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Democracy now knows that it isn't all gold that glitters.

Speaking of naked facts, the Ignorotes object seriously to trousers.

Anything, which increases the sum total of human happiness and brings opportunity is good.

The latest society fad is to be tall. Society should have a care or it will hit the ceiling and hit it hard.

Democratic hopes and the shirt waist man seem to have disappeared simultaneously. How did it happen?

Senator Tillman didn't say much at St. Louis but the little that he did say made heavy inroads on the sulphur market.

The man who gives others the opportunity to earn a livelihood under acceptable conditions is a real public benefactor.

Evidently Parker thinks a telegram has more potency than some platforms and he may be right. That is a little matter for Democracy to settle.

Charles M. Schwab now knows that the difference between prominence and obscurity, sometimes, is only the meeting of a board of directors.

Gertrude Atherton's insistance that American literature is bourgeois may be correct, but it is very noticeable that she didn't include the American dollar.

The real trouble with the platform committee at St. Louis was that it did not know just how to find fault with or criticize, adversely, the doings of the Republican party. It was short an issue.

Having nominated Coal-Baron Davis for the Vice Presidency, Democracy will be a trifle embarrassed in its efforts to hold the Republicans responsible for the doings of the anthracite crowd.

After it is all said and done, about all that is required of the Republican party is to stand on the record it has made and in this it has great pride and the country is satisfied. It really looks reasonably easy.

The caterwauling of the Tammany tiger as he sits on the fence is sufficient excuse for the shower of bootjacks and vegetables which have been aimed at it in an effort to make it get down on the one side or the other.

Ex-Senator Davis' age can be overlooked by the Democratic campaign committee when it is remembered that he is more than a millionaire, in the class which Mr. Bryan terms "the plutocracy" and will stand for a frequent touch.

Charles M. Schwab, whose meteoric rise to prominence as the protege of Andrew Carnegie, is now out of the "Billion Dollar Trust" and his going caused no more of a disturbance than would the "resignation" of a common laborer.

Is Parker greater than the Democratic party? Certain of his friends would have the country believe that he is. Just analyze the farce of such a position and realize its absurdity. This nation is governed by political parties not by individuals.

Democratic unity and harmony are beautiful to behold—in imagination. With Wall street chilly toward Roosevelt while Parker's nomination was secured by David B. Hill, August Belmont and their kind, it is easy to guess that the party's orators and organs will sing a new tune in the coming like disposing of the party at large campaign. How this will inspire Bryan and his followers.

It has now leaked out that the Democratic national committee has already decided that Bryan shall not be invited to take part in the coming campaign. It is especially desired, also, that he be kept out of Illinois. If this resolution to muzzle Bryan is faithfully kept, the campaign will be greatly simplified in so far as the Republican party is concerned. Except ing Cleveland, Bryan has a greater personal following than any other Democrat, Parker included several times over, and an effort to silence him will be resented with vigor. Democracy cannot ignore Bryan and his following with a shadow of a hope of success.

Senator McCarren in discussing the situation with Judge Parker, the Democratic nominee for President, and a party of friends is reported as saying: "This time it is more a question of the man than of any issue, and the decision lies with the people absolutely." The senator like the rest of the leaders of his party is anxious to divert attention from Democracy's very peculiar platform which has holes in it so big that the party can fall through without touching anywhere. If Democracy really wants a campaign with no issue but the personality of the candidates they can be accommodated for Roosevelt is admired everywhere while Parker is unknown and untried. It is for Democracy to name the issues. It is they who are attacking the Republican party. Make it whatever suit you best, gentlemen, and the Republican party will accept. Only one condition is imposed. That is tell the truth.

THE PRESS RECOGNIZED.

The press of the land is now coming into its proper inheritance. It has long been the wont of that mysterious something called society to affect an utter disregard for the press. To mention the doings of "society" without a special permit was to offend grievously. Now all this is changed as the following from a New York correspondent clearly shows:

"Society at Newport has a new fad in which the time honored scrapbook is playing the principal part. It is an old idea adapted to a new purpose—one through which every one becomes her own biographer. The fad was discovered throng a "run" on stationery stores for scrapbooks. Then it was learned that it is the thing now to cut from newspapers all that is printed about one's self, then to paste the clippings into books. It is said to be a rule among faddists not to discriminate between pleasant and disagreeable things that have been published."

ANOTHER BOLTER.

The compromise platform and colorless candidate which was the result of the St. Louis convention are neither well received by Democracy.

Theodore N. Banta, treasurer of the New York Life Insurance company, who was civil service commissioner under Mayor Low, has joined the bolters and issued a statement declaring that he will not support Parker and giving his reasons. This is what he says:

"I am a gold Democrat, and I expected to support Parker, even as a colorless candidate, but I cannot support a nomination made by trickery. I am disgusted with Parker. Not only did Parker not show courage in sending his famous dispatch, but he displayed the calculating cunning of David B. Hill.

"I think Judge Parker's action despicable. He waited until the convention was about to adjourn before telegraphing. He sent his telegram to his friends, Sheehan and Hill, when his nomination was beyond recall, and when the convention was helpless.

"In view of this action, the act of Bryan in 1900, announcing before the nomination was made that he would not accept it if it did not declare for free silver, was courageous."

WAR AGAINST PRIVILEGE.

In this time, when there is so much corruption centering about the control of property, and when that corruption is being so severely criticised, it is important that the true grounds of just criticism should be kept steadily in mind, observes the Saturday Evening Post.

Honest and sober-minded Americans have no quarrel with the accumulation of property. The wise administration of any property, great or small, must result in the general good, and the man who has a property of a hundred or thousand millions and is administering it well is undertaking a valuable and painfully burdensome duty for society. No, the quarrel is with privileges, with inequality before the law—that is, with the control of the government by the men of great wealth and therefore of great power.

This corrupt control was never more powerful than now—and, fortunately, never more visible, never so attentively observed by the people. It must be brought to an end; it will be brought to an end—but not in the despotism of socialism or the chaos of anarchy.

The administration of President Roosevelt acting on the authority of laws passed by a Republican congress has accomplished wonders in curtailing privileges which certain powerful groups have exulted to themselves. Of these things the electors of the nation have taken due notice and will see to it that this man of courage, fertility of resource and devotion to duty is retained in the White House yet another four years.

FINANCIERS AND ROOSEVELT.

The New York World, which is thoroughly Democratic, but always a fair newspaper, has published interviews with many leaders in the financial and commercial world, giving their opinions with reference to the Chicago ticket. We quote some sample expressions:

Jacob H. Schiff, head of the banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., said: "Ex-Secretary Root in his address as temporary chairman in no way overdrew the great qualities of President Roosevelt. When at the instance of President Roosevelt the litigation against the Northern Securities company was begun, I thought an error of judgment had been committed, but the course of events has borne out the wisdom of the movement. I feel certain in conservative financial circles that in any case of emergency, President Roosevelt will be found on the safe side."

Director James A. Blair, of Blair & Co., Bankers, No. 24 Broad street, said: "I am for Roosevelt and the Republican platform suits me. Many friends from the west have told me they will vote the Republican ticket. I do not believe there is now any feeling against him in Wall street."

James Speyer, a trustee of the Mutual Life, said: "Mr. Roosevelt has been nominated on his merits, and the Republican party could not have selected a stronger candidate. Everybody knows that the president is giving the best protection to all interests, rich and poor. No man, who has made a study of conditions will doubt that Roosevelt is the approved man of the day and everybody will wish to see him continued in office."

No one cares to deny that there are men high in financial circles who are opposed to Roosevelt and some of them are Republicans, but the fact about the matter is that these gentlemen, with few exceptions, have been defeated in some of their selfish and objectionable schemes by the courageous and manly enforcement of the laws under the President's direction. It isn't honest vested interests which are against Roosevelt. The opposition comes from men with schemes which have been exploded by reason of the President's fearless devotion to the interests of the whole people.

Democracy is welcome to the Republican financiers who oppose Roosevelt on the theory that he is "impetuous and dangerous." He is dangerous to the men who would plunder the people in violation of the laws. If that constitutes a dangerous man, would that there were more such in high places.

It isn't overly creditable to Democracy that it is seeking to enlist the support and money of this class in an effort to elect its nominee. It looks like disposing of the party at a bargain counter price.

Like Daisies Before the Scythe,

Baby lives are destroyed in summer by cholera infantum. The attack of the disease is sudden, its progress is sometimes terribly rapid. Mothers who have given their children Perry Davis' Painkiller can tell how this treatment has checked the diarrhea and vomiting, and put the little patient out of danger. 25 and 50 cents.

Ancient Order of Shepherds.

Streator Lodge No. 21, of the above named order, was organized in Red Men's hall last night, and the following officers were chosen as the officers:

Worthy Chief Shepherd—Dr. C. Schurtz.
Worthy Vice-Chief Shepherd—Ella Clendenen.
Warden—Lillian Peterson.
Prophet—Margaret Soulsby.
Scribe—Edw. G. Elliot.
Custodian—P. A. Anderson.
Conductor—Frank Butler.
Assistant Conductor—Mary Butler.
Guard—Herman Peterson.
Sentinel—Julia Felton.
Physicians—W. L. Smith and Carl Schurtz.

Mention has already been made in these columns of the many benefits to be derived from membership in the A. O. S., and the officers chosen and appointments secured assure a successful career for the order in Streator. This order is operating on sound lines and principles. The rates are such as to guarantee the ability to do all promised without change, as reference thereto will prove, and conference with any member will satisfy any and all inquiries. Call at Odd Fellow order is "Not How Cheap But How Sound."

One Lady's Recommendation Sold Fifty Boxes of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets.

I have, I believe, sold fifty boxes of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets on the recommendation of one lady here, who first bought a box of them about a year ago. She never tires of telling her neighbors and friends about the good qualities of those Tablets.—F. M. Shore, Druggist, Rochester, Ind. The pleasant purgative effect of these Tablets makes them a favorite with ladies everywhere. For sale by M. & W. W. Woolley.

A Narrow Escape.

Mr. Henry Heister, over 80 years of age and for many years rector of St. Andrew's parish, Farm Ridge, had a very narrow escape from a serious injury, one day the first part of this week. He had just got some work done at Foster's harness shop and his horse had been tied in the rear of that place. When he attempted to get in to the buggy the restlessness of the horse caused him to miss his footing and he was precipitated beneath the vehicle, where, hanging onto the lines he was dragged to the front crossing, where Mr. Foster and others assisted in stopping the horse and helping the old gentleman out of his predicament. He did not seem to be injured or even excited, but his clothing was badly torn.—Grand Ridge Enterprise.

John Ward went to Chicago this morning.

THE PREACHER EXPLAINS

He and His Intended Bride Sat Up All Night and Talked.

The other day we printed the story of Rev. Mr. Hoffman and his intended bride having registered at a Pekin hotel as man and wife and remained there all night, when they were not married until three days later. Then they went to Hagerstown, Md., where Rev. Hoffman is pastor of a church. A minister of the Lutheran synod investigated the reports, and a Hagerstown paper says:

Rev. Hoffman and wife arrived in Hagerstown, Maryland, on Wednesday evening, July 8th. He was interviewed by a reporter in this city, and the statement is made that he has made a satisfactory explanation of the episode, which Rev. Hoffman says has been disseminated by some grievous person. His statement is as follows:

"On the Sunday in question Miss Roth, who lived with her aunt in Mackinaw, and I went to Pekin. In the evening we missed the last buggy or the Mackinaw and we were forced to stay in Pekin, much against our will, all night. We sent word to Mackinaw that we had missed the trolley. I even tried to return on a freight train, but was sent back. We sat in the yard at the court house yard till 11 p.m., feeling that we should do. It was getting cold and I could no longer allow Miss Roth to sit out. Finally I said we would have to go to the hotel. My conscience was entirely clear and I thought nothing of it, as Miss Roth was a lady and we were to be married, as I supposed, as sacred as marriage. I also registered that as a protection to the name of Miss Roth. We went to the room and sat up all night and talked. The next morning we returned to Mackinaw."

BURIAL AT LOSTLANDS

Funeral of Bartholomew Maher This Morning Largely Attended.

From Friday's Daily.]

The funeral of Bartholomew Maher, which was held this morning, was largely attended by friends and relatives of the family in this city and vicinity. Two of the sons, John and Henry, were not present. Both reside in North Dakota, but the former is now in Italy for the benefit of his health and the latter is traveling in Texas and could not be located.

The funeral services were conducted at the church of the Immaculate Conception, where Father O'Kelly celebrated high mass and preached the sermon. Afterwards the body was taken to Lostlands cemetery for interment. Five of the six pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased. Had Charles Wolfe, of St. Paul, found it possible to be present there would have been six grandsons serving in that capacity.

Those from other cities in attendance at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hepler and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wolfe, of Ottawa, M. Barron of Spring Valley and Miss Kittie Wolfe of Chicago.

She Tried Five Doctors.

Mrs. Frances L. Sales, of Missouri Valley, Ia., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney trouble for years; had severe pains in my back and a frequent desire to urinate. When riding I experienced much pain over the region of the kidneys. I tried five physicians without benefit and then concluded to try Foley's Kidney Cure. After taking three $1 bottles I was completely cured."—Thompson Foor, Plumb House Corner, and Hatchenaer & Co.

MRS. SUSAN APPLEGATE DEAD

Well Known Resident of Blackstone Passed Away Last Night.

From Friday's Daily.]

Mrs. Susan Applegate, after an illness of about one year with diabetes, died last night at a quarter to 8 o'clock at her home at Blackstone.

Mrs. Applegate was a native of Ohio and was about 76 years of age. She had lived in the vicinity of Blackstone for fifty-four years. Her husband, James Applegate, died there eight years ago.

Eight Children Living.

Surviving the deceased are eight children—Theodore, John, James, Mrs. Mary Wood, Mrs. Jennie Harper, of Blackstone; Mrs. Anna Stewart of Virden, Ill., Mrs. Jane Sparks, now lives in Nebraska, and Mrs. Cora Blair of Wash., Ia.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, services at the house and interment in Blackstone cemetery.

Dr. Wiwer's Syrup
Purifies the blood | Cures (diarrhoea) for the skin.

WILL FILE A PROTEST.

Peoria Elks Are Mad and May Saw Off Their Horns.

From Saturday's Daily.]

The Elks held a meeting last night and raised $100 to send a delegation down to Cincinnati next week and protest against the action of the exalted ruler in demanding their charter. They voted to offer a resolution, endorsing Billy Marden from the suspicion of having preferred charges against the lodge. It is probable that if the Grand Lodge insists on taking away their charter they will saw off their horns, absorize themselves from their oaths and turn the organization into a Business Men's association. At times the brass and drag all connection with the Elks. They insist that the whole body of the order, 300 members, should not be made to suffer because there was suspicion that one or two of their members were guilty of graft ing.—Peoria Star.

—Old papers for sale at Free Press office.

PRICES AT WORLD'S FAIR

What a Visitor Says Regarding the Cost of Meals There.

A gentleman who has just returned from a second trip to St. Louis says that the big fair is now completed and is much better worth a visit than ever before. Everything is wonderful in every way, he says, while the talk of "robbery" at the fair, gets the city in all hush. Fine rooms can be had all over the city at $1 a night, occasionally cheaper. At most of these places breakfast is served for 25 cents. Other meals are seldom served to these rooming houses, as it is supposed that visitors will get their luncheons and dinners out on the grounds.

Where two persons occupy the same room the rate is usually $1.50 for the two. At restaurants in the city one can get meals all the way from 15 cts. to $5. For 35 cents one can obtain a fair dinner, clean and well served, providing you know where to go. At the aristocratic hotels one can pay almost any amount one will. Inside the fair grounds there are fully 100 good restaurants.

One can get a hot roast sandwich for 30 cents, which consists of two big slices of bread, between which is a thick piece of excellent roast beef, with lots of gravy. At "Ike Dutchie Hans" one pays from $2 to $5 for a meal. At the Vienna restaurant coffee costs 25 cents cup including rolls, and it's worth it, too. At other restaurants a small steak costs from 50 cents to $1.

At the Ceylon building elegant tea is served at 10 cents a cup with bread and butter for 10 cents. A dish of soup costs 15 cents at some places, but usually it is 25 cents. At one place near the Wabash entrance three slices of broiled ham, or five of bacon, costs 40 cents; coffee is served at 15 cents a cup or 25 cents a pot, with free bread and butter, but potatoes are charged for at the rate of 20 cents a dish.

Artesian well water can be found all over the grounds at 1 cent a glass, obtained by dropping a penny in a slot. At all the state buildings ice water is served free. Toilet rooms are elegant and numerous. It costs 5 cents to enter, which includes free soap and towels. Wherever there is a toilet room where a charge is made there is always a free section, but the latter is not made so prominent.

The street car service is excellent and it costs but 5 cents to get to the grounds from any part of the city, as transfers are always given but must be asked for when one pays his fare.

Working Night and Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. These Pills change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by M. & W. W. Woolley.

A NEW "GREEN GOODS" GAME

Good Money Sent to Suckers Who Believe It Is Counterfeit.

In search of pastures green where gambol lambs eager to be shorn, M. M. Keefe of Newark, N. J., has evidently failed to classify Streator in that verdant category. Albeit circumstances revealing a short cut to opulence are afoot in other cities, Keefe has not, so far as is known, victimized anyone here. The old green goods game is his scheme to fleece the public.

A crisp, new, genuine $1 bill is enclosed with the circular, which offers the "family necessity," as is termed, at the following rates: 100 for $10; 250 for $25; 500 for $40; 1,000 for 60; 2,000 for $100. In a postscript he writes: "After first deal I charge $15 per hundred."

Keefe writes strictly confidentially this:

"I send you herewith a sample of a 'family necessity,' and I can truthfully say nothing finer or better in this line of goods has ever been made.

"They can be sold very quickly without the slightest trouble, for $1 each.

"All of my agents are reaping a golden harvest with this most wonderful opportunity.

"It is distinctly understood that all goods will be exactly like sample, or your money will be cheerfully refunded.

"Fair, square and honest treatment to all."

The craft of Keefe is displayed in the cleverly veiled insinuation that the genuine bill enclosed be counterfeit and in arranging his fame so that it can be worked wholly by mail, the game is simply to take the money sent to him for goods like the "sample" and make no return, knowing full well that his victims will not dare to complain.

NAME THE FARM.

Suggestion to Farmers Which Would Be of Great Benefit.

It is a great convenience in driving through the country to see the names of the farmers on their mail boxes by the roadside. The man should be personally identified with the place he farms. Even if there is no business to transact with the farmer at the time or in the future the passerby takes an interest in this place or that as he sees the natural beauty, improvements, manner of farming and keeping up the premises, the flocks, herds, etc., and he would like to know who is responsible for that sort of a place. He may meet the farmer in the future, see his name in print or hear it mentioned, and it will increase interest in both the farm and the farmer to be able to associate the two. As the paint wears off the mail box the farmer's name becomes too dim to read and should be renewed in plain, black letters. Whether the farmer lives on a mail route or not it would be a very nice thing to put up a sign giving the name of the farmer, and if he be a tenant to also give the name of the owner of the place.

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Pearl Wire Cloth.
The genuine article. Best thing yet for screen doors and windows. Has steely appearance, will not sag, warps or spring, guaranteed not to rust and will wear well.
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As its name would indicate, leads them all. Simple yet durable in construction. Our line is large—from 1 quart to 8 quart.
John Alband,
215 S. Main St. Ind. Phone 146

A CASE OF IT.
Many Were Like It in Streator.
The following case is but one of many similar occurring daily in Streator. It is an easy matter to verify its correctness. Surely you cannot ask for better proof than such a conclusive evidence.
Mrs. A. Hawksley, of 402 S. Otter Creek street, says: "I suffered for a year or more from kidney complaints, characterized by heavy aching pains in the back and through the muscles of the left side and thigh. I did not rest comfortably at night and could not lie on the left side at all. As a rule, in the morning, I felt more tired and languid than when I went to bed, and when performing my housework if I stood long or overtaxed myself, I felt utterly worn out. I at different times used so-called cures for such troubles but if I received any relief it was of the most transitory nature. Then Kidney Pills came to my notice and I went to the Hatchenaer & Co.'s drug store for a box. I took them for a short time when I began to feel better. I continued the treatment. I steadily improved until cured.
Sold at 50 cents per box by all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S.
Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Reeves & Boyd, Attorneys.
Notice of Sale of Real Estate.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as executors of the last will and testament of Margaretta Kell, deceased, will on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, sell at public sale at the dwelling house located on the premises hereinafter described, the following described real estate, to-wit:
The east half of the northwest quarter and the east half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section number two (2), in Township number thirty-three (33) north, range number three (3) east of the third principal meridian, all in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, on the following terms, to-wit: Five per cent of the highest bid made at such sale for such real estate shall be paid in cash on the day of sale and the balance in cash on approval of such sale by the County Court of Livingston County. Possession of said premises to be given the purchaser or purchasers on the first day of March, A. D. 1905. On the day of said sale the undersigned will first offer said premises for sale in three separate tracts by land above described separately and will then offer said premises as a whole or said real estate as a whole.
Dated this 5th day of June, A. D. 1904.
Hermas Greever.
Margaretta Preston
Executors of the last will and testament of Margaretta Kell, deceased.
W. E. BULLARD
DENTIST.
OVER MIKERS' SUPPLY CO.'S STORE, 317 and 319 MAIN ST

BEST TEETH,
GOLD AND PORCELAIN CROWNS.
ALL KINDS OF FILLINGS.
PAINLESS EXTRACTION OF EVERY CASE
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You can be cured of any form of tobacco using easily, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor by taking MO-TO-BAC. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. All druggists. Cure guaranteed. Book-let and advice free. Address STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago or New York.
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