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### GOOD ROADS.

One man more than any other who was responsible for the "Good Roads" Congress held here so successfully last fall was Mr. Logan Waller Page, who sent his representatives here to arouse interest in the matter of good roads. At that time his representative convinced the large number of those who heard him that there is no doubt of the actual material benefit of the movement. It was also significant that the question of good roads entered into consideration of the Rural Commission lately appointed by President Roosevelt.

Some sane and logically consistent work should be done by the legislature along this line. Although Indiana ranks high as having a great number of improved roads—it is mostly on paper in comparison with the improved roads of other states. Mr. Waller Page, the director of the department of public roads of the department of agriculture states that the "20,000 miles of improved roads" in this state are merely nominal.

Most of the blame for this, thinks Mr. Page, is due to the antiquated system of "working out the road tax." He says:

"This statute is a relic of antiquity that ought to be repealed in a hurry. The practice of 'working out' road taxes dates back to Henry VIII of England, and it never has worked with any degree of satisfaction from that day to this. Nearly every state in the union that has tried it has concluded it is a dismal failure, and one after another the statutes have been repealed. In Indiana however, the system still prevails in its most pernicious form."

Mr. Page has the following suggestions to make to the legislators of the state:

"The legislature ought to create a state highway commission and a state engineer of highways. The commission should be unpaid and should consist of three members, each to be selected from the engineering faculty of one of the principal colleges of the state. The members of the commission should be chosen either by the president or by the members of the faculty of the college which he represents. The purpose of this would be to keep the commission everlastingly out of politics. There is nothing that more quickly demoralizes the road building service of a state than to get into politics. If the members of the commission were appointed by the governor of the state there would sooner or later be some governor who would prostitute the whole service for the benefit of his party or himself. The members of the highway commission should have the power of selecting the state highway engineer, who should be a competent person, and for whose service a salary should be paid by the state, while the legislature is creating this commission it should revise and codify the road laws so as to make them uniform. Indiana has today the most wonderful and complicated system of road laws to be found anywhere in the country."

Mr. Page is right in his suggestions and the wonder is not that we have so few good roads under the system in vogue, but that we have so many.

Indiana has rich deposits of the best road making material in the country and a competent geologist at the head of its department. Why not use some of the rich road material with some of the expert knowledge that is at the disposal of the state? Nothing can improve our roads except consistent work under an organized plan.

It may be that Our Jim will want a secret service man detailed to guard that silver service of 255 pieces. That will disprove that he has no aversion to having those naughty men around.

Even if the score of 30 to 18 is a little uninteresting, the base ball fans will not find it so.

Senator Beveridge will take the star role in "The Man From Home" for a few days.

Play ball! But what will His Umps do on the decision? They say his name is Marshall.

Even the sluggish Ohio goes on a tear sometimes, though it is dry most of the year.

The fleet has come home and yet Hobson has not proclaimed war.

Of course the Indianapolis News may have libeled Garrard.

## FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

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Editor Palladium:

As a merchant of Richmond I would like to ask the Ladies' Aid society of Economy if, before they concluded to boycott the "business men of Richmond" they learned just how these business men voted, and if they did find out, how they worked it? Do they possess some gift of clairvoyance or second sight by which they can read a ballot box miles away? Have they an X ray machine for giving up the secrets of the Australian ballot system? Do they think that one swallow makes a summer and that the few business men in this man's town are the whole push? Are they such geese as to believe for one minute that these few merchants with such tremendous influence that they could turn Richmond over 1800 majority to the west? Do they remember that they held up their hands in holy horror when the local papers reported that some saloon keepers were boycotting and trying to coerce some business men who talked openly and in an honest way? Don't they remember that they protested against coercion and boycott because the other fellow was trying it on? Don't they know that this was an option election and that each and every voter had the right to choose which side he opined was best? If they have such a thing as a dictionary in Economy will they look it up and see what "local option" means? The right or privilege to choose in any given locality.

By boycotting any one who chose differently from them do they not strike at the very foundation of liberty? Do they think an opinion different from theirs is an evidence of immorality? Do they endorse the old heathen and ignorant idea of excommunication? If they have an encyclopedia in Economy will the ladies turn to the subject "Boycott" and see what the most eminent jurists have called it—"An unlawful conspiracy to injure, to coerce, to intimidate, to injure the business and welfare of others." Is that Christlike?

Do they not remember that Bryan went over the country asking "Shall the people rule?" The majority of the people in Wayne county decided this "option election" and that is law, sovereign law. "The people rule."

Now in conclusion I want to say this: No matter how I voted on this question I would not tell these Economy people that I voted "dry" for all the trade they could bring me, and I would not go fawning to a single saloon keeper and tell him that I voted "wet" for all the business he could throw my way. Honest men sell their wares, not themselves.

A RICHMOND MERCHANT.

### Items Gathered in From Far and Near

#### THE MAYOR.

A mayor should be chosen who will study the public welfare, giving a fair deal to every citizen and to the various activities in which they are engaged. The best government and advancement of the city as a whole are the objects desired. A mayor of the best type must be a man of energy and endurance in behalf of the entire community. There is no much difference in mayors as in the commanders of armies, and as great contrast in what they accomplish.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### FACT!

Give out wise saws and preach and pray.

Advance what reasons that you may.

Of decency and duty prate.

The most sad instances relate.

Of lovers who've been made to smart

For all of that I beg to state.

You can't keep lad and lass apart.

—Chicago News.

#### PILING IT ON.

A convict in a western prison had been extremely refractory and different means were tried, without success, to break his spirit. One morning the superintendent said to the warden:

"That scoundrel No. 213 is behaving worse than ever. Put him on bread and water."

"But he is already on that diet," replied the warden.

"Then keep it up and give him a cook book to read."—New York World.

Valuable Item for Men and Women Who Want Strong Nerves

Health and strength hitherto unknown will be felt surging in rich red blood through the arteries and veins, and life's greatest ambitions may be realized as never before. If the following special treatment is followed by those men and women who are stricken with that most dreaded of all afflictions, nervous exhaustion, accompanied by such symptoms as extreme nervousness, insomnia, cold chills, dizziness, headache, constipation and dyspepsia, kidney trouble, dreadful dreams of direful disasters, timidity in venturing and a general inability to act naturally at all times as other people do. Lack of poise and equilibrium in men is a constant source of embarrassment even when the public is accompanying them. For the benefit of those who want a restoration of full bounding health and all the happiness accompanying it, the following home treatment is given. It contains no opiates or habit-forming drugs whatever. Mix it at home and no one will be the wiser as to your affliction. The treatment is simple, thorough and correct. Leading druggists supply the main ingredients, extracts and essences in one-ounce bottles, ready to mix. Get three ounces Syrup, sarsaparilla, compound, mix with one ounce compound fluid balmwort and stand two hours. Add one ounce compound essence cardiol, and one ounce tincture camomile compound (not camomile). Shake well, and take a teaspoonful after each meal and one at bedtime. The ingredients are used for various prescriptions.

## AN ADROIT FLANK MOVE CRIPPLES THE INSURGENTS

Old Heads in Senate Trick Youngsters by Passing Resolution providing for No Committee Changes.

### HOUSE VETERANS ALSO OUTFLANK THE REBELS

Outlaw Members Say They Will Still Be Able to Take Committee Appointing Power From Speaker.

(By Sheldon S. Cline.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—Adroit flank movements by republican leaders in both the senate and house have "put a crimp" in the insurrections which threatened in those bodies. The senate has passed a resolution continuing the present committee organization until the first regular session of the 61st congress, which shuts off any attempt at reorganization at the convening of the extra session to be called by President Taft. The house leaders have agreed that beginning Tuesday shall be devoted to the consideration of bills on the house calendar and that for this purpose there shall be a call of the committees. This concession satisfies one faction of the house insurgents and, so the leaders claim, so weakens the insurgent strength that no effective fight for further changes in the house rules can be made.

#### Its Same Old Story.

It was the same old story of amateurs sitting in the game with veterans. The men who have been in congress the better part of a generation know tricks of which the new-comers never dreamed. It is true that Senator LaFollette had been tipped off that the senate leaders were preparing to "hand him one" and that he was on guard. But a senator cannot remain in the chamber every minute of the time. LaFollette went to the marble room to meet a friend who had sent in a card. During his absence Senator Aldrich sprung the resolution continuing the committees, and it had passed before LaFollette could get back. This will not prevent LaFollette and his insurgent followers making their proposed fight for committee reorganization next December, but it will leave the present organization in control at least until after the tariff bill is passed, and that is about all the senate leaders care for at the present time.

#### Combine Against Speaker.

Opinion is not agreed as to how important a victory the house leaders won by agreeing to a weekly calendar day. The insurgents claim there will be enough of them left to take away from the speaker the power of appointing committees. This is the crux of the entire house revolt. If the appointment of committees can be taken from the hands of the speaker and placed in the hands of a representative committee on committees, the other things complained of will soon right themselves. Should Col. "Pete" Hepburn's suggestion be followed and the committees thus selected allowed to choose their own chairman every vestige of the power now centered in the hands of a few men would disappear.

It undoubtedly is true that Speaker Cannon and his lieutenants have picked off a goodly number of insurgents by the calendar day concession. How many they have picked off they probably know better than any one else. As a matter of fact, Speaker Cannon, Daltell and others in the speaker's confidence probably tell you more about the numerical strength of the insurgents than the insurgent leaders themselves. More than that, you may be sure the speaker has every insurgent listed and classified, with voluminous information about the reforms he demands and how much in the way of reform will satisfy him. When they agreed to the calendar day proposition they knew just how many votes it would take away from the complete insurgent program. If the number isn't sufficient to assure victory for the house organization, it is altogether likely some further concession will be handed out to secure a further number.

For a good, wholesome, cheap breakfast, always buy Mrs. Austin's pancake flour. Your grocer has a fresh supply.

#### Are Plants Lazy?

Are plants lazy? From my standpoint of observation for sixty years, they are. They will seek the nearest food regardless of consequences. In my garden a few years ago I had an annual six or more feet high. One morning I observed that the wind had blown it over flat upon the ground. There were no projecting roots protruding from the northeast side of the plant. All of the roots upon that side were curved around toward the southwest. With a spading fork I lifted the earth upon the southwest side of the plant and discovered a forkful of decayed stable manure. The roots upon the northeast side curved to the southwest because it was the shortest route to a food supply. That was manlike. The fact that it meant death to the plant when the fall winds came was not considered.—Francis Wayland Giles in Louisiana Planter.

## Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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### A LOOK INTO A SOUL.

"Julius Selmers, teamster." That is the way they wrote it in the records of the Chicago city morgue. Julius Selmers sampled life for sixty-five years and at the end of the period made up his mind life held nothing for him.

This old man kept a diary. Reading the entries, one gets a look, as through a window, into the soul of a man who is friendless and despondent, but who nevertheless dreams his dreams.

Note some of the entries:

"June 27.—What a bright, sunny day it is! The air is full of sweet sounds and odors. How lovely it would be to spend an hour in the green fields, but the iron wagon summons me, and nature's fragrance must come to me through the chinks of the foul freight houses."

"Dec. 25.—What memories the day brings to my old heart! But they are memories of some sixty odd Christmases that I have spent in poverty and rags."

"The boss gave me a dollar for a gift. I dare not refuse it, but I gave it to the first newsboy I met. I hope he will have a merry Christmas. A beggar's Christmas is romantic; a teamster's is not even that."

"May 6.—I came near ending it all this morning. The old drudgery, the daily round of sickening humdrum, is almost too much. Why did I not drive off the bridge when it was open? The poor old horse? I would have been cruel to him. Who would care for old Toby—or for old Selmers, for that matter?"

"Nov. 29.—My day of rest again. It is on Sunday that I can feel how my life has been a failure. I am going to end it soon. I feel it. Nothing to live for, nothing to die for, either, but I will take the chance. It cannot be far off."

"Goodby, little book, for today. You are the only friend I have, and, after all, you are only myself."

The poor old man had a fine love of nature, of humanity and of old Toby—a mute, inglorious poet and dreamer. We all dream dreams.

But some of us see some of our dreams come true.

This old man, with the soul of a poet, dreamed for half a century, and not one dream was realized.

You see, there MUST be a heaven, just as there must be a hell, else God is unjust and life is meaningless.

### A SOMBER PICTURE.

"Where can I go? No place to work, no more home, no one to work for. Christian, my husband, he died two years ago. Then my kids—six of them died—crop of cold. I marry Amel Jelke. He leave me two months after. He way out in the country. I don't believe him working. He never work for me; just eat bread all the time."

"One day he had all the time, and get sent to Lansing—my girl she go away, too, and Henslow he ran away to Ohio, and I work and work and never go ahead, and then my back breaks. Oh, it hurts terrible!"

Thus in her broken English did Caroline Frieslau, an almost helpless German woman, tell her ill of woes at St. Mary's hospital at Detroit.

Several years ago she left the fatherland, happy in her young motherhood and eager for the future of her young brood in the new land of promise.

Indeed, the poor German mother found bitter hardships, unending toil, sickness, sorrow, failure and heartache.

Her husband died. She toiled at the wash tub in a tense and tragic struggle for bread. Six of the eleven children died. She married again, and the worthless husband deserted her. Her health entirely failed, and she was sent to the hospital.

This is a picture from real life—all most hideously real.

The tints are all somber, and the background is dark. There is no blue sky, no gleam of sunshine, no horizon. Pictures of this kind make the lover of his kind grow sick at heart.

As one thinks of the hopeless little German mother sitting with lusterless face and dazed eyes, looking backward on the utter waste of the years, one begins to know the real meaning of MISERY AND DESPAIR.

And it also makes one ashamed of his complaining at petty things.

In the allotment of human life this woman has somehow been cheated out of her rightful share of the good things.

With questioning, almost anger, in your heart you turn to fate and question it.

If the law of compensation holds, as we have so often heard—if each soul born of woman must get his portion of the good—

Where will broken hearted Caroline Frieslau get what is owing her?

Many persons use the phrase "in a trice" who have no conception of its meaning. A trice is the sixtieth part of a second of time. The hour is divided into sixty minutes, the minute into sixty seconds and the second into sixty trices, or thirds, from the Spanish tria.

### Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, sold by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 50c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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## IS HOME COMPANY BEHIND THE BILL?

Bill Introduced in House Permitting the Merging of Phone Companies.

### INDEPENDENTS' MEASURE

PUT UP PLEA THAT UNDER LAWS OF STATE THEY DO NOT HAVE THE SAME ADVANTAGE AS THE BELL COMPANY.

Palladium Bureau, Indianapolis, Feb. 25.

There was a big wrangle in the house yesterday, over a telephone bill that was introduced in the house by Representative Wells, of Allen county. It is a bill to enable telephone companies organized under the laws of the state of Indiana to acquire and own either by purchase, lease or otherwise any other telephone companies in the state. It also gives them the right to operate the acquired companies or wipe them out of existence. At first it was believed that the bill was a scheme on the part of the Central Union Telephone company to get legislation that would enable it to obtain a monopoly in the state. Yesterday when the bill was called out on the floor this point was raised and a dispute followed.

#### Independents Believed It.

It was explained that the Central Union is incorporated in Illinois and that it has under its charter the right to acquire and own or operate any other company, and it was stated that it did not need this bill in order to buy out and hold other companies in this state. Then it was disclosed that the independent telephone companies of the state were behind the Wells bill. These companies are organized under the laws of this state and their charters do not give them the right to buy out and merge with other companies. Thus, they say, they are at a disadvantage in the fight against the Bell, and they are asking that this bill be passed so they may be placed on an equal footing with it.

#### All Working For It.

The officers of the Indiana Independent Telephone association, of which nearly all the independent telephone companies in the state are members, are working for the bill. When the question was raised as to what effect this bill would have on the existing laws and what it would do to and for the independents the bill was referred to a committee consisting of Representatives Smith, of Jay, Merriman, of Wells and Elliott of St. Joseph, all lawyers, to look into it and report back today.

#### Anecdotes of Evarts.

One summer when William M. Evarts was at his country home in Windsor, Vt., a farmer who had followed his political career in the newspapers for many years was extremely anxious to see him in the flesh and drove eight miles into town in order to catch a glimpse of his idol.

Senator Evarts at that time was being entertained constantly, dining out almost every night, and as he drove out of his grounds to an appointment one evening the farmer was lying in wait for him in the road. The latter, seeing the pale, ascetic face and meager form of the famous statesman, was disappointed.

"Well, I declare," he exclaimed, "looks as if he'd always boarded." An impromptu riddle is attributed to him while at his country place. One day in presiding at table with a swarm of grandchildren about him he asked, "What is the difference between this goose before dinner and me after?"

After much futile guessing he said in quiet gloze: "Now the goose is stuffed with sage, and then the sage," pointing to himself, "will be stuffed with goose."

## LECTURE COURSE TOMORROW NIGHT

Dr. T. E. Green to Give His Famous Lecture.

The next number of the popular lecture course occurs on Friday night, February 26, at the Coliseum. Dr. Thomas E. Green will give his famous lectures on "The Key to the 20th Century." No one who has heard Dr. Green's address will soon forget it. It is an ode on patriotism and exaltation of American destiny. Dr. Green has a splendid delivery and is one of the foremost platform orators of the middle west.

## ALMOST PASSED IT UP BUT GRABBED IN TIME.

In the little town of Somerville, Ohio, lives J. R. Teague, now a hale and hearty individual but just recently a man tormented by a thousand demons and bound by the throngs of the cruellest master it had ever been his lot to serve. He says: "I want you to add my testimonial to the many that there are already for the Rheumatic remedy Rheumaline. I have been a sufferer from rheumatism for four years, in fact at one time I was bedfast. I heard of Rheumaline, but like most skeptics thought that this was a remedy like most of the advertised kind, and I must admit that I did not give much confidence at first. However I decided to give Rheumaline a trial. I am pleased to report that Rheumaline did the work. I am absolutely free from all aches and pains, my rheumatism has left me completely. I also found that Rheumaline benefited my entire system. It helped my stomach, and I have an appetite like a blacksmith." And Rheumaline can do the same for you. It cures rheumatism, lumbago, sciatica, neuralgia, gout and kidney, liver, bladder, stomach and blood troubles caused by uric acid. Rheumaline Capsules stop those terrible pains and Rheumaline Tablets relieve constipation. These three from the Rheumaline Treatment, and are procured only at the A. G. Luken & Co. Drug Store. Get Rheumaline. It removes the cause.

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