

PRESIDENT SCORES VICIOUS WRITERS

Welcomes Honest Criticism of Public Officials, But Declares Tactics Adopted by Sensation Mongers Detrimental to Public Welfare.

Washington.—The *Naturalist* of slander, modeling and libel which is being carried on in the guise of moral reform was mercilessly exposed and condemned by President Roosevelt Saturday.

The scurrilous, reckless, irresponsible contributors, writers and editors who have been devoting their evil talents to indiscriminate attacks upon men in business and in public life, were rebuked in a manner that is likely to render their unworthy and menacing occupation less profitable in the future than it has been in the past.

The president delivered the address on the occasion of the opening of the corner stone of the new office building of the house of representatives. The senate and house of representatives were present and also a great assemblage of public officials who live in Washington and visitors.

Canon Introduces President.

President Roosevelt was introduced by Speaker Cannon, who as chairman of the committee on the bill to place the office building is being constructed for the house of representatives, was official master of ceremonies.

Over a century ago Washington laid the corner stone of the capitol in what was then little more than a tract of wooded wilderness here beside the Potomac. We now find it necessary to provide by great additional buildings for the business of the government. This growth in the need for the housing of the government is but a proof and example of the way in which the nation has grown and the sphere of action of the national government has grown.

"The material problems that face us to-day are not such as they were in Washington's time. The social and political facts of human nature are the same now as they were then. Under altered external form we war with the same tendencies toward evil that were evident in Washington's time, and are helped by the same tendencies for good. It is about some of these that I wish to say a word to-day.

Rakes Filth to Himself.

In Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" you may recall the character of the man with the muck rake, the man who could look no way but downward, with the muck rake in his hands, who was offered a celestial crown for his muck rake. But who would look up nor regard the crown he was offered, but continued to rake to himself the filth of the floor.

"In 'Pilgrim's Progress' the man with the muck rake is set forth as an example of him whose vision is fixed on carnal instead of on spiritual things. Yet he also typifies the man who in this life consistently refuses to see that which is good. He looks up with eyes with solemn intensity only on that which is vile and debasing. Now, it is very necessary that we should not flinch from seeing what is vile and debasing.

"There is filth on the floor and it must be scraped up with the muck rake, and there are times and places where this service is the most needed of all the services of the man who is formed. But the man who never does anything else, who never thinks or speaks or writes, save of his feats with the muck rake, speedily becomes not a help to society, but a hindrance. Most men do not look up, but see only the most potent forces for evil."

Admits Existence of Evil.

"There are in the body politic, economic and social, many and grave evils, and there is urgent necessity for the earnest work of the man who is formed. There should be relentless exposure of and attack upon every evil man, whether politician or business man, every evil factor, whether in politics, in business or in social life. I had as a benefactor every writer or speaker, every magazine or newspaper with merciless severity makes such attack, provided always that he is not a man of such caliber that the attack is of use only if it is absolutely truthful. The liar is no help better than the thief, and if his mendacity takes the form of slander he may be worse than a thief. There should be no compromise with the man who makes indiscriminate assault upon men in business or men in public life that they lay in a road which is open to all, and in favor of the unscrupulous scoundrel who really ought to be attacked, who ought to be exposed, who ought if possible to be put in the penitentiary. If Aristotle is greater than Aristotle, so just people get tired of hearing it, and overcensure of the unjust finally and

from similar reasons results in their favor.

Untold Injury Is Done.

The effort to make financial or political effort out of the destruction of character can only result in public calamity. Good and reckless assaults on character, whether on the stump or in newspaper, magazine or book, create a morbid and vicious public sentiment and at the same time act as a powerful deterrent to the men of normal sensitiveness and tend to prevent them from entering the public service at any price.

Damage to Whole Country.

"It is to be regretted that admitted evils of our political and industrial life with such crude and sweeping generalizations as to include decent men in the general condemnation, mean the searing of the public conscience. There results a general attitude either of cynical belief and indifference to public corruption or else a distrust of inability to discriminate between the good and the bad. Either attitude is fraught with untold damage to the country as a whole.

"In his ecclesiastical polity that fine old Elizabethan prelate, Bishop Hooper, wrote: 'He that goeth about to persuade a multitude that they are not so well-governed as they ought to be shall never want attention and favorable hearing.' He is right. We know the manifold defects whereunto every kind of regimen is subject, but the secrets, lies and difficulties, which in public proceedings are innumerable and inevitable, that he ordinarily the judgment to consider."

"This truth should be kept constantly in mind by every free people desiring to preserve the sanity and political responsibility of the permanent success of self-government. Yet, on the other hand, it is vital not to permit this spirit of sanity and self-command to degenerate into a permanent stagnation. Bad though the state of hysterical excitement is and evil though the results are which come from the violent oscillations such excitement invariably produces, the permanent acquiescence in evil is even worse.

Preachers of Unrest.

"At this moment we are passing through a period of great unrest—social, political, industrial. It is of the utmost importance for our future that this should prove to be not the unrest of mere rebelliousness against life, of mere dissatisfaction with the inevitable conditions of our condition, but the unrest of a resolute and eager ambition to secure the betterment of the individual and the nation.

Progressive Tax on Wealth.

"If it is important to this people to grapple with the problems connected with the amassing of enormous fortunes, and to deal with them on both corporate and individual, in business. We should discriminate in the sharpest way between fortunes well won and fortunes ill won, between those gained as a result of performing great services to the community as a whole and those gained in evil fashion by keeping just within the limits of mere law honesty.

"Again, the national government must in some form exercise supervision over corporations engaged in interstate business—and all large corporations are engaged in interstate business—whether by license or otherwise, so as to permit us to deal with the far-reaching evils of overcapitalization.

"The men of wealth who to-day are trying to prevent the regulation and control of their business in the interest of the public by the proper government authorities will not succeed, in my judgment, unless they are the promoters of the movement. But if they did succeed they would find that they had sown the wind and would surely reap the whirlwind, for they would ultimately provoke the violent excesses which accompany a reform coming by convulsion instead of by steady and natural growth.

"We can no more and no less afford to condone evil in the man of capital than evil in the man of no capital. The wealthy man who exults because there is a failure of justice in the effort to bring such trust management to account for his misdeeds is as bad and no worse than the so-called labor leader who clamorously strives to excite a foul class feeling on behalf of some other labor leader who is implicated in murder. One attitude is as bad as the other and no worse; in each case the accused is entitled to exact justice, and in neither case is there need of action by others. There can be no compromise into an expression of sympathy for crime.

Negro Methodists Change Plans.

Nashville, Tenn.—Bishop Phillips, of the colored Methodist church, announced that the annual conference would meet May 2 at Memphis, Tenn. Inability to secure accommodations at Topeka is the reason for the change.

Many Horses Cremated.

Baltimore, Md.—About 300 horses and mules were burned to death in a fire of an unknown origin which completely destroyed the stock stable of Moses Mox. The damage is estimated at \$45,000.

THE SCHOOL GIRLS

THE HAUNTING PERSONALITY OF THE CLASS.

A Composite Photograph of School-girls Has a Distinct Personality—Contact with Other Girls Rubs Away One's Angles—Members of Class Gradually Acquire Characteristics in Common—The Misfortune of Being Taught at Home—The Personal Unit in the Class-Room—Great Colleges Put Their Own Hall-Marks on Their Graduates.

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I have always been interested in composite photographs. The view not so much of an individual as of a group merged into an individual, has features that awaken thought. Looking over the class and trying to remember the bright faces of 25 girls, each as different from the other as if she belonged to another species, and still such a likeness to the other as marked as the likeness of peas in a pod.

Josephine, Katherine, Barbara, Agnes, Mary, Evelyn, run through the catalogue of beautiful names, and match them with their corresponding surnames, and you are impressed with the variations in type. Let a composite photograph of the class present itself to you, and you behold a single type, and that type taken over the years will be in the least the type of another year, or of seven years to come.

Girls of the same general appearance and age will be attending school seven years hence, yet a composite photograph taken of them will not be a repetition of the one taken of your class this year. Shadowy, elusive, fitting resemblances are seen in the class photograph to this and the other girl, but on the whole, a new and charming character attracts you, and you see not a single personality, but the personality of a class.

As I sometimes stand on a school platform, or behind the desk in a chapel where rows of schoolgirls, or college students, make a beautiful picture, I get the thought of a composite photograph. One of the very best things your school life and work are doing for you, girls, is not the training of your minds and memories, but the giving you acquaintance with facts and theories, but the formation in you of a strong and noble womanhood. Your angles and roughnesses are being rubbed away and smoothed by contact with others.

Katherine, for instance, though charming, is naturally imperious and self-absorbed. She is the only daughter and her parents and brothers are content to let her caprices and spoil her by their readiness to grant her every wish. She needs fully as much some lessons in yielding to others, in accepting now and then the second place instead of the first, and in gentleness and amiability, as she needs training in algebra and physics.

Agnes is more too unselfish. She runs her feet off at home on errands for everybody. She gives up her own will so readily that people forget to thank her for daily sacrifices, and she is more than willing to be overlooked and taken at her own valuation in a world where most of us have to hold our own, or be pushed aside. At school her teachers appreciate her true and unselfish and very ready to see that others treat her fairly. She is not permitted to efface herself on every possible occasion.

Mary is deficient in sympathy. She has no sense of putting herself in the place of a friend. Barbara is too sentimental. She is given to exaggeration and gush, but is extremely superficial. Each girl has in herself some quality that she desires, but which she has all the qualities that go to make —

"The perfect woman, nobly planned, To warn, to comfort and command— And when she speaks, if it be other, it is a misfortune; for most girls to be taught at home, as is the fashion in a few exclusive families. A girl in the house is a constant reminder to the mother of the value of the training of the nursery brood. But when girls have arrived at their teens, masters coming and going and teachers who give the hours so careful coaching are not half so good for them as are the contact and the friction of the classroom.

Whether the school be public or private, whether on city streets or in a country road, is not the all important thing. The essential is that girls shall be thrown into the society of their peers and prepared in the school-room for the value of the larger world, into which they must enter before many years pass.

Of course, in the schoolroom you are taught how to study, how to use your powers, how to appear without confusion and with credit in the company of others, and how to bear yourself as a unit in the mass composed of units. The personal equation is not undervalued in the schoolroom. Every unit counts one. If one girl is careless, slovenly in her work, tardy, irregular in attendance, or in any way inferior, she harms not herself only, but brings down the average standing of her class. I hear girls complain of this as if it were unfair. It is not unfair. It is the fairest thing that can happen, and it emphasizes the power of the unit.

What right have you to infringe the dignity of your class and lower its average? If you are the only one who will comprehend that the strength

of any chain is in the strength of its links. Every one of you has read with delight Kipling's wonderful Jungle Books. Do you not remember the "Law of the Jungle"?

Perhaps you will look it up, not that I am comparing you for a minute to the wolves and the wild wild creatures of the jungle. But there are few days in my life when I do not see in home life, in town life, and wherever else people live in communities, the "Law of the Jungle" in its stanzas I am about to quote:

"Now this is the law of the jungle— as old and as true as the sky: And the wolf shall not eat the lamb if he be strong, but the wolf that shall break it must die. As the creeper that girdles the tree-trunk the law runneth forward and backward—

For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack."

I think I will make a parody of this for you, with apologies to Mr. Kipling:

Now this is the law of the school-room—as old and as true as the sun; And the students who keep it shall prosper, for the tasks of their days will be done.

The law runneth onward forever, as surely the happy years pass, and the strength of the class of the girl, and the strength of the girl is the class.

Schools set their stamp on their pupils as surely as the wind will all a glance by certain slight characteristics or certain more definite ones, from which school a girl has been graduated. Just as every great college in the land puts its mark on its graduates, the preparatory school stamps its pupils for all time.

Girls in the formative period of their lives come beneath the moulding hand and the influence of a teacher's personality. Inseparably, they take on something they would never have had but for her. Years ago, in New York city, there was a principal who presided over what was known as the Twelfth street grammar school. To this day Miss Wadley's pupils bear something of her strong and beautiful character in their faces and lives.

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These are the thoughts that come to me as I look on a class photograph.

A USEFUL WRITING-CASE.

This Receptacle Has Advantages Over the Ordinary Blotting-Pad in Keeping Stationary Clean.

The chief feature of this writing-case is that it is attached on either side to two roomy pockets to hold envelopes, post cards, paper and stamps; they are made to fold over and inclose the case when it is not in use, and when the case is open, the ordinary blotting pad, and keeps the stationery and blotting paper free from dust.

For the board holding the blotting paper a piece of stout card or millboard is used, and the entire cover is covered with leather and glued firmly to the back. A piece of dark green art serge or any other material we



VERY CONVENIENT.

fancy must then be glued on the back of the board with pieces left on either side of sufficient length to fold over and tie across the pad; on these the corners of the blotting paper are attached on either side of the board where indicated in the sketch, and the one is for holding a pen, the other a pencil. Monograms may be worked on the blotting paper, and they are edged with cord or bound with ribbon they will look well. The blotting paper of the pad is fixed by merely slipping the covers under the corners of the blotting paper, post cards, paper and stamps," may be worked in silk in ornamental lettering.

Water at Meals.

Water taken with meals should be sipped as well as taken sparingly. Ice water should be taken as seldom as possible; never would be a better habit to get into. The bottle with a chippled ice in the drinking water is to be avoided, as one never knows what may be taken into the stomach through this medium. The bottle is to be bottled with water and allow water to stand beside ice to chill.

For Chapped Hands.

To cure chapped hands always carefully dry the hands after washing, never allow the moisture to evaporate; this is a cause of the trouble. Before going to bed rub hands well with olive oil, vasoline, sweet almond cream or glycerine. Those who cannot afford medicaments will find a bit of mutton fat (uncooked) very effective. Draw on an old pair of gloves after anointing.

Cleaning Cream.

Almond oil 4 ounces
White turpentine 4 ounces
Orange flower 4 ounces
Melt the wax in a double boiler, add the oil slowly. When all are heated, remove from the fire, stir until partly cooled, then add the turpentine, orange flower or water. Beat until cold.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN MANY TOWNS.

YOUNG COUPLE IS MISSING

Left Hillsboro on Wedding Tour Four Months Ago and Have Not Been Heard From Since—Vice Crusade in Dixon.

Litchfield.—R. J. Wilson, of Hillsboro, is trying to locate his son and the latter's wife, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Wilson, who left this county last December for a trip through Missouri and Mexico. Mr. Wilson was married a short time before their departure and were on their wedding tour.

They went to St. Louis, where they spent several days, going from there to Mexico. Mr. Wilson was received by relatives at Hillsboro from both cities and the last letter was written December 16. Since that date nothing has been heard from them, though they were expected to return to this city to reside.

The last letter was written by the bride and stated that they were at the Gem hotel in Mexico. Investigation revealed that there is no such hotel in that city.

She stated in the letter that they had made no plans for the future, and since that time they have disappeared and every effort to locate them has proved futile.

The friends and relatives in this community have become alarmed and fear adverse action by the fathers of the groom, states that he fears they were decoupled to some place and robbed and murdered. Young Wilson was known to have had \$200 when they left on the trip.

They have failed to reach any of their relatives in either Missouri or Kansas whom they intended to visit. The couple took only a very little baggage as they were not intending to be absent from home very long.

Legislators Assemble.

Springfield.—The special session of the legislature called by Gov. Deneen to enact a new primary law was convened, with practically a full attendance. Gov. Deneen's message was brief. It contained a rehearsal of the causes necessitating the extra session, a resume of the supreme court decision and urged the passage of a comprehensive act to amend the supreme court once within the demands of the people of Illinois, in accordance with the Republican platform, and at the same time preclude the danger of another adverse action by the supreme court.

The message also asks for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the civil service department, appropriations for the continuance of the Illinois Central investigation, and the continuance of the present session of the legislature. A new primary election bill, avoiding the features of the old bill declared unconstitutional, has been introduced.

Sues for Less Than One Cent.

Paris.—Charles Curtis has brought suit against the Great Northern Railroad company in the circuit court, claiming \$1,999.99 damages for the loss of his leg at Robinson while employed as brakeman on the Cairo division of the defendant company's railroad. The suit was first brought for \$10,000 in the federal court at Danville and was dismissed in anticipation of a ruling of the court that the railroad company was not liable. The suit is now brought for just one cent less than \$2,000, to keep it out of the federal court.

Meets Death in Wheels.

Sycamore.—Frank Rollins, engineer of the DeKalb-Stromberg Electric company, was adjusting the oil cup on a big waterworks pump when his sleeve caught in a belt and drew him into the cog wheels, where it was ground so that it hung to his body by fragments. He was alone, and to free himself sawed off the ligaments. He then went to near his home, where he died from loss of blood.

Stockyards Man Falls.

Chicago.—Speculation in stocks and bonds, it is declared, brought about a condition in the affairs of James J. Farrelly, stockyards commission man, that resulted in the appointment of a receiver by Judge S. H. Betha. Farrelly's liabilities are said to have reached \$40,000. His assets are estimated at \$40,000. Some years ago Farrelly cleared up almost \$100,000 by a corner on ribs.

Deny Receiving Gift.

Kankakee.—It is not true that the trustees of St. Viateur's college, recently destroyed by fire, have received donations to the amount of \$150,000 for reconstruction. The insurance money will be used for this purpose, together with such subscriptions as may be received. The college buildings are to be erected at Bourbonnais, Ill., two miles north of Kankakee.

Engineer Killed.

Chicago.—One man, an engineer, was killed, and a number of persons were injured in a collision between a passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad and a freight train on the Pan-Handle road at Ellsworth and Kinross. Both roads use the same tracks at that point. The wreck is thought to have been caused by a switchman of the Pan-Handle signaling the wrong engine to enter the main track just before the passenger train on the St. Paul was due.

DANVILLE HAS A MYSTERY

Charred Remains of Aged Woman Found in Ruins of Barn.

Danville.—The mystery surrounding the cremation of Mrs. Margaret Dowdy, a widow 60 years old, whose charred body was found in the ruins of her son's barn, near Ararat, remains unsolved.

Mrs. Dowdy resided with her son, Frank Lowrey. The family of her son had started to move to the barn for a short visit, leaving the aged woman alone. When a short distance from the house one of the members of the family looked back and saw the barn in flames. There is belief here that she was murdered and that she was burned in the barn and the building burned in an attempt to hide the crime. Others think the woman had become suddenly insane, set fire to the buildg and was caught in the conflagration.

There were two mules and a horse, all valuable animals, consumed in the fire.

DIXON ANTI-VIOLECE CRUSADE

Grand Jury Issues Subpoenas for Over 200 People.

Dixon.—As a result of information filed with State's Attorney Woodford, the grand jury has issued subpoenas for more than 200 persons, fifty of the most important of these witnesses have left the city.

The charges were preferred by the Rev. C. McLean, the Rev. W. L. Rutherford, the Rev. Joseph F. Newton, and several other members of the Law and Order league, which is conducting the anti-violece crusade.

Several attempts have been made to secure the release of the private detective who secured the evidence for the league, but up to the present time he has failed to appear.

The charges were preferred by the pastors are against the proprietors of hotels and cigar stores, many of the charges being sensational in the extreme.

High School Boys in Raid.

Jacksonville.—Fifteen high school seniors raided the home of Supt. Furr and attempted to carry off the refreshments prepared for a junior class, which was being entertained by the superintendent. The police were summoned and three of the seniors carried off to the police station and swore out a warrant. One of the culprits pleaded so eloquently that the superintendent released, and all three were released. The other seniors purchased a large supply of ice cream and cake, carried it to the superintendent's home, and the junior banquet proceeded.

Peikin Bankers Arrested.

Peoria.—The five partners of the failed Ties Smith bank of Peikin, D. C. Smith, president; Conrad Luppe, cashier; Habbe Veide, Henry Block and E. F. Unland, have been arrested and bound over to the grand jury which meets in May. The bankers are the wealthiest and most prominent members of the Peikin community and practically every business man in Peikin is related by intermarriage to one or another of the families. The failure of the bank is complete, and it is not estimated that more than 20 percent can be paid on deposits, which amounted to \$482,000. They have been released under bond.

Deaf Mutes to Be Sent.

Jacksonville.—At a meeting of the board of trustees of the school for the deaf in this city it was voted to send a class from the school to the meeting of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf, to be held at Pittsburg June 27 to July 3, to demonstrate the work in arithmetic and the teaching of the Illinois school. The class will be accompanied by Superintendent Gillette and the arithmetic teacher, Miss Lyde Kent, one of the best of the instructors in the branch in the state. Members W. Watson, of Barry, P. H. Wemple, of Waverly and Col. J. R. Robertson, of this city, were present.

Wheaton College Gets Gift.

Wheaton.—Wheaton college has just received a contribution of \$1,000 toward the new fund of \$75,000 to be raised to secure a gift of \$25,000 from Andrew Carnegie as an additional endowment for the institution. Mr. Carnegie will pay over the \$25,000 as soon as \$75,000 is secured in cash or marketable securities. The money is to be used to obtain the necessary contributions from men and women throughout the country who are familiar with the work at Wheaton.

Ground Under Wheels.

Bloomington.—Dennis McCarty fell beneath the wheels of a Big Four freight train here and was instantly killed. The body was mangled beyond recognition. Mr. McCarty, who had received money from an insurance company in Peoria, leads to the belief that he lived in that city. There was also a membership card in a book which was found in the trunk of his coat. The man's name was McCarty and he was from Peoria.

Mason City Men Hurt.

Mason City.—While working in and building a cistern at the home of Frank Dare, west of town, B. J. Simpson and Jerome Silveira were precipitated to the bottom by the breaking of a plank. The men fell a distance of 20 feet and both were injured. The former received injuries which will not permit him being removed to the hospital. The latter's injuries while not painful, are less severe. The men are candidates for aldermen from the Third and Second wards, respectively.

Two Killed in Collision.

Charleston, W. Va.—Two men were killed and 11 were probably fatally injured in a collision of two trolleys at the Terry street crossing of the Stonevale Coal company, in the New River field. The men who were killed were riding in the cars when the collision occurred, both cars going over the embankment.

No Peace Conference.

The Hague.—It is stated here on good authority that the peace conference will not meet here this summer.