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In Virginia a well of magnetic water has been discovered. In Kentucky they have to manufacture it.

The President's advisers are fearful that his strong position on the trust question will but serve to emphasize the servitude of the Republican majority to the trusts.

Frick is to give Pittsburg a university that will far eclipse Carnegie's \$5,000,000 polytechnic school. If this keeps up education may cease to be an unknown quantity in "the fair city."

PRES. MITCHELL and his union seek the privilege of saying who shall be at liberty to work; Pres. Baer and his associates desire to monopolize the material on which alone non-union and union laborers can find an opportunity to work. Much friction, but no heat.

BETWEEN his own conviction that the tariff is too high and his desire to avoid saying what his political advisers tell him will defeat his chances for nomination in 1904, President Roosevelt is experiencing what the French call "a bad quarter of an hour."

TWO HUNDRED corporations in this country represent an aggregate capital of \$5,600,000,000. They employ 400,000 workers, pay \$250,000,000 in wages and have an annual output of \$2,000,000,000. Does anyone seriously believe that the labor represented by this output was worth only one-eighth its value?

A GREAT opportunity confronts the Democratic minority in Congress. They have only to unite on a single, reasonable policy, be frank and consistent and earn the respect of the country and they will deserve victory in 1904. The great responsibilities are all with the Republicans.

THE report of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock sets forth the fact that the bears in Yellowstone park are so gentle that they follow the tourists in the hope of pie. But with his nomination in the balance, Mr. Roosevelt will not have the temerity to make war on bruvn with such strongly-marked republican tendencies.

"No higher tribute to Gompers' honesty could be stated than the fact that at the Dwyer convention, where he was defeated, he had to borrow money to get home on," says a writer in the Nashville News. If borrowing money to get home on is a proof of honesty, there are lots of us who have never been given credit for our virtues.

According to Engineer James O. Stewart, the British bricklayer lays an average of 450 to 600 bricks per day, while the American lays 2,000 to 2,700 bricks per day. When the American bricklayer gets \$18 per day, which is what he earns as compared with the British laborer, wages in the United States will be as high as those paid in England.

Now that the Republican party confronts a demand for anti-trust legislation, Senator Cullom has found that the present law is all sufficient. We have frequently remarked that fact and have asserted that a few prosecutions under the criminal provisions of the law would secure respect, but no Republican attorney general dare enforce it.

THE financial failure of "Swift," the "Butt-Mag," is attributed to the enactment of the anti-oleomargarine law, but as the enactment of that law worked to the detriment of the butter men, the case assigned for the assignment of the Swift estates on the appearance of what the deicians stigmatize as a "non-sequitur."

THE President's choice for chairman of the Republican National Committee in the 1904 campaign is said to lie between Clarkson, the spoilsman, and Payne, the dictator of the policy which removes competent men from office on the sole ground of political expediency. And his supporters in chief are Platt, Quay and Addicks, three men who stand charged with every crime on the political calendar. Wasn't it Mr. Roosevelt who advocated civil service reform? Such fidelity to principle creates absolute belief in the good faith of his attitude of antagonism to the trusts.

STANDING on the crest of the Blue mountains of Eastern Oregon where the Oregon Short Line Rail Road reaches the summit of that great divide and watershed, there was erected when the railroad was constructed, now twenty years gone, an eating house or railroad hotel. It was built of Blue mountain pine, of logs with the bark uncut, in picturesque, pioneer style. For twenty years it stood an imposing and lovely monument attractive from the exterior and more than attractive within. Within its walls was conducted an eating house that was a marvel to the traveler in all this Western world. No better cuisine could be found in the best hotels of New York. No more lovely place was to be seen in a trip across the continent. The writer well remembers that on a Sunday morning in March, now eighteen years ago, with the snow four feet deep on the level and the temperature ten degrees below zero his train pulled to the top of the Blue mountains, and at daylight he had one of the best breakfasts he has enjoyed in a life time at this summit eating station. The "old eating house has burned down" its memories and its beauties remain. The railroad people owe it to the traveling public to rebuild it on precisely the same lines as before. We are promised that it will be done.

CANNON FOR SPEAKER.

It seems that "Uncle Joe" Cannon is to have an easy victory in the speakership contest. Mr. Babcock, who intended to run on his tariff reform record scarcely got started in the race, and Mr. Littlefield, who trusted to his anti-trust record, was entirely distanced.

"Uncle Joe" is simply a republican; he is perfectly satisfied with the Republican party; he has implicit faith that the crops will be good when the republican party is in power, that prices will be high to those who want high prices, and low to those who want low prices, provided Republican rule is not disturbed. There is nothing that he wants to reform, and therefore he does not have to worry about platforms or promises. He is the natural and logical candidate of those who accept Mr. Hanna's doctrine of "let well enough alone." If he is chosen speaker, as now seems certain, we may count on the Republicans adopting a policy of masterly inactivity.

MITCHELL ON VIOLENCE.

Mr. Mitchell rendered a distinct service to the cause of labor when he declared in answer to an inquiry relative to the influence of violence upon the success of a strike: "I should say that its success would not be dependent upon it at all. The very conditions alleged would reduce the chances of winning the strike. In my judgment, violence never contributed to the success of a strike, because it loses for those on a strike the sentiment of the public."

Mr. Mitchell is entirely right. Violence hurts the strikers infinitely more than it does the employers. In fact, the employers so well understand the influence which a display of violence exerts upon the public that they have been accused of instigating the violence themselves in order to profit by the indignation aroused. Mr. Mitchell has done much to strengthen the cause of labor, but nothing that he has said has shown a clearer discernment of a more just appreciation of the forces that move society.

THE WESTWARD COURSE OF EMPIRE.

A monument placed last Wednesday in a lone field between Wigg's Station and Elizabethtown, seven miles southeast of Columbus, Ind., marks the centre of population of the United States proper at the end of the nineteenth century. It also commemorates the folly of those who at the century's beginning thought it impossible that seaboard civilization would ever pass beyond the At-

lanthias. Our centre of population, including Alaska, Porto Rico and the Philippines, is somewhere in Kansas—exactly where is unknown, as we have no census of the Filipinos.

In 100 years the centre travelled westward 478 miles, or about three feet per hour. The line made by its progress was drawn to its southernmost point in 1830 by the development of Kentucky, Tennessee and the lower Mississippi region, wavered north until 1870, went south in 1880 and northward again in 1890 and 1900. Its longest jump was eighty-one miles between 1850 and 1860 because of the California gold fever; the shortest was from 1890 to 1900, when because of the growth of the Eastern cities it travelled but fourteen miles west, and when the development of Texas, which gains as many congressmen in the new apportionment as New York, and of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, deflected it three miles south. At the end of the century it is very nearly due west of where it started.

Where will the centre be in A. D. 2000? Eastern prophets see it crawling slowly into Illinois and there pausing. Far Western men say that it will continue to go rapidly westward. Systematic irrigation, with its small farms and compact civilization, they say, is only beginning the transformation of the west into plains as rich and populous as Babylon's of old; and they may not be dreaming. If the centre were to move westward in this century just as it did in the last, the year 2000 would find it in Missouri a little southeast of Leavenworth, Kan., where it would still be considerably east of the geographical centre. For this is indeed a very big country!—N. Y. World.

FEAR POLITICAL EFFECT.

During the course of the examination of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. MacVeagh, attorney for the mine owners, referred to the strike which was settled just before the election of 1900 and developed the fact that Mr. Mitchell was in telephonic communication with Mr. Hanna just before the settlement. Continuing Mr. MacVeagh said:

"Mr. Bryan was again a candidate for the presidency, and you were conscious of the great apprehensions entertained by the financial interests as to the possibility of his election?"

"I believe," replied Mr. Mitchell, "that the fact that an election was pending had something to do with the early settlement of the strike."

Here is proof, brought out by the attorney of the mine owners, first, that the financial interests of the country were arrayed on the republican side in the campaign of 1900, and, second, that the mine owners settled with the miners because they feared that a continuance of the strike would do political harm to the Republican party.

If Mr. MacVeagh had pursued the same line of inquiry and asked in regard to the present strike he might have shown that the fact that a congressional election was pending had something to do with the appointment of the board of arbitration that is now conducting the examination. And yet the rank and file of the Republican party continue to credit the president and Mr. Hanna with disinterested patriotism in settling strikes just before the election, and the Republican laboring men and farmers continue to vote with the financial interests that control the Republican party and can make and settle strikes and panics according to their pleasure. This blind faith will be shattered some day. In the meantime those who are aware of the dangerous tendency of Republican policies and methods must redouble their efforts both to maintain the integrity of the Democratic party and to make converts among those who have had such implicit faith in Republican leaders.

THE CARDIFF GIANT.

In the recent death of George Hull, of Binghamton, N. Y., is recalled the most famous hoax of the nineteenth century. The giant was twelve feet long and apparently the petrified body of a man. Such men as Oliver Wendell Holmes, Emerson and Dr. Wescott (the author of David Harum), were deceived by it. Cardiff, where the giant was found, is in Onondago county, N. Y., a few miles from Syracuse. Near by is a depression in the earth; in this hollow are found petrified fish and reptiles.

Geologists say this hollow once formed the bed of the ocean. It was here the giant was found in 1869, while men were digging a well. The news of the finding of the giant spread across the country in a short time, and soon vehicles of all kinds were headed for the pit loaded with people anxious to look upon the face of the wonderful giant. Soon a tent was erected over the giant and an admission fee of fifty cents was charged. In this way \$7000 was made in a few weeks. Immediately a three-quarters interest was sold to business men of Syracuse, one of whom was Dr. Wescott, for \$3000. The giant attracted the attention of many eminent scientific men and by them was pronounced the petrified body of a man. Hull got his idea of the giant from an argument he had with a Methodist preacher, in which the minister claimed the earth was at one time peopled with giants. Immediately he set about to materialize a great and grand sell. After a long search for the proper kind of stone he at last found one to answer his purpose at Fort Dodge, Iowa, in a gypsum bed. After many difficulties in transporting the very heavy stone over 45 miles across the Des Moines river to a railroad, he finally succeeded in having it housed in an out of the way place in Chicago. He then secured the services of an Italian sculptor to carve a gigantic figure of a man; the marks of the chisel were removed and the figure treated to a wire brush and acid to give an old appearance. It was then packed marked "machinery" and sent to Union, N. Y., in 1868. From there it was taken by wagon in the night to Cardiff, where "Stub" Newell, a cousin of Hull, had a farm. They had fixed it up between them to bury it, which they did, and planted a crop of grain over the spot. The next year Newell had some neighbors dig a well on the spot and they discovered the giant and thus a fortune was made. Dr. Wescott was a gentleman of the highest respectability in Syracuse, and when the giant was finally shown to have been a fraud, his health gave way and he died shortly after, it is said, of a broken heart.

TO YOUR TENTS OH! ISRAEL.

The time is now propitious for the Democrats of Oregon and the county of Clackamas to get together. We should bury the hatchet and stifle all party quarrels. We should forget the differences of the past. We should all get together on a broad and liberal platform of Democratic principals and be prepared to meet the enemy in battle array with every soldier in his place prepared to do or die in the effort to defeat the common enemy. In "Ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" the Republicans have had long and excellent schooling. We can not beat them with a half hearted fight or a half hearted organization. Every Democrat must become a trained soldier. The Republican party at the next election, in 1904 will stand for all that it stands for now, for centralization of power, for corporate wealth and private greed, for the rich against the poor, for the few against the many, for the plutocracy against the common man.

It will in 1904 justify the formation of trusts and levy tribute on wealth and capital, in every village in the land. It will seek to destroy the individual in business and in all of the affairs of life. It will put the dollar mark above the man and Marcus Alonzo Hannah will direct its affairs and marshal its assets. The Democratic party will stand for all that is clean in politics and honest in government, believing that the "country is governed best that is governed least." The Democratic party will appeal to the common man, to the man "who sweats and toils," who earns his right to live by the sweat of his face. It will appeal to the home builders and the firebrands of America, it will stand for the perpetuity of a simple form of government, for the greatest individual liberty to each and every citizen, for the rights and the protection of all. On such a platform and fighting in such a cause it ought to win. We believe that it will win. The truth and the right will in the end prevail.

There have been many years of darkness and doubt. There has been a season of corruption and fraud. Men have been betrayed on the one side and sold on the other. Honor has been bartered for gold and the Declaration of Independence and the human rights forgotten. These things can not last. It is said that error will get half way around the

world while truth is getting its boots on. The Democratic party will have its boots on in 1904 and it will stride across the American continent, with the torch of liberty in one hand the Declaration of Independence in the other and appeal to every honest man who loves his country and his home to join with us in hurrying from power this plutocracy of wealth and imperialism which seeks to subvert the very foundations of our government. The right and the truth will win.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again, The eternal years of God are hers, While error wounded writhes in pain, And dies amongst her worshippers."

Every man who loves his country can join with us in the fight. The platform will be big and broad and generous, The burden of the fight will of necessity fall on the old soldiers of the Democratic party. Then "To your tents Oh! Israel," for the next battle is a battle to the death a battle for the preservation of American liberty.

In the election of Grant B. Dimick for mayor of Oregon City on Monday of this week for the third consecutive term, there may be much of interest to the politicians of this county, especially those of Republican persuasion. It may mean that Dimick is a new power in the Republican politics of the county.

It may mean and possibly does mean the passing of some of the old leaders. Senator Brownell has probably asked the voters of Clackamas county for the last elective office at their hands. He has made some bitter personal enemies in his own party as well as out of it. He may be willing now to lay down the reins of leadership, or rather turn them over to a younger if not a more skillful politician. Brownell's leadership has not always been for the interest of the Republican party. He has used his power as a leader in many instances for his own advancement. Dimick is a younger man. That he is ambitious, there can be no doubt. That there are some good things in Clackamas county politics that he would like to have is certain. He is fairly popular with the members of his own party. More so possibly than Brownell has ever been.

What he wants, we have no means of knowing. What his leadership will produce time alone can tell. The Republicans of Clackamas county are by no means a majority party. They are disrupted by internal dissensions and I have been torn by factional fights. They are in power now for the first time in many years. It will take able leadership, and excellent and honest organization to keep the party in power. The Demo-

crats will be camping on their trail every day of the next two years. In the mean time, the bystander and the looker on, we Democrats and others will watch the political sky with much interest. We do not now know whether the recent election means the setting of one political star and the rising of another in the G. O. P. firmament or whether it means additional factional fights and a struggle for leadership and party supremacy. And while we watch the leaders of the opposition fight out their battles, let us as Democrats get closer together, gird on our armor and prepare for fray and by making Clackamas county a Democratic county at the next election we can do much to disconcert the enemy and tumble around the heads of some leaders on the other side their castle of broken promises, and disreputable politics.

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