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NEITHER ROOSEVELT'S NOR BRYAN'S.

There has been much comment upon the manifest resemblance of some of Mr. Roosevelt's doctrine as laid down in his recent message to some of Mr. Bryan's, but the large indebtedness of these gentlemen to Mr. Cleveland for the doctrine held in common by both seems in danger of being overlooked. It was the ex-heretic who first busted a trust and who actually secured the enactment of an income-tax measure into law, albeit the Supreme Court knocked the latter in the head. And this was years ago, when Mr. Bryan was known merely as a "boy orator," and when Mr. Roosevelt had never gotten his feet on the presidential ladder by accepting credit for leading a charge in which he never participated. On the subject of tariff reform, upon which Mr. Roosevelt has suffered himself to be gagged despite his known views, Mr. Cleveland never wavered, although the Clevelanders told him that the people were so little awake to their interests in the matter and the trusts so much that it would be ruinous. Mr. Roosevelt made a plain breach of the law in his anxiety to ingratiate himself with the "old-soldier vote" by handing out favors on his own sole authority. Mr. Cleveland vetoed pension grabs by the hundred, although he knew he was making a host of bitter enemies by doing so. Never was there a man who bowed more squarely to the line without caring a cuss where the chips fell. Because Mr. Cleveland displayed this same unshakable resolution in abiding by what he knew to be right during the hour of storm, when the Democratic party had gone off after Populism, and the Republican party fluctuated feebly between this doctrine and that, his uncompromising way on predatory wealth has been almost forgotten and many people have formed the notion that he was a hide-bound conservative. As we have shown, he was a good deal of a radical in an eminently sane way. Most of Mr. Roosevelt's radicalism and much of Mr. Bryan's, apart from the crazy notions which are his very own, is a natural development from Old Man Cleveland's teachings.

CAUSES OF CAR SHORTAGE.

The car shortage, which the Interstate Commerce commission is about to investigate upon complaint by shippers all over the country, may not be altogether due to lack of cars, thinks The New York Journal of Commerce. Says our contemporary: "It may be partly accounted for by a bad system of handling cars and trains. As is well known, freight cars wander up and down the country and the companies lose count of the movement of their own, which are slow in getting back to their base. In some places they are used for days at a time for storage at terminals and on side tracks. At present it is said that some points are retaining cars which belong to other roads and paying demurrage to use them in their own business, while they are so fully needed where they belong. Another cause of congestion and delay is alleged to be the practice that has been growing in recent years of crowding the extra big capacity cars at the expense of promises in their movement. Huge cars are used and loaded in long trains with powerful locomotives for economy in operating expenses, with the result that they are very slow in getting where they are to go, and in some cases it is alleged that they fail to move more than twenty or twenty-five miles a day.

The Journal of Commerce is further of the opinion that "it is a question whether the rolling stock of our roads cannot be made more serviceable by facilitating and quickening its movement rather than multiplying its bulk." This would of course be much the more satisfactory solution of the problem for shippers and consignees, to whom this just on shipments is often the same as money. And these remarks apply with special force to conditions on the Southern Railway to-day. We have no doubt that it is an overcrowded single-track and not lack of rolling stock, which is troubling the Southern and its patrons.

It seems that the Blackburn Republicans are inclined to welcome the activity of Senator Simmons in preferring charges of perniciosity against Federal office-holders, certain of whom are said to have been almost the whole show in many eastern counties whose conventions were manipulated for Adams. This is of course none of Senator Simmons' fight, and if the chips which he proposes to make fly hit one faction or the other, he need not on that account assist from his chopping.

"There is no coast city in the United States," says The Chattanooga Times, "where Tennesseans would rather celebrate their appreciation for the ship that bears the name of their State than Charleston; and one of the reasons for their preference is that Charleston is the home of The News and Courier, a newspaper that stands for the best in Southern sentiment, that represents the higher and nobler ideals of a great people, and has never once 'pattered to ignoble taste' for expediency's sake or sought success at the sacrifice of principles." The Observer is absolutely safe in saying the same thing for North Carolinians and their big fighting ship, and we only regret that we didn't think of saying it first. We want to add, however, that The Charleston Evening Post plays a part in deciding the preference of The Observer and not a few others for the fine old city.

One of the most regrettable results of the bad blood between the American and Japanese peoples has been the cooling of Anglo-American relations. Englishmen have been rudely jarred by arising a disagreeable feeling by arising out of their new treaty of alliance with Japan forced upon their attention. In a war between Japan and any other power they are bound to assist their ally and could not honorably remain neutral if she became engaged in war, even with the United States—the Balfour government did not have the foresight to ask that English-speaking nations be excepted. England would be called upon to fight beside Orientals against her own blood and speech. It is not to be wondered at that her attitude toward us is just now one of embarrassment.

The Observer's sympathies in the matter are rather with "Theodore," although it is evident that he displayed even more than his usual indiscretion. "Maria" should have had sense enough to know that what he wrote as Governor of New York could not be considered as proceeding from him when President of the United States, and that in any event she could not be permitted to run the foreign policy of the United States and endeavor to dictate Catholic Church appointments. An interesting feature of the situation is that she is Nick's aunt. We trust that no coolness between Eighteenth street and the White House has been caused.

Speaker Cannon's reluctance to reappoint Representative Small, of the first North Carolina district, to the rivers and harbors committee because of the fear that he may extract a large amount of money from the Treasury for big North Carolina projects is really quite complimentary to Mr. Small. If the first district member did not possess plenty of energy and know-how, Mr. Cannon would not be in the least afraid of him, especially as he belongs to the minority. It should also be said that in Mr. Cannon's eyes any appropriation for the South, his native State included, is too much.

The statement of the Comptroller of the Currency giving the condition of national banks on November 12 shows that the number of these had increased from 5,883 to 6,199. And yet national banks constitute less than half the total number of the banking institutions of the United States. This is a big country.

It must be highly gratifying to President Roosevelt that official recognition as the champion peace-maker of the world has been granted him. Kaiser Bill has very likely called heartily congratulations, but what about the Czar, the only original and genuine peace-maker?

It is a satisfaction to know that the Virginia corporation commission will investigate the causes of the recent wreck in which President Spencer, of the Southern Railway, was killed. There has been so much surmise about this matter that actual facts will be highly welcome.

Surely yellow journalism almost reached its climax when it employed the mother of Chester Gillette to describe the court scene when he was sentenced to death. It only remains now to have her write up the execution.

The Observer cordially welcomes The Raleigh Times in the growing number of those, North and South, who are advocating the nomination of a Southern man for President.

And just at the time Mr. Roosevelt is receiving a peace prize he has another boy on his hands.

CAPTAIN AND SON LOST.

Fish-Boat Picked Up Was Upside Down—No Trace of Captain Still, Verthorpe or Son. Special to The Observer. Washington, N. C., Dec. 11.—A small fish boat was picked up at 5 o'clock to-night off Cape Point, 15 miles down Pamlico river from this city by the tug Providence, of Philadelphia, under the command of her distress pilot, Capt. Silverthorpe, and son, of South Creek, composing the crew were lost, leaving no traces except a hat, box meal and bed clothes. The fish boat was towed to this city and is now lying at the Crystal Ice Company's dock. The boat was probably capsized by heavy seas and heavy wind. There is no news of the lost men.

"Prico to Have World's Fair." San Francisco Dec. 11.—San Francisco proposes to have a world's fair in 1915. Fifteen citizens have formed a corporation to be known as the Pacific Ocean Exposition Company which plans to give a mammoth fair in 1915 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific Ocean by Balboa, and the completion of the Panama Canal. The organization is capitalized at \$5,000,000.

MR. GOODWIN HAS A TURN

PROF. M. H. HOIT TESTIFIES

First Witness Representing Superintendent E. McK. Goodwin Placed on Stand—Prof. Hoit's Testimony the Most Interesting Yet Heard—Says That Goodwin's Absences Had Full Approval of Directors, Their Only Complaint Being His Undesirable Application to Work—Tells of the Oral and Manual Methods of Instructing Deaf Mutes—Mr. Miller a Good Witness. Special to The Observer. Morganton, Dec. 11.—Mr. McK. Goodwin had his turn to-day. That is, he began to have it. Prof. M. H. Hoit was his first witness, but other prominent citizens of the State testified in his behalf. The whole corps of teachers is under subpoena and attends all the sittings, which must mean that the work of the school is paralyzed during this investigation. Prof. Hoit's testimony is the most interesting I have heard.

Prof. Hoit said that the superintendent's residence was completed in 1904 for board and lodging in the main building, and laundry for himself and family. After that \$500 was allowed in lieu of board, and he has had free ice, milk, vegetables in season, and laundry. The school fund furnished one room in the residence and partly furnished another. He presumes that Prof. Goodwin furnished the rest of the house at his own expense. The room furnished by State money was the guest chamber, for official visitors. Whatever Goodwin got, he got under order of the board of directors.

As to Mr. Goodwin's absence, the board has understood the reason for every one of them, and every one of them has had the approval of the board. The board has never reprimanded Mr. Goodwin, except for attending so strictly to business that he endangered his health. "We have never been able to persuade him to take time for recreation." As to favoritism in school, Prof. Hoit said that he would agree with the allegation in the complaint that it is hard to prove.

MRS. WINSTON'S MANIFEST DUTIES.

Mrs. Winston's duties, according to him, are to be the social head of the household, to meet visitors in the absence of the superintendent, to preside at the teachers' table, to supervise in a general way four or five classes, and to perform an extraordinary number of other duties. Here are the duties of a man's wife in his household multiplied. She stands in loco parentis to the young lady teachers drawn from 10 States from different parts of the country. At least 10 different standards of social conventions are represented. Mr. Hoit illustrated this fully. In some places it is worth going to a lady's reputation to ride with a man at night, and in others she may not attend a theatre with a man without a chaperone. It is a part of Mrs. Winston's business to set a standard both to protect the school, and to keep sweet the name of the school. She also edits the school paper. The Deaf Carolinian. Moreover she gives religious instruction. She never has a speech from the premises, except upon the imperative advice of physicians.

Touching the cut in salaries Mr. Hoit said, "We have been confronted by actual conditions, not theories. We have deficits. The board thought a cut in salaries was one way we could economize. The superintendent's salary was cut \$100 a year for three years."

ORAL AND MANUAL METHODS.

But the interesting part of Prof. Hoit's evidence was in regard to the oral and manual departments. That means the instruction of deaf mutes to read people's lips and to speak in reply by mechanical movements of the tongue and, on the other side, to teach them simply the sign language on the fingers. The oral teaching is comparatively new and is wonderful. "Our policy," said he, speaking as a member of the board of directors, "is to teach a child the oral method, if it is possible. Those who talk for any reason cannot be taught to talk orally. We transfer the manual department and taught to talk by signs."

He said that he once thought oration a fraud, but that by careful study of the subject and by seeing concrete results of training, he has been converted to that method and now thoroughly believes in it. It makes for the cultivation of the memory, the perception and everything that belongs to mental alertness. It develops mentally to a higher degree than any other could possibly do. Then the oral teaching goes far toward removing the barriers between deaf people and others. When the pupils taught to speak in signs go out into the world, they are found to be useful citizens. It gave many illustrations of the growth and efficiency of the oral method. The Pennsylvania school finds that it can teach 90 per cent of its pupils to speak.

Under cross-examination on this point, he said that he has encountered hundreds of persons who conversed with him by reading his lips. "I can find 50 or 75 in this institution." He talked with a deaf girl in Boston. He could not name many people of this State, but he said because it is here still somewhat an experiment, being only 11 years old, and there having been only two graduating classes as yet. It is true that oral pupils pick up the sign language in deaf schools do not permit signs, and the teachers do not have to exercise extraordinary vigilance to keep the pupils from employing them. Under ordinary conditions the teaching of oration is more costly than the other. The cost can be more largely responsible for the remarkable advance in oration than are the deaf people. The former are better fitted to determine a deaf child's needs than the latter. The blind should not lead the blind nor the deaf the deaf.

HOFFSTETTER NOT EFFICIENT.

The next point on which Mr. Hoit was examined was the discharge of Prof. Hoffstetter and the "promotion," as he termed it, of Prof. Tillinghast to the chairmanship. Prof. Hoffstetter, the witness fully swore, was not efficient. He was teacher of printing and also in the academic department. Messrs. W. C. Dowd and N. B. Broughton, expert printers and members of the board, advised the directors that his supervision of the printing plant was not what it should have been and it was apparent to them all that his academic work was to the bad. He had been warned of this opinion long before his dismissal, and had not mended his ways. As to Prof. Tillinghast, the father of the complainant, he was in the board's opinion, too old, being 35. He was given the chairmanship at a salary of \$600 and nothing to do. It is agreed by all that there are some people who cannot be taught speech, yet the increase of oration in the United States means a corresponding decrease in deaf teachers. In 1869 47 per cent of the teachers were themselves deaf, but in 1905 the percentage

was 16. There is no policy in the school entirely to replace the deaf teacher. Neither Mrs. Winston, nor any other person outside the school, had anything to do with the action of the board in replacing Messrs. Hoffstetter and Tillinghast. The superintendent's residence was built without Mr. Goodwin's consent," said Prof. Hoit. "We allowed him to consult with us as to its arrangement and plan. His sense of economy made him object to it. The board thought it a necessity. It first thought it could be done for \$2,000, but when the price of the building, worth \$1,500, it cost more than that, because the price of material increased."

He said he had no idea Mr. Goodwin ever made a mistake of the hear, said being humane, may have made mistakes of judgment. The house was for Goodwin's benefit and, therefore for the State's.

MR. GOODWIN'S DUTIES.

"What are Superintendent Goodwin's duties?" Mr. Hoit asked. "The selection of teachers, officers and employees, the oversight of the industrial department, to look out for all needed improvements. There is nothing on the premises from the merest details on the farm to the details in the educational department of which he does not have supervision. The board of teachers upon his recommendation."

This last function is regulated by chapter 131, acts 1903. There was a great deal of cross-examination about Mrs. Winston, all of which resulted to her advantage. He said that the means of communication between the teachers and the board has never been interrupted. The teachers, however, must file any complaints in writing and transmit them to the board through Mr. Goodwin. They are not allowed to complain directly to the board, but where one insists on complaining directly to the board, she suffers no ill consequences therefrom.

He did not make a very strong showing in cross-examination, as to the way he treated Messrs. Tillinghast and Hoffstetter. He went into their recitation room and selected two examination papers from each, supposedly from the brightest and the dullest pupils in the class, but he did not consult Mr. Tillinghast or Mr. Hoffstetter about the standing of the pupils, nor did he tell them what his purpose was.

After dinner Mr. Hoit recalled that Mr. Lewis, when he was elected chairman of the board two years ago, stated in chapel in the presence of the board and the teachers, that if any member had complaints to make, she might make them directly to him as chairman. Witness did not remember whether Mr. Goodwin was present at the time. This ended Mr. Hoit's testimony.

BOARD AUDITED THE BILLS.

Mr. Hoit read several extracts from the minutes of the board, with the view to effect the contention of the complainant yesterday that Mr. Goodwin audited and approved his own bills. The extracts bore the signature of A. C. Miller, chairman, and the text recited the names of the directors in attendance. One of them was as follows: "The superintendent made a report, showing an itemized account of receipts and disbursements, and the board, after consulting the minutes of the directors as approved in the minutes, same gone over and approved by the board."

MR. MILLER TESTIFIES.

Mr. A. C. Miller, of Shelby, made an exceedingly big witness. Honest as the sun in the sky, he had no desire to evade any question put to him, nor had he anything to apologize for or obscure. "I have been on the board of directors," said he, "10 years, except for a Democrat. The Pops had the government then." Prof. Goodwin was not present at the informal meeting 8 or 12 months before the house was begun, but that the present one was begun was before. When he first heard of the plan he doubted the wisdom of it. He was instructed to use the help of the boys here, the school's team, etc.

"Next I had more to do with the remodeling of that house than any other one member of the board and I am willing to take the responsibility for it. The house is tip-top; a great deal better than any other of the kind inside with hardwood. Exclusive of the labor furnished here, I should say the State furnished \$3,000 or \$4,000 on the house. My opinion estimating the value of the old house at \$2,500, but that the present one cost \$8,500. We wanted it to compare with its beautiful surroundings. I think it was a good investment and I would vote the same way to-day."

"Are you here to beautify these grounds?" asked Mr. Whitener. "Partly," said Mr. Miller, "and I am here to beautify this world." There was a great deal of laughter and applause at the answer and at the witness' manner. It may be said here that Messrs. Self and Whitener are swimming up stream against their audience, and are making a remarkably good natured, gentlemanly fight of it. Mr. Walker asked the retort of Mr. Miller here, "Balheaded men," said he, "are usually pretty successful at that." The witness and counsel are both bald-headed.

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It should have been. After a great deal of hesitation, he said he had known Mr. Goodwin 30, 35, or 40 years. "Object," said Mr. Goodwin, good humoredly protesting at the impeachment that he is an old man. "Object sustained," said the commissioner, laughing. He eulogized Mr. Goodwin, he said that the members of the board had often complained that he should take some recreation, inasmuch as he was endangering his health by his untiring energy, but he never took a vacation. There has been no complaint about his trips, except that he didn't take enough of them for the good of the institution; that he should have taken Pullmans instead of day coaches, and should have eaten at supper houses rather than in schools; but he is limited to record in Mr. Miller's evidence that the only complaint ever made to him by a teacher was that some of her pupils were dull. J. C. M.

—Mrs. Leta M. Shanson, of Fayetteville, Ark., is desirous to know if one William McCall was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The inquiry comes through Mr. J. L. McKinstry of Waxhaw. If any one can give this information, or put Mr. McKinstry in possession of the way in which he can find out, it will be appreciated.

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