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OUR NEW JEFFERSONIANS.

It is funny enough these days to hear the talk of the Bryan party for Jeffersonian Democracy, since centralization of authority and power, which was feared and detested by Jefferson, has become the watchword of the party that still tries to conjure with his name.

The Jeffersonian doctrine was strict limitation of the powers of government. "The world is governed too much," was the principle his followers inherited from him.

But now, in the name of Jefferson, extension of the powers of the General Government, on a scale and to a length beyond the dreams of any advocate of the political philosophy of Jefferson, is dreaded and denounced by Jefferson as subversive of all local liberty and government by the people.

MACAULAY'S PREDICTION.

Today the Oregonian reprints once more Macaulay's celebrated prophecy of evil for democracy in the United States. Are we tending towards the ends indicated therein? By what stages and how fast?

Accentuation of the differences between the rich and the poor, in our country, due largely to the avarice of the rich, seems to most observers to be pushing on fast to the catastrophe so usually predicted. Again, as population increases there is more and less room on new lands, and relief from that quarter will presently cease.

keep down the prejudice and the envy that mark these class differences. It is the testimony of history that the people never rise without cause. Wealth is necessary; there is no complaint against wealth, in itself.

THE CUBAN CRISIS.

"We prefer an American intervention which would guarantee legal elections for which we are contending," says Colonel Asbert, of the Cuban insurgents. He also states that unless the government accedes to the demands of the insurgents prior to September 15 they will begin an active campaign, destroying trains and burning property.

Aside from the rights of our own citizens in Cuba, the United States can properly demand the maintenance of peace and order in the island. When the United States rescued Cuba from the hereditary grip of the Spaniards, it over the Cubans themselves, it retained certain rights which were defined and incorporated in the new Cuban constitution.

By this statutory declaration the United States is now in a position, without committing any breach of international faith, to swing the famous "big stick." If it becomes necessary to appear in the courts of the United States in this juvenile republic. There is a good deal of the old blood of the guerrilla fighters, brigands and bushwhackers still coursing through the veins of the Cubans.

Colony Asbert has announced his intention of burning and destroying property "without respect to foreign ownership." This quite plainly places on the shoulders of the Palma government a responsibility which it cannot very well escape.

AMERICA'S NAVAL REVIEW.

Compared with the powers of the old world, the United States is still a young country, and the American Navy in its present development, among the youngest possessions of this young country.

It is a Navy in keeping with the importance of the country that it represents. In order that the people may better realize its growing importance, the practice of holding occasional naval reviews is becoming popular. Three years ago quite an imposing showing was made by our naval fleet off Oyster Bay.

These naval reviews both at home and abroad are inspiring, not only as spectacles pleasing to the eye, but also as a guarantee that we are well equipped for upholding the dignity of the country on sea as well as on land. The maneuvers of a regiment of soldiers or a well-drilled band of policemen impress on beholders the power of the government they represent.

tonnage, speed and fighting equipment of that long line of battleships and cruisers, which will pass before the President in grand review tomorrow will impress the big powers of the world with the wisdom of remaining on good terms with the country which can put afloat such a fleet in such a comparatively brief period.

BRYAN AND THE ENGLISH.

Do our ears deceive us? Does Mr. Bryan advocate an alliance with the "ancient enemy"? Listen to this from the Madison Square Garden address: "I am sure from the public utterance of the present Prime Minister of Great Britain, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, that such a treaty of alliance could be made between the great English and the great American."

Does he stop here? Nay, but he would have the United States "take the lead in such a movement." Shades of the great Britons! Is this the man who so oft pointed with pride that the absence of the plebeian before his name proved him to be a direct descendant from the great Gaelic Kings and not of the collateral breed?

Will Pat Powers open up an ice water stand? Will Hennesey Murphy sing "God save the King"? Will General Killfeather wear an orange bud? Or will they again send for Hon. Pete D'Arcy and under the irresistible impetus of his thundering oratory, replace them by others equally stupefying or will they learn to look at things as they are and decide all questions by the eternal rules of justice instead of dead formulas and superstitious catchwords?

FRUIT PEST REMEDIES.

We have a deal to learn yet about eradication of pests that injure fruit or destroy trees. That present remedies are but inadequate must be apparent to anyone who will stop to think. In the columns of this paper a few days ago it was admitted by competent authority that wormy or scabby fruit is a pest of the apple.

SUPERSTITION.

It is believed by many of the learned that a time will come when the human race will have disappeared from the earth. Some higher order of beings will then replace us, among whom the follies which deform our social order will not prevail and who will know nothing of the injustice which makes human civilization a bitter satire.

What qualities will that higher race possess, which we lack? And from which of our besetting weaknesses will they be free? It may be assumed that most of the things which we are proud of will be discarded, while will be accomplished with machines. Those noxious tasks of cleaning, which must be done, though, like the ancient Egyptian trade of embalming corpses, they continue to exist.

NEW RETURN OF OLD INDUSTRY.

At a recent meeting of the Montana Federation of Labor in Helena O. J. Waleh, an attorney of that city, gave facts and figures concerning the loss of life and limb from railroad accidents in this country, gathered largely from his professional experience.

to say that no foresight, no possible provisions or changes of the law, could have prevented the accumulation of the Rockefeller and Carnegie fortunes and others like them.

Now this is pure superstition. As a mental product, such thinking, as a par with that of the sailor who prays for a breeze or the minister who asks the Almighty for rain. Whatever has been produced by human activity could have been prevented by human activity of the opposite nature.

There is nothing new in this presentment—noting, perhaps, which the railroad attorney skilled in his art could not meet with plausible excuse or complete refutation. But the main facts in the indictment are substantiated by evidence that is irrefutable.

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while sixty-five per cent of the derailments occurring in that year were traced to deficient equipment.

The first essential means of remedy is, in the opinion of this authority, publicly in regard to railroad wrecks. Proceeding on this strain he says: "A searching examination should be made of every catastrophe resulting in loss of life or serious injury to persons or property. The inquiry into the cause of a derailment, though no lives are lost, may lead to the adoption of means to prevent a recurrence of a like accident in which the results would be deplorable because of the casualties affecting the life."

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A eulogistic "Life of Thomas Jefferson" by Henry S. Randall, of Virginia, was published about 50 years ago. The author, a member of the writer's family, sent a copy of the book to Thomas Babington Macaulay, at that time perhaps the most eminent of English men of letters.

I have long been convinced that institutions purely democratic must, sooner or later, destroy liberty or civilization, or both. You may think that your country enjoys an exemption from these evils. I will frankly own to you that I am of a very different opinion. Your fate I believe to be certain, though it is deferred by a physical cause, as long as you have a boundless extent of fertile and unoccupied land, your laboring population will be far more at ease than the laboring population of the Old World, and, while this is the case, the Jeffersonian policy may come to exist without causing any fatal calamity.

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THE PESSIMIST.

The saddest words of jail or pen. Are these sad words? "He gave me ten."

It seems to be the thing now among writers of short stories to write about a man who is writing a book. This custom will soon result in a crop of stories in which the hero is writing a book about a man who, in his turn, is writing a book wherein his hero is struggling with a book. By introducing three hard-hearted publishers, two sisters and a blonde, one could have a plot that would rival those of Wilkie Collins.

Speaking of hens brings to mind some points of similarity between hens and ladies walk on two feet, jump for both sides of the street at once when they see an auto coming, make chicken salad and wear feathers. The similarity ends at this point. The hens cannot talk.

THE POET'S CORNER.

This department is conducted exclusively for the benefit of unbidden genius, that hitherto has suffered in silence. No poem will be published more than once. Each contribution must be accompanied by proper address, otherwise it will be considered as anonymous. The poet's corner is open more especially to writers living in the Northwest, all allusions to Seattle will be strictly censored. No stamps will be returned.

STAR-LIGHT.

My "steps fall up" a wizard way. Between the dawn and dusk behind the day. Where things invisible become bright. They seem "concentrate" in a single ray.

BAR-LIGHT.

My "steps fall up" a dizzy way. Between dusk and dawn I let them stray. Where the things I drink taste "con" and right. They seem "concentrate, and I feel a" gas.

THE STATE FLOWER OF CALIFORNIA.

The gem, signed "Lizze," was suggested by the gift of a handful of Eschscholzia—golden poppies, she called them.

MR. ROOSEVELT HAS HIS FLING.

The country was drifting along in blissful contentment that the summer season of the year would be a success to ruin. The schools were in vacation, Congress in recess, Washington deserted, and only "Beveridge" extorting the voters of Maine on the productivity of hens under a Republican regime.