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THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER.

Jes' an innocent bystander, that's what he tried to be,
 From every altercation he would struggle to be free.
 An' when a riot started he was up both day an' night
 Implorin' everybody to be good an' not to fight.
 An' seein' that his sympathies was neither here nor there,
 They'd hand him a few punches jes' because they'd some to spare.
 An' when, next night, the other folks went home to rest and sup
 He landed in the hospital, all neatly bandaged up.
 He came across a place where they were usin' dynamite;
 He jes' looked on till an explosion blew him out o' sight.
 They started up a dog fight, which he stopped a while to see,
 An' somehow he got bitten and the dogs both went scot free,
 They got 'im out upon the stump; he talked with might and main,
 Without no party prejudice nor hope of earthly gain.
 They called him a reformer, an' made fun at uch a pace
 He did'nt hardly dare to look his family in the face.
 He thought the matter over, an' says he: "It scarcely pays
 To try to lead a placid life in these tempestuous days."
 The fellow that jes' stands around upon this bustlin' sphere
 Gets run down by somebody that's behind the steerin' gear.
 I've noticed it in baseball, an' in life it's jes' the same—
 The umpire has more trouble than the folks that play the game.
 So I'm goin' to get right busy and sail in for all I'm worth,
 Cause there ain't no room for innocent bystanders on the earth."
 —Washington Star.

MUST THEY BID HIGH?

In commenting on the coming national convention, the New York Commercial says:

In the matter of the selection of a city for the holding of the Republican convention in 1908 the news reports are in very general agreement that the members of the national committee will "look favorably on the size of the local cash donation" when comparing the various offers.

In fact, from persons in a position to speak authoritatively comes the information that the size of the purse "to be hung up," so to speak, will be the all-important factor in determining the location of the convention.

THE HONOR OF ENTERTAINING A NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTION IS CONSIDERED A GREAT ONE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES BUT IT IS AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY; AND WHETHER OR NOT IT PAYS MAY WELL BE QUESTIONED.

The citizens of Chicago paid the rent of the Coliseum that housed the last Republican convention—an item of \$28,000—and also gave the committee \$75,000 more in cash for meeting the other expenses of the affair; and, inasmuch as they are now just as eager as ever to secure the convention honor, it may fairly be presumed that from the Chicago viewpoint the investment is a profitable one; at any rate, seven or eight other cities—including St. Louis, Kansas City, Boston, Denver, Seattle, Pittsburgh and the ubiquitous Atlantic City—are preparing to bid against the western metropolis, with the chances good that the honor will come exceptionally high in 1908.

Campaign funds will not be so easily raised next year as heretofore. The big corporations will not be approached, probably, for contributions—since public opinion quite generally condemns the practice, and the laws in some instances forbid such a use of corporate money.

It may be that the Republican national committee has it in mind to make the convention city put up enough money to practically "run the campaign" or enough to carry it along until some crisis arises—like that, for instance, which made "practical men" of Theodore Roosevelt and Edward H. Harriman.

So far, New York city has developed no convention-holding aspiration; and it is just as well, perhaps, to let the more ambitious group fight it out among themselves.

The sharper the fight, the more money for the committee.

LET THE PURGING PROCEED!

Referring to what he termed "the gist of the banking situation" here in New York, as it presented itself at the beginning of the new week, a prominent financier has projected it tersely as "Just this":

"The Clearing House has decreed, and has enforced the decree, THAT PERSONS WHO BUY STOCK CONTROL IN BANKS, PUT THE STOCKS UP AS COLLATERAL FOR LOANS IN OTHER BANKS AND BORROW THE DEPOSITS OF THE BANKS THAT THEY AND THEIR ASSOCIATES CONTROL IN ORDER TO FLOAT THEIR CORPORATION SCHEMES SHALL NOT DO BUSINESS UNDER CLEARING HOUSE AUSPICES IN NEW YORK.

They can continue to do business here until Doomsday, of course, if only they have the resources on which to do it—for there is nothing unlawful in the scheme as so far disclosed—but they must do business, if at all, wholly without the moral and the material support of the New York Clearing House, directly or indirectly.

And in the banking system of the metropolis of this country that support, that approval, means a great deal—vastly more than the rank and file in the business world commonly appreciate.

There are other cities, other communities, in which this row-of-bricks scheme in banking exists, but on a smaller scale; but they are not numerous, presumably.

The New York leaven of the past week ought speedily to work throughout the banking field of the whole country and purge it of whatever interests, personal or corporate, constitute a menace to the soundness and the stability of its financial institutions.

It is a very comfortable thought—too often indulged in by the average man of affairs—that our commerce, industry and general business here in the United States are now so firmly established, so mighty in volume and so greatly diversified, that a slight disorder or weakness here or there cannot possibly affect the structure as a whole—that, in short, we prosper with such vigor that, like thrifty trees, which grow in spite of ice, lice, mice and borers, we do not suffer from the predatory swarms that fatten on the system through our carelessness and our optimism.

But if financial horrors are anywhere present in the structure, they may have it honeycombed before we are aware of their operations.

IT MUST ALWAYS BE KEPT WELL IN MIND THAT THE GREAT WULK OF OUR AMERICAN BUSINESS IS DONE ON CREDIT—THAT THE AMOUNT OF CASH INVOLVED IN, IT IS SO EXCEEDINGLY SMALL THAT AN ON-LOOKER, COULD HE TAKE IN THE WHOLE SYSTEM AT A GLANCE, WOULD TREMBLE WHEN COMPARING ITS MINUTENESS WITH THE IMMENSITY OF THE CREDIT THAT RESTS UPON IT.

Eternal vigilance is necessary for preserving the balance. As Walter Bagehot declared ten years after the great collapse of the Overlands in England:

"After that example, we must not confide too surely in long-established credit or in firmly-rooted traditions of business.

We must constantly examine the system on which these great masses of money are manipulated and assure ourselves that it is safe and right.

"But it is not easy to arouse men of affairs to task. . . .

"Money will not manage itself—Lombard street has a great deal of money to manage."

The conservative men of Wall street aroused themselves not a day too early.

General Debility

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SMILES

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The timely rains will make the late spuds expand, and the growers wear a grin at present good prices.

Beautiful weather to promote paying.

The Galveston idea of a charter is taking pretty well.

Here's success to the Salem boosters' club. That they went ahead and organized without asking permission shows that they are made of the right kind of stuff.

Three great metropolitan plays inside of a week at the Capital City is going some.

It is time for pure maple syrup to put in an appearance.

A Salem woman is loyal to Salem industries. She uses a Little Oregon sienna paint to help out the blusher.

Albany and Eugene are to be congratulated on not having too many kickers and knockers. Each city will get a fine new depot.

It would be entertaining to the public to know the outsiders who are back of the persistent fight in the city council against the General Electric Company. They would be found to be the same people who jobbed the North Commercial street bridge, and who put jokers in the paving contracts and specifications. Wouldn't that make you smile? And yet we ask people to consider us honest.

Salem women are busy these days pushing and planning for a city library building to cost \$25,000. They get what they go after. Two sites are offered them. Beautiful.

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In Doubt.

"Well," exclaimed the irate wife, "this is a nice time of night to be coming in. What have you to say for yourself?"
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Prince Edward of Wales and Roosevelt.

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In the royal library at Windsor, in the center of the magazine table, a large album is placed. In this album can be seen the pictures of many eminent and popular men and women of the day. This book is divided into sections—a section for each calling or profession. Recently, the young prince, who was staying with King Edward at the castle, in looking through the book, came across the pages devoted to the pictures of the rulers of the various nations. Prominently placed among these was a large photograph of President Roosevelt.

"Grand-dad," asked Prince Edward, placing his finger on the President's picture, "President Roosevelt is a very clever man, isn't he? I know you think an awful lot of him."

"Yes, child," answered King Edward with a smile, "President Roosevelt is a great and good man. In some respects I look upon him as a genius. Some day I will give you a book telling you all about him, and what he has done for his great country. I want you to read it and take a lesson from his useful life."

A few days later King Edward, casually glancing through the album, noticed that President Roosevelt's photograph had been removed and placed in the section devoted to "Men and Women of the Time." On asking the prince whether he had removed the picture, he solemnly replied: "Yes, sir. You told me the other day that you thought President Roosevelt a genius, so I took him away from the kings and emperors and put him among the famous people."—Success Magazine.

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1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15

Fifteen girl members of a walking club start out to walk for seven days. The rule of the club is that they shall walk three abreast each day and on no two days shall any three or two walk together in the same row. The problem is to show how they were arranged each day of the seven and how they arranged on the seventh day.—Ex.

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All the Time.

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TEA

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 —Louisville Courier-Journal.

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