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JUST A PLAY FOR VOTES. Never had any man, in quiet times a more difficult role than W. J. Bryan has assumed. He is on a hunt for votes. His extreme anxiety to concili-ate all classes and conditions and groups of voters is manifest in every supposed interests or antipathies of one sort or another, is his study night

and day. His principles, say rather the purnoses or announcements, on which he made his former efforts, have all been that till eliver should be restored, some of the most ardent of these there was no use to talk of anything strenuous law-enforcers must be else. No more of the necessity of re-classified with the satyrs. How many the American people. No more of erable shelter can aver that they are anti-imperialism and scuttle of the not responsible for the fate of at least Philippine Islands. Nothing now but one of her class? a lot of dust or chaff, about injunction and tariff and monopoly and trust

deal. He desires the help of the busi-ness interests of the country, yet he wishes it understood that he is the enemy of every important business interest-for he insists that every one of them is a monopoly or a trust. A while ago he denounced Wall street as "Fagin's den of thieves; a gam-bling hell, in comparison with which get out of the world as quickly as she Monte Carlo is insignificant." But more recently-and only the other day-in the same hall, he made a speech in which-anxious not to antagonize the business vote-he said: We are not even opposed to the exchange, or to the stock market." No need to "make up" with Guffey,

of Pennsylvania, whom he threw out of the Denver convention; for Guffey lives in a state where there is no hope of a Bryan electoral vote. Guffey now tells it that he recalls an incident, namely, that on the night the credentials committee reported to the Den-ver convention, Haskell, Bryan's manager and platform maker, yelled to (Guffey), "Back to your oil s!" It doesn't bring distress to Guffey to learn that Haskell now is out of both lines of business, political and cit. But Pennsylvania will vote for Taft two to one, so that isn't interesting. Yet as far as possible Bryan has tied up all along the line, in the contested states, with those whom he had previously denounced as the be-"Tom" Taggart, of French Lick Springs, manager of the Parker candidacy in 1904, who, Bryan asserted, was "so intimately assoclated with trusts and corporations' as to disgust everybody, is now Bryan's representative and manager in Indiana. Judge Parker, whose nomination was "secured by crooked and indefensible methods," now is accepted by Bryan as a worker and supporter, makes speeches for Bryan, and entertained Bryan in New York other day. The services of David B. Hill now also are sought-the same Hill of whom Bryan said that he was so close to Parker that if Parker were elected President, "those who attempted to reach the White House would have to wade through peanut shells knee deep to reach him." Even Ryan and Belmont, drafters of that "cowardly and straddling platform" of 1904, as Bryan called it, are now welc The Bryan leader in Illinois is Roger Sullivan, whom the peerless Nebraskan once assailed, and of whose plans to control the convention of 1904. Bryan said, "No band of train robbers ever planned a robbery more deliberately or with less conscience," is now his trusted lieutenant in Illinois, And the writer of the Bryan platform. direction of Bryan himself, was Haskell of Oklahoma; and everybody knows now who Haskell is and what has happened to him.

It is an attempt to drag in the support and to get the votes of all sorts and conditions of men. But some sort or lot of them is to be greatly deceived and disappointed. Doubtless it mass or bulk of the votes. The bosses. in the event of success, will be near

A tendency of these associations, solicited for Bryan and active in his behalf, is to drive voters to the Debs purchases offer a safe criterion, Ta-and Hearst tickets. The great com- coma would seem to be a favorite. plaint of the supporters of these tick-Bryan, is that in his eagerness to get the help of the plutocratic Democracy. he has turned his back on the ideas and purposes upon which he came to termini of the road, such view the front, and which gave him name and fame. There is talk about "The New Bryan," but these people don't want The New Bryan and others have

Vital statistics of Ireland for the past year show a birth rate of 23.2 per 1000 of estimated population and and also over the average the past in history, deaths exceeded births by birth rate was 52 per 1600. Econo- try lying south of the Columbia River mental power to take care of their wife's money can he spend? century ago the French

be face to face with the same problem f new immigration more prolific than

SIRENS AND SATYRS.

Mayor Lane tells the exact truth when he says that "sin-soaked sirens have played a part in the world's history as far back as there are written records," and a good deal farther, but it is only part of the truth. To make it complete he should have specified the aid which the sin-soaked sirens have always received from rum-soaked satyrs. The two parties to the gin and shame have always been in-separable. Without the latter we should never have had the former, though the converse is not true, for in most cases it is the satyr who is accountable for the existence of the But when it comes to making laws and enforcing them, the woman because she is plainly in evidence and easy to strike at and helpless to strike back, must bear the punishment and the misery while her partner in guilt goes scathless.

It is respectfully submitted that the question what is to become of the scarlet woman when she is expelled from her home is a pertinent Mayor Lane says he does not know what is to become of her. Perhaps there are some eager enthusiasts for law enforcement who do not care course or turn he makes. To play on Let these Pharisees get what comfort the prepossessions, the prejudices, the they can from the contemplation of supposed interests or antipathles of their holiness; but let them rememher one thing besides their holiness. Had they been born and nurtured in the environment of the siren, they would be as sin-soaked as she is, in stead of standing in their radiant purput out of sight. No more of free ity and casting stones at her. Even coinage of silver; yet we once heard as it is, one cannot help believing that construction of the Supreme Court, to of those who clamor for the expulsion meet the new and rising demands of of the scarlet woman from her mis-

> But, aside from all that, the ques tion of the siren's crust of bread when she can no longer ply her trade will police will haunt her and finally drive her out of it. tion is unmistakably intimated in the latest news upon the subject. poor creature can therefore be neither honest nor dishonest. Surely her lot is a hard one. There seems nothing for her to do but commit suicide and can. If she could only take with her the male reprobates who have made her what she is, perhaps this might be best for all concerned, but as the law permits them to live and flourish, certainly it ought not to force her to perish. Is there not some way to help the lost woman? Are religion, the church, the world, all good men and good women, utterly helpless in the face of this awful problem? What would Jesus do about it?

> > GRAND CIRCUIT BEATEN.

The summaries of the grand circuit races at Columbus, O., as printed in yesterday's news columns, offer addi-tional testimony to the high character of the races at the Pacific National Show in this city last week. lumbus track is one of the finest on the grand circuit, and the big meet ings always draw great fields of highclass horses; but the 2:13 pace at Columbus was won in four heats averaging 2:09 %, while at Portland the 2:14 pace, eligible to horses a full second slower than the limit at Columbus, was reeled off in three straight heats averaging 2:08%. Five heats in the 2:08 pace at Columbus, Wednesday, were paced in 2:071/2, exactly the same average time that was made in the 2:09 pace at Portland, although the fastest heat at Columbus was three-quarters of a second slower than the fastest heat in the 2:09 race at Port-

An even more remarkable showing was made by the trotters. The average time made in the 2:19 trot at Columbus Wednesday was 2:13 1/2, while at Portland the 2:27 trotters recied off three heats in average time of 2:14. In other words, trotters in the 2:27 class at Portland came within half a second of equaling the average time made by the 2:19 class at Columbus. Not only was the 2:09 pace at Portland faster than that on the grand circuit, but it was also the fastest fiveheat race ever paced west of the Mississippi River.

For high-class racing without the unpleasant gambling and drinking features, no such entertainment as that offered by the Pacific National Show has ever been attempted in the Pacific Northwest, and if there is proper response to the call for support, the show next year will be even greater than that which was so indifferently received by Portland people last week.

PORTLAND'S INDEPENDENT POSITION. The recent visit on the Coast of a party of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul directors, together with approaching completion of their road to will be those who furnish the great the Pacific Coast, has renewed interest in this latest of the big rail lines to cross the continent. Both Seattle and Tacoma are quite naturally claiming exclusive rights as the Western terminus of the line, but, if real estate coma would seem to be a favorite. The Milwaukee road has not made ets, most of whom formerly supported many purchases in the immediate vicinity of Portland, but if any one imagines for a moment that this city will not be one of the North Pacific undergo a change in the near future.

The Milwaukee is spending an enormous amount of money to reach the Coast. Some of the construction work on the line is the most expensive that has ever been encountered in railroad building in the West, and this enormous expense must be met by the revenues which come from the traffic an excess of births over deaths of developed along the line. Portland 24,408. In the same twelve months, and the immense territory tributary however, the emigration reached 39,- to this city already offer more tonnage 082, an increase over the former year for the rallroads than is available from any other point in the Pacific ten years. Net loss of population was Northwest, and the volume is steadily 14.674. Now in France, one of the increasing. The opening of the North richest countries in the world, there is Bank road has introduced this city shrinking of population also, into the Eastern Washington and birth rate having declined Idaho trade field on even terms with to 19.7. Last year, for the first time the Puget Sound cities. In addition to

thousand carloads of freight which mitted perpetual trusts old stock did not maintain an average. Ity of the city, and Portland capital ing of many more thousands of carloads in other parts of Oregon and Washington.

For this reason, the Milwaukee will hardly ignore the position of Portland. This city, through the North-Bank road, now has three direct transcontinental lines which are all property-owners and heavy taxpayers in this city. As Portland is with increasing fidelity following the patronis home-industry rule, all of the freight in this territory will be turned over to the roads which center here and which own property here. If the Milwankee is desirous of participating in this immense and rapidly growing traffic, it will, of course, be necessary for it to come into Portland on even terms with the other roads, but the day has long gone by when Portland or Oregon finds it either necessary or advisable to patronize a line that does not terminate in this city. For this reason the Milwaukee will come to Portland, and it will require no excessive amount of urging to bring it here.

Ethel Barrymore is of the opinion that the "society element" of New York would never be missed if a plague should wipe it out. She finds the women-of this exalted circle to be piggishly engrossed in fleshly delights. How the men occupy themselves Miss Barrymore does not say, but we know all about them from other source perhaps quite as reliable as she is. Miss Wharton's House of Mirth gives one enticing glimpses of the daily occupations of our male aristocracy. When they are not engaged in highway robbery, according to her, they divert themselves by drinking, gambling and racing horses. To break the monotony of these pastimes they occasionally trade wives with one another. Two or three other authors upper section of American society and their agreement with each other Mr. Bryan does, and who wants to please everybody, it is a trying ordeal. He desires the holds. The double of the desires the holds of the hol ing report, but it is not likely. These satirists allege, just as Miss Barrymore does, that the men and women of what is called high society are interested in nothing but more or less vicious self-induigence.

Miss Barrymore's statement that brains are an incumbrance rather than a help to a person who wishes to shine in society is probably true. Conversation at gatherings of the rich is mane and foolish. Nothing is discussed which could possibly interest a sensible person. No topic is per-mitted which could stimulate the the faintest ray of intelligence. Millionaire society shuns mental as well as physical exertion. The use of either brain or muscles stamps one as belonging to the vulgar herd. To be thoroughly ellgible in this elite sphere one must cultivate a haughty contempt for everything that is use ful and a disgust for everything that does not gratify some of the senses. There are species of parasitic animals which by disuse have lost all their organs except the mouth and stomach. Our wealthy social parasites are undergoing a similar process of abor-With some of them the degenerative change has already gone so far that they can no longer reproduce their kind.

Thus one might continue for hours setting forth the folly, vice and use-lessness of our millionaire society, but what good would it do? One might recite the fact that society in England. France, Germany and other countries welcomes authors and artwith birth and riches, while ours in its stupidity admits none but moneybags with his wife and children. One might quote from that significant story in the Atlantic Monthly entitled "The Flavor of Affluence," where the heroine, just back from Europe and its social ways, unwarily addressed a sensible remark to her hostess. The woman, accustomed to nothing but semi-idiocies from her guests shocked and annoyed. Miss Barrymore is entirely right in saying that American society is gross, vicious and stupid, but we repeat, what is the use of her remark? This extraordinary group of men and women will never mend their ways no matter how severely they are reprimanded and exhorted, but there is much reason to believe that the spectacle they present, though extremely disagreeable, is only transient.

Evolution is intolerant of useless organs in the body and useless groups in society. Our reverence for vested property rights sometimes enables such groups to exist long after the process of natural selection would have eliminated them, but even this gives them nothing more than a reprieve. Their ultimate fate is certain. We may therefore feel assured that our so-called high society is on its way to absolute extinction, unless it can assume some effective part in the work of the world. When the feudal nobility of England lost their function of military leaders and protectors of the people, they became hereditary governors. Thus they prolonged their usefulness and obtained a new lease of life. One may remark also that the merely wealthy class in England has never been so utterly functionless as our own. It seeks pleasure of course, but there has been no time when it felt absolved from every duty to the public like most American millionaires. Since our wealthy group serves no purpose whatever in the social organism, it is safe to predict that it will presently be aborted or extin-

How this will be accomplished nobody can say. Evolution depends upon innumerable factors and their interaction is so complex that the de-tails can seldom be completely traced after it is completed, much less can be foretold. The socialists will perhaps endeavor to extinguish the useless rich by confiscating their be-longings, but it is not likely that soclety as a whole will admit this measure. One can speculate with more confidence that many millionaire families will vanish from the world through their own sterility. Statistics show that their offspring is falling off both in numbers and in vigor while mentally it verges toward incompetence. that field, this city stands alone as a Frequently men of great wealth recog-distributing point for the entire coun-nize that their children lack the nize that their children lack

The Oregonian mists and statisticians are watching the situation with increased anxiety. They see, indeed race suicide. On this traffic that will originate in all of this which American law will not long tolerative property and therefore secure it for not have the exclusive routing of the which American law will not long tolerative property and therefore secure it for them in trusts, but this is a device traffic that will originate in all of this which American law will not long tolerative property. will originate in the immediate vicin- Appropriate legislation will ultimately force these enormous fortunes from and influence will be felt in the rout- their lurking places and the feebleminded descendants of millionaire fathers will rapidly squander them. Deprived of their wealth and unable to earn a living they will then into the slums and presently perish. Thus the problem of the useless rich, though annoying, is not really difficult.

> "The Conquerors" is the title of a new book on the early settlers and settlement of the Oregon Country, by R. A. Atwood, of Seattle. It is devoted mainly to the missionary settlement of Oregon, and though it is not notable for new matter, it gathers together in highly interesting presentation much material widely scattered among books, pamphlets and manuscripts. There is freshness of treatment, too, which commends the book, and variety of detail and of personal history to which few except special students have been able to obtain access. In equal space there is hardly access. In equal space there is hardly so much information about the early history of the Oregon Country acceshistory of the Oregon Country accessible, as in this book. It is strong in exposure of the Whitman myth. There is a very large and rather dreary lot of material about our early history, that has not yet been reduced to consistency and form; and this effort, that deals almost exclusively with the missionary episode, is a fairly successful effort to cultivate a single part of the

This is the season of low water. With the river gauges showing the zero mark, the pilots are taking twenty-five-foot ships down the river without much trouble. This showing is highly gratifying to the taxpayers who be put to work in the shoalest places and kept there until there is p have given us pictures lately of the assurance that ships will meet with no upper section of American society detention. Columbia River improvement is now on a permanent basis, and a little work at the worst places may save a far greater expense later, if it is not neglected now. The old practice of dredging dirt and sand out of one part of the channel and dumping it a few hundred feet away, where it will wash back in again, has been practically abandoned, and, if it is not resumed, it is only a question of time until the expense of keeping the channel in good condition the year round will be quite moderate.

> Flood in India has drowned 10,000 natives and frost in British Columbia is threatening to kill a number of pneumonia-stricken Hindus who have wandered far from that land of flood and famine. The Hindu prob-lem in British Columbia is becoming quite serious, and hundreds of the allens are said to be living on one meal a day, and are in no condition to withstand the rigors of this climate. Viewed in almost any light, the case of the benighted Hindu is not a pleasant one. If he remains in the land of his birth, the dangers of famine and flood are ever before him, and if he wanders afar he encounters the labor union and the chill of the October morning. Through all of his trou bles, however, he is, theoretically at least, a British subject, and as such is entitled to protection and food, both of which seem to be scarce in Hindu haunts in the Pacific North-

The noble red man, George Sloane by name, who has kept his daughtera girl of 16-chained to the floor of a barn near Tacoma on some flimsy excuse, must be first cousin-perhaps brother—to the Tacoma man who some months ago was haled before the courts on a charge of tying his young inestimable value in the Senate. wife to the bed and leaving her thus experience, his ability, his know bound day after day as a means of discipline. The step between savagery and civilization is in some cases exceedingly short.

The Supreme Court of Idaho having decided ex-Senator Dubols is not a Democrat, that gentleman concurs by boiting from something to which he did not belong. That should elect Brady, Republican nominee. The direct primary has its disadvantages.

There are injunctions and injunctions. We haven't heard any very vigorous denunciation from union labor headquarters of the latest Federal Court injuction tying the hands of Oregon's Fish Warden.

Governor Haskell says he lays aside his dignity to answer one Theodore Roosevelt. Hadn't he already and aforetime laid it aside in the service of Standard Oil?

Mrs. Howard Gould is dissatisfied with her petty alimony of \$24,000 a year, and demands \$120,000. We vote for the \$120,000. It isn't too much for a real lady.

No one can doubt that that Murphy picture disclosed to a pleased world the benignant countenances of an ideal Executive Board-from the Lane standpoint.

That drunken cook with the rattlesnake made a lot of needless excite ment down in the red-light district until it was discovered that the snake was real

"The sin-soaked sirens must go," remarks the Mayor. But the rumsoaked satyrs who are responsible for the sin-soaked sirens may stay.

The Indiana Republican papers are gleefully announcing the fact that one Indiana family has 30 Taft votes, He needs a few more, however.

Speak up a little louder, Mr. Taft. The boiler-factory war between T. R. and W. J. B. has subsided and you can now be heard.

No more head dropping in the new Executive Board. No, sir; not while the euckoo chorus keeps its voice and can be heard.

General Apathy seems to have been succeeded by General Hysteria, but old General Results has his turn next

Of course a man may spend his wife's money. If he cannot, whose

MR. FORAKER'S DOWNFALL. There Is No Reason Why It Should

Injure Mr. Taft.

Springfield Republican, Dem. Taft.

That the exposure of Senator Foraker's intimate relations with the Standard Oll Company some years ago may now hurt Mr. Taft is a conclusion that no fair-minded person can entertain, so far as his own vote is con-cerned. Mr. Taft's political relations with the Senator have been notoriously unfriendly and be cannot be held re-sponsible for Mr. Foraker's corporation record. One could wish, of course, that the estentations meeting and "recon-ciliation" at the recent Grand Army pa-rade in Toledo between the two men had not taken place; and the realous had not taken place; and the zealous politicians who engineered the affair are npw wringing their hands probably. In any event no further political recognition of Senator Foraker by the Taft managers is expedient, and they will doubtless keep him off the Republican stump, if possible, during the balance of the campaign. Hearst has been making a desperate effort for weeks to besmirch the leaders of both the groat parties, and his activities against Bryan in this line have been notable. The Democrats, on the whole, have thus far been tarred up by Hearst quite as much as the Republicans, but he falls to produce the evidence clinching his charges against Chairman Mack and Treasurer

Natural Suspicions.

New York World, Dem. Unfortunately the stench of Standard Oli now extends far beyond the Senator himself. It clings to everything he represented and smothers every action, however courageous of disinterested. A large element of the public will believe that he fought against the rate bill only because the Standard Oil Company opposed it; that he chani-pioned the colored troops only because the Standard Oil Company believed it was an effective way of attacking the President; that he was against Mr. Taft's nomination only because the Standard Oil Company was against it; have been obliged to foot the Port of Portland bills. Now that the water is at its lowest stage, the dredges should course it norsecuting it. course in prosecuting it.

Cynicism and Arrogance.

New York Journal of Commerce, Ind.
There can be no greater crime against
the Republic than a deliberate effort
to cheat the citizen of his rights by interposing between him and his elected representative the obligations of a paid servant of a corporation. Nothing could be better calculated to give the ordin ary American voter the idea that all great combinations of capital are en-emies to free institutions than the cynically avowed and arrogantly practiced methods of the agents of the Standard Oil Company in dealing with the state and National legislation to which they

Embarrassing.

New York Tribune, Rep. There are, we hope, few persons who do not wish to believe that Senator Forsker has thus acquitted himself of a particular accusation, which involved the propriety of his conduct and his veracity. Neverthless, it seems to us that a just public judgment of the hitherto unknown relations which ad-mittedly existed between him and the Standard Oil Company would continu ally embarrass his appearance in the campaign as an advocate either of Mr. Tatt's election to the Presidency or his own re-election to the Senate.

Brooklyn Eagle, Ind. Taft.
So discredited or disabled is, or appears to be, Foraker, that Candidate
Taft declines to appear on the same platform with him hereafter. That speaks for liself. Self-preservation is the first law of nature. The Republi-cans would rather Foraker should perish than Taft be endangered. They have not finished Foraker. Not even Hearst has done that. Foraker has just finished himself.

More in Sorrow Than in Anger.

New York Times, Dem. Taft. Only a flendish partisanship can gloat over such a disaster to reputation. Senutor Foraker has done service of experience, his ability, his knowledge of constitutional law have at times made him a scemingly indispensable member of the Senate. It is pitiful that so great talent should have been used in so base a way.

A Local Parallel.

Boston Transcript, Rep.
So criticism of a United States Senator's being in the pay of the Standard Oil Company, whose relations to legislation never sleep, is an "assault upon the confidence of the people in their Government." Sounds strikingly like what Frank J. Linehan wrote of the

Facilis Descensus Averni.

New York Globe, Rep. Senator Foraker was magnificently equipped for a life of great public useequipped for a life of great public use-ulness. But the strain of his surroundings was too strong for him, and he sank to the plane that the Archbold correspondence discloses.

Mr. Foraker as an Individual.

Buffalo Express, Rep.

Whatever basis there may be for the Hearst charges against Mr. Foraker, they can in no sense reflect on the National Republican ticket or party, but can apply only to Mr. Foraker as an individual.

Careless Mr. Archbold. Chicago Record-Herald, Rep.

Was it not very careless of Senator Foraker and Mr. Archbold to leave such important letters lying around where eople whose names cannot be divulged might pick them up?

blew up.

Not the Nominee. Chicago News, Ind.
It would have been annoying for the grand old party if the Ohio Senator had been carrying the banner when he

And a Pocketbook. Washington Star, Ind. Mr. Hearst is demonstrating to sevstatesmen what a nuisance a man

with a scrapbook may become. Mr. Foraker's Prosperity. Cleveland Leader, Rep. It isn't hard to understand how Sena-ter Forsker became a rich man in a very short time.

Butler's Fare "Repairs and Fuel."

Washington (D. C.) Dispatch. The Comptroller of the United States Freasury has decided that the railroad fare of the second butler employed at the White House, from Oyster Bay to Washington, D. C., can be paid out of the annual appropriation for "repairs

Ghostly Pianists Strike Keys,

Piniadelphia Dispatch.
Misses Lillie and Minnie Joseph, Georgetown, Del., were badly fright-ened by hearing 15 or 20 notes struck on a plane, although no one was near the instrument, They suspect ghosts.

St. Louis Labor Body Which Denonneed Bryan as Well as Taft.

St. Louis Correspondence of the Chi-cago Daily Socialist. The Central Trades and Labor union Sunday turned down the report of the committee which, since the meeting of Sunday, August 23, had been investigating the "reward our friends and defeat our enemies" policy of the American Federation of Labor, and had reported favorably on it.

A substitute resolution directly op-

posite to that which the committee had

posite to that which the committee had brought in was adopted after some discussion by a vote of 88 to 75.

This action came as a complete surprise, especially to the local Democratic newspapers, which knew of the committee's intended report and had devoted much space to "boosting" it. It took a decision from the chair to get the opposition resolution started and one of the committemen grossly insulted the defeated coal miners of Alabama.

For the past three weeks the Demo-ratic papers had much to say about the good work this committee would no for William J. Bryan and the Demodo for William J. Bryan and the Demo-cratic party. So anxiously were these yellow sheets pursuing their political "labor friendship" work that Joe Pul-itzer's Post Dispatch (the St. Louis edition of the New York World) got its dates mixed and published the an-nouncement a week ago that the Cen-tral Trades and Labor union would meet on Sunday, September 5, and in-dorse Bryan and the Democratic party. Public Got Wrong Idea.

The names of the resolution com-nittee, Wilson, Conroy and Sarber, were prominently mentioned and it seems that every capitalist paper was well informed as to the kind of a report the committee was going to make.

Since at least two of the committee members are also leaders of the "Work-

ingmen's Bryan Club," a late political creation of local business agents, and other agents, the general public must have received the idea that the St. Louis Central Trades and Labor union and the Workingmen's Bryan Club-practically meant the same thing, espe-cially since the president of the one-was also the president of the one-was also the president of the other. The Democratic "big cinch" organ, the St. Louis Republic, which had al-ready reserved its front page for a sen-sational article on how Bryan and the

sational article on how Bryan and the Democratic party had been indorsed by 80,000 union men of St. Louis, was dum-founded when the Workingmen's Bryan

tioning one syllable about the equally dirty record of the Democrats, the report ended as follows:

port ended as follows:

Resolved, That we urgently request every wage-carrier, whother he be affiliated with a trade union or not, to place his stamp of disapproval upon the Republican party and its attitude toward labor by voting against labor's arch-enemy, Wm. H. Taft. Your committee would respectfully recommend that the president appoint a committee of five, of which the prasident and secretary shall be members, whose duty it shall be to carry-on the fight for labor's redemption as outlined by the president and the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

Denounces Both Parties

Immediately following the reading of the committee's report delegate Kaem-merer of the Garment Workers' union floor and offered the following substitute:

Whereas, There are numerous good reasons why organised labor cannot indorse the candidacy of William H. Taft for President on the Regublican ticket; and Whereas, The Democratic party, as represented by the Hawes-Kiely-Snake-Kinney-Butler-Wells-Francis elements in St. Louis, by the Governor Comer Democracy in Alaby the Gavernor Comes Democracy in Alabama, or by the Tammany Hall Democracy in New York, is not a particle better than Mr. Taft and his party; therefore be it Resolved, That this Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis emphatically refuse to indorse the Democratic or the Republican party, or the candidates on either of the capitalist party tickots.

President Owen Miller ruled the substitute out of order, claiming it was not germane to the matter before the house, and if the delegate was desirous of bringing it before the body he would have to introduce it later on after the committee's report was acted upon. Delegate Kaemmerer appealed from the decision of the chair and his appeal was sustained by a vote of 93 to 70.

What Free Wool Menns, American Sheep Breeder. Half a dozen sensitive subscriber.

want all criticism of Bryan, the freewant all criticism of Bryan, the free-wool champion, eliminated from our columns. They all agree that the Sheep Breeder would be a very fine paper with criticism of the free wool candidate left out. We had the same class and kind of critics during the free wool days of the Wilson-Gorman bill, when foreign fleets laden with free wool were unloading their cargoes in every United States port of ency and domestic flockmasters were going to the wall right and left. We scored the free wool advocates then, and shall continue to do it now until the elec-tions are over, and we know whether continue to do it have those whether we are to have a free wool-free silver-free coinage, 1s to 1-Populistic-government ownership of railways-man at the head of affairs, or are to settle down to civil, same government along prosperous and progressive lines, and prosperous and progressive lines, and if every Bryan admiring subscriber drops from our mailing lists and taboos drops from our mailing lists and taboos the paper altogether, we shall pocket the loss and continue to sail under friendly colors. This Sheep Breeder stands for and by the sheep and wool industry every time, and no free-wool sophist or demagogue can boom a sheep-hater in its pages.

Ways of the Trespusser.

Eugene Register.

The season of the year is at hand when the would-be sportsman walks by trespass signs into the farmer's field in search of game, regardless of being forbid the privilege, and like as not takes a shot at a cow or a horse just to see the animal jump. There is no class of individuals so unprincipled as the sportsman, so-called, who tramples the farmers' rights under foot by trespassing, and no class of men are more imposed upon in this respect than the farmers. The farmer has the same right to privacy of his farm that these same self-styled hunters have to the privacy of their own residences. Let a rancher walk into one of these fellows' homes unbidden and proceed to rummage around, and a policeman would be sent for posthaste. Absorption of a little of the golden rule would be a good thing for trespassers.

False Teeth a Ground for Divorce. Chicago Dispatch Mrs. William Schlesinger, of Mil-waukee, Wis, wants a divorce, alleg-ing that every time she gets a new set of faise teeth her husband steals

ONE GOMPERS' COUP THAT FAILED OREGON'S FIRST STOCK FAIR Veteran Splemite Writes of Historic

Event Which Left \$800 Debt. SALEM. Or., Sept. 20.—(To the Editor.)—The business readers of The Oregonian may get a hint from the following "true tale":

The first state fair was held on the east bank of the Clackamas River, to be near to Portland. The Lucillings, Wallings, Rynerson and Barlow paid the indebtedness it left, about \$300. They were spirited citizens and rec-ommended Marion, Linn or Yamhili ommended Marion, Linn or Yamhili Counties to prepare for the second state fair. Marion County Agricultural Society bought 32 acres of land, and on it made a track and a rouge pavision. The fair was a success to all but its promoters, leaving the Marion County society \$300 in debt.

Of the total cost up to the close of the fair \$1700 had been subscribed by the cilizens of Salem, then a village. The Marion County Agricultural Society numbered \$0, and the membership fee was \$1 per annum. Money was lent at that date at 10 per cent per annum to 3 per cent per

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A committee was named to sell the fairgrounds for the indebtedness of \$3600, and could have done so under conditions that would have killed all chance of an annual fair. Instead of selling, the committee offered the grounds to the county, so that the latter could assume the debt and hold the grounds for public uses, for fairs, militia encampments, etc. The county took the grounds at \$2000 and the spirited citizens raised the \$500 and tays the grounds to the State Agricultural Society, on condition that it hold is consecutive annual fairs there.

Forty-six annual fairs have been held.

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The course outlined was urged by livestock breeders, who argued that the annual fair would be worth \$5000 per annum to the business interests of Salem, alone. It has done more than that.

OLD SALEMITE.

Silk Hat Is Governor's Hoodoo

Philadelphia Press.

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Governor Stuart has come to the conclusion that a silk hat at a military function is a "hoodeo."
Since his election as Governor he has had three silk hats ruined by rain. Two were drenched at National Guard brigade reviews. A third met a like fate at a National Guard division review.

Sational article on how Bryan and the Democratic party had been indorsed by \$6,000 union men of St. Louis, was dumfounded when the Workingmen's Bryan Club falled to deliver the goods.

Naturally enough the St. Louis Republic charges the Socialists with having packed the meeting of the Central Trades and Labor union, which sounds queer indeed, in view of 5the fact that for fully three weeks all the Democratic party organs of St. Louis had repeatedly published the news that the central body would practically unanimously indorse Pryan and the Democratic party.

The action was also taken in face of the fact that President Gompers stopped over in St. Louis both on his way to and from Texas, and last week addressed a number of "leading union men" at headquarters on Pine street.

Made a Long Report.

The roport of the committee was very lengthy and cleverly put up. After reciting all of the well-known sins of "Injunction Bill" and the record of the Republican Machine without mentioning one syllable about the equally dirty record of the Democrats, the re-With these incidents in mind, the

Wants \$2000 for Sound Tooth. Pittsburg Dispatch to Philadelphia In-

quirer.

H. H. Alter was as mad as a hornet when, according to his statement, he discovered that after he had suffered from toothache for several days, and went to Dr. W. C. Rummell, the dentist pulled out the wrong tooth. The tooth that was extracted, Alter alleges, was about the best one he ever owned, and he wouldn't have taken anything for it, while the one that he wanted to have extracted was a worthless old thing that he would have been willing

thing that he would have been willing to give any one.

Dr. Rummell said he was sorry be-cause of the mistake be had made, but Alter was so indignant that he went into the local courts and entered a damage suit against him for \$2300, the amount, he declares, the lost tooth was

IN THE MAGAZINE SECTION OF THE **SUNDAY OREGONIAN**

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