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ROOSEVELT'S DILEMMA.

That the trust question will be an issue, if not the main issue, of the next presidential election, is almost certain, points out the St. Thomas Times. Gradually, but surely, public opinion is forcing the combines into the front of the political arena. President Roosevelt is in an awkward position in this connection. He was elected vice-president largely through the efforts of the men who compose the trusts, and in 1904 he will have them against him if he declares in favor of any policy which they do not approve of. On the other hand he will lose the labor vote and split up the general vote, if he takes sides with the monopolists. The President's speeches at Providence and Boston indicate that he has noted the significance and importance of the issue. It cannot be laid aside, and is bound to overshadow Cuban reciprocity, the tariff and all other subjects. Whether Mr. Roosevelt's judgment as to the relative importance of these issues be correct or not, public interest has been aroused to an extent which compels a full discussion and pronouncement. Already the newspapers have made it the leading subject of comment, and for the next two years it will occupy the attention of writers and orators for a certainty, unless some revolution comes about that will dissolve the trusts.

At Boston the President said:—
"I do not think you can get action by any state, action by all the states, that will give us satisfactory control of the trusts or big corporations, and the result is at present that we have a great, powerful, artificial creation which has no creator to which it is responsible. Of course it is a mere truism that the corporation is the creature of the state; that the state is sovereign. Now I want to make a real and not a nominal sovereign; to have some sovereign to which the corporation shall be really and not nominally responsible. What I hope to see is power given to the national legislature which shall make the control real. It would be an excellent thing if we could have all the states act on similar lines so that it would be unnecessary for the national government to act, but all of you know perfectly well the states will not act on similar lines."

Thus it is shown that the president is in doubt as to the jurisdiction of the national government; at the same time he sees that the conflicting interests of the different states will make out of the question for them to act on similar lines. It seems that the way out of the dilemma lies in nothing less than an amendment to the constitution, as the Sherman law for the control of interstate commerce does not reach outside of state jurisdiction.

It is quite natural that the President should be guarded in his public utterances at this time. A pronounced policy would doubtless disturb business. Yet the time is near when the trust question will have to be grappled with, and if the government is to be supreme the trusts will have to be regulated and controlled, even though the constitution has to be amended.

Canada will be more interested in the coming presidential and congressional elections than in any former ones. We are seriously affected by the trusts—particularly the coal and meat corporations—and the people of this country will await the issue between Roosevelt and his cabinet and Morgan and his clients with more than ordinary concern.

A MOSAIC POLICY.

Hamilton Spectator.
And now it is announced that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is to make a preferential agreement with Italy! Does the man really mean it, or is he simply—to use a vulgarism—pulling the legs of the countries of Europe in order to secure attention, and welcome! With Tarte at home publicly announcing

that it is the policy of the Government to increase the duties, and Laurier abroad making arrangements for a reduction of the duties, things seem to be somewhat mixed. Is it the premier de jure or the premier de facto who is telling the truth? Which is the master of the administration?

OTTAWA DESCRIBED.

Montreal Star.
Ottawa—Mayor Cook is a newspaper man, also correspondent of London Times; here reside Canada's poets, with a monopoly of "the Lone North" and "waving pine" ideas; locality unknown when Byron wrote the story of "Don Juan"; location of the houses of parliament in connection with which there is a bar of the senate, but no house bar; city "fills up" when the parliamentarians arrive; home of Weather Prophet Wiggins, who digs out his suppressed forebodings after the event, remarking as in the case of Mont-Pele, "I told you so"; chief industry, providing Ottawa jobs for cheap pugilists who sometimes play lacrosse.

MUNICIPAL VS. PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

N. Y. Tribune.
London, with a population in excess of New York by more than a million souls, takes less than half as much water daily as is used in this metropolis. It must be said, however, in justice to Londoners, that they would gladly consume more if they could get it. London's water supply is furnished by private companies, as it has been for centuries, and they provide a comparatively niggardly quantity at excessively high rates, which bring in huge profits to the shareholders in those corporations. It is expected that within a few years the city on the Thames will have a public supply greatly to its advantage. New Yorkers are far better off as to water than their London cousins.

FAVORS ANNEXING THE WEST INDIES.

Halifax Herald.
This rather fat patronage is one of the things from which the islands would like well to have some relief, and it is entirely likely that these islands could be more satisfactorily and economically governed under confederation than they are at the present time. The trade advantage of such a union to both countries is almost too plain to need mention. The union of a northern country with a tropical country possesses the far-reaching advantage that each naturally produces what the other needs. Canada would gain considerable market for her staple food stuffs and manufactured goods. The West Indies would secure a profitable and permanent market for all they could produce.

A Fit Subject.

Mrs. De Jarr—Is there an idiot asylum near here?
Mr. De Jarr—I believe so.
"Do they take people on their own recommendation?"
"My stars! How should I know? Why?"
"Oh, nothing, only today I got hold of a package of my old love letters."

A Friend in Need.

Wederly—Did I understand you to say that Ennepek is a relative of yours?
Singleton—You did. He's my step-friend by marriage.
Wederly—Step-friend! Why, how's that?

The English "Society for the Prevention of Consumption," presided over by the Prince of Wales, was recently addressed by Sir William Broadbent, who stated that it was definitely known that every case of consumption began with a germ communicated from some other case. There is no such thing as inherited consumption. There may be local weakness which tends to consumption, but the germ has absolutely to be planted in that weak spot before consumption can ensue. This ought to comfort thousands of people who have "weak chests" or "weak lungs." They are not foreordained victims of this dread disease. All that is needed to bid absolute defiance to this deadly scourge, is to be able to strengthen the weak lungs, and build up a strong body. The answer to this need is found in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It so purifies the blood and increases the blood supply, that disease is thrown off, and the weak organs are nourished into perfect health, which defies germs of every kind. People, given up by doctors, emaciated, bleeding at the lungs, with obstinate, lingering coughs, are being cured every day by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery." It is a strictly temperance medicine containing no alcohol, whiskey or other intoxicant.

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Mexican Girls.

DOCH has been written of the beauty of the señoritas of Mexico. Many a tourist goes there with exalted ideas of the charms of the high-caste young women with raven hair, soft olive complexions and bewitching eyes. Evidently the charms of that matchlessly balmy climate and the wonderful picturesqueness of scenes everywhere have blurred the critical vision of many of the writers, and as a result they dwell upon the beauty of the señoritas. However, according to one Mexican correspondent, the beauties are by no means plentiful. "A large part of the Mexican young women have prominent, heavy noses. This characteristic is more noticeable among the people in the rural pueblos in the valleys. From fourteen to twenty, most señoritas are in their prime so far as facial beauty is concerned. From twenty to thirty the dark pigment in their complexion develops rapidly, and nine out of ten of them ruin the beauty of their complexions by inordinate use of the cosmetics and face washes which comprise a surprisingly large proportion of the national imports from Europe and the United States. There is no denying that the eyes of the average Mexican girl, except in the lowest classes, have a peculiar mildness. The long, heavy eyelashes over the dark eyes give an expression of seriousness and pathos that one never forgets. The hair of the señorita is seldom fine and glossy. All the women in the poor class dock their coarse hair squarely across the forehead, while the young women of the upper class dock their foreheads with an infinite lot of frizzes and intricate mazes of finely spun curls. A curious fact is that some of the old families in Mexico have followed a fashion in hair arrangement, characteristic of the particular family, for several generations. For instance, there is the rich and powerful Yorba family of Chihuahua. Every woman in the family for more than a hundred years has frizzed, curled and plastered her hair after the style Grandama Yorba (a famous belle in her day and an acquaintance of old Queen Mercedes) adopted in the last days of Spanish dominion over Mexico. The exquisite black-lace mantilla shading the eyes, the high comb, and the coral and pearl jewelry become a seniorita more than they would any other woman in the world. Perhaps it is the oddness of these graceful charms that has won the general praise of so many visitors to Old Mexico. The señorita at the opera, with her coquettish fan, her bejeweled hat, and her gorgeously colored silken gowns, looks very attractive, but at close range only a few of the women have the freshness, the vigor and the clear-cut, refined expressions of American young women of like station."

A Fox's Revenge.

A gentleman out shooting one day came to a river, where he saw six geese beyond the shore. He determined to wait for them to approach the shore. While sitting there he saw a fox come down to the shore and stand some time and observe the geese. At length he turned and went into the woods and came out with a very large bunch of moss in his mouth. He then entered the water very silently, sank himself, and then, keeping the moss above the water, himself concealed, he floated among the geese. Suddenly one of them was drawn under the water, and the fox soon appeared on the shore with the goose on his back. He ascended the bank, and found a hole made by the tearing up of a tree. This hole he cleared, placed in it the goose, and covered it with great care, strewn leaves over it. The fox then left; and while he was away the hunter unburied the goose, closed the hole and resolved to wait the issue. In about an hour the fox returned with another fox in company. They went directly to the place where the goose had been buried, and threw out the earth. The goose could not be found. They stood regarding each other for some time, when suddenly the second fox attacked the other most furiously, as if offended by the trick of his friend. During the battle the hunter shot them both.

Love's Omission.

I have whispered my love to the bright stars above,
To the mountains!
To the echoing hills, to the murmuring rills,
To the fountains!
In woodland and vale I've unfolded my tale
Of devotion;
Not a meadow or grove but's aware of my love—
My emotion!
I have spoken as well to each flower in the dell,
The bees ranging
My passion reveal as the honey they steal.
Sweets exchanging,
And the stream as it flows all my ecstasy knows,
Ah, sweet feeling!
To the air, to the sky, my love secrets I am
All revealing.
To the moon shining bright I have breathed my delight,
Ah, my passion,
All below, all above, I've informed of my love
In a fashion;
But though I have cried my desire far and wide,
I'm afraid I
Have yet to impart the true state of my heart—
To the lady! —"Punch."

A Bad Guess.

A girl in a pale-pink kimono
Picked up a young fellow—a Jonah;
Said she, "Well, for lunch
I'll have reed bird and punch."
"Not much; you'll have beer and Bologna."

Diplomacy.

First Boy—It's six o'clock. Let's go home. Second Boy—Why? If we go home now we'll get licked for staying so late. If we stay till eight we'll get hugged and kissed for not being drowned.—"Puck."

His Ideal.

First Cat—If you had your choice of all the world, where had you rather live? Second Cat—China! They say there is a wall there 1250 miles long! Just think of moonlight nights—and a wall like that!

Four Years

Having passed since we first opened our doors for business at the old corner store—four years that were but a succession of trade triumphs, we can with all propriety say that this store has fulfilled the mission it was created for and that the public has appreciated its efforts.

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BECAUSE

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BECAUSE

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BECAUSE

We sell at ONE PRICE only. We give no discounts, no rebates, no private arrangements of any sort to any one. A child can buy here as safely as an expert.

For the Fall Trade

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