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ALWAYS BARGAINS IN THE STORES.

The newspaper readers who see only news columns are far from getting the whole news.

The advertisements are essentially a newspaper in themselves. No news dispatch from Washington or London comes so closely as the things affecting home life that are done in our stores day by day.

Business has its events, its crises, its opportunities, like the bigger life played on the national stage. When a merchant, after a tussle with manufacturers and importers, gets a block of goods at a low price that has a high value, it is an event far more intimately connected with home life than most of the news that newspapers print.

When he finds out through his own error of judgment, or because of seasonal conditions beyond human control, he has overstocked and must close out to turn his goods to cash, that too is a public event more important to the housewife than some far off earthquake or fire with all its tragedy.

Discriminating buyers know very well that there are always bargains in every store. There are many conditions that compel merchants at various times to offer goods at prices below their worth. No human mind can estimate just what kind of goods the public will take to. The overstock on certain lines often consists of the most substantial goods, which did not sell because not showy enough. Notes must be paid, and new stock must be put in, and the result is a profit for the wary trailer of bargains.

Years ago the customer had to come around and dig special values out by her own experience. Today the advertisement writer saves her all that bother, and she finds in her favorite newspaper a full directory of special values.

Whereof newspaper readers who take the pains to go through the advertising columns almost invariably find things meeting their needs, to be had at a lower price for some good reason.

THE KILKENNY CATS.

According to the voracious satire of Dean Swift, it seems that one day two cats, urged on by a malevolent and violent spirit, ate each other up, leaving nothing but their tails. There never has been a more exhaustive treatment of any subject, anatomical or literary.

We may ask ourselves how it was possible. There are physical laws denying it. After they had eaten each other's teeth what had either left to eat with? And how could each be stowed in the other's stomach at the same time?

Nevertheless, we must concede the possibility of the event and accept the historical accuracy of the account. But why go so far as Kilkenny when anyone may witness like incidents right at home?

Two women fall out and resort to slander. Each produces to the public gaze all the frailties of the other; their acquaintances complacently accept what each one says, and in the end both characters are annihilated. Execute Kilkenny cats!

Two men go to law over something. They retain counsel, enter complaints, subpoena witnesses, empanel juries, hear verdicts, make appeals, multiply costs. Adjourning after adjourning, vexation after vexation, business neglected, patience exhausted, years wasted, and on both sides the last dollar spent. The cats have interlocked their claws, clashed each other's teeth, opened each other's jaws, and gulped down each other's all. Extermination is more complete than that at Kilkenny.

Yes, it is sad but true, that all around us, in a thousand ways, divinely gifted human beings are eating one another up. And not always is so much as a caudal appendage left!

THE NEW MOVEMENT.

Since the political boss gained ascendancy in our national life there has been a persistent cultivation of party loyalty sentiment. It has been pursued with a purpose. The boss moulded the party policies with a view to more firmly establishing the special privileges he created for himself without a thought of the general good. In order to continue to do that a strong ligament must be found that would hold the party together. The politician is wiser generally than the rank and file of a party. That is why he holds his political power. He studied well the idiosyncracies of the race. He found that two of the strongest human traits, two surest to be relied upon, were institution worship and hero worship. Hero worship existed before the institution came into use. The institution was formed about the hero. While the hero lived his personality formed the sinew that held the institution together. After the hero died, however, it was seen that the race was more likely to rally to a later hero than to stand firm to the traditions of the old. The politicians increased and leaders multiplied, and with leader multiplication a factious spirit developed, so that the power of the hero began to wane. The hero lived his allotted time and died. His individual character became a tradition. It is harder to hold a people to tradition than to a living manipulating leader.

An institution could perpetuate itself through the lives of many leaders. Moreover, it could be made to furnish vent for the ambition of many men, thus somewhat allaying the spirit of faction. The politicians, for the politician has been a factor since the organization of society, set about to enthrone the institution in the minds of the people, to take the place of the hero. So the institution was set up as the sacred thing and the politician has since busied himself cultivating and augmenting institution worship.

Thus our parties come to us today, sacred political institutions, and the rank and file are kept in line by the bosses because party betrayal is firmly established as the cardinal political sin. As this sentiment grew there was less and less of criticism regarding party manipulation because the kicker was usually ostracized from party favor. If a man hoped for party preferment it was only because of his loyalty to the organization, and the spoils system afforded a sure mode of rewards for party service. As the institution grew more corrupt it became necessary more and more to create new sources of reward in order that party service be stimulated. This has so developed that for the past twenty years party organization has been little less than a gigantic spoils machine rewarding the faithful and destroying the recalcitrant.

Thus the system of the people's rule in theory has been inverted into the rule of the bosses in practice. For a long time thousands of citizens have realized that the average person had little to say in the government. At first this discouragement had only the effect of causing political lethargy—the average man was loath to antagonize the powers that might destroy him—and he so lost interest that he seldom attended the polls and never his party caucus. That left the party machinery entirely to the politician whose aim was spoils, not good government. In this situation big business found the party organizations. As big business could profit most by manipulation in legislation and administration, it found it most profitable to control the party machines. Party control was expensive, for politicians were wedded to rewards. Great favors were necessary to bear the politicians' demands. Legislation, as well as party control, was essential to its accomplishment. Not only law, but the administration and construction of law, were needed to insure special privileges that would afford the expense incident to party control. And so these great combinations of capital grew into monopolies and trusts under the protection of the legislative and administrative power. Practically every federal judge was satisfactory to the favored interests and few national senators were elected without their consent. Is it wonder that the government grew farther and farther away from the people?

But through it all the germ of liberty has been preserved. Popular government allows such usurpation only so far. When it grows too oppressive to be longer born the people are aroused to a realization of their inherent power. The system whereby the government may be brought back to the people is still intact and the people are now grown wise enough to invoke its power.

The flail of party loyalty has been persistently used by the politician,

but as usurpation grew its sting grew less and less effective until now it has lost its terror to all save those who either immediately profit by the spoils of party victory or have hopes of it in the near future.

So new alignments are being forced. It is the interested citizen against the self-seeking politician backed by the privileged few. And the citizen will win because he represents eight-tenths of the total vote of the nation. Before the people could take over the powers of government it was absolutely necessary that the power of party organization be destroyed. For those in control of party organization were the abusers, and the abusers have never yet been known to correct their own abuse. The primary was invented as an instrument through which the powers of government could be brought back to the people. And it is proving effective wherever tried. The primary system is a boss destroyer. Party organization cannot be maintained without bosses and spoils. In states where the primary is in action about the only thing left of the old party organization is a combination of office-holders who want to hold their jobs and office-seekers who hope for party preferment.

Party loyalty has lost its force. Those seeking alone for just government are not particular what political instrument is used for its accomplishment. The system that governs best is best. The organization, or party, or system, that will quickest and most effectively put the powers of government back into the hands of the governed will gain the support of the rank and file of all parties.

In this new movement it may be confidently expected that most of those who have stood as leaders will be slow to depart from the old organizations. Men who have led under the old system have generally profited by their leadership. They hold positions of honor and emolument, and they will be slow to cast their lot with an untried movement. Self-interest is among the strongest sentiments in human nature. It may be expected that most of the leaders will go down with the rotten raft rather than launch out on an untried one.

Therefore the new movement will be a people's movement without the aid of those who have gained reputation as leaders.

The case of Governor Deneen of Illinois is one directly in point. He favored Roosevelt in the Chicago convention. He witnessed the brazen theft of that body by the bosses, nevertheless he now stands for Taft. Self-interest has gained the ascendancy. He will stick to the old organization because it raised him to power, rather than follow his principles into an untried movement.

Governor Deneen is highly praised by the reactionary press for his stand. They say he could do nothing less, as an honest republican. They seem to think honesty is best expressed by following a candidate whose nomination was gained by naked theft, and the organization which brazenly violated justice.

The old party politicians will hold this view and be backed by the reactionary and boss-ridden press, but the people will take a different view of the matter.

Old orders political are passing away and unless human nature reverses itself most of the old leaders will pass away with them.

ABSINTHE BARRED.

U. S. Follows Switzerland in Exclusion of French Drink.

In ordering the exclusion from the United States of absinthe, the "green devil," the government is following the lead of Switzerland, which about a year ago decided to prohibit the drink, and also placed the ban on its manufacture. The agitation in Switzerland was widespread. The forces that opposed the prohibition law were also very active, because the suppression of the industry meant a big loss to them.

Now the pure food and drug board, through Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, has issued an edict that no more absinthe shall be imported into this country after October 1, and in a short time the treasury will make this effective by issuing specific orders to all collectors of customs and port officials that they shall allow no more absinthe to be imported after the date named by the pure food and drug board.

Very little agitation has been heard in Washington regarding absinthe. American drinkers never have taken kindly to the drug as a beverage, and the big temperance interests seem to have reserved their fire for alcoholic beverages which are more popular.

Trial in September.

Roseburg, Ore.—In the circuit court on Monday, Robert L. Mooney, the man who took Miss Ethel Metcalf away from her home in Oakland and was arrested with her in Astoria, pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses from Miss Metcalf's employer, and his trial was set for the September term of the court.

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Home and Politics.

We are now in a great political throe, watching every trend of national issues and exultant over our favorite champion's prospects for a popular victory. Yet in spite of all the various party leaders, there are great questions to be settled by the American people around their own hearthstones, far more momentous in the perpetuity of nations than the issues which are to be settled by the ballot. The greatness of any nation that ever existed was due to influences and circumstances of the home and social life, rather than the great issues settled by the council of the nation. You may, if you please, promulgate the greatest issues or principles ever advocated by man, but if the true principles of human conduct and justice are judiciously inculcated into the minds of the youths while under the parental influence of the home, then there will be less need of political strife in the national arena. We are living in an age of political unrest, with the pendulum of political affairs swinging in utter doubt. Are we alive to the best needs of our country? The political field is full and running over with candidates now. We hardly dare to commit ourselves in one's favor lest the next minute another candidate (who is a personal friend) for the same office will appeal to us, and, unless we are careful, we will lose sight of the principles at issue and the fitness of persons who seek the office. In the present campaign let us, in the interest of genuine good government and protection, study the fitness and character of the office-seekers before we decide which one shall be our choice. This is a serious proposition of committing our sacred interest to a few men to safeguard. The interest that we cheerfully entrust to representatives is the vital source of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Should we not then, as individuals, be extremely cautious and slow in arriving at who the best candidate for office is? The man who spends, in campaigning, as much money, or even half as much money, as the office pays, is seeking something more than the salary attached thereto; but seeking the opportunity to defraud the public. So in the home genuine honesty and duties of a good citizen should be taught to our children, then when the responsibility of citizenship falls upon them they will be amply schooled in the art of good government; then citizens will no longer play with politics for amusement and to gratify their own selfish interest, but will take the good of all the people into consideration before contributing their vote to anyone. Then, after all, a good government that protects the interest of all must rest entirely with the home. Without good homes our political institutions would soon crumble and decay. Look to the source of all things for the cause of all ills. If there is a weakness in our form of government, trace it back to the home and there you will find the cause of the trouble.

No Place Like Home.

One of our most valued exchanges very timely remarks that the best of us are like animals—we rush into holes for shelter. Home is such against the hardness of the world.

Margery Bell, the Cleveland girl who ran away, said on her return home: "You'll never know how much you want and need your mother, or your brother, or your father, until you're away from them."

Ah, how strong, how unerring, are the fundamental instincts of human nature! We can never outlive them. The joyous child allured by the bright flowers, the butterflies, the rainbow, may forget and wander far. But when the feet are bruised and the limbs weary and the heart sore, and it seems naught but strangeness, it cries for home.

Men and women have a little stronger limbs and a little stronger hearts; they can chase the butterflies and the rainbows a little farther, and then they, too, like the little child, must see the mocking folly of it all and, weary, heart-sick, cry for refuge—home.

For many of us the old home—may no longer exist except in memory. But if in memory it is cherished, then, whatever the disappointments, the deceptions, the despairs of life, we still may turn for new hope, new courage, and new inspirations, as did this poor girl, back to the old home, where love glows against the world's coldness.

Misfortune has its recompense when it turns us back to set our lips once more to the spring of love that is pure and undefiled.

Amid joys and successes our surroundings seem not so near to us; they are remote in their unreality, their glitter and abundance. And when sorrow comes it finds us sick with loneliness. It is then that in the lowly home of childhood every table and chair and picture seems to take tongue and call and call, and call to us. And the call comes through the distance and through the years like strains of deep-loved and never-to-be-forgotten music, filled with multitudes of sweet associations that make the heart beat quick.

Maybe, after all, one lot in life is not much better or worse than another, so far as happiness goes; but there are some things in life that seem very necessary to us, big and little, great and small, and that little corner in God's creation we call home is one of them.

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Awe, lad, fawny those landlubber Americans building the Panama canal at a cost of one-third the entire money in the United States and then can't operate it to any advantage to themselves. Great joke, old top, that we played America for a sucker and won through our superior diplomatic gall and pure Angle-Saxon bluff. We assisted the great railroads of the United States, which we own much watered stock in, to fix things far in advance through the terms of the Hay-Panama treaty. Great statesman was John Hay to kowtow and play flunkey to the snobbery of England while scuttling the Panama canal years in advance of its completion.

What a fine excuse our railroad-owned senators have to surrender the people's rights to the railroads of this country at the demand of the bluffing bluster of English interests. What a well-planned scheme, carried out far in advance by the railroad combines, to put a tax on traffic through the canal and have it fixed so "bally" old England demands it?

Has the American nation become weak and helpless through our soft-headed representatives and wealthy snobs who cater and fawn before the sham and shadow of royalty, that we permit John Bull to dictate our own affairs? But what could be expected after we loaned the power and prestige of the United States to them to crush the South African republic? The dollar diplomacy is in the interests of the wealthy interests of Wall and Lombard streets, and the Pacific coast will not have the advantage of free tolls through the Panama canal for that reason and for the further reason that there are no Patrick Henrys in our much disgraced and generally despised congress. The Pacific coast peacefully sleeps and foreign interference is stealing the benefits hoped for from the building of the greatest canal.

Awe, lad, fawny what a bally good joke on the landlubbering Americans how we spit them on their Panama canal.—N. F. Throne.

RESIGNATION REFUSED.

Judge Hanford Must Submit to Impeachment Proceedings.

Washington.—President Taft's refusal to accept the resignation of United States Judge C. H. Hanford unless he has conferred with the subcommittee which investigated impeachment charges in Seattle against the jurist, has caused the belief here that he plans to make Hanford's case an example, illustrating the theory that impeachment proceedings are as expeditious as the recall of judges.

Several days ago President Taft announced that he would not accept Hanford's resignation if the subcommittee reported that the evidence was sufficient to result in impeachment. In the latter event the impeachment would go on as originally planned.

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