

The question is now being discussed as to whether a shadow can occupy space. The answer must be in the affirmative to those who believe there is a money plank in the St. Louis platform.

A young man about to cast his first vote should identify himself with the party of progress. Why should he ally himself with a party that has to go back a hundred years to find something to talk about?

The average weekly rate of wages in the United States is 179 per cent. and in Great Britain 100 per cent. It marks the difference between protection and free trade.

It is sometimes well to consider what might have been. Where would our government finances, our revenues, our domestic industries and our foreign trade be now if the democracy had succeeded in 1890 or 1900.

Only twice in 40 years have the American people placed the democratic party in power, and in both of those instances its victory fell like a blight upon the country. Why repeat the experiment?

The country is indebted to the republican party for the national bank system, the resumption of specie payments and the establishment of the gold standard. It can well afford to point with pride to these and other achievements opposed and denounced by the democracy.

Comparison of republican and democratic platforms of the last 40 years emphasizes the difference between things done and things promised. One is a party of great achievements, the other of great promises.

No matter how democratic platforms may try to whitewash and sugar-coat the position of the party on the tariff question, its real object is always the destruction of the protective system, which is the principal safeguard of American industries, labor and wages.

The democratic party is like the man who was in favor of prohibition but "agin" the enforcement. It favors a Panama canal but opposes the measures necessary to obtain it.

The democratic campaign managers openly tell the public they wish to conduct the campaign free from mud-slinging and personalities, but they seem to have secretly given instructions to revile and abuse the republican candidate in every way possible. Chairman Taggart's newspaper, the Indianapolis Sentinel is cartooning the president as a dog.

On August 29 a fall of snow, the first of the season, occurred in Minnesota, and it cannot be denied that it occurred under the Roosevelt administration. Crops, flowers and garden produce were damaged, and there was the dickens to pay generally. The republican party cannot deny that this thing has happened under a republican administration, but it can do this: It can promise another snowfall on November 8, so vast that the memory of all preceding snowstorms will be lost.

The democrats of Kansas, in making up their state ticket, have entirely ignored the farmer. The republicans nominated two of the leading farmers of the state as railroad commissioners. Seven out of 13 nominations, including governor, on the democratic ticket are lawyers, while the republicans only recognized the lawyers in the nomination of attorney general, judges of supreme court, and one member of the railroad commission. The policy of ignoring the farmer, which the democratic national committee is reported to have announced, is carried out with a vengeance by the democrats of Kansas.

When we increase our population we increase our national revenues in proportion. Unless we reduce the rate of taxation we would double our national revenues if we doubled our population. As President Roosevelt said in his message: "The western half of the United States would sustain a population greater than that of our whole country today, if the waters that now run to waste were saved for irrigation."

It should be remembered that under irrigation agriculture becomes almost an exact science. Twelve inches of water intelligently distributed at the proper time, is sufficient to insure on the arid lands an abundant yield of the ordinary farm crops of that latitude.

It is now said the Parker gold telegram is a myth, that Parker sent no such message to St. Louis, and it was concocted by Sheehan and Hill in the hope of winning the support of gold democrats. There are a great many people "from Missouri" who will have to be shown the original telegram before they will believe it was genuine, but they are mainly Bryanites. However,

if the telegram was not a myth, it certainly was an afterthought.

At one stroke of his pen Abraham Lincoln freed 4,000,000 black men. With one stroke of his pen Roosevelt has made it possible to reclaim more than 100,000,000 acres of land to agriculture, adding millions of American farm homes with their vast volume of agricultural products which will flow from this rich area of land redeemed from the desert.

The general prosperity the country has enjoyed under republican administration during the last seven years has profited the farmer as much if not more than any other one class. The farmers know it, and should and undoubtedly will vote to continue conditions as they are and have been.

The National Republican Committee, Auditorium, Chicago, is distributing thousands of article Roosevelt and Fairbank's first voter's buttons. They are free for the asking. Apply to the chairman of your state committee. Show your colors.

History shows that a democratic tariff has always been followed by business adversity and a republican tariff by business prosperity. Why not accept the verdict of history?

The New York Herald has printed a facsimile of Judge Parker's gold telegram. It should furnish a companion piece by printing a facsimile of his silver ballot in 1890 or 1900.

Veterans' Reunion. The semi-annual reunion of the Washington County Veterans' Association will be held at Hillsboro on Thursday, October 6, 1904.

A full attendance of comrades is requested. E. J. GROAT, President.

HORACE G. FITCH, Secretary.

County School Superintendent Starr will launch in Polk county an educational paper. The first issue is now in the hands of the printers. It is the plan of the superintendent to remodel the present paper and take in a large part of work for the alumni association of Monmouth and the normal school. This will be the only paper of the kind in the county. It will be printed in paper form, not in book form, as most educational journals of such a nature are.

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INDIAN SUMMER.
The old gray year is near his term in sooth,
And now with backward eye and soft-laid palm
Awakens to a golden dream of youth.

A second childhood, lovely and most calm;
And the smooth hour about his misty head
An evening of enchanted splendor weaves
Of amethyst, amber, purple and rose-red,
And drop-limbed elms down-drooping golden leaves.

With still half fallen lids he sits and dreams
Far in a hollow of the sunlit wood.
Lulled with the murmur of thin-threading streams.

Nor sees the polar armies overcloud
The darkening barrier of the hills, nor hears
The north wind ringing with a thousand spears.

Never forget to return a borrowed article, or make good a broken or injured one.

QUEER WAYS OF THE CHINESE.

Men wear skirts.
Women wear trousers.
Men wear their hair long.
Books are read backward.
Men carry on dressmaking.
Compass points to the south.
Launch their vessels sideways.
Women wear their hair short.
Old women serve as bridesmaids.
Mount their horses from off the side.
Hands of clocks are immovable; the dial revolves.

Begin their dinner with dessert; end with soup and fish.

Dress in white at funerals and in mourning at weddings.

The spoken language is not written and the written language is not spoken.

"There is a crying need at present in the business world, in politics, in society and in the home for more constructive and less destructive criticism. Constructive criticism is the kind that not only points out our faults but shows us how to remedy them. Destructive criticism is generally of the 'I-told-you-so' variety, pointing out faults we are already aware of without telling us how we may do better. Constructive critics are optimists; destructive, pessimists. Prominent among the destructive critics are the persons who find fault with this world we live in, but fail to show the improvements they would have effected had the little matter of creation been entrusted to their charge. But it is in smaller details, the minor happenings of the home, that the destructive critics are especially obnoxious. That mother is a destructive critic of the worst type who reprimands her children 'before company.' Such a reprimand, unaccompanied by helpful suggestion, is simply talking on unfair advantage. There is a better kind of criticism than simply 'finding fault,' and it is this better kind that is so much needed just now."

CUCUMBER PICKLES.

Pour boiling water on cucumbers, let stand until cold, wipe dry. To every gallon of vinegar add one teaspoonful mustard, one teaspoonful red pepper, one teaspoonful alum, one cap (small) salt, one cup sugar, one cup grated horse radish. Pour over cucumbers boiling hot, seal and they will save for years. If sweet pickles are desired, put in more sugar.

Mrs. T. R. Imbrie.

TO PREVENT A FRUIT PIE RUNNING OVER.

Cut the upper crust about one inch larger than the plate, wet the edge of the under crust and press down lightly. Then fold the edge or margin of the upper crust over and back of the under crust, thus binding it in, and then press firmly together, a long coarse screw kept for this purpose, or a fork can be used to ornament the edge. Cut an incision three-quarters of an inch in the top crust, roll a bit of paper about the finger to form a funnel and insert in this slot, this creates a draft and carries off the steam, while the juice is retained in the pie. If this pie is properly made, it will never run over.

Mrs. M. J. Fisher.

CHILLI SAUCE.

Thirty-six ripe tomatoes scald and peel, three green peppers chopped fine, eight medium sized onions chopped fine, two tablespoons salt, one and one-half cup white sugar, three cups vinegar, one and one-half table spoon cinnamon one-half table spoon cloves, stew all slowly until thick enough to bottle.

SWEET APPLE PICKLE.

Three pounds sugar to one quart vinegar, add a few sticks of cinnamon, peel and core sweet apples and cook until in clear syrup.

FRENCH PICKLES.

One peck green tomatoes, eight large onions, two quarts of vinegar, two pounds of sugar, one table spoon mustard one-half package mixed spices. The spices may be boiled in vinegar and sugar and strained out if one prefers. Sprinkle tomatoes and onions with salt and let stand over night, drain before adding to syrup, and boil together a few minutes.

MIXED MUSTARD PICKLES.

Six large green peppers, two quarts whole small onions peeled, two quarts cucumbers, one quart left whole, one large quart cut in small pieces, two large heads cauliflower cut in small pieces, one-half pound ground mustard, one ounce tumeric powder, one gallon vinegar, three cups sugar, two level cups flour. Put onions in salt and water over night, also cucumbers, cauliflowers and peppers in salt and water in sepa-

ate dishes; in the morning scald up in same water until done enough to pierce easily with silver fork, cucumbers will not need much cooking as they soon get soft. Drain each in colander. Boil vinegar and sugar together, mix the tumeric powder, flour and mustard carefully with a little cold water to avoid lumps pour this mixture into boiling vinegar until thick, then put in pickles and cook together a few minutes; be careful that it don't burn. (I have used this recipe for years, and find that if one half package of mixed spice is boiled in vinegar and strained out before the thickening is put in and if one cup of butter is added just before it is taken from stove, it makes a very satisfactory improvement.) Mrs. Bath.

PICKLED QUINCES.

Quarter the quinces and steam until tender, then drop them in the following mixture: One quart vinegar, 4 pounds sugar, one teaspoonful ground cinnamon and one-half teaspoon ground cloves tied in a thin cloth. Have this hot and cook the steamed quinces in it for five minutes. These should stand a few days before being used. Quinces are so tart that they require more sugar than other sweet pickles. The vinegar should just cover the quinces.

MUSTARD.

Mix flour with fresh ground mustard, half and half, moisten well with good cider vinegar, using enough to make consistency of thin starch, putting in a little sugar and a pinch of salt. Set on stove and pour on boiling water, adding enough as the flour and mustard thickens to make this as desired. Let simmer until thoroughly cooked, bottle and cork, and use as ordinary mustard. This makes fine for cold meat.

Sherwood.

Regular Correspondent.
Mr. and Mrs. Feters has an addition to the family circle of a daughter on the 21, instant.

"Liverpool Sam" has deserted his fellows of the "Palace" lodging house, on the eastside and is straitening up at Young's saw mill.

Mr. Jamison, the teamster who was so badly injured in a runaway accident two weeks ago is slowly improving.

Mr. Henry Schlichting, a farmer near town has been seriously ill but at present somewhat recovered, however not out of danger.

Matheson, the road supervisor for this district is improving the roads again in this vicinity.

Two new cigarmakers have arrived here and found employment with the Gardner Bros. in the local factory.

The public school of Sherwood opened this morning with two teachers. A larger attendance is expected than at the close of last term.

George Young has quit hop-raising and engaged in the fishing industries over on Tillamook bay.

On account of the Deputy Prosecuting attorney failing to appear here, to prosecute one Lunnon for assault with a knife, the justice could do not otherwise than discharge the prisoner.

Miss Amy Hall, of Portland but formerly a resident of this place is visiting her aunt and friends here. She successfully underwent an operation for appendicitis recently and has not fully recovered yet.

Weston, the barber is contemplating a new building for his business, near his old stand, and in addition will put in a bath room for his customers.

Pure Food Inspection.

The populistic appointee of state food inspector is threatened with an action for damages by the Oregon Condensed Milk Co. for excluding its product from the markets of this state because annatto was used—an absolutely harmless article used to color all butter and cheese throughout the Union. The food inspector had been given the facts by the chemist of the company, which alleges that it awaited advice of that official, being desirous of complying with the law. The food inspector crops out now and then with something that brings his name before the public, but it does not appear to the Trade Register that he has given impartial or anything like the attention he should have since he held the office, and he certainly has not fulfilled the duties required of him by the law, but has wilfully neglected them.

The action of the state pure food commissioner in the matter of attacking one of the brands of condensed milk manufactured in this territory has not appeared to the Trade Register to be just to the manufacturers, to the jobbers, nor to the retail dealers in this state in which his rulings may have effect. It has appeared to many as if that official were trying to make a show of doing his duty in one instance through the newspapers instead of officially doing his duty, entering an action in the court and letting the press do its own reporting.

If the press can be used to prejudice a case by an official before he enters a suit, other manufacturers of products and jobbers who handle them may well ask themselves what protection they have on goods they believe to be pure and which have the right to be so considered until they have been legally declared otherwise. But what would be thought of an official who, by asserting that products contained adulterants, and writing letters to impress the public that he was doing his duty impartially and was earn-

ing his salary, seriously injured the manufacturers, jobbers and retailers, and it was found upon due trial in court that both he and the official chemist had been absolutely wrong? This has been the case, and the Trade Register has recorded the very humble apology of both the food commissioner and state chemist to escape the penalty of such a mistake. Let us suppose further that an official, after shooting off his mouth as to what he was going to do, did not enter a suit to determine the purity of some article he asserted to be adulterated, would any fair-minded man have the slightest respect or confidence thereafter in his assertions?

In the case in question, the food commissioner, to advertise himself, ingeniously set forth that the article was sold to deceive the purchaser, but did not state, as he should have, that the company had asked his official opinion as to its complying with the law and stated its desire to meet its every requirement. Instead of giving such notice, the commissioner swells out his usual letter to the daily and trade papers instead of using such time to prepare the monthly reports the law requires him to furnish for publication to show what he is doing, how he spends the money appropriated for the state, and thus permit the public to judge just how efficient an officer he is without him telling the story in self-written interview. If he or any other official be protected in such attacks before they have entered suits, the manufacturers of other brands of goods may well fear mischief at the hands of such an official.

It is only in the broad sense that the Trade Register refers to this subject. As to the fact of the allegation which is flatly contradicted, we believe that is a subject for the court to decide. This journal strongly objects to such official conduct on the ground that all manufacturers, jobbers and retailers are open to serious and vicious injury if cases are allowed to be handled in this way.

The Trade Register has on occasions asked the pure food commissioner why he did not see that the dairies in and around Seattle, which are notoriously filthy, were not proceeded against by him; why he did not seize articles in groceries that were known to be grossly adulterated, such as spices and extracts; why he did not stop the use of formaldehyde in the milk used in this and other cities—but he only asked that we do the work he is paid to do, and went on spending some of his time trying to sugar retail grocers' associations and other bodies to endorse his remaining in the office. We believe it would be in the interests of the public to place a man in his place who will conduct that office impartially and in accordance with the law. This case but emphasizes the contentions of the Trade Register and we would like to see a man in an official position of that character who is less of a politician and one who certainly does not attack any manufacturer, jobber or retailer by newspaper stories instead of unbiased legal action. If he do his duty fairly and fully the Trade Register stands as ready to commend as it is to reprehend partial or prejudiced treatment of official business.

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