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Senator Burrows opened the debate in the case of Reed Smoot, the Mormon Apostle-senator from Utah, yesterday. In a speech of 30,000 words carefully prepared, he marshaled the arguments against Smoot. Early in the argument he said there was no evidence that Smoot was guilty of polygamy. He referred to the position of Smith, leader of the Mormon hierarchy, who is the husband of five wives and father of 43 children. He quoted Smith's testimony that congress had nothing to do with private life. He said Smoot was disqualified because he was a member of the Mormon hierarchy, this membership interfering with the functions of the state, because the hierarchy of which he was a member encourages polygamy, because Smoot as a member of that hierarchy has taken an oath hostile to the government of the United States, and incompatible with his obligation as a senator. He reviewed the domination of the church in politics. There was no case in Utah showing the defeat of a man favored by the Mormon church, nor of one's election which the church opposed.

Seventy-five per cent of the business of the world is transacted between the hours of 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. Items happen during the day between those hours, says an exchange. The big news items happen during the day. At night as much as possible of the world's traffic is killed. The afternoon papers the world over give the news of each day as it happens. The morning papers must necessarily give a rehash 15 hours later. The evening or afternoon paper is read under the evening lamp, while the family is gathered about the fire-side. The rush is over. The news and advertisements are studied thoughtfully. In the morning, the hurry of the opening day prevents anything but a cursory glance at the headlines. The morning paper is not read or studied thoughtfully, because it comes at a time when the morning work is absorbing and when to read it breaks into the valuable time which must be devoted to business.

The president's reformed spelling is just now like the unfortunate ball between two contending collegiate teams, and is being kicked and knocked around until it will soon lose all appearances of a ball. The supreme court will have nothing to do with it, congress rejects it, but the president and some of the administrative departments cling to it. There is a suspicion that the president is not taking a very great deal of interest in the matter himself; having had his little spurt, he is willing to let the baby die or live without further aid from him.

Cuba, the Philippine tariff, San Francisco and the Japs are some of the nuts which congress will have to crack at this short session, and they are hard ones. The president has taken his stand on all three, and his attitude on that of the rights of the Japanese is of the belligerent order.

While not anticipating war as the outcome of the San Francisco matter the president realizes the danger the country is in because of our inadequate coast defenses. On this subject he is especially clear and urgent. As there can be no political question arise on such a subject, it is probable that congress will take some steps to carry out the recommendations of the president. This is a matter that concerns all the people, and especially those in the cities on the coasts.

The publication of President Roosevelt's side of the controversy with his ex-minister to Austria, Belamy Storer, only makes one wonder why the president did not kick him out long before he did. He deserved it especially for not having the will or sense to keep Mrs. Storer's fingers out of the pie. Her foolish desire to mix diplomacy and religion got her husband into the scrape from which he emerges with so little credit. And Roosevelt's letters, too, indicate that he is not the discreet politician he has been credited with being.

A famine in China is reported. It affects some millions of people and may prove disastrous. When a scarcity arises in such a country, it may be far-reaching in its effects. The land is thickly populated and millions of mouths may be deprived of food in a very short time if the supply runs short. There are no such facilities for meeting such an emergency as exist here or in European countries, and people may starve by thousands before relief can reach them.

Agricultural machinery to the value of \$9,000,000 will be shipped to Russia for the coming season. Nine steamships have been chartered to carry cargoes of that character to ports on the Baltic and Black seas, while partial cargoes will be sent by regular lines, making a grand total of 100,000 tons. With such a flood of labor-saving machinery, the Russians should be able to increase their grain crops, or, at least, to realize better returns from them.

In "Little Problems of Life—When the Family Interferes," in the January Delineator, William George Jordan pertinently asks, "After the goods are bought and sent home and cannot be returned, what is the use of discouraging the purchaser? Why not point out some unrecognized good point? It is not fair for the family to sit like a jury of awards and condemn the exhibit."

Ten years ago some of the president's recommendations would have been pronounced radicalism run wild, but they are now regarded as the natural outcome of existing conditions.

The Eugene Commercial Club opposes the movement to set over a part of Lane county into Linn. That's right; grand old Lane county should never be dismembered!

Dr. Clarence True Wilson, of the Portland Taylor street church, says Godliness pays even in politics. But who else has ever discovered that ingredient in politics?

Ex-Governor Moses of South Carolina, the man who hoisted the confederate flag over Fort Sumpter, died near Boston yesterday. But the Union still lives!

President Roosevelt's annual message contained 250,000 words, and it has been figured out by using the simplified spelling he saved 139 letters.

The newspapers are going after Harriman red-hot—that is, they are printing his picture daily, and he is homelier than John D. Rockefeller.

The Massachusetts anti-tariff standpatters—the whole delegation—in congress are already getting busy and promise to get busier.

By the recall of his minister—Mr. A. Grip—the king of Sweden has shown that he was not afraid to lose his grip in Washington.

The Negro's
Proper
Course
of Conduct

By
BOOKER T.
WASHINGTON

IN seasons of disturbance and excitement if others yield to the temptation of losing control of their judgment and give way to PASSION AND PREJUDICE let us as a race teach the world that we have learned the great lesson of calmness and self control. The TRULY COURAGEOUS man is always well poised and self controlled.

Let us not become unduly alarmed or depressed when seasons of disturbance and riot overtake us. In the future, as in the past, we are going to have long periods of contentment and happiness, and these will be followed by WAVES OF TROUBLE AND DISAPPOINTMENT, but we must learn, as all successful groups of people have learned, that we must pursue the even tenor of our way with a stern and unconquerable determination never to fail.

Reference has been made to the trials through which we are passing. Has anything occurred in recent years that will BEGIN TO COMPARE with the horrors of the trials of reconstruction, the season when Ku Klux Klans in a large measure seemed to rule the destiny of our race? Nor should we forget, when we are inclined to grow discouraged, the fact that it is within the memory of men now living that at one time right in New York many more innocent members of our race were murdered than have been put to death in recent years in New Orleans or Atlanta. BUT THIS SHOULD BE NO JUSTIFICATION OF MURDER ELSEWHERE.

I am most anxious, and I know that in this I speak the sentiment of every conservative member of our race, that our race everywhere bear the reputation of a law abiding and a LAW RESPECTING people. If others would break the law and trample it underfoot, let US keep and respect it and teach our children to follow our example.

In this connection I repeat what I have said on a recent occasion. Every iota of influence that we possess should be used to GET RID OF THE CRIMINAL AND LOAFING ELEMENT of our people and to make decent, law abiding citizens.

While condemning the giving of prominence to the work of mobs in the south we should not fail to give due credit to those of the white race who have stood manfully and courageously ON THE SIDE OF LAW AND ORDER during the recent trying ordeals through which certain localities in the southern section of our country have been passing. During racial disturbances the country very seldom hears of the brave and heroic acts of a certain element of southern white people whose deeds are SELDOM HERALDED through the press.

The indiscriminate condemnation of all white people on the part of any member of our race is SUICIDAL AND DANGEROUS.

FURTHER, WE MUST FRANKLY FACE THE FACT THAT THE GREAT BODY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE TO DWELL IN THE SOUTH, AND ANY POLICY THAT DOES NOT SEEK TO HARMONIZE THE TWO RACES AND CEMENT THEM IS UNWISE AND DANGEROUS.

The Railroad Problem.

Editor Guard:—The question as to how to forever solve the railroad monopoly question which at regular intervals, when there is a large demand for means of transporting the products of one part of a country where there is a surplus, to another part of the country where there is a scarcity, has been before the country for such a time that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." Great minds of honest men have differed as to the remedy, while quite a number of equally as honest minds have said, "It can't be done." It occurs to the writer that the following solution is feasible and will solve this problem forever.

Railroad trackage, depots, etc., are within the very nature of things, monopoly. As much so as any combined lines of tracks (owned by different companies) would be a monopoly. The Southern Pacific track from Eugene to Portland is a monopoly. This is as true as if a company of individuals had the only pike road (all other roads being impassable) from Eugene to Portland. Should this wagon road company prohibit any other person or company from hauling freight over this wagon road with any other power than the power furnished by the wagon company? Can't you see this wagon road would be a monopoly? If said company failed to furnish power to move the products, would not the products glut the market at one point, while at another point there would be a scarcity? To break this monopoly by building another pike road, or in case of a railroad monopoly, by building another railroad is not practicable. It is to slow to give relief, but even if done, such a thing as permanent relief would not follow for the reason that it is possible for the two road companies to get together and create a monopoly out of a combination which would bring about the same conditions as when but one road existed. All will agree that where monopoly exists, competition does not exist. Destroy monopoly and you create competition. What an honest, intelligent thinking man wants, and wants it bad (especially the consumer) is competition.

There are two ways out of it, or the solution is:

First. Let the legislature enact a law making all railroad tracks in the state public highways. I might say

toll roads, open to all other railroads to run their engines and cars over at a fixed charge per mile, with depot privileges. This destroys the monopoly. If the Southern Pacific can't move the freight on its lines, other companies would come in and compete for the freight, and such a thing as car shortage would not exist, or unreasonable rates be charged, for the reason of competition.

Second. Have the state or government own all railroad trackage, and make a charge per mile for all traffic over said trackage. This would destroy the monopoly and create competition.

Think of this:
Respectfully submitted,
I. N. HARBAUGH.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

Albany College has decided not to enter the basketball league, not having a satisfactory team.

Scotty, the Death Valley meteor is reported in a critical condition from the bite of a hydrophobia skunk.

Forty-three carloads of prunes, comprising 1,720,000 pounds, was the year's total shipment of the Douglas County Fruit Packing Co., whose plant in North Roseburg closed the season's work last Saturday. Mr. C. Gazley, the company's manager, stated Saturday that of the total amount of prunes shipped, seven cars were Petites, one-half a car were silvers and the balance Italians. The fruit found its way into almost every Middle Western and Northwest state. In addition to the prunes, Mr. Gazley shipped East, on his personal account, a carload of Douglas county apples, comprising 880 boxes of select Spitzenbergs and Newton Pippins. For these Mr. Gazley paid the growers \$1 per box. The prices paid to the growers for prunes were as follows: For Italians, 2 1/4 to 3 cents per pound; for Petites 1 1/4 to 2 cents, and for silvers 4 1/4 cents. This year's shipment of 43 cars is against seven cars in 1905. In 1904, when there was a total crop failure, no prunes were shipped. In 1903, the shipment totaled 100 cars; in 1902 30 cars, and in 1901, 65 cars.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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