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## WORK OF THE SCANDAL-MONGER

The perseverance with which the local strife-breeder persecutes the veterans of the Grand Army with the story that they were insulted by the County Commissioners, lends support to the suspicion that the entire piece of fiction was made up in the den of iniquity where so many other plans, inimical to the peace and prosperity of this community, have been hatched. The conspirators saw, even in Memorial day—a day upon which all that is noble and tender in human nature should be stimulated to activity—a chance for infusing bitterness and hatred into the minds of some of its readers, provided a falsehood properly steeped in venom could be supplied. And it was supplied. The Commissioners did not refuse the usual donation to the Veterans. They did not insult the Grand Army.

It is not strange that the crowd whose every interest centers in strife-breeding and who strain every nerve to keep the otherwise placid waters disturbed, should take advantage of Decoration day for their sinister purposes. They seized upon Peace day as a proper occasion for stirring up prejudices and keeping the flames of hatred burning. But, could they not afford to leave the old soldiers to enjoy the respect and affection in which they are held universally? Why seek to deprive them of the satisfaction of that knowledge by telling them mean falsehoods?

The "News" is not in the least disturbed over that story, or any other that may be concocted where this one originated. The "News" has no other interest in the matter than that which every good citizen has in the prevalence of truth and the putting down of sham and hypocrisy. That is the only reason we have referred to it all.

The story demonstrates this fact that with the organ that has made itself the spokesman for anti-Mormon sentiment, truth is of absolutely no value. Falsehood and vilification are depended on, and welcomed, if by their promulgation a point can be gained, no matter how. And as its only aim is to have citizens divided against one another and to keep the flames of prejudice and hatred and heart-burnings alive, falsehoods are its chief recourse.

You may some time or other have had the misfortune of living in a neighborhood pestered with the presence of some scandal-monger who took delight in making mischief between neighbors. Such persons will go from house to house and tell tales, and invent stories. Under the guise of friendship they will inform Mrs. A. that Mrs. B. said this or that of her, or of her husband, or her children, or her dress, or her friends. She will then go to another house with another tale, and thus matters will go on, until the entire neighborhood, perhaps, is in turmoil. And the friend that is responsible for it will chuckle and gloat over the work done. That illustrates almost perfectly the activity of the anti-Mormon organ in this city.

## THE WHEAT CROP.

For some time rumors have been busy with the prospective short crop of wheat. It is asserted that the shortage will extend to practically every wheat producing country on the globe. According to government estimates the winter wheat crop of the United States is likely to be nearly one million bushels short. The acreage is short about three million acres, and the crop is going to be light on most of the area. A good deal of wheat in the winter-wheat belt, it is said, has been entirely killed, and a good deal more has been ravaged by the "green bug" which has spread over the Indian Territory, Oklahoma, nearly all of Kansas, one-half of Missouri, and a small part of southeastern Nebraska.

As for the spring wheat, the call is said to have played havoc with it over a large area. Concerning the western outlook, it is told that all western Europe is suffering from a late spring similar to that in our own western states. The great wheat-producing country, Hungary, promises a very inadequate crop. In fact, the only promise of wheat crop in Europe is that of France. Even in India the same forbidding conditions prevail, it is said.

It is worth while noting that the Secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture is provoked to merriment over the reported gloomy outlook for Kansas. In a humorous communication to the Washington Herald he points out that the crop killer always starts rumors for the purpose of manipulating stocks, and when he has induced his newspaper friends to "spread his poison" exactly as he would have it spread at their own expense, in lurid type, on the front page, top of column, he goes

makes merry at the expense of the newspapers." The writer continues:

"About the self-same day the farmer, knowing the heat and burden of the season on a man at hand, called about him his men servants and his maid servants and telephoned them to prepare for a bigger job of harvesting than they have ever tackled before. While he went in his automobile at dawn seeking to leave the highway for a stack yard and the courthouse as an additional granary. And his father and shall be worse than the first, when he gnashed at the railroads that their sidings are too short for the cars he needs, and the world's grain prices get baggy at the hour, because Kansas has again, as he her habit, raised the biggest crop ever."

"And it was ever thus!"

The New York Commercial and Financial Chronicle has no doubt that the wheat crop has been damaged, but believes the reports are very much exaggerated. The paper says:

"It has always been found in this country that early prognostications, made in the midst of deteriorating influences in progress, invariably incline toward an exaggerated, unhelpful state of affairs. As the year is unique in the damage being of a somewhat similar character to that of 1906, as well as America, the estimates of damage are in some measure liable to be in the same way everywhere faulty or overestimated, and to greater or lesser extent, the present believed possible. This does not mean that winter wheat in the United States and elsewhere is going to be a full crop. It has been damaged, and that there can be no doubt. But with wheat ruling at over one dollar a bushel the stimulant for spring planting will be a temptation to stretch to the limit, and having acres idle. And this is obviously a truth applicable to farmers the world over."

## WOMAN'S MISSION IN POLITICS.

While in Russia the people are jealously excluded from representation in the government, except for the very limited power of the Duma, in Finland the suffrage is so general that even the women are given not only the right of ballot but the right to seats in the national parliament, and there are now nineteen ladies in that body of legislators.

The women of Finland took an active part in the recent struggle of the country against the broods of autocracy. They raised funds, distributed pamphlets, encouraged the men to unceasing efforts, and labored faithfully even in the face of banishment or imprisonment. One of the ladies describes their work as follows:

"During these sorrowful years, while the women were engaged in their work of saving the country, their eyes were opened to the importance of the suffrage, and they joined hands with the pioneers of the movement. And the large majority of women learned through their own experience what a powerful weapon universal suffrage is in the struggle for freedom and equality, so that when they learned the importance of the woman's contribution to political life, they learned how necessary it is for a small nation, the independence of which is continually threatened, to set free and utilize all its forces."

The women of Finland have gained an important victory, but this is still more important from the fact that they recognize the necessity of bringing to the political arena some new ideas of a helpful nature, rather than following, unthinkingly, the old, beaten paths. Miss Friberg, one of the members of the Finnish parliament, is quoted as having said:

"The women felt it incumbent on them to strive according to their best ability to restrain the hatred and the lust for power which generally prevail within party lines. For, if the women could not bring some wholly new contribution to political life—whether the innermost spirit or the outer forms of this life be concerned—but should only rally auxiliary forces to strengthen the existing parties, then neither they nor mankind would benefit from their intervention. What is most needed in politics is not an increase in the number of voters merely, but the introduction of independent new forces, new standards, new ideals."

This is a truth the world needs to hear and contemplate. And when the ladies in other countries see their political mission in this light, there will be no division of opinion as to the need of general suffrage and political equality. Miss Friberg notes how business is hindered, complicated, and even sometimes blocked by the intrigues of selfish party politicians who have a taste of their own and wish to gratify it at the expense of everything else. She finds that woman has the mission to introduce into political life unselfishness and to eliminate the characteristics that too frequently make it "a cursed thing." For that purpose, she says, she and her sisters have accepted the suffrage. May the mission of the Finnish women prosper, and may the gospel of unselfishness in politics, which is but another name for patriotism, spread from land to land. There are political Augean stables everywhere, that can be cleansed by no other means than the application of the pure streams of unselfish patriotism.

## ROYAL GOLDEN WEDDING.

Today, June 6th, is the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of King Oscar of Sweden and his royal consort, Queen Sophia. Owing to the fact that the royal couple had expressed a desire that the anniversary should not be made an occasion of public demonstrations, it is celebrated more quietly than it otherwise would have been. For the King and Queen are as popular among their own people as they are honored and respected abroad.

King Oscar has occupied the throne since 1872. During the entire period the country has enjoyed peace and has advanced in every direction. Agriculture and manufacture have been greatly improved, and measures have been taken for the protection of laborers and their families against want in case of sickness or old age, or death.

The science have had a warm friend in the King, who has always been ready to support efforts in the interest of scientific investigation. The scientific world is indebted to the King for his efforts in this direction.

The domestic life of the King and Queen has indeed been a "sweet song," although the latter has not enjoyed the best of health. They have found in religion their strength and comfort, and it is a notable fact that their personal influence has been a strong factor in the religious development of the nation, as well as the prevalence in a large measure of religious tolerance, notwithstanding the power antiquated laws still place in the hands of the persecutors. That liberty is the rule, and persecution the exception, is due to the fact that the people have ad-

and in this advance the royal couple have taken the lead.

As a tribute of affection, some benevolent citizens of Sweden have decided to build a sanitarium for the benefit of children suffering from scrofula, in memory of the anniversary. A refuge for patients suffering from tuberculosis was erected for money presented to the royal couple on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their accession to the throne. They took more pleasure in monuments erected by benevolence than in the most costly presents.

The kindness with which King Oscar has been pleased to receive in audience, on more than one occasion, citizens of Utah is not forgotten.

King Oscar is a scholar, an orator, a poet, a sailor, and a gentleman, but when history shall have inscribed her runes upon the "baustaten" that shall mark the last resting place of his mortal remains, the historical fact that will attract most attention is this, that no man in this generation has made a greater personal sacrifice for peace than he. Although he had an army and a navy, he gave up a kingdom and a crown, and thereby prevented a conflict and gained immortal fame. King Oscar I on one occasion, speaking to students of Scandinavian universities, said in part: "From now on war between Scandinavian brethren is impossible," and Esaias Tegner, on another historical occasion exclaimed: "The time of division is passed." True to such sentiments, Oscar II has been the standard-bearer of peace during his long and glorious career.

## Senator Hale is ill instead of hale.

Assessing the hospitals will make them sick.

For interest, Schmitz's trial simply isn't in it with Haywood's.

Liberty Park is the only free resort. And there are none any better.

It looks as though June was to be a month of rains as well as roses.

Mr. Bryan announces his unalterable opposition to the third term idea.

Upar trees seem to be the only kind that ever grew in Harry Orchard.

Baseball is the true dementia Americana. And it promises to have a great run this season.

No, Long Island, where the President has his home, was not named for the Rev. Mr. Long.

Crocker's horse Orby won the Derby. And now Richard is considerably more to himself again.

Spain makes as much fuss about Prince Alfonso as America ever did over Prince John or Prince Russell.

A Star Valley, Wyo., Jersey cow recently gave birth to four calves. She certainly is a Star Valley performer.

The increase in the police force is a good deal like cumulative evidence—it adds to but doesn't strengthen the evidence.

San Francisco real estate men say that house rent there is too high. How can it be otherwise, San Franciscans being such high livers?

When Orchard's trial comes on no lawyer will be found who has the nerve to say that his many murders were the result of "brainstorms."

There are said to be fully a thousand idle men in San Francisco. And the strike and other disturbances there show that the old saying, "The devil always finds work for idle hands to do," is true.

The people of Cuba are complaining of the high price of breadstuffs and a delegation has waited on Governor Magoon to demand relief. Evidently the Cubans don't know prosperity when they see it.

Winning the Derby will do a lot toward casting oblivion over Crocker's New York career. He and Pierre Lorillard are the only Americans who ever won the blue ribbon of the turf though Ten Eyck spent years and a fortune in pursuit of it.

## TREAT PISTOL LIKE POISON.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

In view of the increasing frequency of crime and suicide by the use of the pocket pistol it will hardly be disputed that the time has come when the sale of firearms should be placed under an effective legal supervision. The best or, rather, the only way to prevent the abuse of firearms is to subject the distribution of them to an appropriate surveillance. It ought not to be possible for anyone to secure a revolver by payment of the price. A stranger cannot go into a drugstore and buy all the arsenic and strychnine or prussic acid or corrosive sublimate he wants on merely tendering money. Some of these things are not to be had on any consideration, while as to others the druggist must be satisfied as to the intention of the would-be purchaser. A revolver may be just as deadly as poison and there seems to be no good reason why its sale should not be surrounded by the same precautions.

## LINCOLN'S LAST LAW CASE.

Chicago Record-Herald.

Lincoln tried his last case in Chicago. It was the case of Jones vs. Johnson, in April and May, 1906, in the United States circuit court before Judge Drummond. The case involved the right to land of very great value, the assertion on the part of Lake Michigan. During the trial Judge Drummond and all the counsel on both sides, including Lincoln, dined together at the house of Isaac N. Arnold.

## TWO DESPOTISMS.

Washington Post.

labor union forbid. These two despots stand the country on its head every once in a while. There is plenty of law to make them behave if the law were rigidly and impartially enforced. There is but one safe course for civilized society—just laws, strictly and impartially enforced—equality before the law for all men. How many murderers and rapists are at large in this country no one can tell. About the easiest way to get public sympathy is to kill a man, and then plead brain-storm for vindication.

## WHY IT DIED.

Springfield Republican.

## JUST FOR FUN.

Admiral Dewey's Story.

The advent of Decoration day caused Admiral Dewey, at a recent dinner, to praise the bravery of the American troops during the Civil war.

"Both sides alike were brave," he said, "North and South, soldiers and sailors. And the bravery of the raw recruits was a thing to be seen to be believed."

"There used to be circulated, though, a good story about a Connecticut recruit. This young man, after he had been initiated, fought heroically, but in his first engagement he was very nervous."

"A chunk of his was in the line ahead of him and when the bullets began to fly the chunk began to dodge. Thereupon the recruit shouted excitedly:

"Hey, Jim, don't duck! I'm behind ye!"—Chicago Chronicle.

## Coming Into Season.

Market reports say hog products are dull. This doesn't include the streetcar variety.—Indianapolis Sun.

## Bottled up Again at Santiago.

The Cuban version of the fight between police and American sailors at Santiago appears to be that the blue-jackets had been doing some more "bottling up" in the port which made Hobson famous.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Dancing for Charity.

He. Did you know there is to be a grand ball for charity, and I am thinking of taking you. Have you ever danced for charity?

She. Certainly. Do you not remember that even before we were engaged I never refused your invitations.—H. Motto per Ridere.

Natural Inference.

Where is the news interest in the information that a Kansas City man woke up from a long sleep and asked for food? And to infer that he was expected to ask for a drink.—Chicago News.

Not so Bad as That.

Marks. Say old man, did I ever tell you about the awful fright I got on my wedding day?

Parks. S-sh! No man should speak like that about his wife.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The June number of the Travel Magazine is a special American vacation number. It has splendidly illustrated accounts of vacation experiences throughout the land from coast to coast. "In Evangelism's Country," by Brian Hooker describes a summer trip to Nova Scotia and the home of the Acadians whose pathetic story Longfellow has told us so charmingly. "Camping in the Catskills and Adirondacks," by Frank Presbrey, takes us to the forest primeval for the best of all vacations. "Through the Great Lakes by Steamer," by J. M. Hendley shows how two or three weeks may be spent in a fresh water voyage with land stop-overs always available. "A Calendar of Travel," by Walter Pritchard, describes the popular eastern summer resorts. In "Camping in the Sierra Nevada," by Warren Randolph, we read of a trip on horseback over the Sierras, and so it goes all through the number.—233 Fourth Ave., New York.

An article of timely importance in the current Harper's Weekly is W. S. Meriwether's paper, "Our Navy and Japan's." The conclusions drawn by Mr. Meriwether from hard-and-fast facts and figures are no less surprising than disquieting. Another article of equal timeliness and interest is entitled "A Neglected Historical Treasure-Trove." The author, Byron R. Norton, puts this question: "How many persons who visit the Jamestown exposition know anything about the real Jamestown where American civilization had its beginning, and where relics of inestimable historic interest are now ruthlessly abandoned to vandals and decay?" Will N. Harben's series, based upon the same continent in the South, "Mam' Linda," is continued. There are many other good features.—Harper & Bro., New York.

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