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Sugar seems to have had far greater attractions for senatorial flies than legislative vinegar.

One of the differences in the ways of the sexes is, that a man goes out between the acts to "see a man," and a woman looks under the bed for him.

If the referendum was in vogue in the United States the people would soon settle all disputes on the tariff by voting for the original Wilson bill.

Democratic societies are being organized in lively style. It is to be hoped that they will keep up the same style after their organization. Don't allow them to languish.

Economy in city expenditures is absolutely necessary. Retrenchment was one of the cries at the last election. Of course that does not mean stinginess nor the abandonment of any necessary work.

Everybody will be glad to learn that the Smith crowd is gone and that they have been disposed of so cheaply. Solomon Hamberger has done excellent work. He and the public are to be congratulated on the success of the movement.

The rare instance of the coming of age of a whole trio of triplets was celebrated recently at Whitnash, near Leamington, England. Generally, in case of triplets, the children die soon after birth, but occasionally they survive and reach maturity. One case is on record of quadruplets, all of whom were reared.

As a sample of how pension frauds are worked a Kansas paper says: "A darkey in Leavenworth, Kan., has been drawing a pension of \$34 a month under the name of Peter Gillespie, and another pension of \$12 a month as J. H. Brown. He justifies the fraud by declaring that he served in the war under two different names."

Lord Rosebery has reached the summit of his ambition and obtained the triple crown he coveted in his youth. That is, to marry the richest woman in England, to become Prime Minister, and to win the Derby. He obtained the rich wife and the premiership and now the news comes by telegraph that his horse Ladhas won the Derby. Will he now, having reached the acme, begin to go down? The sign of decadence, if it comes, will be the failure of his administration. Keep a sharp lookout!

This is from the Hartford Courant: Certain things happen that common prudence cannot avert, but the man who is taken in by a swindler, after that swindler has been exposed in the newspapers, cannot plead any such excuse. Swindlers, dealers in mysterious packages of choice counterfeits—all such cattle live on the people who are too conscious of the value of money to waste any of it in taking a paper. The shrewd manager of his own affairs who is too wise to read the papers is the party that the sharp is looking for, every time.

The Pittsburg Catholic remarks: We have not lost our faith in the stability of American institutions. The voting in different places, the great labor strikes, the march of homeless, homeless, ill-fed men, the wild utterances of unprincipled demagogues, the antics of Populist governors are scenes calculated to make people stop and think. These manifestations are understandable, but the experience derived from them will certainly point out a remedy. And unless a remedy is found which is applicable, a monster is being nursed which, in time, will become unmanageable.

Of course it would be a good thing if the European powers would join the United States in an international agreement on the financial question. But in view of the troubles caused by delay and the advantage taken by England as the great creditor, it looks as though a mighty movement should be independently made by the United States to rehabilitate silver, and place it side by side with gold as the money of this country, as it was before 1873. The feeling is rapidly growing that silver must be restored and that America is big enough and rich enough to stand pat and alone on the silver question.

## OFFENSIVE PARTISANSHIP.

A Republican contemporary, which is continually making blunders through its "offensive partisanship," is in a terrible state of mind over the appointment of certain gentlemen to positions of responsibility in Utah. It takes the ground that they have been selected because they are Democrats.

The question of fitness seems to fade entirely, in view of the awful charge that they are not Republicans. His present great trouble is the choice of Professor Paul as President of the Agricultural college, in preference to Professor Kingsbury, and the selection of Dr. Talmage as President of the University, all because the gentlemen selected are Democrats. That, according to our disgruntled contemporary is the sole reason for the choice of both those distinguished educators.

Let us see: Our offensively partisan critic does not know what it is kicking about. If it will inquire, the appalling discovery will be made that Professor Kingsbury, a prodigious scholar, one of the foremost educators of the west, who would have proved a capable head of the Agricultural College, if the choice had fallen upon him, is also a Democrat. Therefore a similar objection would have applied in his case as soon as our neighbor had found out the fact.

As to Dr. Talmage: He has never been a partisan, "offensive" or defensive. He has never declared his political affiliations, more than to say his leanings were toward Republicanism. But our neighbor can see no cause for his selection beyond its own assumption that he is a Democrat. His recognized abilities, his profound learning, his diligent research, his long experience as a preceptor, his eminent success, all count for nothing in view of the baseless suspicion that he too is a Democrat.

It is not long since the same unsafe and unstable authority, rode rough shod into the watermaster's department, making utterly false charges of favoritism and tumbling into the same error as to the politics of the watermaster, whom it declared also to be a Democrat making Democratic appointments. That officer cared nothing about any of the untruthful charges of our contemporary except its statement that he was a Democrat. That nearly broke his heart. He still lives, however, and expects to vote the Republican ticket at the next election and probably will, unless he should be reclaimed and turned from the error of his ways—political. His water ways are not to be sneezed at.

Our contemporary need weep no longer under the delusion that "the two great educational institutions of the territory are put under Democratic management." It is not true. It would be too much to expect a recantation of the deceptive stuff it has foisted upon the public to create dissatisfaction. But its whole tirade is built on false and unwarranted assumptions, and so comes down at the first touch, with "a dull and sickening thud."

## THE UTAH COMMISSION.

Among the frightful crimes perpetrated by the Democratic party in Utah—according to the blundering advocate of the falsely called *g. o. p.*—is that "they have made of the Commission a partisan board, which is contrary to the spirit and intent of the law." That same sort of swash has been dealt out to its readers many times. What is there of substance to it?

The Democratic party of Utah did not form the Utah Commission. It is a body created, fashioned and given life and pabulum by the Republican party, in and through and by the Edmunds Act. It is therein arranged that only three out of five of the members shall be of one political party. The usage has been to have three Republicans on the board when a Republican President made the nomination, and three Democrats when a Democratic President was in the executive chair.

But during the prevalence of the Liberal party in Utah, most of the Commissioners were Liberal in all their official doings as well as their sentiments, sympathies and support. That is a matter of public notoriety. It showed in all the actions of the board and was undisguised in its unblinking effort.

Today there are three Democrats and two Republicans on the Commission. They have been duly appointed by the President and Senate of the United States. They have been but a short time in office. They have done nothing to provoke criticism. It is simply blackguardism to insinuate anything against their official intentions. It is false to say they are a partisan board, except that there are three gentlemen of one party upon it as the law contemplates.

The Democratic party of Utah wanted three Democrats on the board, just as the Republican party, when it could, had three Republicans. They did not want a sham Democrat. They had endured all they wanted of that kind of thing. It is simply babyism or senility and driving deluge to charge the Democratic party of Utah with offensive partisanship, because the President and Senate of the United States have fulfilled the law in placing three Democrats and two Republicans on the board, and have carried out the policy of the Democratic party in choosing them all from among the bona fide residents of Utah Territory.

## CONCERNING THE INCOME TAX.

The anti-income-tax meeting in New York was pretty much of a fizzle. Particulars have appeared in our telegraphic despatches. The wealthy objectors made a sorry spectacle of themselves. The business men who were expected to put in an appearance were conspicuous by their absence. The reasons? Urged against an income tax were "powerfully weak."

The idea attempted to be conveyed

that it is "unjust and discriminating" is easily exploded. The tax singles out no particular class, creed, party, trade, business or occupation. It is uniform on all persons having an income over a given figure. The exemption below that amount is also uniform. It does not discriminate against anybody, or any class.

The taxing of incomes above four thousand dollars a year is a fair and just measure to obtain revenue for the expenses of government, from those who are best able to bear the burden. Therein is one of its chief recommendations, and it is a complete answer to the plea of its injustice.

As to its being "sectional," the charge is absurd. It is made the same in every part of every state and territory and applies to no particular section any more than another. It is not sectional in any sense whatever.

Every tax is more or less inequitable, so that charge against the income tax will not have any weight. Look at the tax forms furnished to property holders for a statement of their effects. Listen to the questions of assessors who are required to find out the cash valuation, of real and personal property. You cannot levy a just and equal tax without diligent inquiry, and it need be no more inequitable in the case of an income tax than in any other tax levied by law.

Another objection is that an income tax smacks of socialism. Why? Because the rich have to pay it while the poor do not? Is it not exactly the same in regard to real estate? If a man holds title to land, he must pay the tax on it; the man who has none pays none. So with any kind of personal property. A man over a given age pays no poll tax, but he who is under that age and over another must pay the tax. Is that socialistic?

But when we come to class taxation, to socialistic taxation, to discriminating and unjust taxation, what about protection and the bounty system? It taxes a number of classes for the benefit of one class. It takes public money and devotes it to a private purpose. It is governmental interference with trade and manufactures, and that is socialistic and paternal in its very essence and interest.

The New York Post is "agin" the income tax. It speaks for the wealthier classes. It is "down" on that portion of the tariff bill which proposes to raise revenue by taxing the rich. But unwittingly in roasting the bounty business it furnishes good reasoning in favor of the income tax as well as against the heresy of protection. Here is what it says on the subject:

The rich manufacturers of the east who have been bailing the Finance committee for bounty only make themselves ridiculous when they stop to add a protest against the income tax. They are the very men who have made that tax, in its present offensive and dangerous form, certain to become a law. They have been molding legislation to their will and the result is that after these years, and it has been more than anything else, a desire to make them pay back part of the bounty they have made out of governmental aid which has led to the proposal to tax the incomes of the rich. This is the truth which the managers of the New York meeting to protest against the income tax will do well to lay to heart. If they come out squarely against all class legislation, protectionist, as well as socialist and Populist, well and good. But if any of the speakers or vice-presidents of the meeting can be detected as men who have been moving heaven and earth at Washington to get money voted to them in their business, their protest will lose all point and impressiveness. They will find it hard to deny that special favors are a fair equivalent to special favors.

## ON MOUNT ARARAT.

A gentleman who appeared to be well informed, learned, indeed, attracted a great deal of attention on the Pacific coast a short time ago, by announcing that he had seen on the summit of Mount Ararat the remains of Noah's ark, covered with snow, but in good preservation. He maintained that he had companions who with him had seen the wonderful sight. He disappeared and came suddenly before the people of California again, in a suit for damages in having been confined in a lunatic asylum, which he claimed was wholly unjustifiable, and caused simply by his fidelity in maintaining the truth of what he had seen.

Some folks of course sympathized with the poor fellow and believed his startling story, as it corroborated the statement of the Bible. But the June Century Magazine contains a graphic account of an ascent of Mount Ararat accomplished by two college students, who went around the world on bicycles and described what they saw. Here is a brief extract from their interesting narration:

"Mount Ararat has two tops, a few hundred yards apart, sloping, on the eastern and western extremities, into rather prominent abutments, and separated by a snow valley, or depression, from fifty to 100 feet in depth. "The eastern top, on which we were standing, was quite extensive, and thirty to forty feet lower than its western neighbor. Both tops are hummocks on the huge dome of Ararat, like the humps on the back of a camel, on neither one of which is there a vestige of anything but snow. "There remained just as little trace of the crosses left by Parrot and Chodzko, as of the ark itself. We remember the pictures we had seen in our nursery-books, which represented this mountain-top covered with green grass, and Noah stepping out of the ark, in the bright, warm sunshine, before the receding waves, and now look around and see this very spot covered with perpetual snow. Nor did we see any evidence whatever of a former existing crater, except the snow-filled depression we have just mentioned. There was nothing about this perpetual snow-field, and the freezing atmosphere that was chilling us to the bone, to remind us that we were on the top of an extinct volcano that once trembled with the convulsions of subterranean heat. "The view from this towering height was immeasurably extensive, and almost too grand. All detail was lost—all color, all outline; even the surrounding mountains seemed to be but excrecent ridges of the plain. Then, too, we could catch only occasional glimpses, as the clouds shifted to and fro. At one time they opened up beneath us, and revealed the Aras valley with its glittering ribbon of silver at its abyssal depth below. Now and then we could descry the black volcanic cone of All Ghez forty miles away to the northwest, and on the southwest the

low mountains that obscured the town of Bayazid. Of the Caucasus, the mountains about Erzerum on the west and Lake Van on the south, and even of the Caspian sea, all of which are said to be in Ararat's horizon, we could see absolutely nothing."

## THESE ARE JOKES.

Suspicious Mamma—Ethel, what detained you so long at the door just now, when Mr. Spoonamore went away?

Ethel (smoothing her rumpled hair)—Nothing to speak of, mamma.—Chicago Tribune.

Hicks—What queer terms are employed in our everyday language. Dry-leigh speaks of the book he has just written as a work.

Wicks—I guess you never tried to read that book.—Boston Transcript.

Her brow was like the snowdrift. Her throat was like the swan. When she'd bought complexion powders And strewn them thickly on.

—Judge.

"Hard times hit you?" asked the traveling man.

"Some," replied the country editor, "but it has given me a heap to be thankful for."

"How's that?"

"I don't own the paper any more."—Chicago Herald.

To learn to play the trombone it is necessary to have good lungs and indulgent neighbors.—Philadelphia Record.

"Ob con'se," said Uncle Eben. "time is money. But it do beat all how much easier 'is ter gib a needy friend 'two boushs' 'bout economy than 'is ter len 'im fifty cents."—Washington Star.

Diner (to waiter who brings the soup) "Why didn't you take your finger out of that soup?" Waiter—"Oh, it isn't hot."—Filegate Blatter.

The man who can keep his temper when he attempts to drive his neighbor's chickens out of his garden through the same hole by which they came in, need have no fears of Satan.—Boston Transcript.

"Gotro has sent that wooden-headed son of his on an ocean voyage. I wonder what for?" "I understand somebody told him if the son was anything in the boy the sea would bring it out."—Buffalo Courier.

"I wonder if Twinkins ever proposed to a girl." "Not completely." "What do you mean?" "Why, you see, Twinkins starts so that the girls always says 'No' before he concludes his remarks."—Washington Star.

"Who are these Orleansists who are always kicking up such a fuss in France?" asked Hostetter McGinnis of Kosciuszko Jones. "I suppose they are descended from the children of the Maid of Orleans," replied Jones.—Texas Siftings.

## NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP.

The fire upon the hearth is low. And there is stillness everywhere: Like troubled spirits here and there The freight shadows flitting and there And as the shadows round me creep, A childish treble breaks the gloom. And softly from a farther room Comes: "Now I lay me down to sleep."

And, somehow, with that little prayer And that sweet treble in my ears, And fingers go back to distant years And I hear the child's amen.

My mother's faith comes back to me, Crouched at her feet I seem to be, And mother holds my hands again.

Oh! for an hour in that dear place! Oh! for the peace of that dear time! Oh! for that childish trust sublime! Oh! for a glimpse of mother's face. Yet, as the shadows round me creep, I do not seem to be alone— Sweet music of that treble tone— And "now I lay me down to sleep."

—Eugene Field in Chicago News.

## THE HAUNTED SWING.

A New Illusion by Which a Room Seems to Be in Motion. Spiritualists of the old world are very much agitated over a humbug that has recently been produced by an ingenious Yankee in London. The alleged phenomenon is known as the "haunted swing." It consists of a swing that does not swing. It is built like a parlor containing all the furnishings that would be found in a nicely appointed drawing room. There are mirrors and pictures on the walls, finely upholstered furniture, bric-a-brac and all of the little fancy knickknacks that go to make up a beautiful room. The floor is entirely stationary, being as solid as a rock. The room with its walls and ceiling swings about the floor upon an axis and all the furniture being solidly in place, swings with it. It goes tumbling with a quiet symmetrical motion that so deceives the person sitting upon that solid floor that he imagines the walls are stationary and the floor in motion. The illusion is perfect. Scientific gentlemen have investigated the phenomenon, while knowing full well the nature of the apparatus, have testified to their dizzy condition after witnessing it. Mrs. Ward, the noted English spiritualist medium, has an apparatus of this kind in her apartments, which she shows to the easy believers with the explanation that the propelling power comes from mysterious forces beyond. Thousands of people have been attracted to her place and humbugged, and strange to say, many of the most intelligent spiritualists have been deceived by her.

Professor Parke C. Wyllis, who has spent the winter in Paris, gives a very interesting account of his investigation of this illusion. He says that it is the most ingenious deception he ever witnessed. "Although I now know," he said, "that the floor was solid and motionless at the time I would have taken my oath that I was revolving in space with a room full of furniture, but the illusion was simple, when explained. The fact that so-called scientists of the spiritualistic school insist upon attributing the humbug to some mysterious power is only in keeping with their nonsensical ideas in general."

A number of Pittsburg gentlemen, one of whom is a well known spiritualist, have under consideration the reproduction of this illusion in this city.—Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.

## TOO PRACTICAL.

"No, Herbert," she added in a low tone, "it is impossible. I fear to trust my future with you."

"And why?"

"I have watched your conduct closely. It lacks the mark of such devotion that my soul craves."

"Do I not come to see you four nights in the week?"

"Yes. But I have detected a calculating selfishness in your nature, which I fear."

"What do you mean?"

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