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EDITORIAL.

The Summer Savage in Us All.

This is the time of the year when Old Adam stirs in every man who has red corpuscles in his blood. If he were a boy again he would get hold of a pistol and a hunting knife and start west to kill Indians or he would try to run away to the Klondike. Being a man, he knows what ails him. He knows that he is desperately sick of everything that has seemed interesting and desirable for the last forty-five or fifty weeks. He is sick of his business. Money suddenly becomes filthy lucre. A starched shirt is an invention of the Evil One. Varnished shoes and creased trousers are abominations. The cook cannot please him. He is tired of being a good husband, a fond father, and a prominent citizen. Life is a treadmill.

But this man knows not only what he does not want, but he knows also exactly what he does want. His fancy is busy with thoughts that come only at this particular time. He wonders where his wife has put his old suit of corduroy. He can almost taste a black briar pipe that ought to be in the right-hand side pocket of the coat. He wants to get into a flannel shirt and leave it open at the neck. The thought of the smell of bacon in the frying pan over the camp fire gives him a thrill down to his toes. He finds himself listening for the sound of the trout stream. He dreams of reeling in giant bass that are too heavy for the scales. This man's wife is wise when she suggests about this time that he go on a trip. She will not so much as mention a summer resort, and she will make it plain that she is too busy to go with him. She will convince him that he owes it to her and to the children to throw off for a week or two his cares and responsibilities for the sake of his health. Then he will leave the city by the next boat—unless there is a train that goes sooner.

And for two weeks he will be not a doctor, or lawyer, or merchant, but just a man. He will swing an ax and cut wood for the camp fire. He will sit on a log and clean fish or row half a day so that some other man may cast for bass. He will look like a tramp. He will eat bacon and fried potatoes and flapjacks and drink black coffee and think it a dinner fit for a king. He will be as cheerful as a cricket in an all-day rainstorm when the mosquitoes almost eat him alive and when the cook is an hour late with dinner and things are burned at that. He will slough off his artificial self and be as his creator made. The relentless grind of our nineteenth century may have changed him into a mere money-making machine for fifty weeks in the year, but for the other two he is himself. And, oldest of all, this periodical disturbance passes off as rapidly as it comes. In the course of two weeks or so the man begins to think that maybe sheets and a tight roof would seem good again, that cream would not be so bad once more, and that a shave and clean linen might easily be endured. Then he will come back as suddenly as he went away, take joy once more in his home and family and business, and settle down and be an exemplary citizen for fifty weeks more.

This intense desire of the American to get into the woods and live like his forefathers of generations ago is a national characteristic and helps to make him what he is. This is why he is always ready to fight when it seems to be his duty. This is why he makes the best soldier in the world—self-respecting, self-reliant, and the handiest man in the field that ever shouldered a rifle.

The Woman on Farm.

Aside from any reference to your marital obligations, it will pay in a cold, heartless, financial way to take good care of the wife and mother on the farm. In this sense alone she is worth far more than your best cow or your best horse, and not a few women would be glad of the care and consideration given by the man on the farm to these barnyard pets. A man never really realizes what the good wife has been worth to him until he has buried her and like an old fool tries his luck again with some young girl or a grass widow. We call to mind a case in point where a well-to-do farmer practically killed his wife by hard work and neglect and later ran across a scheming widow. He managed to live with her for just six weeks and then cheerfully decided to her one-third of his valuable estate to be well rid of her. It is overwhelmingly right that a man who abuses and neglects his wife should sooner or later run foul of some woman who will even things up for him.

THE LESSON OF THE B. & O.

There are in Bloomington, as in all other communities that contain men who think, a good many advocates of public ownership of public utilities. They are confined to no special party; but they are a class of men who are given to bizarre in politics. They are what are vaguely described as "reformers," and the reins they hold in regard to the larger public questions are such as are generally considered by conservative men to be socialistic. The sociological side of politics has the greatest attraction for them, but they are not in every case willing to identify themselves with the visionary persons who are given to the formation of men and transitory political parties.

Most civil-headed Americans have agreed that there are possible changes in our public policy that would bring greater happiness to a greater number, and they recognize the fact that these changes, if they ever come indeed, are likely to be brought about through the agency of one of the great existing parties. As federal ownership has not yet been incorporated into the platform of either, it has thus far had to rely for whatever support it got, upon the agency of lesser and irregular bodies.

It is a tremendous domestic issue in its way, and of such uncertain results that it is not to be wondered at that the great political organizations have been chary of espousing it. There are known some existing examples which throw a little light on the possibilities of the plan. One of the best of these is the case of the Baltimore and Ohio railway, which has just been restored to its stockholders, after three years' operation by a receiver.

While under the receivership this great property was well managed, and turned over to the owners again in better condition than when the court was placed in control. Permanent improvements have been made increasing materially the value of the road and advancing its earning capacity. During the period of the receivership the gross receipts were \$82,899,546.89 and the operating expenses, including large outlays for maintenance of track and equipment were \$68,168,583.50, leaving a balance of \$24,736,963.39. This matter is interesting as indicating to a certain extent the possibilities of government operation of a railroad system; for while the Baltimore & Ohio was controlled by the court it was as truly operated by the government as if an official of the executive department had been directing affairs instead of a judge. This experience shows that government operation may be productive of as good results as private operation. Indeed, in this case the private management was fast ruining the road, and it was necessary for the court to take possession for a time and manage the property in order that its value should not be still further impaired.

You Know This Place.

When you come to a farm homestead where there are 20 or 30 stacks of grain, a big red barn, a dairy herd of sleek looking cows, a hundred black hogs munching the new corn, a bright 14-year-old boy with a team of three big horses turning over the stubble at the rate of three or four acres a day, a neat farmhouse with a few flowers in the front yard and a garden and orchard at the rear, you have come to the home of a man who controls and enjoys as large a share of the good things of this life as any man upon the face of the earth. He practically lives in a garden of Eden, with nary a snake in the apple tree. And, best of all, you cannot go far in any direction through any part of the northwest to-day without finding this place.

Bloomington should have a committee of business men who will keep a weather eye out for manufacturers. Our town needs more enterprises of this kind.

Why is it that a boy of twenty can run a mile or ascend a flight of stairs three at a time, while his sister of the same age can't run a hundred yards or walk a flight of stairs without becoming exhausted? It is easy to answer the question. Of course it is.

It is reported that the Democrats are thinking of inviting Rear Admiral Schley to take their nomination for the Presidency next year. We are confident, assuming that the report is correct, that they will have their labor for their pains. "Rear-Admiral" has a good sound, but Rear-Admiral candidate has not. Schley doubtless can read the signs of the times well enough to realize that any candidate who runs against McKinley in 1900 is destined to emerge from the canvass at the rear. It may safely be taken for granted, therefore, that he will promptly decline the empty honor in question in case it is offered him.

When a man says something that was wrong in an argument, he afterwards apologizes; a woman will never apologize unless she is in the right.

HELEN KELLER.

One of the most piteous figures in the world is Helen Keller, deaf, dumb and blind. Think what this means! And yet this dweller alone in the world of darkness and of silence has, by touch, been brought into companionship with the whole world of mental attainment. She understands speech by placing her fingers on the speakers' throat and lips, and she has achieved the triumph of learning to speak herself. Under the tutelage of Mr. Merton S. Keith, she completed her preparation for college in three years instead of four. She went to Cambridge last June to take the regular entrance examinations for Radcliffe College. She has successfully passed them, the requirements being in geometry, algebra, advanced Greek and advanced Latin. In the examination, Mr. Vining, of the Perkins Institution, who had never met Helen Keller, and who was quite unknown to her, took the examination papers and wrote them out in the system of writing in punctuated points, now much used by the blind. The questions thus transcribed were put in Helen's hands; the answers she wrote on the typewriter.

But she labored under a great handicap. There are two systems of punctuated writing—the English and the American. The differences are much the same as between the Pitman and the Graham system of stenography. Helen had been accustomed to the English system, but Mr. Vining knew only the American, and so she had to puzzle over the questions in the unfamiliar writing of the American system, a thing that any stenographer may appreciate who understands the Pitman system and has to translate from the Graham system. To add to her difficulties, her Swiss watch, made for the blind, had been forgotten, and so she had no guide as to the time she was consuming in her examination, which was one of the elements, and thus she worked on in the dark at an unfamiliar system of punctuated writing and unknowing as to time. But she passed triumphantly in every study, in advanced Latin with credit, in advanced Greek with a very high mark.

What a lesson in such a life to us all! Every human being that does an extraordinary thing enlarges the bounds that hem in humanity. In merely physical attainment the man that scales the mountain believed to be unattainable, that swims the flood believed to be impassable, extends the bounds of human conquest over the physical world. He does on the one side what the thinkers, like Newton and Darwin and Spencer have done in higher spheres. What a debt, then, does humanity owe to this girl who can neither see nor hear, whose whole communication and sensibility had to be reached and educated through the sense of touch, for the wonderful things she has wrought!

Indiana Senators.

It is apparent that Indiana has two representatives in the upper house of Congress who are alive to the interests of the people of their state and of the nation at large. Instead of putting in the vacation season looking after their individual affairs, or at some pleasure resort, as many senators do, the Indiana men have been making personal and practical observations of matters connected with their official duties. They have posted themselves, so that when the senate meets they will be able to consider important questions intelligently and understandingly. Senator Fairbanks, a member of the Alaskan boundary commission, visited Alaska during the summer, and making a tour of the country, gained a practical knowledge of the situation there that could only be gained through personal experience. He knows more about the actual status of the gold deposits there and about the boundary lines in dispute, than he would have studied maps for a year or listened to the testimony of other men. Senator Beveridge, who makes his first appearance in the senate at the next meeting of congress, in December, has been informing himself on the Philippine situation in the only way that a man can properly inform himself—by visiting the scene of trouble and going over the ground in person.

He will undoubtedly have something to say on the subject of our foreign policy and upon the Philippine situation when he is offered an opportunity before the senate. An estimate of the possibilities of trade with China may be judged from the fact that only 350 miles of railway have been built in the whole empire, with a population of 400,000,000.

If you have a little farm and are out of debt, don't fret and worry yourself and good wife into premature graves for the sake of getting more land and making more money. You have but one life to live, and it is a very brief one at best. Take a little comfort as you go along day by day and try to do a little good to others. A morbid, insatiable desire to possess the earth, to grab everything in sight, lies at the foundation of more unhappiness in this world than any other one thing. After you are gone the world will not long remember you by the size of the estate you left behind you, but a good life well lived will long keep your memory green.

An Illinois couple met at 12:30 and were married at 2:00. An exchange asks what caused the delay. Some of the richest chrome yellow journals extant are constantly "spewing" about the yellowishness of other papers. Ex-Governor Grant of Colorado, treasurer of the Bryan campaign fund in 1896, and Marcus Daly, one of the most liberal contributors to the fund that year, have abandoned 16 to 1 and declared for McKinley. This is due to the fact that they see that 16 to 1 is a lost cause.

The Kentucky Situation.

One of the most remarkable political contests of the year will be in Kentucky. The large and earnest convention held at Lexington was an emphatic and powerful Democratic protest against Goebel and his methods. All but a few remote counties were represented. The general attendance was 4000, and the convention performed its work with a vigor and sincerity that leave no doubt concerning the weight of the movement. It involves a division of the Democratic party of the state so serious that it is a question now if John Young Brown will not receive more votes for Governor than Goebel can secure. Brown was nominated by acclamation at Lexington. Goebel was nominated at Louisville by the vilest trickery and the basest tyranny of the chairman, all contrived by Goebel and under his direction. Goebel robbed hundreds of delegates of their seats and the majority on the floor of the right of appeal. It was audacious in the extreme. It was far too brazen to be tolerated, and Goebel finds himself at the head of a faction repudiated by the honest Democrats of the state.

Aside from all party considerations this revolt in Kentucky is an encouraging event. The platform adopted denounces the Goebel election law, which, while partisan, is also an assault on the rights of every voter in the state. Under such a law the government of Kentucky would quickly degenerate into the rule of a small ring armed with authority to alter the returns and overturn a true majority. Goebel showed his teeth as an autocrat at the Louisville convention, but miscalculated the tolerance of cheating by Kentuckians. Beyond all question the great body of men in the state are opposed to stealing elections. But large masses move slowly, and the nimble Goebel thought his political sleight-of-hand would be submitted to in the end. He was mistaken, and his discomfiture is a matter of congratulation among American citizens. The Goebel experiment is not likely to be imitated in other states. The people are for honest elections, and Kentucky reveals their determined purpose to protect the sovereignty of the ballot.

The Man in the Buggy.

The man in the buggy is now abroad in the country among the grangers. He may be the church parson or the parish priest, looking after the spiritual welfare of the deacons and pillars of their respective churches, or he may be a fellow taking orders for short weight and adulterated Chicago groceries, or he may be a chap with some fine clothes which he has smuggled in from Canada, or he may be a slick schemer with a patent right to sell, or he may be in the lightning rod business, or some fellow begging for an office. When they come to your place, always excepting the parson and priest, whistle for old Towze and get ready for business. These chaps all have tongues hung on ball bearings, and your best means of protection is to administer the grand bounce just as soon as they set foot on your premises. Keep an eye out for the man in the buggy.

Certain Western Democrats accuse Arthur P. Gorman of plotting to swindle Mr. Bryan out of the Presidential nomination. It is to bad that Mr. Gorman can't let Mr. Bryan's personal property alone.

We fellow, all of us, one flag. It symbolizes our purposes and our aspirations; it represents what we believe and what we mean to maintain, and wherever it floats it is the flag of the free and the hope of the oppressed, and wherever and whenever it is assailed at any sacrifice it will be carried to a triumphant peace.—President McKinley, at Catholic Summer School.

The collecting fund may be carried to extremes. A man in Baltimore offered a sailor who served with Dewey \$100 for his medal, and was not only knocked down, but could not persuade a policeman to arrest the sailor.

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When you forget to congratulate a girl who is engaged she goes around telling her best friends what a terrible blow it was to you.

The estimate is that the wheat crop of the United States this year is the third best on record, the oats crop the second best, and the corn the same. With an aggregate of 3,500,000 bushels of wheat, corn and oats, the prosperity of 1899 has a good foundation.

It has been given out that General Miles is now in actual command of the army. All official orders, recommendations and reports are sent to his office. The inspector general reports to him; short, there is entire harmony between the War Department and the major general commanding the army.

Governor Wolcott's youngest boy was one of a class asked to name the Governor of the State. On replying that he did not know, he was told by his teacher to ask his father that night. He returned next morning to report: "Well, papa says I is; but he feels so much I don't know."—Argonaut.

When greed for gold gets such a hold on a man that he must dabble in all branches of business in which there is a semblance of a profit, because he can't bear to see any man prosper, he is not a citizen that will help a town build up, socially or financially. There is something in life besides the accumulation of wealth.

A Kansas mule that had been recently purchased, was being driven by his new master, when he set up a loud braying. And the master who didn't seem to be as much stuck on the mule's voice as that animal was himself, proceeded to larrup the beast with a blacksnake, saying: "You long eared, shavetail fool, I didn't buy you to make anti-expansion speeches, I bought you for work."

There are some things we do in this world that must puzzle even the devil to account for.

What a woman will not forgive a man for, she herself does not until she comes to do it.

Adam, poor man, had Eve and the devil to contend with whereas Eve had only the evil one. No wonder Adam tumbled.

Traveling men who have a large territory and who sell in a great number of states affirm that no state in the union is doing so much building and making so many improvements as Indiana. The Hoosier State is the banner one in this respect and the Southern portion of the State is leading the North in the matter of progressive advancement.

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