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Life would be brighter and more congenial if people were more appreciative and responsive.

Every Representative who calls himself a Democrat should toe the mark on the Democratic program as agreed on.

The greater the difficulty conquered the greater is the honor of conquest and the influence upon life which it brings.

A pair of New Jersey lovers were arrested for quarrelling on the way to getting married. Perhaps they thought they were already married.

The British house of lords continues to squirm in trying to avoid the surgical operation that threatens to cut the tail off just behind the ears.

Temperance reform, like all other reforms, has its ebb and flow, but on the whole it is making steady progress to the very great benefit of all who accept its principles.

The goodness of some people is altogether negative. The most that can be said of them is that they don't do harm. They need to supplement that with a goodness that is positive.

Zion City in Illinois does not seem to be well named. Rival factions and the unlovely names they call each other indicate that peace, goodwill and holiness are conspicuous in their absence.

"It appears that Senator Simmons of North Carolina is being opposed for reelection by a man who promises to be the same kind of Democrat in Washington that he is at home. How delightfully old-fashioned!" exclaims the Dallas News.

Of course, you will say, "I certainly cannot help it." Yet you can. What you lack in courage—courage that springs from consciousness of right. You ought to be able to protest in your own town, in your own city, against things that are wrong.

"Dr. Mary Walker has worn trousers for 50 years. It would be instructive to know how long a pair of trousers last the Doctor and why and when and where they wear out." We are shocked at this paragraph from the pen of Brother Ball, the brilliant paragon of The State.

Senator Martin, the Democratic leader in the Senate, voted eighteen times with Aldrich on the tariff bill, which the democratic party is pledged to revise and reduce. Yet some democratic newspapers call Mr. Bryan's efforts to have somebody elected who is in accord with the platform of the democracy "dictation."

The Spartanburg Journal hits the nail on the head when it says the people of this country will never get what they are entitled to until we get rid of a lot of old fossils in the United States senate, who pose as "conservative Southern Democrats," the political difference between whom and the standpat Republicans could not be discerned with a microscope.

Whatever profit a farmer makes is the result of honest and intelligent labor. There is nothing of watered stock about it nor a combination to stifle competition and unduly raise prices. He competes in the open market and so far from imposing upon his fellows he is far more likely to be imposed upon by middlemen and others who control prices.

To the average man the Holy Synod of Russia seems to be one of the unholy institutions extant, for it is cruel and intolerant in the extreme. The refusal to allow Jews to adopt Christian given names is born of a spirit that is in direct opposition to that of the Christ whom the Synod professes to love, serve and obey. How true it is that under the Russian skin you find the Tartar.

Perhaps it is true that man cannot be made honest by legislation. But proper legislation rightly enforced can make it decidedly unpleasant and unprofitable for a man to be dishonest, and that would be no small gain. Already this is done to some extent, but something more is needed to reach business defaulters and political hoodlums who escape through the meshes of legal technicalities.

It is to the great advantage of smaller cities and towns to have the farmers' patronage. But if that is to be secured, one very necessary thing is to have the roads in good condition at all seasons of the year. Farmers have been known to avoid towns near at hand, but to which the approach is well nigh impossible in wet weather, and go miles further to buy and sell in towns, the roads to which are kept in good order. To let roads remain in bad condition because it takes money to improve them is exceedingly poor economy.

Eternal Vigilance Necessary.

It behooves democrats to be on their guard. The friends of predatory interests—the beneficiaries of special privilege and governmental favoritism—are always at work. They never sleep. With them politics is a business because they make the government a business asset. They are able to bring pressure to bear upon their class of papers. When they want to nominate a man for office, he at once becomes a man of distinction, a man of ability—just the man for whom the people are looking. And they have somebody for office whenever there is a place to be filled.

They have their candidates for congress and for the senate. They have their candidates for all the judgeships, for the cabinet and for the presidency. They are just now laying their plans to capture the democratic national convention and nominate a candidate who will be satisfactory to the Wall Street interests. If they find that the progressive sentiment is too strong to be entirely ignored, they will take someone who has been progressive enough to furnish them something to talk about but not progressive enough to frighten the interests.

The democratic party seems ready to come into its own. After a long fight the progressive policies which aroused the opposition of all the predatory interests in 1896 are becoming the accepted policies of the country, but the interests will do their best to nominate a candidate who is not in sympathy with them and who tried to retard their progress. Let not the democrats be deceived. The work of a democratic president will be no easy work. The cleaning out of the stables will be a Herculean task. It will require strength of body, strength of mind and unflinching moral purpose.

It is no time for compromise. The times require a stalwart, fearless, leader. The time is not ripe yet for the selection of a candidate. Congress will largely shape the issues and may develop the man but whether he comes from the senate or the house or from a state position, he must measure up to the requirement of the occasion and be able to summon the progressive hosts to his banner. He must be positive and progressive if he is to win the confidence of those who are seeking remedial legislation.

The above ringing call from the Commoner will be heartily endorsed by every Democrat who wants to see his party achieve permanent success. The democratic party is on trial, and it cannot afford to betray the confidence the people reposed in it at the polls last November. It has been commissioned to do a great work, and it must do that work, or the people will reject it at the polls. It is discouraging that a backward step was taken in the selection of a man like Senator Martin for leader of the Democratic minority in the Senate, but that can be overcome if the rank and file stands true.

Making No Mistakes. The Democrats control for the first time in sixteen years the lower house of Congress, and so far they have acted most wisely in all they have done. Grit says they have an opportunity that has seldom fallen to the opposition party, and they appear to have decided to make the most of it. This decision is evidenced first in the careful organization of the House committees. It is noteworthy that the press irrespective of partisanship, commends the Democratic organization of the House committees.

There is further evidence in the deliberations of the Democratic House caucus. To the caucus there was submitted a legislative program which had been so carefully studied that it met with no opposition. This program embraces legislation providing for the election of United States senators by the vote of the people; compelling publicity of campaign contributions before and after election; favoring Canadian reciprocity; general tariff revision and other measures affecting the revenues of the government; reapportioning the House to conform to the Thirteenth census; authorizing investigation of the Executive departments; admitting the territories of Arizona and New Mexico; and providing for deficiencies in appropriations of the last Congress.

But, perhaps, the decision is best indicated by the harmony that exists throughout the Democratic party in Congress. As is well known the party has been seriously divided, the conservatives and the radicals pulling apart on many important matters. Even these factions have been subdivided, one element being conspicuous for its activity in the promotion of measures for the benefit of special interests. This element, it will be remembered, practically elected Joe Cannon speaker of the last Congress. Yet differences appear now to have been harmonized, chasms bridged, and the conclusion reached that country is greater than party, and party greater than faction; and that if country be served by party, there must be harmony within its ranks. The caucus was a love feast.

The Lorimer Case Again. There are reasons to justify, if not to expect, a reopening of the notorious Lorimer case by the United States senate. The past week has brought to light fresh evidence which if sustained, proves decisively that a bribery fund of one hundred thousand dollars was contributed and was used in the election of Lorimer by the sworn testimony of Mr. Clarence S. Funk, who declares that he himself was approached for a contribution of ten thousand dollars. His information in this matter has every appearance of being not simply general and suggestive but specific and conclusive.

The Atlanta Journal says it is to be regretted that this testimony was not volunteered months ago when the senate was in the midst of its investigation. It would probably have forced the blindest partisans and sticklers to a sense of their duty, and would have closed the loopholes of technicality to which Lorimer's acquittal seems to have been due. Regardless of this, however, the senate can scarcely afford even at this late hour, to shut its eyes to evidence which it did not formerly possess and which throws new light on this important matter.

The country was sorely dissatisfied over the Lorimer verdict. The people felt that their highest legislative body has passed its action on purely technical rather than moral standards. And they believed that the majority in the senate had thereby greatly weakened the ethical tone of that body and, indeed, had cast a blot upon the nation's name. In its own behalf, therefore, as well as in behalf of good government, the senate would do well to reopen this case, which in the popular mind is as vexed today as it was before the first and seemingly farcical investigation.

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THE IDEAL TEACHER.

Paper Read at Teachers Meeting by Miss Minnie Walsh.

The following paper was read by Miss Minnie Walsh at the recent county teacher's meeting held in this city. It was moved and passed that it be published:

The ideal teacher greets her pupils at all times with cheerfulness. She does not allow the daily drill to become monotonous, and she takes a few minutes each day or at least once a week for stories and recitations of the most interesting kind. She will make it suit to spend some time out of doors showing the children how to observe nature.

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The teacher who has the great gift of teaching and the power of inspiration to cause each pupil to become noble and have higher and greater ideas is one of the rarest specimens that can be found.

The teacher who is best suited to teach has all things round about clean and in order knowing that cleanliness is akin to godliness. Personality, for a teacher, counts more, I believe, than any other attribute. Whatever she does for her pupils, whether by example or precept, whether it is to enlarge their understanding or to elevate and strengthen their purposes. Do not forget the crowning grace of the ideal and successful teacher is sympathy. There is a bond between the teacher and pupils by means of which her influence may be felt and without which the best results cannot be realized.

OLD TIMES DOWN SOUTH.

Augusta Chronicle's Comments Are Favorable.

Orangeburg should turn out en masse to hear Polk Miller and his quartette next Monday night. Here is what the Augusta Chronicle says of them: "Mr. Polk Miller's entertainment at Miller Walker Hall last night was a revelation even to Southern ears who have known from childhood the exquisite harmony of antebellum negroes' minstrelsy and folk songs. In his quartette of negro singers, Mr. Miller has a medium for presenting old time plantation music probably superior to any other because the betrayal is true to life and because the ability of the four men is phenomenal. The quartette is a marvel. Of course Mr. Miller is always himself a gifted Southern gentleman whose position in the world of Southern melody is like that of Thomas Nelson Page and Joel Chandler Harris in Southern literature. His banjo playing has the true plantation swing and his jokes and tales are ever new. His singing is characteristic and sympathetic."

The extent to which the railways of the Southeastern States are aiding in the material development of this section may not be generally understood. Some interesting light is thrown upon this by the report of the Southern Railway Company to the interstate Commerce Commission for the year ended June 30, 1910, which shows that that Company expended for the work of its land and industrial department in co-operation with communities, commercial organization and individuals along its lines a total of \$59,451, being more than the amount expended by any one of the principal railway companies of the United States for this purpose, with a single exception.

Since the end of the last fiscal year, the period covered by the above statistics, the Southern Railway Company has considerably enlarged the work of its land and industrial department and has supplemented it by the organization of a Cotton Culture Department, devoted exclusively to co-operating with the United States Agricultural Department and the agricultural commissioners of the States in efforts to bring about a larger average yield of cotton per acre and to advise the farmers as to the best methods of growing cotton in spite of the Mexican cotton boll weevil infestations where that insect is present. In addition to this, steps are now being taken still further to enlarge the co-operative development work of the company and increase its efficiency.

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