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Just think of the Populist Pettigrew as a Plutocratic railway manager!

How in the world will the Sultan be able to grind out his explanations now that he has abolished the typewriter girl?

Senator Morgan of Alabama says that Mr. Bryan stood with one foot on democracy and one in the mud. There is no doubt at all about the mud.

China's method of paying her old debts by contracting new ones is by no means new. Somebody robbed Peter to pay Paul a few centuries ago.

Large deposits of natural soap have been found in Wyoming. Now the only thing needful is a towel mine, and Wyoming will be well qualified to get rid of her tramps.

What is the difference between Wall-Street brokers and green-goods men? Neither takes any advantage of any one except those who are trying to take advantage of somebody else.

One of the most badly needed improvements that is lacking in this county is a telephone system from here to Burns. It would be worth many dollars to the merchants of Prineville, for the ranchers on Beaver creek and other points along the stage route could order goods any time they needed them and thus save to our home peddlers that traverse that part of the county from early spring to late in the fall. Then it would be a great help to the settlers in that section in case of sickness as now they have to send a man on horseback a ride of from 50 to 100 miles and much valuable time is lost and sometimes a more valuable life that could otherwise be saved. Any way it is worth the while of some one to look into the matter.

Just at the present time when everybody ought to be satisfied with existing conditions, comes news of strikes on and threatened, which makes the average individual pause and ask why such disturbances should occur at this time. It seems to an outsider that these conditions are brought about by a disturbing element in the labor world that should be relegated to the back ground of business affairs. Most generally strikes are brought about by agitators who have the easiest jobs, therefore have more time in which to plot mischief. These fellows get big wages and work short hours and blow in their money at the gaming tables and then kick at the hardships they have to endure. No one will dispute for a moment that a man has the right to quit work at any time he sees fit, but that he should get his fellow man into trouble on his account is altogether wrong and measures should be adopted to suppress this evil. In a few cases the working man has

been imposed upon, but there has not occurred very many instances in the memory of the writer where they could not have been settled by arbitration in a few hours at most had these agitators been kept out of the matter as they should. Strikes injure the honest workmen but cannot harm the agitator for he has nothing to lose. As a rule he winds up in the penitentiary or at the end of a rope. Labor unions properly conducted are a good thing, but as a rule they fall into the hands of a few unprincipled individuals and then their tendency is to degeneracy and the honest members suffer. The employee has no risk in the business except his monthly wages while the employer may have many thousands of dollars and is running no end of risks at all time yet the agitators would have one believe that they are all there is to the business and that it would go to pieces at once if they were not there to hold it together. Every honest employer will look after the interests of his employees the same as any of the other details of the business and will see that they have enough to live on if they are worthy and will take an interest in his welfare as well as their own, but as a rule they do not care for him further than to get their money for the least effort and if his business would go to pieces in a moment it would trouble them no farther than that they would lose their job until they could get another. There is always two sides to a question, but one seldom hears the employer's side of the labor question.

Why doesn't the New York Yacht Club change the name of its yacht from "Constitution" to "By-Law" in honor of the rule by which it shuts out the competition of all outsiders?

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