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Gold! gold! gold!
Bright had yellow, hard and cold.
Molten, graven, hammered and rolled;
Heavy to get, and light to hold;
Hoarded, bartered, bought and sold.
Stolen, borrowed, squandered, doled;
Spurned by the young, but hugged by the old
To the very verge of the churchyard mould;
Price of many a crime untold;
Gold! gold! gold! gold!
Good or bad a thousandfold! fold!
How widely its agencies vary—
To save—to ruin—to curse—to bless—
As even its minted coins express,
Now stamped with the image of good Queen Bess,
And now of a Bloody Mary. —Thomas Hood.

THE OMNIPOTENCE OF PRIVATE MONOPOLY.

Private monopoly approaches the omnipotent more nearly than other human institution, says Farm Stock and Home.
Front cannot blight nor drouth wither it; panic cannot wreck it, and it smiles on adversity's frowns.
Yet, strange that it is so, private monopoly's success and profits are accepted by wileless writers and thoughtless thinkers as evidences of the general prosperity of the country which harbors private monopoly.
This theory has some foundation to stand on, for WITHOUT A GOOD DEAL OF GENERAL PROSPERITY IN A COUNTRY PRIVATE MONOPOLY WOULD SPEEDILY WRACK IT.
These reflections are inspired by the report of the U. S. steel trust—one of our absolute private monopolies—for the last quarter of 1907, a quarter of panic and financial and industrial disaster to almost every business enterprise except private monopoly.
The quarter's net earnings reported were \$32,553,995, and the EARNINGS OF THE YEAR WERE \$160,984,475, THE LARGEST IN THE MONOPOLY'S HISTORY.
Do not these figures testify to the truth of that foregoing reflections?

NATIONAL LIABILITY BILL

The principle that the industry should bear all the loss incurred by accidents which occur in it, except those resulting from obvious negligence of the injured person, need not be controverted.
There is little doubt, says the San Francisco Chronicle, that before many years there will remain nothing anywhere of the old "fellow-servant doctrine," and that all employees in the industries will carry insurance to cover accidents to employes as regularly as they carry it against fire.
Whatever employers may desire that is the trend of public sentiment in all countries and the principles will prevail.
When, therefore, we say that it is a matter which congress ought not to touch in any form, we are not objecting to anything contained in the employers' liability bill which has been introduced into congress to replace the law which has been held unconstitutional.
WHAT WE THINK ALL PATRIOTIC CITIZENS SHOULD OBJECT TO IS A POLITICAL REVOLUTION CARRIED THROUGH BY FEDERAL COURTS.
There is not a soul in the country who has ever considered the subject who does not know, if he is ordinarily intelligent, that when the people of the United States intrusted to congress the duty of regulating commerce between the states they did not mean and would not have consented to confer upon congress the power to legislate in respect to the liability of employers for accidents occurring within the states.
The constitution does not mean that, nor can it be so construed as to mean it without such torturing of its language as no court ought to consent to.
If the case under consideration were the only one of the kind it would not be necessary to protest, but it is merely one step in the direction of accomplishing the prediction of Secretary Root, that a "way would be found" to read into the constitution what its makers never put there but what, from time to time, those connected with the national government wish to put there, and what very likely, in some cases, ought to be put there.
It may well be maintained that a constitution adopted in 1789 is not in all respects adequate for the necessities of 1908.
It may, in fact, be claimed that the centralized government of which our fore-fathers were in such fear may be the best government for us to live under.
But if we are to maintain that reverence for law without which no government of any kind can long exist, LET US CHANGE OUR CONSTITUTION, IF IT NEEDS CHANGING, NOT BY THE SOLE ACTION OF ONE OF THE INSTRUMENTS CREATED BY THAT DOCUMENT BUT BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE CONSTITUTION and who at the same time explicitly directed the manner in which changes might be made.

Discouraging.

A peasant insured his house against fire. When he got the policy he asked the clerk:
"What should I get if my house were burned down tomorrow?"
"Three or four years' imprisonment," was the prompt answer.—Tit-Bits.

Making It Right.

She—I can't bear actors; they're so conceited.
He—But I'm an actor and you don't think I'm conceited, do you?
She (seeking to recover herself)—Oh, of course not! I mean the big ones; the little ones don't count.—Sacred Heart Review.

High or Low.

Mrs. Baker—I wish, dear, that you would design my winter hat for me.
Mr. Baker (an architect)—All right, my love, I will. Shall it be a skyscraper or a bungalow?—Harper's Weekly.
In the Composing Room.
"Typo's sweetheart will not let him embrace her."
"Why not?"
"Because when she once gets her form made up she doesn't want it piled in going to press."—Lippincott's.

CASTORIA.
The Kid You Have Always Bought.
Beware the Imitations.
Chas. H. Fletcher

NORRIS AND ROWE COMING

WILL VISIT OREGON

ONLY BIG CIRCUS THAT WILL SHOW IN OREGON THIS YEAR AS THE TERRITORY HAS BEEN DIVIDED TO PREVENT CLASHING.

Much has been said and printed relative to the combine which was made the past year in which the big circuses of this country were amalgamated. Before Norris & Rowe entered into the agreement, they gave the subject thought. It has been their aim always to give the public a clean, moral, refined performance, and that they succeeded in this is best illustrated by their past success.
Wanting to give the public more for its money each year has been a constant problem that they have worked on incessantly. When the powers that be of the big combines approached Norris & Rowe and invited them to participate in the benefits to be derived from the union they gave the matter further consideration. After so doing they saw a way clear in the saving of vast sums of money that had been wasted in useless warfare for territory, and in divers other ways to increase in size, and in the general excellence of their entertainment.
By the agreement entered into, the Barnum & Bailey circus, will make the New England state; the Sells-Forpaugh circus has been retired from service entirely; the Ringling Bros, will make the middle west and southern states, and the Greater Norris & Rowe circus has been given the territory west of the Rockies. There will be but one of the big circuses in the trust to visit any section of the country any given year. This applies only to the big circuses, any of the little one horse affairs may go where they please.
The trust has a special representative in each of the big cities of Europe booking the big sensational acts; securing the strangest freaks, and the most expensive and rare animals. These acts and novelties are equally distributed among the three big circuses to the agreement, and advantage that heretofore has not been possible.
The Greater Norris & Rowe circus has been enlarged to such an extent this year that it is now on a par with the other big shows in the combine, and will hereafter, be one of the big "three." Their engagement in San Francisco this winter which extended over a month, was the most successful ever played by a tented exhibition in the history of the west. The entire press of the city were unanimous in proclaiming it to be the best circus ever seen in that city. They will visit Salem early in the spring.

Worn Out

That's the way you feel about the lungs when you have a hacking cough. It's foolishness to let it go on and trust to luck to get over it, when Ballard's Horehound Syrup will stop the cough and heal the lungs. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all dealers.

Jack Knew.

Aunt—Jack, do you know your alphabet.
Jack—Yes, Auntie.
Aunt—Well, what letter comes after "a"?
Jack—All the others, auntie.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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PRODUCING QUICK SILVER

Black Butte quicksilver mine has been developed to be a producer. Fire was lighted in the furnace of the new retort a month or more ago and after a warming up lasting about three weeks ore began to be introduced. First a pile of rubbish that was encumbering the furnace ground was thrown in to get it out of the way, not much was expected but it would serve somewhat for a test of the untried process. After a bit, Manager Dennis anxious to know what was coming over opening the outlet when, lo, out flowed a stream of pure mercury. There was a lively jumping around to get a vessel to catch the fleckle metal. Where he had expected only a trace, pounds were obtained. Ore was then introduced and a regular stream of metal flowed. The full capacity of the retort had not been reached when a breakdown in the fire box was discovered. Just what caused the fire brick lining to give way is not known and will not be until the furnace cools sufficiently to allow workmen to examine. Such accidents often occur with furnaces, and has no connection with the vaporizing and condensing department of the plant. At no time is the ore in the fire box. The quicksilver as it comes from the retort is chemically pure. There is no lead or zinc. So now the chemical problems are solved leaving only mechanical adjustments. The furnace is cooling which will require ten or fourteen days from the time the fire was drawn, then the repairs will be made and fire again lighted. To cool and reheat the plant requires a month or more. The fuel used is fire wood and it is proving to be well adapted to retorting. It makes a hot fire and leaves but few ashes, and of course no slag.
The men employed at the mine and about the retort number about 35. This force will probably be increased. The capacity of the retort is about 50 tons per day of 24 hours. A shift of six men are under ground. Last week, it is reported, a very rich vein of ore was encountered, richer than anything heretofore uncovered.
At this time when there is enforced idleness about the retort a clean up will be made by the management when it will be known just what to expect of the mine.—Western Oregon.

Arrested

a cough that has been hanging on for over two months by taking Ballard's Horehound Syrup. If you have a cough, don't wait—stop it at once with this wonderful remedy. Splendid for coughs, colds on chest, influenza, bronchitis and pulmonary troubles. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by all dealers.

Kept His Word.

Johanne—I was all day in town with papa today, mamma, and he kept his word about drinking whiskey.

Mamma—That is good. I am very glad to hear it. And what did he have?

Johanne—A little brown drink called ditto. Mr. Hunkley took Scotch.—Tit-Bits.

A Simple Trick.

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The Danger.

Benevolent Old Gentleman—Don't you find a sailor's life a very dangerous one?
Old Salt—Oh, yes, sir; but, fortunately, it ain't often we gets into port.—London Punch.

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For Representative.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Representative at the primaries, April 17.
HAL D. PATTON.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the Republican primaries for county superintendent of schools.
WALTER M. SMITH.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination at the Republican primaries for commissioner.
B. E. ROBERTSON,
Turner, Oregon.

I desire to place my name before the Republican primaries for a re-nomination for County recorder.
D. G. DRAGER.

I wish to announce to my friends that I am a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the Republican primaries.
JOSEPH G. MOORE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for county commissioner on the Republican ticket.
G. B. HOYT,
Jefferson, Ore.

I am a candidates for office of county judge, subject to the Republican primaries, on the platform of a square deal to all.
W. W. HALL.

At the request of many Republicans I have decided to become a candidate for the nomination for county judge, subject to the Republican primary election.
WILLIAM BUSHEY.

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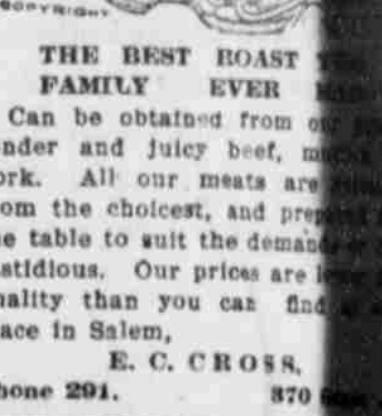
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