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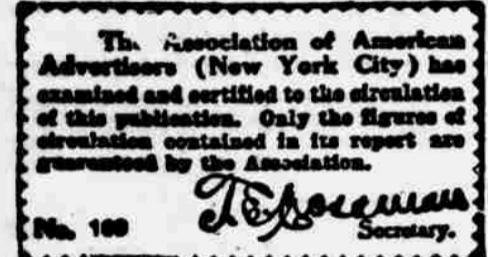
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**BEST SELLERS**

The Paw-Paw Belt has sustained two grievous shocks in the last month. First comes Booth Tarkington's announcement that he is a retired author and that he is entering a larger field for imaginative work in counting chickens before they are hatched, at his farm at "Home."

The second is the discovery of Meredith Nicholson's "Confessions of a 'Best Seller,'" where it lies anonymously embalmed in the Atlantic Monthly. A true inhabitant of the Paw-Paw region may wonder which is the truer retirement from the best selling room only game.

To desert a fairy princess in a Worth Gown and slope with a "high brow" seems a much more cruel thing than to go back to the farm and raise chickens in Arcadian simplicity.

We should say that the only redeeming feature from the best selling point of view, is that Mr. Nicholson did not sign his article in the Atlantic Monthly. He may indeed return to the fairy princess in the Worth Gown which all of us in the Paw-Paw Belt are bound to hope, lest the state statistician report a slump in the yearly Indiana output.

ROOSEVELT REDIVUS

Col. Roosevelt dead? Don't believe it for one small second. Not all the animals, savage, nor mistaken amateur hunters and special Africa - magazine - correspondents armed with gatling gun cameras could phase him.

This report, gentle reader is the dream of some Wall Street manipulator or who was taken sick in his profit and loss account after the Northern Securities case.

Or else, bright through of the advertising department, the Outlook and Scribner's have spread this false alarm.

Never fear Wall Street. Col. Roosevelt will be back yet and not even the bar sinister of the North Pole can tempt him to muckrake far from 21 Broadway.

And yet, sop to the market of brome— he might have been run down by a slow trolley car.

The forward pass worked at last at Earlham.

The only solution of the Indian Summer-Squaw winter weather is summer clothes and an automobile coat.

Items Gathered in From Far and Near

Lifting it Up.

From the New York Tribune.

"I have got to lift this canvass up, if I can, and make it educational and respectable," Mr. Gaynor told the public on Thursday night. A few hours earlier he illustrated his intentions by writing a reply to a writer the letter in which he gave the writer the lie direct, told him he was quite capable of writing lying letters and "the live coal in his head" blazing up with sudden inspiration, changed the spelling of his correspondent's name from "Kerr" to "Cur." Thus in the campaign lifted up and made educational and respectable! But for the Christian Jurist's efforts it would sink below the level on which it would be conducted by an ill-bred school boy in a temper. By his exercise of self-restraint, however, Mr. Gaynor contrives to sustain it on that level.

Good Old Times.

From the Toledo Blade. "When I was a boy," remarked the man on the car this morning, "nearly every house had a gate in front of it, which helped to make Halloween interesting."

Off the List.

From the Pittsburg Gazette-Times. "We understand that possum will not be reckoned among the breakfast foods at the White House this winter.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

Note: Before going into the discussion of any one of the many points which are interesting in the Des Moines plan, we publish a synopsis of the plan as a frame work to succeeding articles. By way of comment we ask our readers to compare this simple plan with the wonderful net work of complications now in force in the cities of Indiana. Is it any wonder that remarkable results have been the rule under the Des Moines plan with its simplicity and the power vested in the voter who elects the public officer?

--II.--

ANALYSIS OF DES MOINES PLAN

Officers—All legislative and administrative functions of city government are put in the hands of a mayor and four councilmen who are elected at large at a non partisan primary.

Primaries—The two mayoralty candidates receiving the highest number of votes become the candidates for mayor at the election.

The eight councilmanic candidates receiving the highest number of votes become the candidates for council at the election.

Election—At the final election the candidate for mayor receiving the majority is elected.

The four councilmen (out of the eight selected at the primary) receiving the highest number of votes are elected.

POWERS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The mayor is chairman of council with one vote. He has no veto, but any measure passed must be signed by him and two councilmen.

All administrative and executive powers of city government are transferred to council and its act is final except when protested by the people and vetoed by their vote at an election.

The council elects from its members the heads of departments as follows:

1. Public Affairs.
2. Accounts and Finances.
3. Public Safety.
4. Streets and Public Improvements.
5. Parks and Public Property.

All other officers and employees of the city, such as police judge, clerk, city attorney, treasurer, fire chief, superintendent police, civil engineer, etc., are elected by council. They are subordinates who may be removed by council at its pleasure.

Civil service examinations under the supervision of commissioners appointed by the council provide for the employees of the city.

LEGISLATION BY COUNCIL

All ordinances and franchises are passed by council except under the following restrictions:

Franchises must be put to a vote of the people.

If a measure of council is unsatisfactory it may be protested by a petition of the people and if councilmen insists on passing it must be put to a vote of the people. (Referendum)

If council refuses to pass a measure which the people desire on receiving a petition signed by 25 percent of the voters it must pass it or put it to a vote of the people. (Initiative)

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

The mayor or any councilman may be removed at any time by a vote of the people. (The Recall)

TWINKLES

(By Philander Johnson)

Taught by Experience.

"So the jury returned a verdict without leaving the courtroom," said the visitor.

"Yep," answered Bronco Bob. "That's the way Crimson Gulch juries always do nowadays. The boys have had so much trouble that they stay where they are instead of taking chances on getting separated from their hats and overcoats."

More Argument.

The statesmen soon will either stray And, though we shout for mercy, Will surely bring to light straightway Some brand-new controversy.

"De real art of de soft answer," said Uncle Eben, "consists in laying a foundation for it that makes it no use for de other feller to talk back."

Not Up to Modern Standards.

"Your wife's new hat makes her look like a queen," said the man who tried to be complimentary.

"Don't let her hear you say that," said Mr. Bliggins: "I have looked through the histories and I never yet saw a picture of a queen who looked as if she employed a first-class milliner."

Unburdening.

"You must at least give that candidate credit for speaking his mind." "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "But it's unfortunate that people most willing to speak their minds are so often those whose mentalities are more or less unpleasant."

Determination.

Sir Thomas was a sportsman bold, His country's pride and joy, Who had a passion uncontrolled To be a sailor boy. And every time he had a race, 'Twas comforting to note, He met defeat with courteous grace And built another boat.

Sir Thomas is a model still Well worth attending to: A man is never defeated till He quits and says "I'm through." Though tricks of wave or wind may bring

Dismay, he does not fall While he has breath for challenging And nerve to hoist a sail.

Bicycles and Airships.

From the Springfield Republican. One of the most striking facts about flying is the ease and quickness with which the art seems to be mastered under proper conditions. For example, Lieut. Lahm has been a pupil only three weeks, yet he made yesterday a flight of forty-five minutes, which only a little while ago would have been a record. Half an hour, says Wilbur Wright, is long enough to get the knack of the machine, but it is to be noticed that he does not let pupils quite so green as that shift for themselves. The first stages seem not to be much more difficult or alarming than the mastery of the high bicycle of twenty years ago, which to the novice looked as high as a house. In fact, the well taught aeronaut seems to lose rather less cuticle during his apprenticeship than the oldtime bicyclist.

Fairbanks at Manila

(Indianapolis News.)

The Manila newspapers gave much space to the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks to the Philippines. They reached Manila from Nagasaki and spent a month in the islands. From there they were to proceed on their journey around the world, expecting to spend a month in India. While in India Mr. Fairbanks is on Nov. 20th to deliver an address at the world's convention of the Christian Endeavor at Agra. While in Manila Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks were the guests of Commissioner and Mrs. Newton W. Gilbert. An informal reception at the home of the Gilberts marked their arrival, which was attended by many scores of people, upon all of whom Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks impressed themselves by their graciousness and affability.

All of the leading newspapers of Manila tried to get expressions bearing on the Philippines from the former Vice President, but he declined to commit himself, remarking: "However closely one in the United States may follow the affairs of this distant possession, a personal trip of investigation is certain to be informing, and I would not feel free to give opinions until after my provincial trip." In welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks to the islands the Cable News-American expressed itself in this way:

"They say youth is a season of hope, ambition and uplift—that the last word youth needs is an exhortation to be cheerful. Some of you here know, and I remember, that youth can be a season of great depression, despondencies, doubts and wavering, the worse because they seem to be peculiar to ourselves and incommunicable to our fellows. There is a certain darkness into which the soul of the young man sometimes descends—a horror of desolation, abandonment and realized worthlessness, which is one of the most read of the shells in which we are compelled to walk.

"I know of what I speak. This is due to a variety of causes, the chief of which is the egotism of the human animal itself. But I can tell you for it is to interest yourself, to lose yourself in some issue not personal to yourself—in another man's trouble, or, preferably, another man's joy. But if the dark hour does not vanish, as sometimes it doesn't; if the back cloud will not lift, as sometimes it will not; let me tell you again for your comfort that there are many liars in the world, but there are no liars like our own sensations.

The despair and the horror mean nothing, because there is for you nothing irremediable, nothing ineffaceable, nothing irrecoverable, in anything you may have said or thought or done.

"If for any reason you cannot believe or have not been taught to believe in the infinite mercy of Heaven, which has made us all, and will take care we do not go far astray, at least believe that you are not yet sufficiently important to be taken too seriously by the powers above us or beneath us. In other words, take anything and everything seriously except yourselves."

The Manila Times wrote in this vein:

Mr. Fairbanks is one of the most distinguished Americans of the time. He came to prominence first as a counselor in the great state of Indiana, which commonwealth chose him to represent it in the United States senate. He quickly took his place among the leaders of that body and, elected vice president, returned to preside over it as its chairman. The personality of the man gave to the office of vice-president a dignity from which it had receded, and had the republican party not passed to the control of its more radical elements, it is very probable that Mr. Fairbanks would have been its standard bearer in the election which selected Mr. Roosevelt's successor.

But he belonged to the conservative wing of the party, and the times demanded a man of the Roosevelt type, which had so depressing an effect upon the population of the Southern states.

Though the disease is not new, the recognition of its nature and cause is quite recent, and has opened a way to scientific treatment and cure and ultimate eradication. Just as the discovery of insect agency in malaria and yellow fever furnished the needed key to what had seemed an insoluble problem.

Kipling to Young Men

"When, to use a detestable phrase, you go out into the battle of life, you will be confronted by an organized conspiracy which will try to make you believe that the world is governed by the idea of wealth for wealth's sake, and that all means which lead to the acquisition of that wealth are, if not laudable, at least expedient . . . You will live and eat and move and have your being in a world dominated by that thought. Some of you will probably succumb to the poison of it.

"Now, I do not ask you not to be carried away by the first rush of the great game of life. That is expecting you to be more than human. But I do ask you, after the first heat of the game, that you draw breath and watch your fellows for a while.

"Sooner or later you will see some man to whom the idea of wealth as mere wealth does not appeal, whom the methods of amassing that wealth do not interest, and who will not accept money if you offer it to him at a certain price. At first you will be inclined to laugh at this man, and to think that he is not smart in his ideas. I suggest that you watch him closely, for he will presently demonstrate to you that money dominates everybody except the man who does not want money. You may meet that man on your farm, in your village, or in your Legislature. But be sure that, whenever or wherever you meet him, as soon as it comes to a direct issue between you, his little finger will be thicker than your loins. You will go in fear of him; he will not go in fear of you. You will do what he wants; he will not do what you want. You will find that you have no weapon in your armory with which you can attack him; no argument with which you can appeal to him. Whatever you gain he will gain more.

"I would like you to study that man. I would like you better to be that man because from the lower point of view it doesn't pay to be obsessed by the desire of wealth for wealth's sake. If more wealth is necessary to you, for purposes not your own, use your left hand to acquire it, but keep your right for your proper work in life. If you employ both arms in that game you will be in danger of stooping; in danger also of losing your soul. But in spite of everything you may succeed, you may be successful, you may acquire enormous wealth. In which case I warn you that you stand in grave danger of being spoken and written of and pointed out as a smart man. And that is one of the most terrible calamities that can overtake a sane, civilized, white man today.

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Divorce while you wait, like that western judge, should not be permitted.

Instead of loosening the provisions of court procedure, judges should restrict them.

Fortunately the laws of most states are strict along this line, requiring a reasonable length of time under legal notice or publication.

Among freak laws and freak judges these recent methods certainly afford striking examples.

Tubal Cain