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STRONG FACTOR IN KANSAS POLITICS

No issue in Kansas politics is settled with the majority until William Allen White has expressed his views editorially says the Saturday Evening Post. When the editors of the state are divided and are busily engaged in heated editorial debates, the uncertain public look to White as moderator and await his views. He is expected to hit the nail on the head. He is a native son of Kansas, and grew up in the state during the days of Republican supremacy and 80,000 majorities. He developed during the exciting days of bare majorities, seeing first to the Republicans then the Populist side. He bought the Emporia Gazette, in the town where he was born, and in the midst of a Populist community. When the political wave, started by the Alliance, had engulfed Kansas, he engaged the enemy in one of their strongholds and began fighting his way out.

The oldest subscribers, who threatened to stop their subscriptions unless he ceased to ridicule their doctrines, could not force a cessation of hostilities. He was the issue, or at least one of the issues, in the county campaign. The Populists were determined to carry the country contrary to his editorial preachings. White had assumed a more important position in life; the importance that goes with the name Bill. He had outgrown the name of Willie and of Will, which clung to him in the minds of many of the old settlers in Emporia, who remembered the day when the local paper chronicled the birth of the boy who had grown to be the editor. The transparencies in the Populist parades, the banners at the stump speech gatherings, gave space to reply to Bill White.

The editor of the Gazette kept in hammering at the men whom he said talked of "hard times," of the repudiation of debts, and of the rights of the user paramount to the rights of the owner, while their wives took in washing to support the family. These curbstone statesmen stopped him on the street one day and began an argument. The editor could not get a chance to answer them by speech. They jeered at him. White was to take the next train west. He hurried to the Gazette office. He wrote an editorial and headed it "What's the Matter With Kansas." He told in plain language just what the matter was. His diagnosis was correct. He told Colonel Hucks and his followers just what ailed their political lives. He sent the editorial out to the composing room and hurried to the station to catch the train. He thought of that rasping, satirical, blunt editorial for a good many miles. He doubted the advisability of printing it. He would have recalled it but he could not. The editorial was printed and copied. He had hammered the nail squarely on the head. The editorial was circulated among a thousandfold more readers than the writer ever expected to reach.

Chairman Hanna, of the national Republican committee, used it more extensively than any other document of the campaign of 1896. It helped elect a President. The regeneration of Colonel Hucks was accomplished. Others followed him back to the Republican fold. Populism was a matter of history. The editor of the Gazette had passed to that degree of importance which demands the full spelling of all the names used at the christening. He was entitled to be called William Allen White in full.

Since White bought the Gazette he

has been enjoying the fulfillment of his journalistic ambition; he has been a full-fledged country editor. He is an editor with ideals. He believes that editors have a mission and that mission is to say without fear or favor what should be said of politics and politicians, whether the saying profits friend or foe.

White believes that the main thing in life is to satisfy one's own conscience. He does that. His conscience has not been warped while he dreamed of gaining the favor of some politician by that editorial sagacity which sees a plum in the form of a political office.

In fact, White simply won't have a political job, and it is not necessary to add "if he could get it," for he has had it within his reach. It was his for the asking. Chairman Hanna was much pleased with the editorial written by the young Kansas editor. When they met Hanna informed White that he might choose the office he thought would reward him for the work he had done the party by writing that editorial. White declined any office Hanna might secure for him, though the appointive power of McKinley, from a foreign berth down. He would not take the usual prize, the postmastership in his home town. Strange action of an editor, especially a Kansas country editor. Chairman Hanna looked upon White with increased favor. That was the beginning of a genuine friendship between the two which ended only with the death of the elder.

White is a pioneer of the new style country editor. He would not call upon McKinley, at the urgent request of Chairman Hanna, until Hanna inserted in the letter of introduction that the bearer was not seeking a political appointment.

That letter, which White rescued after its presentation, hangs in a frame on the walls of the Gazette office. He calls it his license to say what he pleases of politics.

In the memorandum by President Roosevelt on the report of General Bristow on the corruption in the post office department, attention was called to the fact that Mr. White had information before the President and officials at Washington which led to the investigation of certain departments. White, the citizen, started the ball to rolling, and it was he who first suggested Mr. Bristow as the man to do the investigating.



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ARNOLD GOES BUSTED

Carnival and Merry Go Round Promoter Is Stranded in Tacoma

Tacoma, Aug. 13.—Arnold & Hutchins' Carnival company is stranded in Tacoma, mortgaged, bankrupt, and unable to pay railroad fare to Spokane. One hundred and fifty employees of the various shows grouped together at the Mardi Gras grounds met yesterday and Mr. Hutchins kindly but firmly explained to them his financial condition and offered to pay all salaries at 25 cents on the dollar, saying:

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Hanged for Murder.

Johnstown, Pa., Aug. 12.—"Willie" Munger, or Frank Davis, as he was known in Cambria county, was hanged at Ebensburg yesterday for the murder of Laura Taylor, his paramour, August 19, 1903. Both were colored. The trial was marked by dramatic protests of innocence on the part of the prisoner, but the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

Shortly after sentence had been passed upon him, Davis professed religion and made two confessions—the first, that he had committed the deed for which he was hanged, and also that he had, a number of years ago, murdered a woman with whom he was living in Jacksonville, Florida.

Costly Transcript in Murder Case.

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—A transcript containing 1,648,390 words, and costing the state for stenographer's work more than \$1000, has been made of the evidence in the case of F. Seymour Barrington, the alleged English lord who was convicted at Clayton, several months ago on a charge of murdering James P. McCann, the horseman, and sentenced to be hanged. Before presentation to the supreme court with the appeal, the transcript duplicates will have to be compared with the original, at an additional cost of \$1000. This is the most expensive and extensive transcript ever gotten up in St. Louis county.

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MANY LEADERS PINCHED

Vienna, Aug. 12.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Die Zeit reports the Armenian ferment in Turkey is increasing and already more than 400 leaders of the movement have been arrested.

Eloped, but Married Lope.

Beaverton, Aug. 12.—Mary Robinson, the 14-year-old daughter of Allen Robinson, of St. Helens, Ore., who disappeared from her home on Friday, June 29, leaving her hat on the river bank with a note telling that she had committed suicide, and blaming Dan Lope as the man who had caused her to commit the deed, was arrested in company with Lope last night at the hotel here.

SALMON COMMIT SUICIDE

Thousands Fail to Get Over Falls at Gold Hill

A well-signed petition from Gold Hill was today received at the governor's office setting forth that owing to the inadequacy of the fish ladder in the Rogue river at that point thousands of salmon are daily killing themselves in their efforts to get over the falls to the spawning grounds above. The only way relief can be secured in this matter will be to refer the matter to the state fish warden, and if he has no remedy at hand the matter will be taken up by the state board of fish commissioners.

The city of Gold Hill secures its water supply from the river below the falls, and as the dead fish pollute the stream it is deemed necessary that some relief be obtained at an early day.

LOOKING UP MORE TROUBLE

Rumor Current That Another Revolution Will Be Started in Venezuela

New York, Aug. 12.—The rumor current among Venezuelan residents of this city that General Ferrer, chief governor of the state of Falcon in West Venezuela was killed by General Peraza, commanding the military forces in that department and that Peraza then fled to the mountains with 1000 men to start a revolution against Castro. No official report has been secured at the Venezuelan consulate.

Frauds Will be Prosecuted.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 12.—Judge A. Pugh, of Washington, D. C., who here to direct the prosecution in the Hurd-Diamond land fraud case, stated today that the recent ruling of an eastern judge, discharging Benson, would have no effect upon the pending case. The administration has directed that the prosecution here be carried on with vigor.

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