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OPTIMISTS

One fellow's schemes are always winning, however wild and weird they seem; Dame Fortune on his plans is grinning, and realized is every dream. He buys a mine where sundry boobies have sunk their coin to no avail, and straightway digs out gold or rubies, or some variety of kale. All things he touches turn to money, the desert blossoms at his glance, and so the smile he wears is sunny, he cannot help but sing and dance. "I cannot understand," he stammers, "why folks denounce this best of globes, why knockers wield their rusty hammers, and kickers howl and tear their robes. Life has so many joyous features, so many charms beyond compare, that they are surely spineless creatures who growl around and paw the air." We do not heed the sunshine chatter of one who never knew reverse, who never found a thing the matter, who has no hoodoo, jinx or curse. But when some horny-handed sweeper, who's known hard luck, again, again, remarks, "The world could not be better," we lift our hats and say "Amen."

JOHN HAY'S PICTURE OF ROOSEVELT

In Harper's Magazine for September appear extracts from letters and diaries of John Hay designed by the editor to make up a "Mosaic portrait" of Theodore Roosevelt as Hay, his secretary of state, saw him. It will surprise those who know the self-sufficient Roosevelt only as a public man to learn that he spoke among his friends of his own speeches, saying that he knew there was "not much in them except a certain sincerity and kind of commonplace morality which put him in touch or sympathy with the people he addressed." And it is interesting to read that this man by so many thought a blind egotist after reading Emerson exclaimed: "I in my own soul know I am but the average man, and that only marvelous good fortune has brought me where I am."

The extracts published show clearly enough that Hay's estimate of his chief before he became president was not high and that he and Root and Lodge did not scruple to laugh among themselves at the strenuous one, both before and after he became president.

As we all know the then New York boss Platt permitted Roosevelt to be nominated and elected governor of that state, and afterwards finding that he could not use him sought to get rid of him by putting him off upon the country as vice president. Roosevelt did not propose to thus be put in what is considered a morgue, and in hot haste he rushed to Washington to head off what he supposed was a country wide conspiracy.

And here is what Hay wrote to White, then at London: "Teddy has been here: have you heard of it? It was more fun than a goat. He came down with a sombre resolution thrown on his strenuous brow to let McKinley and Hanna know once for all that he would not be vice president, and found to his stupefaction that nobody in Washington except Platt had ever dreamed of such a thing. He did not even have a chance to launch his nolo episcopari at the Major. That statesman said he did not want him on the ticket and Root said, with his frank and murderous smile: 'Of course not. You're not fit for it.' And so he went back quiet eased in his mind but quite bruised in his self-esteem."

How this man "not fit for it" was literally forced to accept the nomination for vice president and was elected and through the death of McKinley became president and all the rest with Hay and Root serving under him in his cabinet adds relish to this confidential note.

But even after Roosevelt was president Hay could not restrain a sly laugh at him in the privacy of his own diary. As thus on October 17, 1904, he writes of a luncheon at the White House with a noted Frenchman, saying: "The president talked with great energy and perfect ease the

most curious French I ever listened to. It was absolutely lawless as to grammar and occasionally bankrupt as to substantives; but he had not the least difficulty in making himself understood, and one subject did not worry him more than another." On November 12 of the same year he quotes John Morley as saying after a dinner at the White House: "The two things in America which seem to me most extraordinary are Niagara Falls and President Roosevelt."

And so the gossip runs on. There is just enough in it to excite an appetite for more—preferably for that which is suppressed by the editor. The natural conclusion is after all, that it is hardly fair to publish such little confidences among friends during the life of the subjects or any one of them.

OUR FOLLIES AND OUR SINS

There comes a period to many a thoughtful man when, looking back over a wasted life, made such by health missused and time misspent, it seems as if he suffered more from his follies than his sins.

It looks to such as if in sin he had received some recompense—a poor return, it is true, but something; whereas in follies there is nothing to show but a sense of shame.

After a time it dawns on such that all sins are follies as well. The wanton abuse of one's self and consequent loss of health in body and soul starts up in appalling proportions and distinctness.

One analyzes in amazement the so-called pleasures of life, to find in the indulgence of selfish passion that there has been not only a fleeting sense of enjoyment with a continuous realization that the pleasure is not complete, but there follows every excess a corresponding depression which increases as the indulgence proceeds until pain predominates, and one can say with Solomon: "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity."

This, that is commonly believed to refer to satiety, is really the moan of lost self-respect that accompanies lost health in body and soul.

The poor wretch has extinguished the divine part given humanity in the overpowering sensuality that marks the beast.

How we do mislead ourselves and build on the mirror of fanciful conditions! We call that remorse which is nothing but abject fear in the presence of retribution.

John Hays Hammond is the most frequently quoted advocate of a great army and navy. This is to be expected because John Hays always was a believer in big things—whenever there was anything in it for himself. The steel trust and other manufacturers of munitions, armor, etc., could not employ a more capable or experienced press agent.

A year ago this scrapping with the Mexicans across the border line would have produced a great deal of excitement—now it scarcely gets a first page position in the news dispatches. Bigger issues over-shadow the Mexican question and make it seem small and insignificant.

Even hop picking fails to bring a rain in Oregon, while back in the East and Middle West they have had a steady downpour most of the summer. As a matter of fact the weather bureau records will show Oregon away below the average for rainfall among all the states.

Former President Taft says the administration's policy in the Philippines has been a failure because cattle disease has been more prevalent since natives were placed in office. Taft is getting to be the foremost funny man in the big political circus.

Russia will keep up the war for ten years if necessary. That will make it the longest Marathon on record.

The dropping of sterling values is injuring England more than the dropping of German bombs.

Recall Threatened Against County Surveyor

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Dallas, Oregon, Sept. 7.—Threats have been made by a number of citizens residing in the neighborhood of Bentley to institute recall proceedings against C. R. Canfield, surveyor of Polk county. The parties are very much dissatisfied in the manner in which they have been treated by this official and claim that there are irregularities in the conduct of the office. They also claim that he is incompetent to hold down the office and say that they have proof of their contentions. This may be the second recall to come up in this county in the past six months. Mr. Canfield himself was instrumental in circulating the petitions for the recall of the county court.

Judge Grants Divorce.
Last week Circuit Judge H. R. Belt granted a divorce to H. L. Shatto from his wife, Minnie Shatto. The couple have no children and the case was not contested. The plaintiff was represented by Attorney Glen D. Holman.

Court Appropriates Money.
At the meeting of the board of county commissioners last week a number of the prominent business men of the county appeared before the board and petitioned them to appropriate a sum of money to be used in maintaining an exhibit at the manufacturers and land products show to be held in Portland this fall. After listening to the pleas of the parties the court laid aside \$200 to defray the expenses of the exhibit. Mrs. Winnie Broder, secretary of the Polk county fair association will have personal supervision of the booth.

James K. Lynch Only Candidate of Bankers

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 7.—James K. Lynch, of San Francisco, was the only candidate named for the presidency of the American Bankers' association which is to elect officers at its annual national convention in session here today.

Lynch will succeed William A. Law, of Philadelphia, the retiring president. Lynch has held the office of vice-president for a year.

P. W. Goshel, president of the Commercial National bank, of Kansas City, Mo., and George Wesley, president of the Whitney Central National bank, of New Orleans, were contestants for the vice-presidency.

A warm contest is anticipated when N. P. Gatling, of New York, McLane Tilton, of Pell City, Ala., and E. M. Wing, of LaCrosse, Wash., oppose each other for the office of treasurer.

It is conceded that the Mississippi valley will get next year's convention, and Cleveland, and Kansas City, Mo., have already announced their entry as convention cities for 1916.

William J. Burns, the detective, was scheduled for an address on "Modern Methods of Protecting Banks," this afternoon. Addresses by E. B. Gurney, of Fremont, Neb., and William A. Law, of Philadelphia, were features of the morning session.

DOINGS OF THE PUGILISTS

Junco, Mex., Sept. 7.—Bobby Waugh, the Dallas, Texas, lightweight, today has one more "trial horse" behind him, as a result of his victory over Butting Nelson. The bout went twenty rounds. The one time champion exhibited his old-time ability to assimilate punishment, but lacked aggressiveness.

Groversville, N. Y., Sept. 7.—The aspirations of Frankie Callahan, of Brooklyn, toward the featherweight championship today are considerably curbed, as the result of his defeat at the hands of Abe Attell, former champion. Attell took on Callahan after refusing to meet Tommy Honck, because the latter was a heavier man.

New York, Sept. 7.—Mike Gibbons took a seven mile jaunt today, followed by an hour in the surf, in preparation for his scrap with Puckey McFarland, Saturday at Brighton. Puckey followed suit, except for the surf bathing, which he does not regard as a good plan for conditioning.

Cedar Point, Ohio, Sept. 7.—Champion Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, defeated Alvie Miller, of Lorain, Ohio, in a twelve round bout last night.

THE MARKETS

Eggs are gradually pushing up in price, and today the commission houses in the city are paying 20 cents for No. 1 candled, while the grocers are offering 22 cents cash, and 25 cents in trade, case count.

The wheat market is dragging along at about the same price, with hardly any established price. The same may be said of new oats. While one buyer is offering 20 cents, another may feel that the situation permits a 32 cent price, and at the same time, many farmers are storing, waiting for 40 cents.

Wheat.	
Hay, timothy, per ton	\$11@12
Oats, vetch	\$6@10
Cheat	\$6@10
Wheat, new crop	75c
Oats, new crop	30@32c
Roll'd barley	\$31.50
Corn	\$10
Cracked corn	\$41.50
Bean	\$29.00
Shorts, per ton	\$31.00

Butter.	
Butterfat	30c
Creamery butter, per pound	32c
Country butter	17c

Eggs and Poultry.	
Eggs, candled, No. 1, cash	20c
Eggs, case count, cash	25c
Eggs, trade	25c
Hens, pound	12c
Roosters, old, per pound	7c
Spring chickens, pound	15c

Pork, Veal and Mutton.	
Veal, dressed	11 1-2c
Pork, dressed	10c
Pork, on foot	6@7 1-2c
Spring lambs	5 1-2c
Stewers	5@5 1-2c
Cows	3@4c
Bulls	3@4c
Wethers	3@3 1-2c
Wethers	4@4 1-2c

Vegetables.	
Cabbage	40c
Tomatoes, Oregon	30c
String garlic	12 1-2c
Potatoes, new	75c
New peas	4c
Cucumbers	25c
Walla Walla onions	75c
Beans	4c
Sweet Potatoes	3 1-2c

Fruits.	
Oranges, Valencia	\$5@5 25c
Lemons, per box	\$4.00@4.50
Bananas, lb	\$3.00
California grape fruit	\$3.00
Dates, dromedary, case	\$2.25
Pard dates	\$1.60
Coconuts, per dozen	\$1
Cantaloupes	\$1.50
Watermelons	\$1.25

Retail Price	
Eggs, per dozen	30c
Sugar, case	\$6.75
Sugar, D. G.	\$6.55
Creamery butter	40c or 2 for 75c
Flour, hard wheat	\$2.45
Flour, valley	\$1.45

PORTLAND MARKET
Portland, Ore., Sept. 7. — Wheat: Club, 81c.

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