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Enjoying things which are pleasant that is not the evil; it is the reducing of our mortal self to slavery by them that is—Carlyle.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

THE Boston Globe, a conservative and independent newspaper, thinks it perceives, what on only superficial contemplation seems irrational, signs of the disintegration of the Republican party.

INCREASING TOLERANCE.

ONE of the best signs of the times is the increasing tolerance in religious circles in this country.

How long has it been since a preacher and teacher not a Christian but a Jew, would be invited to address an assembly of Christian workers and "heard gladly," as happened recently in Portland?

Dr. Wise has on many occasions since he came to Portland proved himself a scholar, an orator, a patriot, a very helpful teacher and a very useful citizen.

forward for salvation and the kingdom of heaven, but in practice, in life, in example, in elevating and reforming service to his fellowmen, wherein does he lack anything of the essential Christian character?

All this was recognized and appreciated by the Christian ministers and laymen of this city, and in turn, or perhaps rather in advance, Dr. Wise recognized, appreciated, commended and seconded all their good words and works.

DODGING THE ISSUE.

NEVER BEFORE since the civil war, says Candidate Hughes, has there been such an attempt by (the Hearst) newspapers to focus the whole attention of the country upon alleged wrongs and create discontent, envy and hatred, and arouse the worst passions of the multitude.

But are the "wrongs" only "alleged"? This plea that vigorous and unsparring attacks upon men of great wealth, influence and power who make politics their field of operations and government their tool to pick the people's pockets, enrich themselves, and debauch the public service, are calculated to create class distinctions and engender hatred, is old, stale and frayed.

Preachers frequently say that it is not the sinners they hate, but the sin; but how are they going to hit sin without hitting the sinners through whom sin is manifested, in whom it is incarnated?

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STEEL TRUST'S PROFITS.

THE NET PROFIT of the steel trust for the past month was \$14,300,000, and it expects to have cleared \$155,000,000 during the year.

Dinkelspiel and Aunt Elsie

BY GEORGE V. HOBART.

Home, Now. Mein Lieber Looney.—Va have received your letter from Voooster, Mass., and va vas glad dot your heart remains stationary.

Ve vas all vell at home mit der expectation dot Aunt Elsie is writing mit us from Plainfield, N. J.

Aunt Elsie vas your mother's aunt, Looney, but ehre vat?

Veil, such is Aunt Elsie, only more so, including der lunch table, der dinner table and der glass of beer table just before bedtime.

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high duty, which it does not need at all in order to compete with foreign steel plants and still make a good profit.

The sacred tariff law compels the American people to give the trust at least \$75,000,000 a year beyond what it ought to make and be satisfied, and yet the same congresses that do this can spare but \$15,000,000 or so a year for all the rivers and harbors of the country.

The steel trust is but one of many that the tariff law thus authorizes to bleed the American people, to the extent of several hundred millions annually, and yet they are supposed to hurrah for the blessed tariff law and prosperity, and if they venture to favor any changes in the law at all to insist that it be changed only by its friends—that is, those who are friendly to these diversions of money from the people to the trusts.

We are pleased to see all great American enterprises prosper, but this stuffing of the trusts at the expense of the people by law can find no logical and intelligent defense.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASE OF RAILROADS.

SOME of our exchanges in discussing government ownership of railroads, or rather in declaring off-hand that the thing is impossible or impracticable, seem to think that they present a poser when they ask: Where is the government to get the vast amount of money necessary to buy the railroads?

But a small percentage of cash would be needed, unless the bonds and stocks are heavily watered, for the government's railroad bonds and stocks with even a low rate of interest guaranteed would find ready purchasers. The credit of the government is certainly as good as that of any railroad company.

When one big railroad wants to buy or get control of another it doesn't rustle around and borrow the cash to pay for it. The purchasing railroad issues its own obligations, generally in excess of those outstanding against the road it acquires, thus watering the stock as well as consolidating the properties.

It is said that it would take \$1,600,000,000 to buy the railroads. A mere bagatelle. The national debt at the close of the war, when the country's population was only about two fifths what it is now, was over \$2,000,000,000.

Aunt Elsie read der invitation. "Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ganderkurks request der honor of your presence at der marriage of der daughter, Verbera, to Galahad Schmalenberger, at der home of der bride's parents, Plainfield, N. J., October First, R. S. V. P."

"Vell," sat Aunt Elsie. "I know der Ganderkurk und I know der daughter, Verbera, und I know Galahad Schmalenberger; he is a floorwalker in Bauerhaup's grocery store, but I don't know vot he dot R. S. V. P. yet!"

I kicked your mother's instep unter der table und set to Aunt Elsie, "Vell dot is a new vun on me also. Vas you sure it ain't R. S. O. or C. R. R. of N. J.?"

I was just der bride's parents, but I don't know R. S. V. P."

All dot day your Aunt Elsie vandered through der house muttering to herself, "R. S. V. P. vot is it? Is it some secret between der bride und groom? R. S. V. P. I ain't my inter, R. S. V. P. I begin mit R. S. V. P. Is dot R. S. V. P. vot is it? Vot is it?"

Dot evening vas va all at der dinner table vas Aunt Elsie rushed in mit a cry of choy. "I got it!" she set. "I haf untied der meaning of der R. S. V. P. It means Real Silver Vidding Presents—ain't dot an up to datest?"

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AN AUDITORIUM.

THE PROJECT of the board of trade for the erection of an auditorium sufficient to accommodate very large audiences is timely and in line with the city's march of development.

In several cities such a public building has been erected by popular subscription, and became public property. Once the effort was under way civic pride carried it through to success.

How long ago 1861, when the great civil war broke out, seems, looking back through the marvelous events and developments of the intervening time, and yet we are reminded that it has been but a comparatively short period when we read that Mrs. Jefferson Davis is ill. Her husband was

a senator for years before the war, and served through it as the president of the Southern Confederacy, and yet his widow survives, and there are not a few older persons in the country than she. Manifest and mighty are the changes that these 45 years have wrought!

Lynching negroes for every crime they commit or are accused of committing is no right or reasonable way to solve any phase of the race problem. Such actions only incite negroes to other crimes by way of reprisal.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller is another eminent business man who is sure that reforms should be theoretical only, and confined to churches and Sunday schools, and that all attempts to put them into practical effect in politics or business are injurious and dangerous.

According to reports all the Republicans and nearly all the Democrats of New York state are going to vote against Hearst, and yet they are afraid he is going to be elected. It must be that a great many voters are quitting those old parties.

Mr. J. J. Hill says the iron ore will all be gone in 50 years. Meanwhile he and his friends and partners and their successors will make a few billions out of what there is. As a pessimist, Mr. Hill induces rivalry.

A duty of the next legislature imposed by the constitution is the reapportionment of legislators. But the constitution doesn't amount to much except when invoked to defeat some good law.

As soon as anybody pitches into the wrong and criminal use of wealth for the purpose of plundering the people, he is accused by the "plunder-bund" organs of inciting class hatred.

Mr. Grover Cleveland considers the nomination of Hearst "afflictive." Is he afraid Hearst if elected might somehow deprive him of that fat insurance sinecure that he enjoys?

Truths that Hearst tells will "rise again," even if he be defeated.

Value of Battleships. Admiral Furnier, in his report on the Mediterranean maneuvers to the minister of marine, states that he was misled by writers who declared that the usefulness of battleships had been destroyed by submarines.

He says it was natural that contrasts should be drawn between the kinds of vessels, but he himself had never implied that submarines could take the place of battleships. The two types are admirably fitted for cooperation.

The admiral says that the very dissimilarity of the two kinds of vessels makes them the more valuable in combined operations.

It is generally regarded as unfortunate that this report was not issued before the "Hearst" battleships were ordered to be built.

Tall Queens. Kings have a mysterious tendency to get married to wives taller than themselves.

Eccelestics Shocked. Herr Reverend Doctor Schuk, a well-known pastor of the Lutheran church in Metz, Lorraine, and professor in the college there, having died and left in his will that his body should be cremated, his executors with difficulty carried out his provisions.

In Metz the clergy showed their disapproval of the cremation by accompanying the body of their late colleague only to the railway station, and by declining to wear their usual ecclesiastical ornaments.

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A Sermon for Today

FADS AND FAITH.

By Henry F. Cope.

Ye thine stult and ruse and every habit, as ye pass over justice and the love of God—Luka xi, 4.

THE Pharisees are not all dead; religion still means to many no more than a multitude of repressive regulations. Its expression is confined to attitudes and gestures to forums and phrases. Thus becomes a choice hiding place for petty hypocrisy, while the doing of trivial or traditional acts is so emphasized that some are led to think in all honesty that the doing and enduring of these things satisfies every moral requirement.

So far from the path of piety being hedged about with restrictions and its people burdened with meaningless loads, in the way of liberty, the enlarging life, and the path in which men lose their burdens, straighten their backs, lift their heads, and set their eyes on truth and freedom.

Many hold it a sin to have springs on their wagons, buttons on their coats, or flowers in their hats, while the men will not wear suspenders.

The fads of religion are the worst foes of true faith. It does not take the keen and not always kindly critic, to realize that the man who asserts his holiness by wearing a hat of a peculiar shape or a white tie, or even a badge on his coat lapel, or a text on his shirt front is the one whom it is well to watch with just a little extra caution.

Hymns to Know. Sentence Sermons.

Consolation. By Anna B. Warner.

[This hymn has been ascribed to many writers and seldom to its true author. Yet the matter of its origin easily would have been settled by reference to a novel written several years ago, entitled "Dollars and Cents," where it first appeared in its original form.

We would see Jesus; sense is all too dim, And heaven appears too dim, too far away.

We would see Jesus; this is all we're needing. Strong, firm, and willingness come with the sight.

A Sea Lullaby. The Wilbur D. Nesbit in Judges. The little mermaids are blinking their eyes.

Oh, down in the sea all the shadows now creep, And the shadowy shell will supply us with more.

Labor Party Man Now. General J. B. Weaver, who was the people's party candidate for president in 1892 and Greenback candidate in 1886, is running for congress on the organized labor party ticket in the Sixth district of Ohio.

Circumlocution. Teacher—Give me an example of circumlocution. Willie Brittober—When a porter says, "Brush you off boss!" but means "Gimme a quarter."

when you are buying his goods or doing business with him in any way.

It is a poor kind of piety, utterly insufficient for working purposes, that can find all the exercise it needs in discussions and jealous guardings of customs, in tithing with a microscope, in decisions on buttons, or even in texts and phrases of teaching.

You will notice that it is the man with the weak stomach who is most ready to prove it a sin even to look with complaisance on a cigar.

But faith does not consist in fads, in restrictive details. Religion is the soul's search after the best, the subjection of the lesser to the larger, the realization of and the entering upon relationships with the life spiritual, with things in fine, eternal and glorious.

Innocence seldom needs argument. Anarchy is the ghost of liberty.

The faithful are not fretful. Fruit for eternity needs the frosts of time.

A strong breath reveals a weak backbone. It's hard to succeed if you have no setbacks.

Secrets behind the hand often are but stabs in the back. Good wishes often grow up before they come home again.

No man ever found his father by shutting out his fellows. The man who steadily tries to sear his happiness need not worry about his stores of holiness.

You are not likely to do much in this world until you learn to do without much. It is easy to mistake a resolution for a reform.

The recording angel isn't wasting any ink over the good you intend to do. Keep the wolf of worry from your door and you will not need to fear many other wild beasts.

Popular appreciation of your work will not be created by the depreciation of that of others. People who are short on sense are apt to think themselves long on science.

The effort of true consecration always is to cut cleaner the lines of square dealing. It is not the upward glare of ambition that makes men dizzy; it is the looking down on those who cannot climb.