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DIVORCING BUSINESS FROM POLITICS.

New York Commercial.

Among the alleged reasons for the resignation of Charles M. Hays from the presidency of the Southern Pacific Railroad is that his policy of attempting to absolutely divorce the affairs of the company from politics was not approved by the dominant owners of the property and was actually detrimental to it. President Hays' discharge of Manager Wallace in Nevada, for instance, is reported to have resulted speedily in a largely increased assessment on all the Southern Pacific properties in that state; and "Jack" Wright's discharge from the company's employ after twenty years' service as the practical leader of the railroad lobby at Sacramento is said to have already been particularly distasteful to the Harriman interests. Both these "officials" had probably been of great value to the company in the past—and their services were still in requisition—but in a way, presumably, that President Hays could not, or at least, did not approve.

Pres. Hays will have the sympathy of that large class which aims at what may quite properly be termed purism in business; and his stand in this matter will hardly provoke adverse criticism from the other and more practical class. If his purpose was, as alleged, to administer the affairs of his company absolutely without the use of political or other outside influences, he is simply ahead of the times in railroad and corporation administration, and his position is so isolated and so without support that it cannot, apparently, be maintained in these days. The incident, however, raises some highly important questions in business administration—questions that will have to be solved and settled some time, but not perhaps in our generation.

Is there a railroad company of any considerable importance in this country that manages to get along absolutely without the aid of lobbyists, politicians, "confidential attorneys," "peacemakers" or "bouncers"? If there is, it has escaped our notice up to date. The fact is that it is the prevailing policy of such corporations to get results by the most direct and practical way. If one man, through the adroitness and perfect legal use of his political and other influence among legislators, railroad commissioners, county commissioners, boards of assessors, aldermen, appraisers and the like, can prevent a certain railroad company from being mulcted of \$100,000 annually by means of high assessments, a too low maximum of freight and passenger rates and other such devices, he is most certainly worth \$20,000 a year to that company—and 20 per cent of them will pay it and gladly, too. The alternative would be a continuous fight for rights, with attorneys' fees and other expenses aggregating an amount double \$20,000, and with all the friction and annoyance incident to lawsuits and the enmities that they bring, and, in the end, perhaps, no relief from official "confiscation" of the company's property. This illustration is not overdrawn. The system has become so common as to barely provoke comment except under sensational or unusual circumstances. It is the short, economical way to peace. What corporation reasonably turns his back on it—and suffers? What individual of large affairs is inclined to frown it down? What firm ever discharged a salesman because his "influence" with a board of education or park commission was good for \$50,000 worth of business a year?

We are not defending the system. We are simply stating a business situation as it exists today. It may fairly be assumed that the Puritans didn't do business that way. But are there any acute indications that by the year 2001 we shall have returned to the business methods of the Puritans? It looks a good deal as if President Hays, of the

Southern Pacific, had been "going up" against a proposition that even the most doughty of our theoretic reformers have steered clear of heretofore. And it is altogether probable that for some years yet, the business world will have no cause to "fight the devil with fire." The age is still sternly practical.

WITH MARY.

Life had been goin' th' lonesomes way—

All the world seemin' so dreary,
But the meadows wuz smilin' as if with
way—

As I come from campmeemin' with
Mary—

All the world seemin' with love an' with
Harr—

Hills lookin' green an' the streams flashin'
in bright—

Birds in the branches singin' jest right—

As I come from campmeemin' with
Mary!

What did I care for the world any its
gold—

She at my side, like a fairy!
Love had just all that his arms cared
to hold—

As I come from campmeemin' with
Mary—

The green o' the world an' the blue o'
the skies—

Joy for life's sorrow an' songs for its
sighs—

A kiss from her lips, an' the love in her
eyes—

As I come from a campmeemin' with
Mary.

—Atlanta Constitution.

JOB COULDN'T HAVE STOOD IT.

If he'd had lochin' piles, They're terribly annoyin', but Bushel's Ameria Salve will cure the worst case of piles on earth. It has cured thousands. For Injuries, Pains or Bodily Troubles it's the best salve in the world. Price \$2 a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

Willie Littleboy—Papa, what is a car? Papa—A car, son, is a Russian pneumatic arm, entirely surrounded by assassins—Puck.

In cases of croup give the little ones One Minute Cough Cure. Then rest easy and you'll never feel pleasure again, always safe, sure and absolutely instantaneous in effect. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Perhaps we shall some day read in The Commander such items as this: "Burr Bryan's oil, not controlled by a trust."

O. O. Buck, Birne, Ark., says: I was troubled with constipation until I bought DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Since then have been entirely cured of my old complaint. I recommend them. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

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The Pennsylvania Republican state convention has insisted a plank in its platform demanding the abrogation of the yellow journalism. And then it commends M. S. Quay for his services to the state. True political platforms are such architectural affairs.

James White, Evansville, Ind., says DeWitt's Which Hazel Salve healed running sores on both legs. He had suffered six years. Doctors failed to help him. Get DeWitt's. Answer no imitations. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Teenage marksomen are coming over to compete with American rifle shooters. The latter should be careful to see that the target looks no resemblance to John Bull, else they will have little show for their white flags.

Emotions rule worlds and save all kinds quickly healed by DeWitt's Which Hazel Salve. Certain cure for piles. Beware of counterfeits. Be sure you get the original—DeWitt's. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Toda is getting more conservative. A little while ago he was going to telephone in Mars. Now he has limited his little talk and the space across the Atlantic ocean—and his hat.

Mrs. S. H. Airport, Johnson, Pa., says: "Our little girl almost strangled to death with croup. The doctors said she couldn't live but she was instantly relieved by One Minute Cough Cure." CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

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IT DAZZLES THE WORLD.

No discovery in medicine has ever created one quarter of the excitement that has been caused by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It's severest enemy is Consumption. Hemorrhage, Pleurisy and Bronchitis, thousands of whom it has rescued to perfect health.

For Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Croup, Hay Fever, Hoarseness and Whooping Cough it is the quickest, surest cure in the world. It is sold by Frank Hart who guarantees satisfaction or refunds.

Large bottles \$2c and \$1.00.

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TO HEAL A HURT.

Use Barrier Salve, the great healer, guaranteed for cuts, wounds, sores, piles and skin diseases. Use no substitute. Hart's drug store.

The mathematician in convention at Ithaca, N. Y., ought to be able to promptly solve the problems before them.

A. R. Bass, of Morgantown, Ind., had to get up ten or twelve times in the night and had severe headaches, backache and pain in the kidneys. Was cured by Foley's Kidney Cure. It's guaranteed.

Will "yellow journalism" be the permanent issue at the national reunion in place of the "white metal"?

IT GIRDLES THE GLOBE.

The fame of Bucklin's Aralia Salve as the best in the world, extends round the earth. It's the one perfect healer of Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Sores, Scalds, boils, Ulcers, Feces, Aches, Pains and All Skin Eruptions. Only infallible Pill Cure. \$2 a box at Hart's Drug Store.

"I should like to see a man kiss me." The prodigal young fellow, mild critic Miss Innis, asks. "Why, blues met! Do you usually close your eyes?"

QUICK RELIEF FOR ASTHMA.

Mrs. Maude Dickens, Parsons, Kan., writes: "I suffered eight years with asthma in its worst form. I had several attacks during the last year and was too weak to get through them. I began using Foley's Honey and Tar and it has never failed to give immediate relief." Hart's Drug Store.

President Schwab's uncle was sent to the workshop in M-K-Esport, Pa., the other day, because he did not have \$12.40 to pay a fine assessed against him for intoxication. As the uncle of a man who draws a salary of \$30,000 a year will be the leader in workhouse society circles.

A. H. Davis, Mt. St. Louis, Ia., writes: "I was troubled with kidney complaints for about two years, but two one dollar bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar gave me immediate relief and done me more good than all the other remedies combined. Hart's drug store."

It is nip and tuck between the steel shiners and the trust. As fast as Shaffer and Tige close new mills down Mr. Morgan ships in a lot of non-unions and opens an old plant.

GOVERNMENT BIDS.

Proposals for potatoes and onions off Chief Commissary, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., Aug. 15, 1901.—Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering potatoes and onions for seven months, beginning Oct. 1, 1901, will be received here and at offices of Commissaries at Fort Stevens, Ore.; Boise Barracks, Fort Lawton, Wash., Forts Canby, Casey, Flamingo, Wallowa, Walla, Wright and Vancouver Barracks, Wash., until 4 p.m., Aug. 20, 1901, and then open.

Information furnished on application. Entomological reports and specimens should be endorsed "Proposals for Potatoes and Onions," and addressed to Commissary of post to be supplied, or to Col. F. E. Wys, A. C. Q., Chief Commissary.

Someone sneers at the foolishness of two New Yorkers who have gone to law over a straw hat. In Kentucky, where they probably have gone to shooting over it.

STRIKES A RICH FIND.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. Y. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicine I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a great blessing to us. I am now in full strength again for work, and my wife, run down woman. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 60c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hart's Drug Store.

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