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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 in-
fluential 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 Re-
publican, 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
too 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 over-
looks more promising material for uplift work right at home.

WILL THEY DARE THE GERRYMANDER?

The Indiana democrats have spasmodic attacks of gerrymander talk-
ing. 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. The wise dem-
ocrats 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 ar-
rested. Strenuousness with a Roosevelt 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. Wickey. Mr. Wickey is not Wickey.

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.
1775—British under Lord Dunmore de-
feated 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. 26, 1716.
1804—General Dix issued an order for
reprisals on Canadians because of

meteors were 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

Heart to Heart
Talks.

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"SAPHO" AND HIS WIFE.

Sapho was merely a galley boy in the
composition room of a Kansas City
newspaper. He was called Sapho be-
cause—

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 twin 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
love: "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 world-
ly wise, weary woman of your social
set, and listless lover, ye that have flippantly
frittered away the treasures of your
fresh affections, ye that have
dribbled silly sentiment over a dozen
tentative and various loves—oh, bank-
rupt souls, what would ye not give for
one thrill of the pure and honest love
of Sapho and his wife?

the St. Albans raid; order annual-
ed later by President Lincoln.

1873—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 ad-
dress declaring vigorously against
American assimilation.

1894—E. V. Debs sentenced to six
months imprisonment for com-
paigning 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 education
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
removed to the state of Washington
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.

Griffith, Ind., Dec. 13, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: If you have some
preents left will you send me a Teddy
bear? Your friend,

cheese weighing 12 ounces has been
estimated at 5,600,000,000. Great
scads. 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 HU-
BANDS TAKE THEIR WIFE'S 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 hater.

REWARDED WITH PLUM.

In giving out the political plums for
the coming year the Johnson county
board of commissioners, democratic,

chose George I. White of Franklin, the
democratic representative who at the

special session of the legislature voted
for local county option, county attorney.

CHANGED TO NATIONAL BANK.

The Citizens' bank of Fortville, orga-
nized two years ago, has been changed

to a national bank, and will be called
the First National bank of Fortville.

The capital stock is \$25,000, and
there are forty-six stockholders.

FIRE CAUSES \$10,000 DAMAGE.

Fire in the sheller room of the Bart-
lett, Kuhn & Co. elevator at Terre
Haute gave the entire fire department

a hard fight, and for two hours
threatened to destroy the entire plant.

The damage to grain and machinery

is estimated at \$10,000. The origin of

the fire is unknown.

DEFRAUDS CHORUS GIRLS.

W. B. Hoyt, brother of the late

playwright, is under arrest at South Bend

on a charge of obtaining money under false

pretenses. He was arrested at Logansport

and brought to South Bend. The

charges against Hoyt were filed by

members of the stranded "Midnight

Bell" company which he organized,

chorus being recruited in South Bend

and neighboring towns.

MUST PAY SUBSIDY.

The efforts of the Clover Leaf Rail-

road company to collect a subsidy of

\$55,000, voted to it by Center township

in which the city of Frankfort is lo-

KATIE DE MIK.

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

Tolleston, Ind., Dec. 12, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: Please send us 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.

Tolleston, 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

want to be a doll. Hope you can

read my letter. Yours truly,

BESSIE JOHNSTON.

Tolleston, Ind.

Tolleston, Ind., Dec. 11, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl.

My name is Bessie Johnston and I am

ten years old, and I seen your letter in