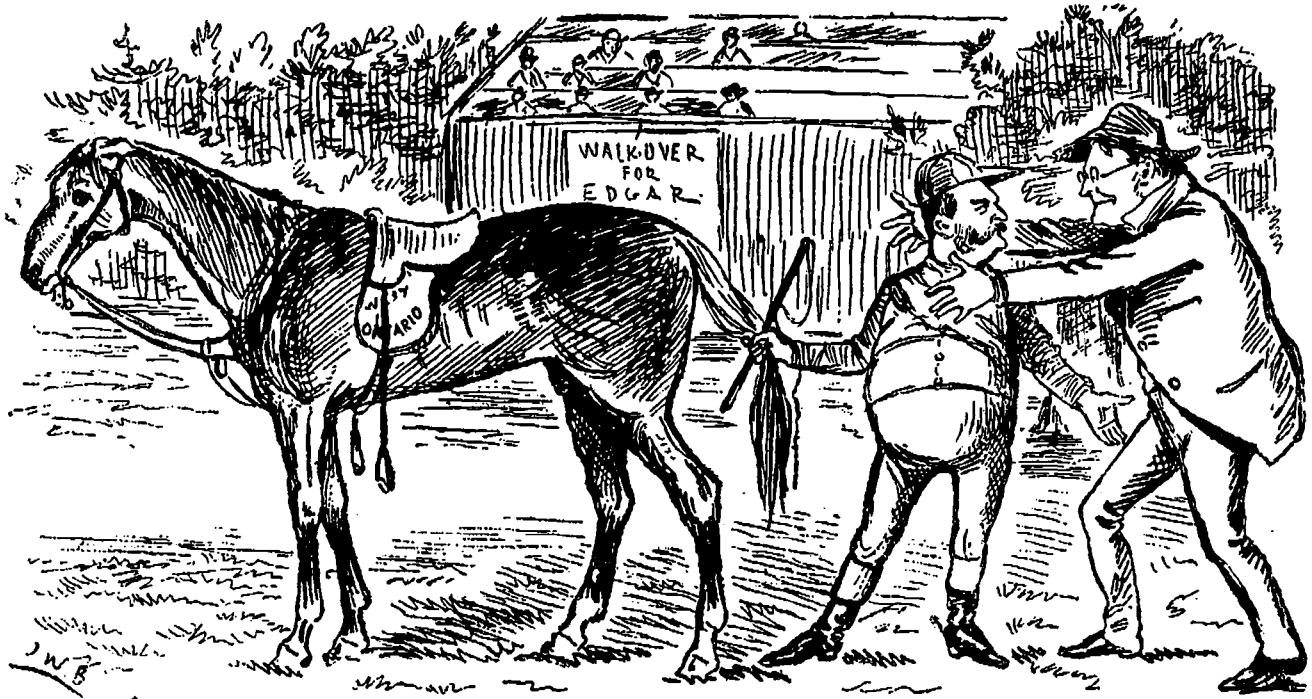


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we are not to put people upon their guard against further raids upon the Treasury on pain of being abused for attacking the interests of private investors!" If the *Globe* has gone on spending its money in this reckless fashion it should have let the public know about it earlier, that's all. It is too late altogether to "put people on their guard." The railway has got the *Globe's* money, and the best thing the *Globe* can do is to quit making a row.

Some one is eternally jumping up to suggest United States mediation between belligerent powers. You would think that the American Republic's government had nothing to do but set the machine running every morning and then look about for some way in which to fill in time for the rest of the day. No doubt there is ground for the impression that the United States could make a good mediator, because she has the good sense to keep herself nicely out of the nations' squabbles, and you will notice that it is generally the man who don't fight that makes the best referee in the ring. But it seems to me that in the first place, the Yankees do not see any money in the mediator business; and, in the second place, the danger is possible that their mediation might not be thoroughly satisfactory, and the upshot of it be a general

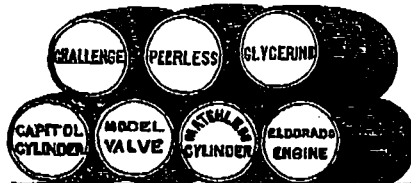
row in which the mediator would have to stand up against the two mediatings, and perhaps finally have to run for it. I guess Uncle Sam could mediate, but he doesn't hanker for it. And at any rate an idea will strike most people that if he wants to go into mediation he can find a first-class job right at home during this, the year of the Presidential election.

That the *Globe* is a disguised advocate of the communistic, socialistic, nihilistic and altogether fiddle-is-stick doctrines of Henry George, is an awful fact, for the discovery of which we are all indebted to the sober, sapient, sentient and altogether syllogistic editor of the *Mail*. The discoverer is further assured of the fact that one of the chief objects of the *Globe* in its revolutionary propagandian is that "the poor man" may be doubtfully benefited and also "may be able to buy Mr. George's books, and glorify Mr. George's name." Well, it may be said in answer to this accusation that if the *Globe* acts as a book agent for the poor man, the *Mail* acts as a free advertising medium for the poor man; which is the worst conduct of the two journals may

be left to the poor man himself to determine. There is one thing, however, pretty patent in a discussion of the poor man and the party papers, and that is that the poor man by this time has made up his mind that the *Mail* and its party have been promising him a great deal and doing for him very little, while the *Globe* and its party are promising him much more but lack the opportunity of the other party to fulfil their promises. Possibly when the poor man has had another chance to speak his mind politically he will demonstrate that he is no hog in the matter of promises, but knows when he has had enough — of empty ones.

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