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BRYAN THE REAL CAUSE.

Doubtless by this time Mr. Bryan's "mystery" is clearing up and he may be getting able to find out why he was defeated for the third time. The great commoner finds many reasons, it never was hard for him to find reasons, but he is slow to grasp the true situation, the true reason. Mr. Bryan has nothing else but his own self to account for his defeat. An eastern paper says:

"In his latest analysis of the causes of his defeat, Mr. Bryan finds that the republicans had most of the metropolitan newspapers on their side. Apparently they offset the great influences of the Commoner and the Staats-Zeitung with the half-hearted support of the World.

But if Mr. Bryan would only take time to think a little more deeply about this press situation, he might perhaps recall that in 1876 and in 1884 and in the later Cleveland campaigns, the pick of the independent press cordially supported the democratic ticket. No paper ever had more influential or better American newspapers behind him than Grover Cleveland. But ever since the appearance of Mr. Bryan this support of the newspapers generally has gone to the republicans. Why, Mr. Bryan should ask himself did the newspapers like the Times, the Evening Post, the Springfield Republican, the Baltimore Sun and a host of others of this type refuse to support the democratic party in 1908?

The answer is the same that must be given when anybody examines frankly the causes of the democratic defeat—because Mr. Bryan was the candidate. So long as he is at the head of the party it will be regularly defeated, and will as regular repel the valuable newspaper support it could regain, by choosing a stable, trustworthy and statesmanlike leader."

THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

It promises to be a prosperous Christmastide in the Calumet region, all the squawks of the calamity howler to the contrary. All that is needed for its proper observance is some good old-fashioned visits from Jack Frost. The stores, big and little, are getting ready for a big trade. The advice "shop early" seems to be really followed by a great many people and trade money is to begin to flow in its proper channels. It isn't necessary to go into Chicago to buy valuable presents. There are plenty of well-equipped stores in your own city. If they haven't got what you want, they will only be glad to send and get it for you. The merchants in your home town need the money, they need your patronage, they can't be filled with the spirit of Yuletide unless you show your appreciation of their efforts.

IN NEED OF MISSIONARY SERVICE.

Another uplift commission, called the country life commission, has been launched and while on its face it doesn't seem to be as important as some of the others, yet still it is. It might be well for the commission before it sends in its final report to at least take one squint along the back road fringe of the interior. Not that there is anything especially the matter with the man who tries to support a family by his gun and dog or even with a fiddle. There is another kind of fellow whose shall be nameless and who also has a family but doesn't support it all. The blushes of his children when they stray into the school and meeting house may bespeak a sense of degradation, but at the same time they rebuke a religious scheme which sends tracts and safetypins to distant heathen and overlooks more promising material for uplift work right at home.

WILL THEY DARE THE GERRYMANDER?

The Indiana democrats have spasmodic attacks of gerrymander talking. Conscious of the power they may possess, but which came to them so suddenly and so unexpectedly that they hardly know what to do with it, they feel it necessary to show what can be done with it. The wise democrats will of course be slow to take measures regarding the redistricting of the state that may act as a boomerang, but it isn't always the wise people who are in the saddle. Nothing would suit the republican party in Indiana better than that the democrats would try to be fussy with the gerrymander proposition. If the adherents of democratic policy in this state gerrymander it, it is quite probable that in 1910 they will find they have monkeyed with a dangerous buzz-saw. All that the republicans need to make 1910 a successful year is the repeal of the temperance legislation and a gerrymander favorable to the democratic party. That will bring the state back into the fold of the republicans.

IN THE SYMPOSIUM of opinions which have appeared daily in these columns for the past week from leading lawyers geographically distributed in various parts of Lake county, the idea prevails that the congestion of court business in the county is in need of immediate relief. There is a practical unanimity of opinion on this point and the only moot question is how it may be obtained. The letters present a wide range and have been a most interesting series for the taxpayers of Lake county.

IT WAS A SWIFT chapter in the hurly-burly of life that was written by a Hammond man who acquired a big jag, flipped a fast freight, rode two blocks, was thrown off, picked up unconscious, taken in an ambulance to the hospital, escaped mysteriously when supposed to be dying, found a bicycle in front of the institution, stole and rode it off and later was arrested. Strenuousness with a Rooseveltian vengeance.

IT CERTAINLY TAKES all the glory out of being a director in the National Rivers and Harbors congress for Mr. Wickey of East Chicago when the Washington correspondent to the Indianapolis Star invariably calls him Mr. Hickey. Mr. Wickey is no Hickey.

IT IS ALWAYS the editor who makes a jumble of his own paper who makes a laughing stock of himself by trying to show some other editor how to run his.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

Dec. 14.

1776—British under Lord Dunmore defeated by the Americans at Norfolk, Va.

1788—Charles III of Spain, whose war against England helped the United States in the revolution, died. Born Jan. 20, 1716.

1807—An unusually large and brilliant

meteor was seen in Connecticut.

1819—Alabama admitted to the Union.

1855—Joel Abbott, commanding the American squadron in the East Indies, died at Hong Kong.

1861—The Prince Consort, husband of Queen Victoria, died. Born Aug. 26, 1819.

1864—General Dix issued an order for reprisals on Canadians because of

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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"SAPHO" AND HIS WIFE.

Sapho was merely a galley boy in the composing room of a Kansas City newspaper. He was called Sapho because—

But that is another story. He was a small young man. Nor was he handsome. But his energy and cheerfulness were in inverse proportion to his size and lack of pulchritude.

One day Dan Cupid, who cares little for looks, but is strong on hearts, marked him for his own.

Sapho loved a winsome Kansas City maiden. And she, on her part, saw qualities in him that others did not see.

Following established precedent, the course of true love did not run smooth. When the couple asked to marry, the parents of the girl said, "Height of foolishness, on his meager wages."

"But the matrix is cast," said Sapho. Then, the printers conspiring, he and the girl were married.

The sequel? Sapho's optimism won. The parents said the girl "might have done worse." And the twain have already proved that two souls with but a single thought can be comfortably kept in two bodies on Sapho's wages—which have been raised.

And this is Sapho's wife's recipe for happiness: "I would rather live in a dirt floor cabin with the man I love than to be supported in luxury by a husband not my choice."

Ah, wise little woman!

That was the recipe the old alchemists hunted for in vain—the alchemy that turns all baser metals into purest gold.

To go a little further with this little love story, the wife is ambitious. She says Sapho must some day be the owner of a job print shop of his own. A common love tale, this?

Yes, not uncommon. And yet—

Oh, ye calloused hearts grown worldly wise, weary women of your social set, and listless lover, ye that have flippantly flattered away the treasures of your fresh affections, ye that have dribbled silly sentiment over a dozen tentative and various loves—oh, bankrupt souls, what would ye not give for one thrill of the pure and honest love of Sapho and his wife?

the St. Alban's raid; order annuall-

ed later by President Lincoln.

1872—Louis J. R. Agassiz, celebrated

naturalist, died at Cambridge, Mass.

Born May 29, 1807.

1876—Destructive fire at Little Rock,

Ark.

1891—Sir Oliver Mowat, liberal prime

minister of Ontario, issued an address

declaring vigorously against

American assimilation.

1894—E. V. Dicks sentenced to six

months' imprisonment for

contempt of court during the great

railroad strike in Chicago.

THIS IS MY 47TH BIRTHDAY.

Albert E. Mead.

Albert Edward Mead, governor of the

state of Washington, was born at Man-

hattan, Kan., Dec. 14, 1861. His educa-

tion was received in the public schools

of Kansas, Iowa and Illinois, and in the

Southern Illinois Normal school. He

studied law in Chicago and latter year

he removed to the state of Washing-

ton and opened a law office in the

town of Blaine. He took an active part

in republican politics and in 1892 and

1893 served as mayor of his adopted

town. He afterward served a term

in the Washington house of representa-

tives, and another as county attorney

of Whatcom county. Four years ago

he was elected governor of the state

for the term that will expire next

month.

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Morning News

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are to be sought as the result of the

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stage in the bitter struggle between

cheese weighing 12 ounces has been

estimated at 5,600,000,000. Great

scams. Quite a bunch!

And the woman

Who looks as though

She had a secret sorrow

Is always interesting, until she

begins to turn it

Loose.

A medical expert advises women to

smoke. Oh, yes, anything to get your

name in the papers.

THE ONLY TIME THAT SOME HUS-

BANDS TAKE THEIR WIVES' ARMS

IS WHEN THEY HELP THEM ENTER

A CARRIAGE AT A FUNERAL.

The Panama canal is one third com-

pleted. The people down there are

doing the work and the Indianapolis

News and New York Sun are doing the

talking.

It doesn't take a girl very long

to catch a husband after she

begins to pose as a man eater.

Letters To Santa Claus

The Little Ones Write To Tell Santa What They Want

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 12, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: Please send us

the following presents: Raymond

wants a toy engine, and send Lawson

a little wagon, and send Edward a bag

of peanuts, and send Lyle a nice hand-

kerchief, and send Edith a pair of leg-

gings. She is 12 years old.

And oblige,

EDITH HILLIER.

513 White Oak avenue, Whiting, Ind.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 12.

Dear Santa Claus: Please send me a

Teddy bear for my little baby brother.

Please bring me a doll. Please bring

me some nuts and candy. Don't forget

my name is Katie De Mik. I am seven

years old.

KATIE DE MIK.

Hammond, Ind., R. F. D. No. 1.

Tollestion, Ind., Dec. 12, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: I am going to

write you a little letter. I am nine

years old and I seen in THE TIMES that

you want little boys and girls to write

and tell you what they want. Well, I

would like a dollie. Hope you can

read my letter. Yours truly,

BESSIE JOHNSTON.

Tollestion, Ind.

Tollestion, Ind., Dec. 11, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl.

My name is Bessie Johnston and I am

nine years old, and I seen your letter

in THE TIMES, and I thought I would

write to you to let you know I would

like a dollie. Yours truly,

BESSIE JOHNSTON.

Tollestion, Ind.

Griffith, Ind., Dec. 13, 1908.

Dear Santa: If you have some pres-

ents left will you send me a Teddy

bear? Your friend,

NIXIE SCHOON.

Griffith, Ind., Box 11.

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