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### TOO BAD, MY SON.

And now they are telling about a precious book that was lost at sea—a copy of Omar Khayyam—illustrated by Vedder, and it took two years to bind it in elaborate tooled morocco, inlaid with 1,500 gems and gold settings. This rare volume was bought by an American who wanted to prove the proposition that a fool and his money are soon parted. Over two thousand dollars was the price. But think of the intellectual giant who wants a book bound in gems and set with gold. Why not buy his bologna sausage that way? Get a link of bologna sausage and take it to a goldsmith and have it set in richly carved bands of gold, and then procure a thousand priceless gems and place them on the dear bologna. Of course it wouldn't add anything to the taste of the departed dog in skin—it would not add to the seasoning or destroy the taste of garlic which would still abound—but think how much coin you could part with in decorating say a dozen delightful sausages in this way. Omar, on this paper, bound in a rag and stamped with a rubber type, is just as much of an intellectual treat as the priceless volume which had become a depository of wealth that went to the bottom of the sea. But it is not only Omar decorated vulgarly and wantonly. Milady often times imagines that her too, too solid flesh looks better disfigured with a small jewelry store placed here and there, and so many of the so-called smart set imagine that a bank account adds to the brilliancy of the conversation. And so Omar had to be decorated. But the gems inside the book outshone the gems outside. For our part we do not see why some fool with money to burn does not decorate the sidewalk with diamonds and rubies and try to bring about a picture of the New Jerusalem as it was pictured by the men who thought Mammon would allure its slaves to heaven.

### THE NEW EDUCATION.

One of the glories of our country is that every child in it can get a good fundamental education without money and without price. Whether we send our children to the public or the parochial schools, all of us believe in education. We are not going to be a nation of illiterates. A nation in which every grown man—and soon every grown woman—is entitled to the vote, is also entitled to the education that will make literate votes.

The trouble with our educational systems in the past has been that they have not taken into account the individual. All children were considered in the mass. Certain things were to be studied and all were to study these alike.

It is exactly as if we were to say that all children of a certain age were to wear the same sizes in hats, shoes and knickerbockers or skirts, regardless of the height of the kiddies.

Now just as children differ in inches and pounds, so do they differ in mental capacities, powers and hobbies. The richest cities have begun to recognize this. Hence the new education. There are classes for those who are slow, and classes for those who are especially alert; classes for those who have capacities for three R's and kindred subjects, and classes for those whose minds turn toward the manual and mechanical arts.

The new education does not mean that the child shall be left to go his own gait, but it does mean that the teacher, the parents and the child himself shall find out and do what is best for the child.

We are now quite of the conviction that the unfortunate "cocked hat" incident will not prevent the establishment of warm and lasting friendly relations between the eminent professor and the great Commoner.

### TARIFF PLUNDER.

Managers of railroads talk about the injustice of the public attitude towards railroads. They say, for instance, that railroads must pay more for material and labor but are not allowed to raise rates. But do they ever call attention to the fact that the "protective tariff" burdens them? Because of the "protective tariff," the steel trust and other iron and steel manufacturers can and do charge from \$28 to \$34 per ton for steel rails, which, according to the testimony of such expert manufacturers as Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Schwab, can be and are rolled at a cost of \$12 per ton. Making a liberal allowance for profits, etc., the railroads must therefore be paying from \$10 to \$16 per ton more for rails than they should or would pay but for the tariff.

In round figures the railroads of the United States buy 3,500,000 tons of rails per year, so that for rails alone they pay annually \$45,000,000 more than they should. It is a conservative estimate that, taking into consideration the iron and steel purchased by the railroads in the shape of cars, locomotives, wheels, axles, trucks, trimmings, bridges, structural material, etc., they are paying from \$125,000,000 to \$150,000,000 annually as a bonus to steel manufacturers.

If it be asked why the railroads, which are not benefited by the tariff, put up with this extortion, here is the answer. Twenty-three directors of the United States Steel Corporation are in control or on the directorates of 55 per cent of the railroad mileage in the United States.

### PROUD OLD HUMAN RACE.

Scientists have figured it out that the valley of the Nile has remained in virtually its present condition for a million years, and that Egyptian civilization is anywhere from 5,000 to 500,000 years old.

Makes a fellow feel mighty small, doesn't it?

Tom Reed was once asked what he thought of a certain southern member of the house, who was constantly airing his views on every conceivable subject that came before that body.

"Why, he's all right," said Tom in his nasal way. "The only trouble with him is that he misapprehends his relation to the solar universe."

Isn't that true of all of us? Here we are a million years since civilization overcame the savagery of the wilderness, and we haven't settled the tariff question yet, nor even the right and wrong of the hobble skirt. And the solution of the real problem—the matter of making a world in which everybody shall have enough and nobody too much—sometimes seems to be as distant as that day when the first sunrise shimmered on the murky waters of the Nile.

We are little bats, beating our wings against the cage of the universe, bruising ourselves on the wall of things as they are, then passing away into forgetfulness with nothing much accomplished. And we've been on the job some hundreds of thousands of years, they say.

### THE ALTITUDE OF MEAT.

Congressman William Kent of California, himself a large cattle raiser, offers no hope of decrease in the high cost of meats. He figures that it costs \$20 more to produce a meat steer than it did ten to fifteen years ago, very largely owing to increased cost of feed. The once vast ranges have been taken up by individual farmers who raise the hay and corn that must be had to fatten steers.

Whether Kent is wholly right or not, a lot of things indicate that the thrilling proposition for generations soon to come is going to be intensified product—the scientific raising of much on a limited acreage.

Agriculture seems to move as a stream. It abandons vast territory in the east to take up, exhaust and leave the middle west for the ranges and the Canadian northwest. Its methods and processes persisted in these regions would mean awful shortage of food supply. But following this stream of pioneers slowly but surely is coming the fellow educated to make three crops grow where one was reaped in disappointment before. And side by side with him is coming the fellow who raises practically all that he consumes. The disappearance of the great cattle ranges and ranches is not wholly a calamity by a good deal. The big corn-fed steer will supplant the little range fellow.

Woodrow Wilson was christened Thomas Woodrow Wilson. It was a mistake to drop the first name. Consider with what unction democracy might refer to the great man as Tom Wilson. It would certainly sound as if the bearer of the name was one of us.

### FACTS ABOUT ELECTORS.

Senator Borah of Idaho has been looking into the legal questions involved in the selection of presidential electors. "Each state determines for itself the manner of selecting its presidential electors," said the senator, "and congress fixes the time for their election. This being true, the state is responsible for the method of selection and for the qualifications of the electors. There is no way to bind an elector to support any particular candidate. A republican elector can support a democrat in the electoral college if he desires to do so. The national convention is a matter of form. Up to the time of Andrew Jackson the party convention had no part in presidential elections. Any body of men could put out a candidate. The legislature of Tennessee named Jackson for the presidency. Up to 1820, presidential electors were chosen by the state legislatures. In 1824 all states except six selected them by direct vote of the people. In 1828 electors were voted for directly in all states but Delaware and South Carolina. South Carolina continued to choose its electors by the legislature up to 1860. Since that time electors have been voted for direct in all the states."

### THE BANK.

The bank is a philanthropic institution which confers a favor upon society by borrowing people's money at 3 per cent and loaning it out at 7. The banker is a man who is paid a large salary for telling wabbly business enterprises where the jumping off spot is located. Banks are built of marble and manganese steel, in order to prevent somebody who needs a little ready money from reaching in with a bottle of nitroglycerine and foundering himself with the cash on hand. In spite of this precaution, every once in a while some bank cashier is backed up against the adding machine and requested to translate the time lock from the original Hebrew, while coarse men in peajackets carry away everything in sight but the overdrafts. The banks have built up a flourishing and profitable industry, pursued with ceaseless energy by a certain class of citizens, who go through a steel vault like a bareback rider through a paper hoop, and who evade the police by effecting a change of neckties. It occasionally happens that one of these gentry is trapped before somebody can bail him out, after which he is photographed from all points of the compass, fed into a shower bath, measured for a new suit of striped clothes and taught how to dance the lock step. Banks are usually kept by cashiers who sometimes keep all of the visible assets until they get into Canada. A run on a bank occurs whenever a cashier biosomes out in a new spring overcoat or donates \$25 to the Y. M. C. A. A bank examiner is a merciless and prying individual, who irritates the board of directors by requiring them to put up some collateral security against their loans. Banks have prevented a great many people from going broke sooner than they intended to, and therefore we should hold them in grateful esteem.

### CONSPIRACY CHARGED.

California Fruit Dealers Said to Have Formed Combination.

Washington, D. C.—Open charges that California fruit dealers had conspired with other interests to shut out fruit importations to Atlantic ports were made recently by Congressman Harrison of New York in discussing the conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill in the house.

The report eliminated the provision to limit the quarantine against the Mediterranean fly pest, so that it would apply only to the Atlantic coast. As the bill passed by the house it specifically exempted the Atlantic coast.

Congressman Harrison maintained that the effect of the conference change would be to heighten the tariff wall to the exclusive benefit of California fruit interests.

Congressmen Kent of California and Moore of Pennsylvania took issue with Harrison, denying that the amendment would have such effect. Despite Harrison's objections, the bill was reported unchanged, and now goes to President Taft for his signature.

### HEARING AUGUST 20.

Disbanded Militia Will Present Case to Governor West.

In order that every side may be given a full and complete hearing, Governor West has appointed Tuesday, August 20, as the date for hearing the accused officers' side of the recent trouble in the militia.

As it stands at present, the three companies are disbanded and inquiry and court-martial are hanging over the five officers. If new and extenuating evidence should be adduced at this hearing, however, it is possible that the disbandment order might be revoked.

It is with the desire of giving the utmost opportunity to everyone to be heard that Governor West is appointing the day for a review of the affair.

Chehalis county, Washington, has such an excellent crop of potatoes coming on that residents feel sure of reasonably low prices.

Captain E. W. Bixby, the Mississippi river boatman who taught Mark Twain how to pilot a steamboat, is dead.

### REPORT SHOWS INCREASE.

County Superintendent Presents Some Interesting Figures.

The following figures, taken from the annual reports of the county superintendent for the past two years, show a substantial increase in nearly every item vital to the schools of the county. The growth of sentiment in favor of advance in education is evident from these figures. The statement of Superintendent Wells follows:

School Year, 1910-11.	
School census (between 4 and 20 years).....	6,969
Number pupils enrolled in school.....	5,645
Average number of pupils belonging in school.....	4,735.5
Average daily attendance.....	4,439.9
Per cent of attendance.....	93.7
Number eighth grade graduates.....	173
Number enrolled in high schools.....	524
Number organized district.....	95
Number school houses built.....	10
Number teachers employed during year.....	211
Average salary male teachers (monthly).....	\$ 91.62
Average salary female teachers (monthly).....	61.17
Average salary city superintendents (annual).....	1,600.00
Average salary principals (monthly).....	97.46
Average salary teachers in one-room schools.....	52.64
Average salary assistant teachers.....	70.02
Average number of days taught.....	141.9
Number of school rooms in operation.....	193
Amount paid for teachers' salaries.....	\$85,966.53
School Year 1911-12.	
School census (between 4 and 20 years).....	7,381
Number pupils enrolled in schools.....	5,742
Average number of pupils belonging in school.....	5,026.2
Average daily attendance.....	4,775
Per cent of attendance.....	95.02
Number of eighth grade graduates.....	260
Number enrolled in high schools.....	636
Number organized districts.....	98
Number school houses built.....	4
Number teachers employed during year.....	231
Average salary male teachers (monthly).....	\$ 91.00
Average salary female teachers (monthly).....	63.56
Average salary city superintendents (annual).....	1,750.00
Average salary principals (monthly).....	101.04
Average salary teachers in one-room schools.....	55.98
Average salary assistant teachers.....	74.36
Average number of days taught.....	140.4
Number of school rooms in operation.....	227
Amount paid for teachers' salaries.....	\$103,383.17
Number of school visits made during the year by supervisors and superintendent.....	406
Number of visits made to school officers in their homes.....	271
Number of miles traveled in performance of official duties.....	7,176
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Scale receipts at Tidings office.

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Governor Johnson of California says if petitions now in circulation to initiate a law abolishing capital punishment receive the required number of signatures, he will allow no more executions until after election.

The right of Roosevelt delegates from Kansas to have places on the national ballot is to be decided by the supreme court of the United States in October.

Infantile paralysis, has been fatal to 33 out of 173 children in Los Angeles, and public playgrounds are being closed.

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Wash fabrics, floral and figured patterns, 15 to 20c values, at yd **10c**

Pillow slips, 45x36, regular 15c value, on sale at..... **10c**

Pequot sheets, size 81x90, \$1.25 value, at..... **98c**

Ladies' white lawn waists, all new styles, \$1.25 to \$2.00 values, at **95c**

Ladies' muslin gowns, \$1 value, on sale at..... **75c**

## Men's Furnishings

Men's last-long mesh union suits, special at..... **48c**

Men's Longley felt hats, all this season's styles, \$3 values at... **\$2.50**

Men's negligee shirts in stripe, figured and plain patterns, \$1.25 up to \$2.00 values all reduced 25c from regular price.

Men's balbriggan underwear, colors flesh and pink, all sizes, regular \$1 value at, per suit..... **75c**

Men's oxfords in tan and black, \$3.50 values on sale at..... **\$2.95**

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