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From friendly sources in some degree, but also from unfriendly ones, there are efforts to thrust William J. Bryan into the contest for President of the United States as a candidate. Mr. Bryan himself has treated with contempt such of these efforts as come from hostile sources, and in so far as they spring from friendly purposes he has strenuously urged their immediate abandonment. His latest request to that effect was made when he urged friends of his who were organizing a Bryan League in Iowa, not to do so. These demonstrations of the friendly kind are inconsiderate. Who ever really knows Bryan knows that he is not in any sense or in any way a candidate for the presidential nomination. They know moreover that his nomination would impose upon him a personal burden, and his election a heavier one, which nobody has any right, under existing circumstances to ask him to assume. That a moment might come when, with no other alternative, than Bryan's nomination or party defeat or worse, he could fairly be urged to lead the democratic masses once more in a Presidential contest, cannot of course be denied. No one is able to tell in these times of political transition and turmoil what a day or an hour may bring forth. But no such time has yet come, and no such alternative is as yet probable.

A Federal District Judge in the state of Washington has given effect to a decision which must be regarded as ludicrous in a land of free political opinion. The citizenship papers of a man have been annulled because he is a socialist. Because the man "admitted that he advocated a propaganda for radical changes in the Constitution of the country," and because he admitted he had held to Socialist principles when he applied for papers two years before. Judge C. H. Hanford ruled that he was not admissible to citizenship. It would be scarcely more extravagant if it were held that an applicant for citizenship were required to swear allegiance to the administration of national affairs by the Republican party. To bar a man who is willing to submit loyally to existing government merely because he cherishes what others may believe to be an impossible ideal of good government certainly is raising a new question in this country. When Socialism submits to what exists and merely seeks to convert the electorate to another set of political and economic principles, its advocates are well within the rights of citizens in a land of free opinion.

Imagine two full grown men trying to climb a greased pole at a county fair to snatch some tempting prize at the top. If your imagination can stand the strain, you will have a picture of the Presidential contest between Taft and Roosevelt. Your fantastic picture will gain in verisimilitude if you imagine the pole-climbers as old chums whose self absorption in pursuit of the prize has gotten them to scratching, clawing, kicking, pushing, punching and pulling, and exchanging uncomplimentary remarks while incidentally distributing valuable information confidentially acquired. In itself this Presidential exhibition is disgusting; yet it may be worth enduring for its disclosures.

The old steam roller the colonel used four years ago has been oiled and burnished by the Taft contingent and appears to be working overtime at Chicago this week. Great machine, that. All that she needs is a competent engineer, to flatten 'em out as prescribed beforehand.

Just think what a fortune some enterprising "breakfast food" concern might make by gathering up and packing in neat cartons the product of the local tree blossoms now littering the streets of Athena.

The world is waiting patiently but with great interest for the man with the reliable equilibrator. Until he comes there are a number of millions of people who will continue to prefer walking to flying.

The weather man was especially kind to the farmers and pioneers, having held off the rains for their benefit.

HUMOROUS QUIPS

College Bred.
For caramel and chocolate
She held a high degree.
Each evening she would demonstrate
The newest chafery.

The contours of her lissom form
As she the stuff did stir
Stirred up a youth with ardent warm
To woo and marry her.

A week the loving lad she fed
On fudge and fluffy cake
Till in his dreams he moaned for bread
"Like mother used to bake."

With noble purpose rose she then
And raised a pan of dough—
Yea, figured out with pad and pen
How every loaf should go.

Being college bred, she donned her gown,
Her cap set on her head,
And—well, 'tis told in Reno town
The cause was college bread.
—New York Times.

Wonderful Recovery.
A vaudeville performer broke a finger one day and immediately hunted up a surgeon. When the finger had been set and bandaged the vaudeville performer began to worry over the question of whether or not it would be deformed. "Say, doc," he said, "that finger is pretty badly broken. Do you suppose the bones will knit?" "Suppose! I know they will," replied the surgeon. "And they'll knit properly?" "Yes, indeed." "And the finger will be just as good as ever?" "Just as good." "Will I be able to play the piano?" "You bet you will." "That's funny," said the vaudeville performer. "I never could before. I'm a juggler."—New York Telegraph.

A Bad Opening.
Impecunious Sutor (endeavoring to make himself agreeable to Miss Angela's papa)—What a charming place you have here, Mr. Oldman! Does it go all the way to that grove over there?

Unsympathetic Papa—It does.
I. S.—And all the way to that stone wall in the distance on this side?
U. P.—It does! And it goes all the way to the creek on the south and all the way to the state road on the north; but, Mr. Youngman, it does not go with my daughter Angela.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Almost as Bad as Boils.
"Who was it who was sorely afflicted?" asked the Sunday school teacher.

"Samson," replied the boy promptly.
"Why, no; it was Job."
"Well, I know Job was, but so was Samson."
"Why, how was Samson afflicted, Tommy?"
"His wife cut his hair."—Yonkers Statesman.

Revenge.
"Say, alderman, I wish you'd get me a job as dog catcher."

"Are you out of work?"
"No, but I'll quit the work I'm doing now if you'll get me that job."
"Ever had any experience as a dog catcher?"
"I don't need any experience. I've got the incentive—I'm a letter carrier."—Chicago Tribune.

Popular Prescriptions.
Doctor—I want you to look after my office while I'm on a vacation.
"But I've just graduated, doctor. I have had no experience."
"That's all right, my boy. My practice is strictly fashionable. Tell the men to play golf and slip the lady patients off to Europe."—Washington Herald.

Perhaps Not.
"We hear," said the mere man, "a whole lot about self made man, but never anything about self made woman."
"Well," said the president of the Female Beauty club, "you see—er—well, perhaps—er—it isn't necessary to discuss that question."—Browning's Magazine.

Extravagance.
Mrs. Styles—Is that a new silk hat, Henry?
Mr. Styles—Yes, dear.
"How much was it?"
"Why, it was \$8, dear."
"What! Eight dollars and not a bird or ribbon or a feather on it?"—Yonkers Statesman.

A Thought of Vengeance.
"How are you getting on with your wife?" asked one London policeman.
"Not very well," replied the other. "Sometimes I wish she'd join the militant suffragettes and let me catch her in one of these street demonstrations."—Washington Star.

Putting Him in His Place.
First Old Park Lounger—I wonder what's become of the old fellow who used to always occupy this bench?
Second Ditto (acidly)—He died yesterday, and, what's more, he left this bench to me.—Puck.

Proof.
Commercial Traveler (in country hotel)—Are these sheets quite clean?
Chambermaid—I should say so. They're only just come home from the laundry. Feel 'em; they're still wet!—Satire.

At the Bottom of It.
"What made you become a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Birds?"
"The milliner's bill for my wife and my three daughters."—London Tit-Bits.

No Idolatry There.
"I hope you are not bringing up your children to worship money, Hawkins," said Dubblehugh.
"No, indeed," sighed Hawkins. "Why, Dubb, my children despise money so much that the minute a dollar comes their way they get rid of it as fast as they can."—Harper's.

The eyes of other people are the eyes that ruin us.—Franklin.



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