

SENATOR CARMACK ON THE CUBAN BILL

Makes it the Occasion of a Very
Sarcastic Attack Upon the
President.

REASONS FOR RATIFICATION.

Treaty Presented in Double Aspect of a
Bargain Counter and a
Missionary Box.

Washington, Nov. 25.—At the beginning of today's session the senate adopted the resolution offered by Mr. Hale on Monday last for the appointment of senators as members of committees. The list was amended by substituting the name of Mr. Morgan of Alabama for that of Mr. Bate as chairman of the committee on quarantine and public health and by electing a new committee of three to dispose of useless papers in the departments of which Mr. Pettus (Dem.), Ala., was made chairman, and Messrs. Bate (Dem.), Tenn., and Long (Rep.), Kan., members.

HALE CALLS UP MOTION.

Mr. Hale (Maine) then called up his motion for the consideration of the vote by which Mr. Newlands' joint resolution, providing for the annexation of Cuba was referred to the committee on relations with Cuba, and asked that a vote on the motion be taken forthwith, with the understanding that the resolution itself should lie on the table for future discussion. There was no objection to the request and the motion was adopted without division.

It was the intention of Mr. Spooner to speak today on the motion, but his address was deferred and he will speak on the resolution itself on a later day.

BILL READ.

At the instance of Mr. Cullom the Cuban reciprocity bill was read at length and made the unfinished business with the understanding that any senator who may desire to do so may speak on the measure at any time that the senate is in session.

CARMACK TAKES FLOOR.

Mr. Carmack took the floor and addressed the senate in regard to the Cuban bill. He began by saying that in his message the president had urged the ratification of the Cuban treaty with reasons which appeal to diverse motives in the human heart.

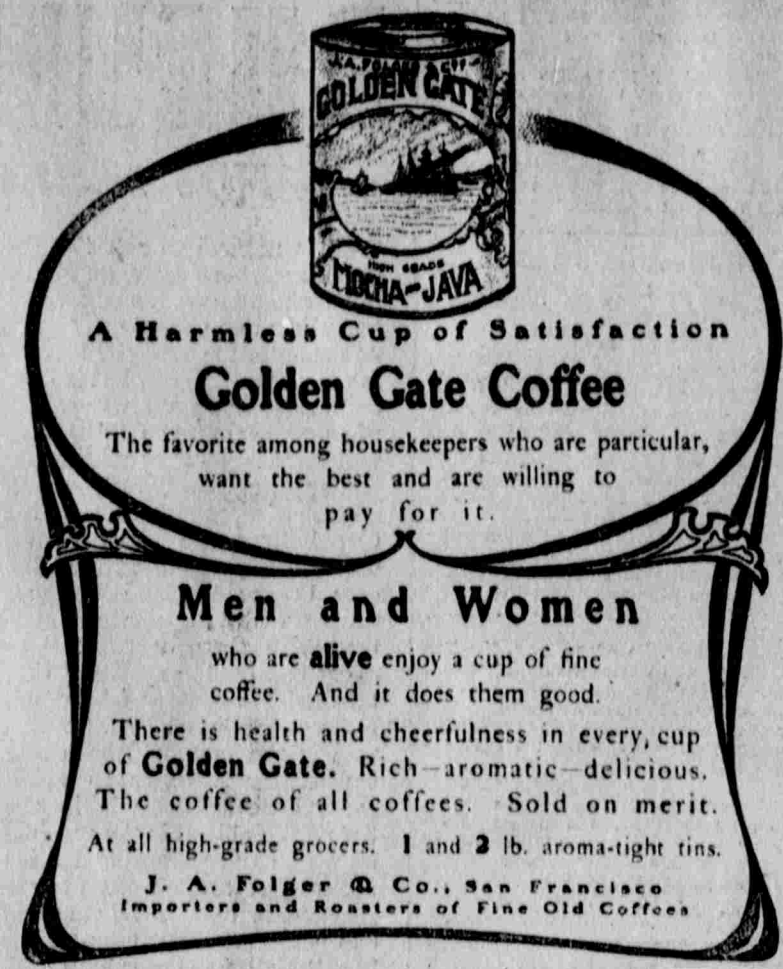
"He told us," the senator went on, "that we must ratify it to save our honor and help our trade. It was an opportunity to worship God and get your money back; to be diligent in business, while serving the Lord. He presented the Cuban treaty in the double aspect of a bargain counter and a missionary box. You put a nickel in the slot for sweet charity's sake and get more than your money's worth of chewing gum and cigars. Happy is the Republican administration that was driven by a selfish motive to a righteous deed and could perform a Christian duty without exercising any of the Christian virtues. It is another story when honor and selfishness come into conflict."

Continuing Mr. Carmack said that if this measure would reduce the price of sugar it would be an argument in its favor, but the larger part of the sugar imports would still be subject to duty and the tariff would be added to all. The authors of the sugar tax promised to reduce it by ten million dollars.

IN THE NAME OF HONOR.

"We were to pay this sum for this treaty. It requires us to give up, not only the right to reduce taxes, but reciprocity with other countries. You violate your solemn promise to reduce taxes," he said, "and you do it in the name of honor; you sell your right to make commercial treaties and you do it in the name of reciprocity."

Mr. Carmack referred at length to the reciprocity policy of Blaine and Mr.



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Kinley and quoted from a speech by Mr. Dolliver (Iowa), in which the latter had said that every line of the wisdom of Blaine had been eliminated from the statutes. He agreed that this was true; and, if so, who was responsible? If the Democratic party had taken it off, the Republican party had refused to put it back.

Continuing Mr. Carmack declared that Mr. Dolliver was right when he said that his party's failure to carry out reciprocity was a blow to protectionism.

"But it would demonstrate to the people," said the speaker, "that a party dominated by protected interests would make no concessions."

THE IOWA IDEA.

He said Gov. Cummins had assailed the tariff as a shelter for monopoly until the trusts had forced him to desist, that Representative Babcock of Wisconsin had been made to feel the displeasure of his party for utterances contrary to trust mandates; that such had been the history of every Republican who had revolted against monopoly and that such would be the history of Mr. Dolliver.

Mr. Carmack then turned his attention to the president. Six months ago, he said, a cry was raised for "Roosevelt, Reciprocity and Revision." What had become of the last two members of this blessed triad? "The tripartite propaganda," he went on, "has been overwhelmed by the Mohammedan war cry 'Allah il Allah.' Roosevelt is great and the senator from Massachusetts is his prophet. The first word in this trinity is enough to express the creed of the Republican party. What- ever that word of multifarious meaning meant last night, that was the policy of the Republican party this morning. It did not mean reciprocity and it did not mean revision."

FOR TARIFF REVISION.

Mr. Carmack closed with a plea for general tariff revision, saying, in part: "The reactionary movement toward protection in England derived its strength from the hostile tariff of the United States. Mr. Chamberlain has played the United States against the continent of Europe with success, and now tries to export a hostile tariff in favor of the British colonies and against the United States. This will be a staggering blow to our agricultural industries, but the beginning of a more liberal policy shown by the victory of the Democratic party in the next election in the United States would put an end to Mr. Chamberlain's scheme at once."

MR. NEWLANDS UP.

When Mr. Carmack concluded, Mr. Newlands of Nevada made a defense of his resolution recently introduced for Cuban statehood. He said the Cuba was to be invited to become a state of

the American republic on terms of equality with other states, and that the matter was to be decided by the people by popular vote. He suggested that the question of statehood, becoming a military dependency or an independent sovereign government could be submitted to the people.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Concerning the financial arrangements for the island which could be made if the island entered the republic as a state, Mr. Newlands said that the proposed bond issue of \$5,000,000 for payment of Cuba's army of freedom should be reduced in interest from 5 to 3 per cent and guaranteed by the United States. This plan would enable the sale of the bonds at par, thus saving the proposed discount of 10 per cent, aggregating \$5,000,000, and a saving in interest of \$750,000 annually, amounting in 40 years, the life of the bonds, to \$28,000,000.

UNION MEANS FREE TRADE.

Mr. Newlands stated that union would mean free trade without the payment of American duty now paid on Cuban sugar, and Cuba would annually receive \$5,000,000 more for her sugar than at present. All of this, he claimed, would mean unexampled prosperity for Cuba, as well as the unparalleled dignity and liberty of a state.

AS FOR PORTO RICO.

As for Porto Rico, Mr. Newlands said, his proposition involved no action without her consent. She was too small in territory for a state, and could be admitted to the American union only as a county or part of the state of Cuba. Her willingness could be tested by popular vote. If she preferred her present position of dependency without constitutional privileges or rights, she could signify by popular vote, and thus the doctrine of consent of the governed would be vindicated. If she preferred to become part of the American Union, through incorporation with Cuba, entitled to citizenship in the United States and to vote for president, United States senators and congressmen, she could so declare.

TELLER ANSWERS.

Mr. Teller, in answer to Mr. Newlands, said that while he was not prepared to enter into debate as to the merits of the resolution, he wanted to protest against the tenet that Cuba is in any manner a dependency of this government, and declared that such contention would be set down by any international lawyer as the height of absurdity; that the passage of the Platt amendment could not in any way interfere with the sovereignty of Cuba. He said Cuba can today make a treaty with Great Britain against the interests of the United States just as she can treat with this government, and he hoped that next time any one claimed

Cuba to be a dependency of the United States the senator would be prepared to fortify his position with facts.

A FANCY PICTURE.

Mr. Hale declared the elaborate picture of Cuban statehood to be one of fancy and impracticable in every feature. He made a protest against it on the ground that the agitation was injurious to Cuba at a time when that republic is trying to negotiate loans to clear off obligations which accrued in her revolutionary period, and that any scheme for a change of government which is not a part of the Cuban program makes it harder for her to conclude her fiscal negotiations.

Mr. Carmack declared that the Cubans could take no alarm over Mr. Newlands' resolution, or that which he could say on the subject. "They are alarmed," he said, "it is because the United States is using the navy of this country to assist a lot of French adventurers in dismembering an American republic. It is such conduct on the part of our own government that makes the Cubans and others suspicious of us."

After a short executive session the senate adjourned until Friday.

COLOMBIA IS TALKING VERY BIG

New York, Nov. 25.—The Colombian government has notified the Panama Canal company that it will not allow it to transfer its privileges to the United States and that in case the concession expires the privileges must belong to Colombia, says a Bogota dispatch to the Herald.

It is also stated that the isthmians have always enjoyed the most advantageous guarantees and never have been in any way disturbed.

A Panama dispatch to the Herald commenting on the Bogota information says:

"The foregoing dispatch is considered on the isthmus as more Colombian bravado. It is not believed here that the French government would counter these pretensions on the part of Colombia."

The Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty has been published here in English and Spanish. It is generally satisfactory.

COLOMBIA WILL PROTEST.

Paris, Nov. 25.—The French foreign office has received notice from Colombia through her representative here that she would protest against the action of the United States in connection with Panama. No action favorable to Colombia will be taken by the French government. Senor Pardo, the Colombian consul here, in an interview today, said that if the mission of Gen. Reyes to Washington fails to secure a settlement honorable to Colombia he is certain Colombia will strenuously defend her independence. Other members of the Colombian colony here say that Colombia intends to fight to the last extreme. One thousand men, well armed and equipped, they assert, will be put in the field.

LARGE ARMY BEING RAISED.

Colon, Nov. 25.—The correspondent of the Associated Press at Bogota, in a telegram from Bogota, dated Nov. 21, saying that the government had issued orders to raise the army footing to 100,000 men in the event that Gen. Reyes' mission to Washington should prove fruitless. The subjugation of Panama is given as the reason for the government's action.

The Francois Coppee Breaking Up

San Rafael, Cal., Nov. 25.—The report comes from Pierce Point this morning that the French bark Francois Coppee is breaking up rapidly. All that was left yesterday of the ship was the bow. Later the steel plates parted and the wreck gave evidence of falling apart. Casks of wine, clothing and debris are floating ashore, but no bodies have been found. Capt. Jorgensen of the life saving station thinks that the bodies will not be found until the wreck, but will either be carried out to sea or come ashore farther up the coast. The death list still numbers 11.

NEW YORK POLITICS.

Senator Platt Says Harmony Exists Among the Republicans.

New York, Nov. 25.—Senator T. C. Platt, on his arrival here late today from Washington, confirmed Gov. Odell's statement that harmony in Republican politics in New York state had been restored as a result of a conference with President Roosevelt at Washington. He was asked about Gov. Odell's assertion that there had been a very strained condition of affairs in the state organization, but replied that Mr. Odell would have to explain what he meant thereby.

"I have seen accounts of what took place at the conference yesterday," said he, "but I do not care to make any statement about it. There is no public interest in it. We had a very pleasant time with the president and entire harmony was restored. Yes, I am still state leader, and I don't know of any one in authority who disputes it."

He listened with interest to an account of Gov. Odell's interview, but made no comment, and when asked about the governor's statement that he would participate even more actively in politics in this state hereafter, said: "Yes, Mr. Odell will take a more active part."

There was absolutely nothing in the report that federal appointments would hereafter be arranged by the governor, he said.

"In regard to the political situation in this city," Mr. Odell says it needs reform."

"Yes, he has been saying it all around."

"Do you think it needs reform?"

"Yes."

"In what direction?"

"I don't care to say," the senator replied, and he also declined to commit himself when asked what means would be adopted to bring about the changes suggested by Mr. Odell.

"Was Gov. Odell correct in stating that Mr. Roosevelt will get the New York delegation to the next national convention?" he was asked in conclusion.

"Yes, Mr. Odell believes that Roosevelt will get the delegation, and knows everyone in the Republican organization."

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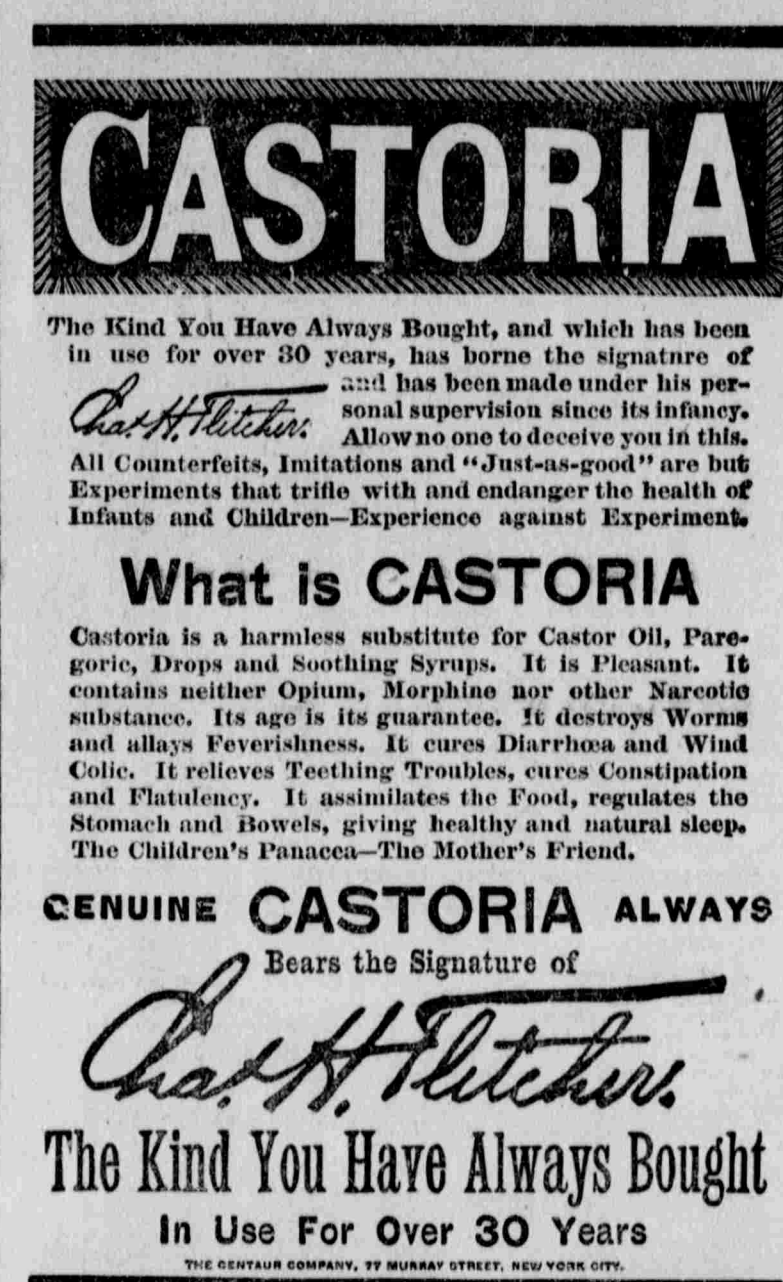


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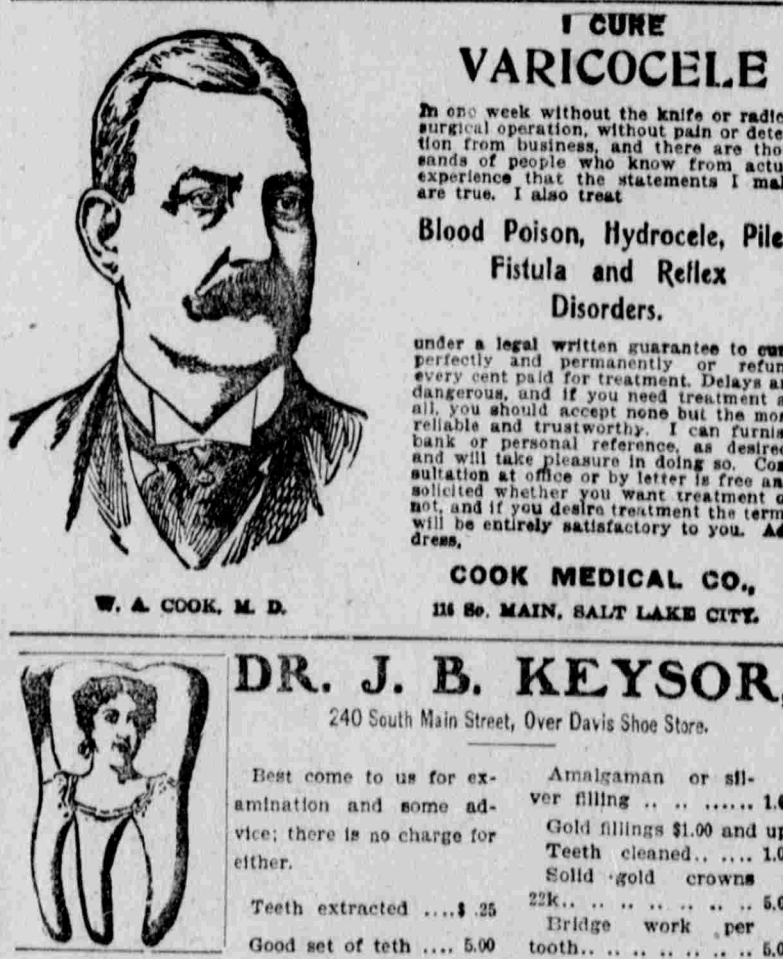
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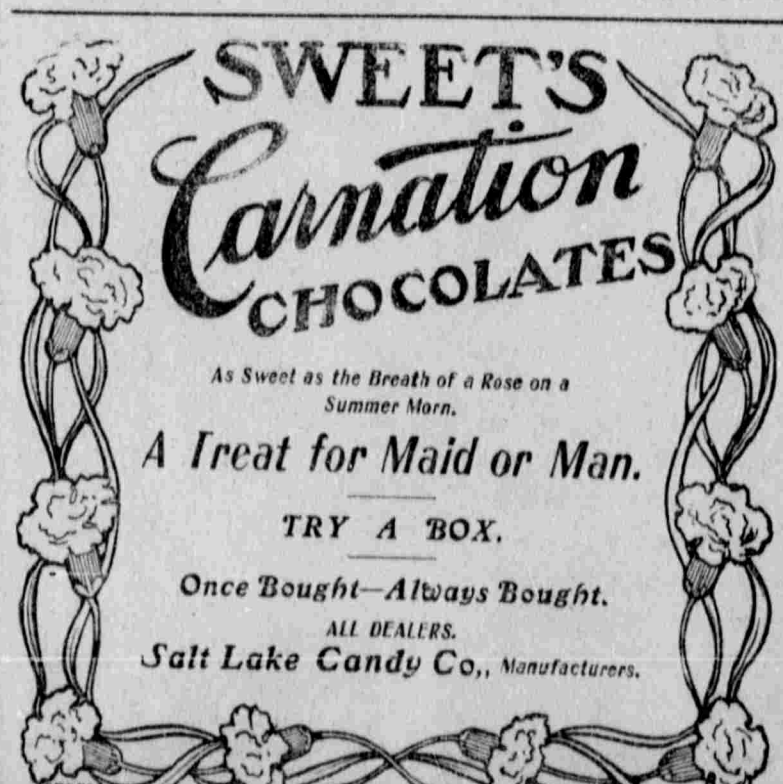
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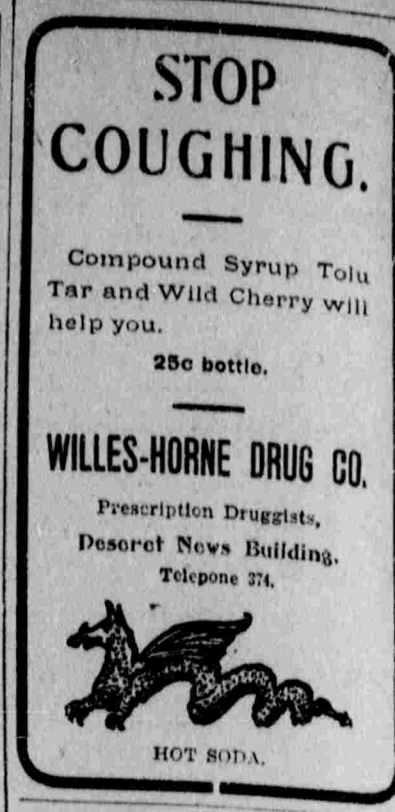
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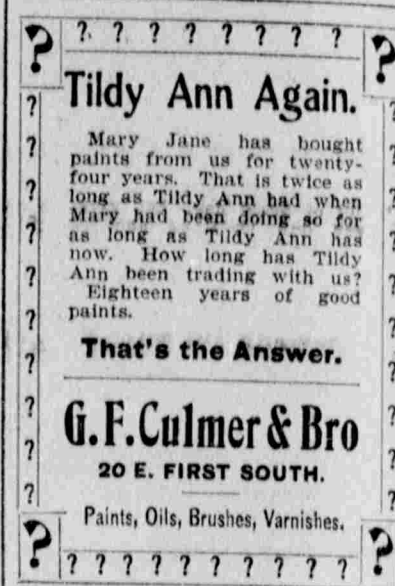
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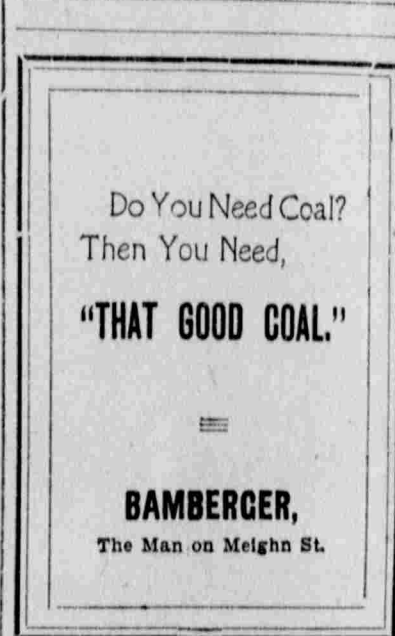


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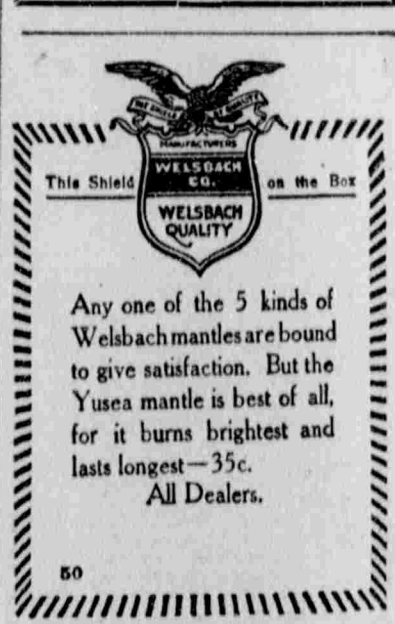
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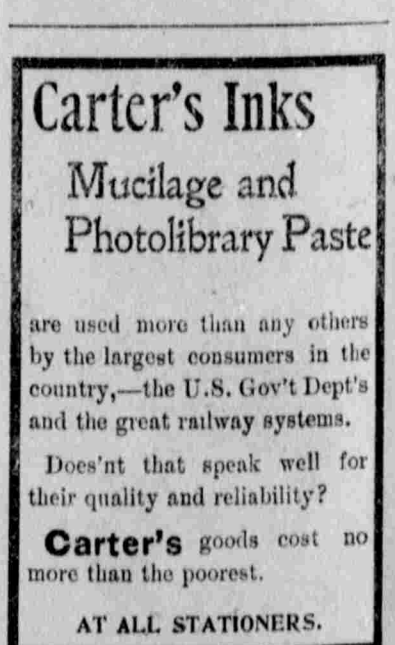
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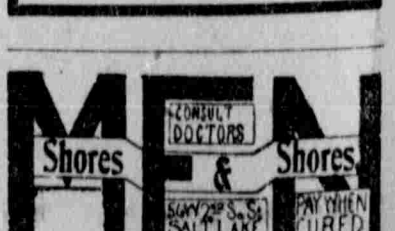
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