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THE PRESENT REGIME.

There is today in Washington, with President Wilson in the White House and the democratic party in control of both the senate and house, such a condition as reformers for many years have dreamed of and fought for, says Collier's Weekly. The progressive element is completely and securely in the saddle. The democrats may make mistakes of judgment; they may take action along the lines of principles which are fundamentally ill adapted to progress. When they come to dealing with the regulation of business they probably will make this sort of mistake, for they will be pioneering in a new field. Also, here and there in the democratic regime are spots of decidedly low efficiency. But there is nothing in Washington which corresponds with the situation when Uncle Joe was in power and Jim Watson was his right hand man. The cleaning out that reformers have dreamed of is complete.

Official Rat Catchers.

One of the earliest of official rat catchers appears to have been a woman. An English warrant dated 1672 announces that, "Whereas, Elizabeth Wkley is employed in killing of rattes and other vermins, in and about His Ma'te's Stores and Houses in ye Tower of London, I have therefore thought fitt to allow her ye sum of eight pounds (\$40 per annum)." During the next century the office was invested with great dignity, and the Gentleman's Magazine for 1741 recorded the appointment of Mr. Gower as rat killer to his majesty, "a place of £100 (\$500) a year, an honourable office."

Freddy's Fear.

They pass a plate of cakes to Freddy at dessert. He puts out his hand, hesitates, then draws it back and begins to cry.

"What are you crying for?" asks his mother. "Because you are going to scold me when I choose the biggest one."

Call Money.

Belle—What's call money? Nell—I guess it's what the fellows spend on the violets and chocolate candy boxes they bring with them—Baltimore American.

BITS OF WISDOM.

Self culture is practical or it proposes as one of its chief ends to fit us for action, to make us efficient in whatever we undertake, to train us to firmness of purpose and to fruitfulness of resource in common life and especially in emergencies, in times of difficulty, danger and trial.—Channing.

When the year becomes cold then we know how the pine and the cypress are the last to lose their leaves—i. e., men are not known save in the times of adversity.—Confucius.

Employ thy time well if thou meanest to gain leisure, and, since thou art not sure of a minute, throw not away an hour.—Poor Richard.

Wouldst thou be such a man, single hearted selfishness, who hast no sympathy with the suffering, no smile with the happy? Feel less for thyself and more for others and the happiness of others shall make thee happy.—Gerald Massey.

JENNY KISSED ME.

Jenny kissed me when we met, Jumping from the chair she sat in. Time, you thief! Who love to get Sweets into your list put that in.

Say I'm weary, say I'm sad, Say that health and wealth have missed me, Say I'm growing old, but add— Jenny kissed me. —Leigh Hunt.

His Strong Point.

"My favorite nephew, Oliver Tolliver, is—well, he's my favorite nephew," remarked the old codger. "B'cuz, while he is pretty much always getting into trouble or having things go amiss with him, and so forth and so on, instead of blaming it on to somebody else or his luck or the party in power or saying he can't imagine how in the world it came to happen, he just scratches his head, grins a wry grin and says, 'Well, dad blame my fool picture: that's another time I brought it right on, myself by not having as much sense as a barrel of hair!'"—Kansas City Star.

Formality.

"I called to ask your permission to pay my addresses to your daughter with a view to asking for her hand in marriage."

"Go ahead," replied Mr. Cumrox. "Only I'm afraid a man with your ideas of courtship will be wasting his time."—Washington Star.

Food For Indigestion.

Young Doctor (after the departure of the dinner guests)—My dear, I think your party was a great success. His Wife—I hope so. I gave them the richest food I could think of.—Life.

Cautious.

"Walter, do you guarantee these eggs?" "No, sir, I'm very optimistic about those eggs, sir, but I don't guarantee 'em."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Honorable Industry always travels the same road with enjoyment, and duty and progress are altogether impossible without it.—Samuel Smiles

THE DECLARATION.

Upon the whole, this (the Declaration of Independence) is the most commanding and the most pathetic utterance in any age, in any language of national grievances and of national purposes, having a Demosthenic momentum of thought and a fervor of emotional appeal such as Tyrtaeus might have put into his war songs. Indeed, the Declaration of Independence is a kind of war song. It is a stately and a passionate chant of human freedom. It is a prose lyric of civil and military heroism. We may be altogether sure that no genuine development of literary taste among the American people in any period of our future history can result in serious misfortune to this particular specimen of American literature.—Moses Colt Tyler.

OLD AGE AND DEATH.

The seas are quiet when the winds give o'er; So calm are we when passions are no more, For then we know how vain it was to boast Of fleeting things, too certain to be lost. Clouds of affection from our younger eyes Conceal that emptiness which age describes.

The soul's dark cottage, battered and decayed, Lets in new light through chinks that time has made. Strouger by weakness, wiser men become As they draw near to their eternal home. Leaving the old, both worlds at once they view That stand upon the threshold of the new. —Edmund Waller.

THE FILIPINOS.

Some of our friends who are zealously advocating independence for the Philippines are not in possession of the facts. The great mass of the Filipino people not only have no desire for independence; they don't even know what independence means. The Filipino's idea of independence is that he ought to be turned loose to do as he pleases, with an American fleet lying outside of Manila bay to prevent anybody from interfering with him. In other words, we should be responsible for his acts and protect him from their consequences. Having raised up a badly behaved boy and turned him loose, we should keep anybody from spanking him.—Dean C. Worcester, Secretary of Interior and Member of Philippine Commission.

PESSIMISM.

We are but as the leaves which appear with the flowers of spring.—Homer.

'Tis best for mortals not to have been born or to look upon the light of the sun. No mortal is happy all his days.—Bacchylides.

The Drink That Was Called Robur.

About forty years ago there was advertised on London billboards a drink called Robur, said to be good for every ailment and, incidentally, the long sought after elixir of life. One was invited to send for free samples, and its marvelous properties were the subject of everybody's conversation. Robur might have been sold to this day had not some one, without the fear of a libel action before his eyes, divulged its secret formula—cold tea enlivened by rum. From that moment it fell as rapidly as it had risen, for people could make their own Robur if they wanted it.—Chicago News.

Speculation.

"What is you gwine ter do wif dat dog?" "I's gwine ter sell 'im fob 25 cents." "You kahn't make no money dat way." "De ins' party I sold 'im to fob 25 cents gwine two dollahs next day to take 'im off der hands."—Washington Star.

Real Humiliation.

"It must be rough to lose the roof over your head." "Yes; but think of having the mortgage foreclosed on your automobile."—Pittsburgh Post.

Impatience has wings and passes the goal. Intention packs her trunk and misses the coach. Resolve starts on foot and wins.

OLIVER SETS WHIFF RECORD

SEVENTEEN COVE MEN FANNED BY SOUTHPAW.

La Grande Wins Both Games at Cove Cherry Fair Yesterday.

Oliver whittled another notch in his amateur career of fame yesterday when he led the La Grande Moose to victory against Cove at the Cove cherry fair with a 3-1 victory striking out 17 men. Two clean hits were garnered off the young portside pitcher and they came in the ninth inning giving Cove one run.

Coleman, of Baker, pitched the morning game for La Grande against Elgin and the locals won 13 to 2. Jackson of Baker, caught the morning game.

The morning contest was marred by an accident to Leftfielder Mason, of Elgin, he stumbled while chasing a long fly and struck with terrific force against a rock, gashing his forehead and bruising one eye badly.

Trouble In Copper Belt.

Calumet, Mich., July 24.—Many desertions are reported in a dozen points of the copper country, where 15,000 miners were locked out as the result of a struggle between the western federation of miners and the operators.

The companies have doubled their mine guards in a score of places. The night workings are closed as a result of the rioting last night throughout the district when several mobs attacked the non-unionists on their way to work. More than a dozen deputies were injured and several seriously injured, in a clash this afternoon by the

DELIVERY CAR STRIKES DITCH

FALSE BOTTOM UNDER WEEDS MISLEAD DRIVER.

Auto Delivery Car Turns Completely Over on Cove Road.

In the mad rush of automobiles to and from Cove yesterday, carrying cherry fair visitors, a minor accident occurred.

Adelivery car tipped over and the wheel of another broken. After having taken the family of J. D. Lynch to Cove and while in its return the Lynch delivery car turned over near a bridge, but the driver, sole occupant, escaped injury.

The accident was caused by misleading weeds that had been cut at the roadside and appeared to have level ground beneath them, and when in passing other autos the driver drove upon the weeds they found false bottom and went over the bank. Hundreds of automobiles went to Cove during the day and evening and it was close to morning before the last of the crowds arrived in the city from the festivities at Cove last evening.

The show was a big success in every way, and the crowd is roughly estimated at 3000.

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, of this city, was the speaker of the day and delivered a very interesting address.

striking copper miners. Hundreds of shots were exchanged.

The trouble started as a result of an attempt by the miners to force their employes to cease work. The governor has been asked to rush troops. Thousands of deputies have been sworn in but the number is inadequate.

OFFICIALS OF MEET SELECTED

COURSE FOR RACERS TO BE PATROLLED SUNDAY.

Officials Here and at Baker Selected to Govern Races Sunday.

Many of the officials who will superintend the big endurance race to Baker and return next Sunday afternoon and to conduct the great list of attractions that will occupy every minute from 1:30 on, have been picked. C. M. SeCor, who originated the plan, will be master of the arena throughout the day. P. A. Foley is clerk of the course and on the morning of the race will ride the course seeing that flags which were set up today are kept in place, and arranging for sufficient sign boards along the way. The trip to Baker will be made in the forenoon, so that ample warning can be given to traffic in general at dangerous defiles and narrow canyons. The riders themselves will be protected by red flags.

The starter duties of the endurance race here will be carried out by Mayor M. K. Hall and at Baker on the return trip, Mayor Palmer will officiate. The machines will start at intervals of five minutes both here and at Baker avoiding crowding and dust. Mr. Hall's assistant will be Aug. J. Stang. Roscoe Neill is head timer and assistants are T. J. Scroggin and Larry Larrison. Dr. P. A. Charlton has been named timer of horse race events.

The program is of such a varied nature that one event can be crowded on the track immediately after another and there will be no waits of any kind.

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