

FABLES OF SLANG.

The New Fable of the Passing Up of the Wonderful Meal of Vittles.

By George Ade.

Once upon a Time a Rugged Character from the Middle West was in New York City fixing up a Deal.

Although he wore overlapping Cuffs and a ready-made Tie, he had a Rating, so a certain Promoter with an Office in Broad Street found it advisable to make a Fuss over him.

The Promoter invited the prospective Mark to Luncheon and arranged to have the same served in a snug Corner entirely screened by Oleanders and Palms.

When the Visitor entered the famed Establishment and found himself entirely protected from the Vuigar Gaze he knew that at last he was in the Headquarters for sure-enough Food.

"What is it?" he asked, gazing into the limpid Amber of the First Course.

"Turtle Soup," replied the Host.

"We shoot the Blame Things just for Practice, out our Way," said the Guest, "but if I went Home and told my Wife I'd been eatin' Turtle she wouldn't live with me."

So the Alsatian Nobleman hurried away and substituted a Tid-Bit with Gray-Fish as the principal Ornament in the Ensemble.

"It's a Craw-Dabber!" exclaimed the Man from the Prairies. "I see Ten Million of them little Cusses every Spring, but I wouldn't touch one with a Ten Foot Pole."

To relieve the embarrassing Situation, the Host gave a Sign and the Menials came running with the Third Course, a tempting array of Frog Sables.

"A Frog is a Reptile," said the Hoosier, backing away from the Table. "I've heard they were Et, but I never believed it. I can go out any Morning and gather a Car-Load."

The next Serving was Breast of Guinea Hen with Mushrooms under Glass on the Side.

"On my Farm I've got a lot of these Things," said the Guest, poking at the Guinea Hen timidly with his Fork. "We use them as Alarm Clocks but I'd just as soon eat a Turkey Buz-zard."

"How about the Mushrooms?"

"Eight People in our Township were poisoned this Summer from foolin' with that Truck. My pasture's speckled with 'em, but we never pick 'em. Most of them are Toadstools. I triad a Real One at a K. P. Banquet. It tasted a good deal like a Rubber Glove."

The only remaining item before Desert was a tempting Salad of Water Cress.

The Guest identified it as something that grew in the Crick below the Spring and was commonly classified as Grass.

"Perhaps you had better order for Yourself," said the Host, as the lowly Water Cress followed the others into the Discard.

The Guest motioned the Waiter to come close and said: "I want a nice Oyster Stew and some Sparkling Burgundy."

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The Republicans' Platform.

As The Statesville Landmark sees it, the Republican State Convention last week adopted about the most sensible platform, with reference to state affairs, the party has ever promulgated in this State. The pronouncement in favor of the constitutional amendments, for tax reform and six months' schools; for state-wide primaries and clear elections, is in response to the public sentiment of the State. "The demand for reformation for youthful criminals is an indorsement of what has been done in the erection of the Jackson Training School at Concord. The Republicans would extend this work, if they mean what they say. The health plank is also an indorsement of the present health work of the State. Most of the things they suggest are now being done and the extensions suggested will meet approval."

The Republican platform has one peculiar value to students of public affairs in North Carolina—this indorsement of the tax amendment and of the state-wide primary shows that the men of the Republican party who might be expected to know which way the wind is blowing are satisfied that it is blowing that way. Some of the ablest men in both Republican and Democratic parties have told us recently that there are many evidences of something like a groundswell. We have seen correspondence from many parts of the state and from many sorts of men, which holds out a comfortable hope that the amendments are going to be ratified. Personally, we have not until within the past week or so felt at all sanguine. The ignoring of the tax amendment by the manipulators of the Democratic state convention was intended to kill it, and it was our judgment at the time that it had done so. A great deal of persistent work has been done, and more will be done, for the amendment, but it is all without organization. If it has really set a groundswell in motion, nothing can defeat it, of course. It is well known that the bosses and the interests, in alliance, are working, and it is known that they are powerful; but just how they are proceeding is a secret they have for the most part kept. One thing is certain: they are not relying upon the persuasive eloquence of E. L. Travis. The Landmark thus concludes an excellent analysis of the platform of the Republicans:

The proposition to take the State convicts from farm work because they are competing with the farmers of the State is not new and it without merit, so far as the Landmark has been able to see. Does anybody believe that if the State convict farms did not produce a pound of cotton or a bushel of peanuts or corn for market the price of these products would be affected a cent a pound or a bushel in consequence? Of course not. Then the talk of convict labor competing with the farmers is luncombe.

Denunciation of freight rate discrimination, amounting to a charge that the Democrats have favored the railroads, is followed by a charge that railroads in undeveloped sections are oppressed.

The charge that bond issues by the State is a result of extravagance in the administration of State affairs will not hold good. If it were charged that the bond issues are the result of the failure of the Democrats to provide an adequate system of taxation that would provide sufficient revenue for the growing needs of the State there would be some basis for it.

But the Republicans are to be con-

gratulated on the fact that they were broad enough to approve that which they thought was right notwithstanding the approbation was in some respects an indorsement of Democratic work.

In our opinion the Republicans, if they could have "organized" in time, could have made considerable stir with this platform, even in their present factional disorder. The issue of a secret ballot alone would present a powerful appeal, just now. It appears certain that the conscience of the people revolts as never before against election corruption.

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Satan probably had a fine excuse for not learning to skate.

A very common expression is "Jones has got pneumonia." A better way to say it would be, "Pneumonia has got Jones."

Before following the advice of a man who tells you how to run your business it might be well to have a look at the way he is running his own.

We have had a Tom Watson, vintage of 1914. Fate cannot harm us now.—Greensboro News.

Ask the Meese.
What's this? We hear that the Bull Meese, otherwise "Roosevelt progressives," put Editor Britton, of the News and Observer, and the Greensboro News representative out of the meeting—would not allow them to revel in the ecstasies of progressive counsel? Are we to infer that Britton and Hildebrand, each of them running about 90 miles an hour and 24 hours ahead of schedule, were not sufficiently "progressive" to stay in?—Charlotte News.

There may be some question as to which is best, but it seems to be a fact that the primary and the convention do not always bring the same results.—Durham Herald.

If Virginia really desires effective prohibition it is perhaps possible for her to get a much better law than that under which we are working in this State.—Durham Herald.

If there is nothing wrong in the government providing means of transportation for our products what is wrong with the government owning and operating such means?—Durham Herald.

Senator Root says there is nothing to the Progressive party, except the personality of T. R. But that has made a lot of disturbance.—Greensboro News.

How would you like to be umpire of that police tail game? Just think, who would protect you when the fans began to thirst for your blood?—The Greensboro News.

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