gulf coast to the proposed outlet to the Pacific, but to put the system in a position for the Northwest. Mr. Mudge returned last night accompanied by A. C. Ridgway.—Denver Times.

## Increase in Prices of Meats in the Principal Foreign Countries.

Meat prices have advanced in all the principal producing and consuming sections of the world, according to compilations just made by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. The figures which the Bureau has compiled consist chiefly of the export prices of the principal meat-exporting countries of the world and the import and quoted wholesale prices in the chief meat-importing and consuming countries. The chief meat-exporting countries are Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Canada, and the United States; and the chief meat-importing countries, the United Kingdom, Germany and, in a less degree, the other European countries. All of the meat-exporting countries show higher prices per pound in their exports in recent years than those of a decade ago, and all of the meat-importing countries show higher rates in their import figures and in the current market quotations.

## Chicago Tribune Hoax.

Three more Republican papers have been heard from in Speaker Cannon's district and the genuine poll now stands: For Cannon, 22; against Cannon, 1; noncommittal, 1. The three additional papers are the Ridge Farm Republican, Loda Times and Kansas Journal. In the pretended poll of the Chicago Tribune the figures given were: For Cannon, 6; against Cannon, 12. Arrangements are on foot for a meeting of the Republican editors of the district to take action on the Tribune's fraudulent poll. The recklessness of the hoax is one of its strangest features. When the Republican editors of several states are called on to deal with falsehood on this scale they realize that the cause the Tribune has been trying to bolster is absolutely rotten.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## The Weary World.

To be a hermit in the virgin woods. To roam, unwashed, the sylvan solitudes. That is the life for which my spirit yearns. To dwell serenely in a sheltered cave, to eat raw turnips, and to cease to shave; no more to hear complaining people roar about the price of foodstuffs at the store; no more to hear the talk-smith tell us how to save the country, bound for ruin now; no more to dodge the dreary bore who quotes the tariff rates on whiskers, prunes and goats. Oh, I am tired of all the windy crew, who talk, and talk, until the air is blue; each has a cure for all the nation's ills, like some quack doctor with his basswood pills; each is

indignant that he isn't called, to dope the country, sick, and worn, and bald; to pour his nostrum down the nation's throat, and thereby get that weary nation's goat. A quiet man, who would sedately pass, detesting noise, and talk, and sound ing brass, has little chance his pathway to pursue, he's hounded down by all the talk-smith crew; a little while he may his journey wend, but they will drive him bughouse in the end. To be a hermit, far from city streets. To wear long whiskers and to live on beet. That is the dream that haunts my fevered brain; the urban life has given me a pain.—Walt Mason 'n Denver News.

## Thankful for Something.

The Yellow Jacket wishes, through the columns of this pulse warmer for frost-hearted Democrats, to tender its thanks to the two-well meaning but woefully neglected individuals who have placed our name on the complimentary list of the Appeal to Treason. Like the bull calf that tried to butt the freight engine off the track, we admire their gall but pity their judgment. And yet we can make use of both copies of the Appeal to Treason, and we will do so, out of respect for the cheerful senders. The paper is too green to burn, so we can't kindle the fire with it these cold days. It won't do to wrap up groceries with because it smells too fishy; the office cat actually refuses to sleep on it the coldest night that froze the ears off a brass monkey, but when the stinger is morose and sad, when his heart is borne down with grief over erring Democrats and booze-whiskered calamity howlers; when indigestion, liver trouble, heart disease, small pox, scurvy, mange, bubonic plague, cholera, typhus fever, diphtheria, measles and appendicitis have all seized us at a clip, we can take a look at the Appeal to Treason, thank the Lord and say that with all these ailments, at least we are not a Socialist.—North Carolina Yellow Jacket.

## Mr. Pinchot as a Witness.

Mr. Pinchot as forester and as the chief advocate of conservation has, as the president wrote him last September, rendered the country "immense services;" and the country is thoroughly appreciative. Mr. Pinchot as both witness and chief prosecutor in the Ballinger investigation did not make a good showing. He hurt himself, and he helped rather than hurt Ballinger. This also the country has seen clearly; for the country has, after all, some sense. It was a mistake to preface his sworn testimony with a too sweeping unsworn announcement of what he was going to prove. It was a worse mistake to accuse Ballinger in that announcement of having deceived the president with three false statements of fact, when it was bound to appear later that those three misstatements were not really Ballinger's, but his former law partner's, and when as Mr. Pinchot had to admit, he himself knew that Ballinger had correctly stated those very facts to the president before showing him the incorrect statement. It was worse still that Mr. Pinchot should have had to admit further that he himself had made three important misstatements of fact in a letter to the president. To be too hot in controversy hurts one's side. In still plainer American, it is advisable to keep one's shirt on.

Mr. Pinchot's discomfiture as a witness does not, however, positively strengthen the case for Ballinger. That is yet to be presented, and the country should take it strictly on its merits. The only man whose case before the people is really strengthened by Mr. Pinchot's appearance is the president. He may have been mistaken in the general judgment expressed in that letter of last September to Mr. Pinchot, which was produced before the committee; but the judicial tone of the letter itself, the poise and balance of it, the mingling of kindness and firmness, make it quite the most winning thing that has come from his pen since he took office. We believe it will strengthen him with the people because we believe, as we have just remarked, that this country has some sense.—Harper's Weekly.

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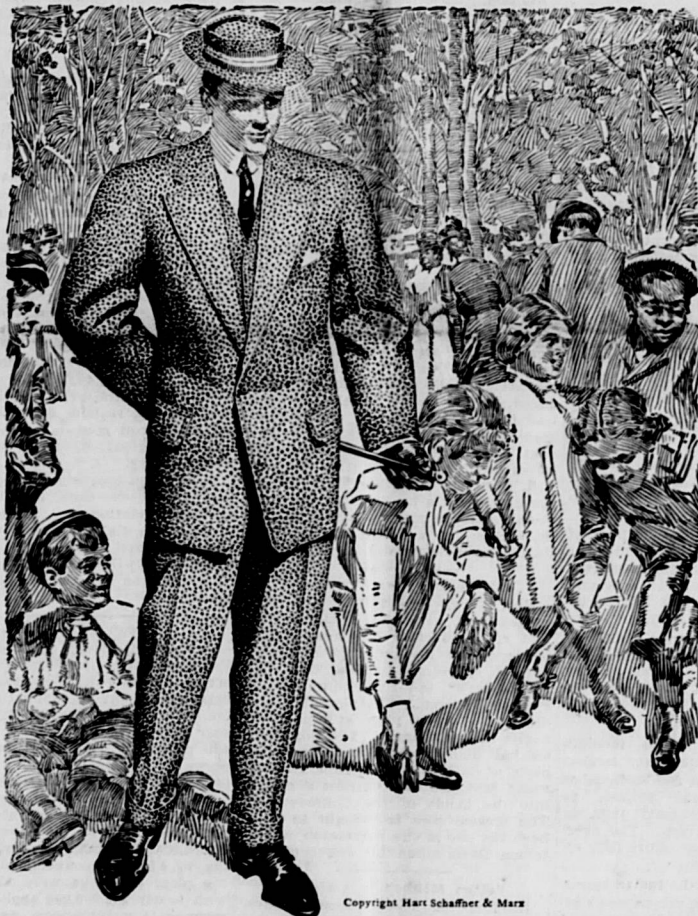
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