

THE ITEMS

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 1903.

THE MIDDLEMAN'S TROUBLES

The New York Commercial makes editorial mention of the voluntary retirement from business of Lee, Tweedy & Co., of New York, said to be one of the oldest and largest wholesale dry goods firms in the country. The reason given is that the margins of the jobbing trade have become too small for a satisfactory business. "The profits of the middleman or jobber," to quote a member of the firm, "are no longer what they once were. They have fallen away, as with jobbers or middlemen in other lines of industry. I know that this is the case in hardware and flour. The retailer is more and more getting his goods direct from the manufacturer. We have looked the matter over, and we thought this was a good year to get out and we are going to get out. We are perfectly satisfied with the money that we have made."

The whole story was told practically, in the words "The retailer is more and more getting his goods direct from the manufacturer." There is a constant tendency to straighten the line from producer to consumer and to eliminate every item of cost that can be evaded. Individuals may complain that they are unfavorably affected, but they can only adapt themselves to the inevitable and draw comfort from the fact that this is the law of economic progress. While they lose in the instance that involves their business they gain by the general operation of the law, along with all consumers.

All of the inventive and administrative genius of the time is being applied in an attack on existing means of production and distribution, seeking contriving, devising more economical methods. There is necessity for every man to be on the alert and keep himself useful, for if he fails the community will find out some day that it can get along without him and ruthlessly cut him off.

The order of the day is economy and efficiency. The hope of the time is in producing larger rewards from the generous storehouse of nature. That way lies the realization of all dreams for the advancement of the millions.

A gentleman from somewhere, presumably well known and respected in that locality will probably receive the democratic nomination for the Presidency, in which case he will run on a platform, the planks of which are still standing in the primeval forests. This is about as far as the democratic party has gotten at the present writing.



Red is the color of danger, whether on the semaphores or on the skin. When the face is reddened by eruptions, when boils break out on the body, or the angry red of sores and ulcers is displayed in the flesh, it is nature's danger signal. The blood is obstructed and tainted by impurities, and there can be no safety until the blood is made pure.

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STORE THE FLOOD WATERS.

During the past week the Mississippi at St. Louis has been over seven feet above the danger line and the question has been asked, with somewhat of scorn, whether any reservoirs which might be constructed at the head waters of this river and its tributaries could possibly appreciably diminish such a vast flood.

The mere building of reservoirs probably could not, but such reservoirs, particularly along the Missouri and its tributaries, which flow through an arid country, would mean irrigation—the irrigation, according to the Government estimates, of between thirty and forty million acres of desert and semi-desert lands. Suppose thirty million acres of land would be absorbing immense volumes of the present flow of the Missouri. During May and June the water for these lands would be drawn directly from the flood flow of the Missouri and its tributaries; in July and August, when these rivers are reduced in volume the storage reservoirs would be drawn upon. The flood of the Missouri would be reduced in the first place by the mountain reservoirs, secondly by the hundreds of miles of irrigation canals all running full of water and lastly by a vast area of farming land which would be soaked to a depth of a couple of feet.

No one can gainsay that expenditures of the Government for the purpose of reservoir building would not reduce national appropriations for flood protection along the Missouri and the Mississippi and the saving of many human lives and millions of dollars' worth of farm property whenever a flood occurs.

Probably the most discussed political question among national leaders is the next Republican chairmanship. Mr. Roosevelt will name the chairman, a privilege always accorded the Presidential nominee. It is believed that the President has his own views, which will be expressed at the proper time, although he has given no intimation as yet on the subject. Senator Quay has been mentioned prominently in this connection. Many people think that Senator Hanna would make an energetic and effective a campaign for Roosevelt as he did for McKinley although in view of his attitude on the Ohio endorsement question, there is little doubt that he will be prompt, when the time comes, to indicate to the President his willingness if not desire to step down and out.

It is understood that the Government is thoroughly out of patience with the attitude of Colombia on the canal question and that preliminary details are being discussed regarding the opening of negotiations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica looking to acquiring rights there for canal construction. It may take the actual opening of preliminary arrangements for the Nicaragua route to bring the Colombians to their senses and to the realization of the fact that they are reaping dangerously with a proposition pregnant with greater benefit to themselves than anything which will probably ever again come within their reach.

The acquisition of Louisiana Territory is generally credited to Thomas Jefferson. The fact is that the purchase of this vast territory was arranged for without Jefferson's knowledge by Livingstone and Monroe, who had been sent to treat with Napoleon for an entirely different purpose. Jefferson approved the bargain with great reluctance stating that in buying the land he had exceeded his powers as a strict constructionist of the Constitution.

That hollow roaring sound emanating from the region just west of the Mississippi is not a cyclone or a tornado. It is only the June zephyrs re-echoing through the empty caves occupied years gone by the Populists.

OHIO TALKS PLAINLY.

The Ohio republicans had an important work to do, and they did it in a way that will please their brethren all over the country. They nominated Myron T. Herrick for governor, pledged the support of the party in the state to Senator Hanna in his aspirations for reelection, commended the Philippine and the general foreign and domestic policy of the national administration took strong ground in favor of the maintenance of the tariff under which the country has grown prosperous and powerful, and declared that President Roosevelt has shown himself to be "in every way worthy of election by the people to be their chief magistrate," and set forth that "we favor his nomination for President in 1904."

This is the doctrine which the republicans of the country had a right to look for from than stalwart republican state. The Ohio republicans took pains to emphasize their protest against all attacks on the prospective policy, "what ever the pretext, as tending to bring back the disastrous days of democratic tariff revision and free trade." "Changing conditions," they say, "and the possible benefits of reciprocity may call for timely adjustment of schedules, but protection as a principle and as a policy must be administered by the friends of American prosperity, and must not be sacrificed." The men who framed that pronouncement stand with the great bulk of their party throughout the country. They are opposed to all meddling with the tariff on any pretext what ever. The Ohio idea is better than what has been called the Iowa idea, but the chances are that the Iowa idea will be found, when the convention assembles in that state a few weeks hence to be very different from what it was a year ago, and will be near enough to the Ohio idea to find general acceptance by the republicans of the whole country.

It will be noticed that the republicans of the whole country are in line on all the great questions. Like Pennsylvania, Ohio puts Roosevelt forward for the nomination in 1904, and takes the robust republican position on the tariff. Each of these states, too, is sound on the issue of the trusts. The President's action in the railroad merger and on combinations in general which assail the principle of competition and impede the operation of the law of supply and demand, is commended by the republicans of these two important states. It is safe to predict that every republican state convention which is held from this time onward in 1903 will take the same ground on these questions as that held by Pennsylvania and Ohio. There is absolute unanimity among the republicans of the country on all the issues of any consequence which are now before the people in any shape. The Ohio platform and the spirit which characterized the members of the convention which framed it would serve as an excellent model for the national assembly of the republican party in 1904.—The Dallas Chronicle.

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Thos. Bain, of Harney, was a visitor in Burns yesterday.

Wm. Clark, one of Lawen's business men is in town on business today.

Gerald Griffin, of Narrows, was among the business visitors yesterday.

John G. Saxton is assisting with the mail during the absence of Postmaster Wateis.

City Marshal Jameson, John Cardwell, Ed Caldwell and Johnny Caldwell are spending a few days on Emigrant.

Henry Blackwell arrived in the city Thursday from Harney county, where he recently purchased 600 head of cattle for August delivery. —Huntington Herald.

The Georgia Harper Company will open a week's engagement at this place June 27. This troupe is well spoken of by the press and are drawing large crowds wherever they appear.

Paul DeLaney and E. A. Puterbaugh, the Portland Daily Journal representatives, took their departure Monday for Narrows, Lawen and Harney. They will also make Drewsey and as far south as Andrews then to Lakeview where they expect to spend the Fourth.

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