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### STRIPPING OFF THE MASK.

Senator Cummins and other eminent republicans who are progressive just as far as they can see fat offices by so doing, have been strenuous in their claims that the six-year presidential tenure, with no second term, amendment was not aimed at Theodore Roosevelt. The New York Times, however, strips off the mask in the following:

"Mr. Roosevelt may not be very happy over it, but he has unquestionably set on foot a movement for one of the most important changes ever proposed in our national constitution. The amendment approved by the senate on Saturday limiting the tenure of the presidency to one term of six years would in all likelihood never have got beyond the stage of abstract discussion had not the career of Mr. Roosevelt convinced a large number of his countrymen that a curb was needed for the ambition of possible occupants of the White House."

The New York Times, being the official organ of high finance and low morals, as exemplified by Wall street and New York's smart set, of course favors anything which would debar such a thorn in the flesh of these classes as Theodore Roosevelt is and will be, whether the plan to legislate him out of the 1916 campaign succeeds or not.

It is a strong indictment to place against the American nation that it is not sufficiently intelligent to know whether or not it should elect any man to office.

The talk that it will prevent a president using his power during his first or second term to secure another, is hush. In these days there are other rewards in the gift of the interests that are worth much more than the presidency, and a president can in one term of six years rope and hog tie the American people so as to deliver them and the machinery of government to the interests much more easily than he can in four.

The only legitimate reason for a six-year term is that there will not be a disturbance of business by a campaign or change of administration so often. But the chance each six years will be more absolute because if there is not a change of parties there will be of presidents and cabinets.

With the increasing of the primary system and its application to the presidency the attempts to control the making of presidents by the interests will become more and more futile, and there will be little need of safeguarding the country by declaring that a faithful servant cannot be returned by a majority of the voters.

Politicians of both old parties united, not to put more power in the hands of the people, but to deprive them of supporting a man whom the interests hate and fear as they hate and fear no man who has appeared on the political horizon since the interests existed.

### JUST A SUGGESTION.

Governor Lister of Washington is beginning to promulgate the idea that the time has come when we should begin to improve more at home and advertise less abroad.

There is little doubt that this sort of talk will find an echo in many places. Indeed, it is quite well worth while to give it serious consideration. We have here in the Pacific northwest incomparably the finest territory over which the American flag floats. All it needs is to be discovered. We have been trying feverishly for some years past to attract people here. Wouldn't it be quite as well to take things just a little easier and let them work out in their own way? Above all things, wouldn't it be better and much more self-respecting, if not actually honest, if we were a little more careful about the sort of advertising matter that we issue and the unqualified line of talk which we therein give?

We ask the questions. Isn't there something in them that is really worth thinking over?

### TOO MANY PLUMS.

Evening Telegram: There is some hitch over the congressional appropriation for the exposition at San Francisco. When the matter came up in the house of representatives the other day there was no action; nor will there be any until the next congress convenes.

The bill in aid of the San Francisco exposition calls for an appropriation of \$2,000,000, which sum the federal government, perhaps judiciously, will spend at the Bay City, but not under the provisions of the bill itself. The difficulty lies in the plums the bill provides. As an initial item there is provision for seven commissioners, each to draw an annual salary of \$7,500—the salary to begin as soon as the appropriation is made and the commission appointed, and to end when the accounts of the exposition are closed. This, as already stated, is initial. Subsidiary to it, and probably of greater moment, is the flock of official sinecures in the form of clerkships, secretaryships and other and various avocational opportunities where the service is negligible and the pay is good. It is thought that possibly a sixth to a quarter of the entire appropriation would eventually ripen and be plucked into the plum basket.

It is not held at Washington that San Francisco is responsible for this arrangement, but it looks as if San Francisco might suffer by reason of it. Time was, immediately after the Jamestown fiasco, that there was quite emphatic declaration in congress that the day of the exposition appropriation had passed.

There is exception in the case of San Francisco because the San Francisco event is to be extraordinary and of unusual world significance. But with all that the people of that good city had best try to have this appropriation bill pruned down to its legitimate proportions, or at least have it stripped of its plum-picking allurements. Uncle Sam should be liberal with San Francisco, and probably will be, if it can be shown that the liberality will be converted into a tangible asset at the exposition.

### DECLINE OF THE HANDSHAKE.

Many simple-minded people find nowadays that the handshake is much out of fashion.

President-elect Wilson, who is going to cut out the presidential receptions, may be justified for a distaste for the role of the human pump. But the decline of the handshake is ordinarily brought about by less practical reasons. A leading fashionable club of St. Louis has decreed that it must go, and it substitutes the formal bow. Unpretentious people find that their extended hand is view with considerable surprise, as a suggestion of rusticity.

One thing may be counted on, that however unpopular it is in society, the handshake won't go out of business. Any man with any skill in salesmanship knows how a good, generous hand clasp suggests cordiality and personal interest. When did a man ever sell a bill of goods after greeting his "prospect" with a formal bow?

No matter how gracefully you may incline your head and bend your body as prescribed by society, this form of greeting is formal and artificial. No degree of correctness can ever put any human feeling into it. It savors of the ballroom rather than of the home circle.

And how much a good hearty handshake does mean to the stranger or the lonely! The writer attended a church service in a strange city a short time ago, and after it was over the clergyman stood at the door shaking hands. His big fist had just the right warmth of greeting. It seemed to say, "Glad to see you! Anything we can do for you? Do you want friends? If you do, come around!"

The handshake may go out of style amid the stiff and starched precincts of the smart set, but everyday people who have sentiments and emotions to express will find that the pressure of the hand tells a more effective story than anything the blundering lips can spell.

### HOW'S BUSINESS?

"Business is poor," said the beggar. Said the undertaker, "It's dead!" "Falling off," said the riding school teacher.

The druggist, "O vial," he said. "It's all write with me," said the author.

"Picking up!" said the man on the dump.

"Business is sound," quoth the bandsman. Said the athlete, "I'm keeping on the jump."

The bottler declared it was "Corking!" The parson, "It's good!" answered he.

"Makes both ends meet," said the butcher. The tailor replied, "It suits me!"

### THE WRONG WAY.

The philosophy of the World Peace Foundation, as we glean it from the circulars it has sent broadcast, amounts to this:

The way to get the better of winter weather is to tear down the walls of your houses. Then the winter, shamed and humbled, will go away forever.

The cure for burglary is to take your portable possessions out on the sidewalk and go away. The house-breaker, moved profoundly by this trust in him, will quit his evil ways and forever walk the paths of righteousness.

The method warranted to do away with high finance, the get-rich-quick industry and using a hole in the ground as a basis for a stock issue is to repeal all laws which in any way would interfere with gentlemen who engage in these affairs. Thus, they will see a great light and go in for rose culture as a sort of advertisement of their regeneration.

Any of these suggestions for dealing with unpleasant things and ungodly persons is no more ridiculous than the recommendation that universal peace can be brought about by this nation disbanding its army and discarding its navy. Nations, at least in this stage of the world, are without morals—selfish because they must be, greedy because they must deal with greed. Remove your protection against winter and you have winter still. It is the same with wars. Cast away the national defenses and you bet invite war to do its worst.

### No Cause for Worry.

A great number of nervous persons are worrying lest the operation on the tariff is going to throw business entirely out of gear, close the factories, shut up the bank vaults, force the abandonment of cultivated acres and bring on a ravishing panic. Before this worry gets the better of them, these folk ought to contemplate the trade exports, which show that:

The United States is doing the greatest import and export business in the entire career of the nation.

The transportation lines are having extreme difficulty in meeting the demand for cars.

The steel companies are several months behind in filling their orders.

The industrial centers are reporting a serious dearth of labor.

The building trades are busy in every city.

The greatest crops ever raised in this country have not all been moved and paid for.

Before the general effect of all these things can be overcome, the tariff must virtually be butchered. It is no part of the intention of the democrats to do this. There are two excellent reasons why they will not. One is that there are very nearly as many protectionists among democrats as there are among republicans. The other is that the democrats have no wish to sacrifice their present power in order to test a free trade theory.

There will be prosperity after the tariff has come from the operating room as there is now. This country has passed the stage in which a few hundred law makers can absolutely halt the country's growth.

### Where Discrimination Lies.

When Wilson said at Chicago, "You must put the credit of this country at the disposal of everybody on equal terms," he evidently meant that the same test should be applied in all cases. The Saturday Evening Post says that, where the collateral and the standing of the borrower are the same, credit is extended with perfect equality. It should be, but it is not always. A man of the highest standing may try to raise money on unexceptionable collateral, but if the enterprise in which he wishes to invest the money would compete with some enterprise in which the banker is interested, can he always raise the capital? When the greatest banks, which alone are able to make loans of the largest magnitude, are all controlled by a small coterie of men who also control nearly all the railroads and big industries, the chance of securing from these banks the money to build a competing railroad or factory is extremely slim. Doubtless Wilson had in mind such cases when he uttered the words quoted.

The crossing of the Delaware river by Washington just before the battle of Trenton, which was one of the turning points of the revolution, is to be commemorated by the purchase of the property on which the landing was made, and its use as a public park.

One settlement worker in New York city has made a specialty of teaching boys how to make articles of furniture out of old packing boxes.

## The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

George Washington.

All over this broad land the 22nd of February, Washington's birthday, is celebrated.

How shall any man add ought to the praise and eulogy of George Washington? History and biography, eloquence and poetry have exhausted their combined efforts upon the successful leader of the American Revolution and the founder of the American republic—our first great national hero.

Every great crisis in the history of the world has found its great man to guide and control it. Call this providence or accident, the American revolution was no exception to it. Before the first murmurs of discontent were heard in the struggle the man was being prepared for the crisis. On the banks of the Potomac and Rappahannock, thirty years before Lexington and Bunker Hill, a truthful and manly boy was growing up ripening into stalwart young manhood. With only the common school education of that day the young man was soon being educated in the broader school of nature and experience, in the great forest, under the open heavens, with his surveyor's chain and his sword, in the Indian wars, defending the frontier settlements from the savage incursions.

Growing still apace, the manly young Virginian is soon the leading spirit and military commander of all Potomac region, and his skill, endurance and courage in those campaigns swell the measure of his fame. Then with his peace the young commander lays aside the sword, marries and settles upon his inherited country seat at Mt. Vernon and, like his ancestors, is now a rich landed proprietor, a farmer and planter and gentleman. So he might have remained to the end had not the voice of patriotism called him to take part with his neighbors and the oppressed people of the colonies against the tyranny of the mother country. Washington sat with Jefferson and Richard Henry Lee and Mason and Pendleton, colleagues to that first continental congress at Philadelphia.

### St. Valentine's Day.

Superstition is nearly as old as man, and that it exists now quite as strong though not as widespread as in the early ages of our world is proved by the various rites and ceremonies practiced on certain days throughout the year. Even those who ridicule them, yet participate in them "just for fun," have a lingering half suspicion in their minds that it might come true; especially is this the case when inclination paints the way. St. Valentine is the acknowledged patron saint of lovers; and the

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peculiar customs connected with the day were referred to by writers nearly 500 years ago. The St. Valentine who suffered martyrdom on the 14th of February was one of the fifty-two saints of that name, but nothing has ever been found in his life or in the lives of any of them that would give occasion for the singular observance of the day. It has been maintained that it was an ancient custom among the Romans during the Lupercalia, celebrated in the month of February, for the men and boys to draw the names of their future wives in honor of their goddess, Februate Juno, and that the Christian clergy finding it absolutely impossible to abolish this heathen custom, changed it to a religious ceremony by writing on the slips of paper instead of the names of women those of particular saints whom they were to follow and imitate during the year.

It is remarked that the mail order houses have not relaxed their efforts to get business just because a few dull months in the year appear. They everlastingly keep a advertising end of their business.

A man doesn't discover that there is a boundary line between his own lot and his neighbor's until the first snow falls and he has to clean the walks.

An exchange says that gossips have motor cars beaten to a frazzle when it comes to running people down.

The parcels post will do most anything but darn socks and rock the baby.

A soft answer turneth away wrath but has no effect on a book agent.

The very time to be pleasant is when the other people are cross.

# Just Arrived!

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