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People Talked About



JAMES B. REYNOLDS.

JAMES BRONSON REYNOLDS, of Neill-Reynolds report fame, has for some years been well known in New York, but the revelations as to conditions in the meat packing industry have put his name in the mouths of millions who had not heard of him prior to the meat packing investigation. He is a man of means and has devoted his energies chiefly to work for social and economic reform. He is forty-five years old and a lawyer, but has won his reputation mainly on philanthropic lines and for a dozen years has been head worker at the University settlement in New York. He was a member of the New York tenement house commission in 1900 and has been prominent in the Citizens' Union. He was secretary to Seth Low during the latter's administration as mayor of New York. Mr. Reynolds is a Yale graduate and was a fellow in sociology at Columbia university. It has been stated that he has done more for improving conditions in the tenement section of New York than any other man except Jacob A. Riis. He is said to have paid his own expenses in the investigation into conditions among the Chicago packing house workers, which he made in conjunction with Labor Commissioner Neill at the request of the president.

Representative William Alden Smith, who aspires to succeed General Alger in the senate, has often criticised the body of which he now wishes to be a member. A story is told of how he was once awakened at night by his wife crying out: "Wake up, William Alden! There are robbers in the house."

"No, my dear," sleepily murmured Smith; "you are mistaken. There are no robbers in the house. All the robbers are in the senate."

The Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D. D., LL. D., professor of English literature at Princeton and well known for his literary work, was one of the principal advocates of the "Presbyterian Prayer Book" at the late general assembly of the Presbyterian church. The volume was presented to the assembly by a committee of which Dr. Van Dyke was chairman. Opposition was made to it by some delegates, and one in an impassioned address declared, "It smells of priestcraft." But after extended discussion the book was formally adopted by the assembly for voluntary use, the words "by the authority of the Presbyterian church" being stricken from the title page.



HENRY VAN DYKE.

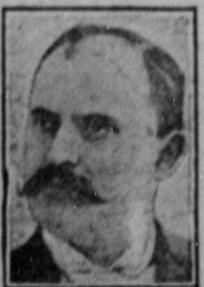
In the course of an address to the assembly on behalf of California churches which suffered from the earthquake Dr. Van Dyke declared that when he studied California he always felt that the lines in Samuel Francis Smith's national hymn—

I love thy rocks and hills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
were intended for New England and that for California must be added the following lines:

I love thy inland seas,
Thy capes and giant trees,
Thy rolling plains,
Thy canyons wild and deep,
Thy prairies' boundless sweep,
Thy rocks and mountains steep,
Thy fertile mains.

I love thy silver strands,
Thy Golden Gate that stands
Afront the west,
Thy sweep and crystal air,
Thy sunlight everywhere—
O land beyond compare,
I love thee best.

George E. Green of Binghamton, N. Y., who has been on trial at Washington upon a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government, was for some years a prominent figure in New York state politics. The indictments found against him accused him of conspiring with George W. Beavers against the United States in the matter of furnishing time recording and stamp cancellation devices to the postoffice department. Beavers was chief of one of the divisions of the department. He has pleaded guilty and is now serving a term in the penitentiary. Mr. Green was tried on certain of the charges against him last winter and acquitted. Trial was then moved on the remaining charges.

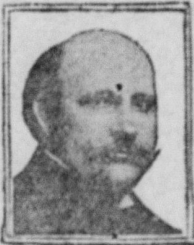


GEORGE E. GREEN. He had the reputation of being a very energetic, aggressive and prosperous

citizen. He was born forty-eight years ago in one of the few log cabins then remaining in Broome county and rose through his own efforts from poverty and obscurity to wealth. He was three times mayor of Binghamton, was twice elected to the state senate and was talked of for the governorship when his upward career was suddenly checked by the charges against him in connection with the postal scandals.

Mr. Green has been a great money spender as well as money maker. One of his hobbies was writing telegrams, which he wrote the same as other people write letters. One night he went into a telegraph office with a telegram several yards long, written on sheets of paper pasted together into a long string, but that telegram was the means of closing a deal for the sale of over 100,000 tons of coal to the Canadian Pacific Railroad company.

Ex-Governor Bob Taylor of Tennessee, who is to have a seat in the United States senate when Senator Carmack's term expires next year, is noted for his wit. He has been governor of Tennessee three times and once ran against his own brother for the office. He is known all over the country as "Fiddling Bob." In his many campaigns he has formed a wide personal acquaintance and prides himself on knowing most of the people of his state. It is related that on one occasion, meeting for the first time a delegate from one of the eastern counties of Tennessee to the state convention, Mr. Taylor said:



EX-GOVERNOR BOB TAYLOR.

"I am glad to meet you, sir. I have known your father for a good many years, but this is the first time I have had the pleasure of seeing you. I see, sir, that the son is a better looking man than the father."

"Oh, come, governor," replied the delegate banteringly. "You needn't try to jolly me that way, for I'm for Barksdale all right, even if the old man is for you."

Governor Taylor smiled in a reflective way. "My dear sir," he added, "I merely said I found you a better looking man than your father. I did not say you had half as much sense."

Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois, who served as a member of the conference committee on the rate bill, is one of the veterans of congress and is said to resemble Abraham Lincoln. Ten years since the likeness was more marked, however. It was about that long ago that a Washington correspondent at a dinner where he sat next to the Illinois statesman made an allusion to his resemblance to the signer of the emancipation proclamation and drew the senator out on the subject of his long and intimate friendship with Lincoln. In the course of his remarks Mr. Cullom referred to the fact that he was one of the members of the house of representatives who brought out Blaine for speaker. "I had noted Blaine on the floor of the house," said Mr. Cullom, "for his fine power of compressing a statement. He could boil it up or down and give it to you in a speech which covered the whole case. President Lincoln called my attention to Blaine while he was president. Somebody had exasperated Blaine, and he had replied to him. Lincoln said to me, 'There is a young fellow up there from Maine by the name of Blaine who has plenty of ability, and I think is going to cut a big figure in this country.' I do not now recollect what speech Mr. Lincoln referred to, but in assisting to elect Blaine I felt that he was praised by Lincoln."

Representative Hardwick, from Georgia, was recently traveling in a Pullman car. Hardwick is the smallest man in the house. The presence of a negro gave him great concern, and after the negro had gone into the dining car and eaten his dinner, sitting near the Georgian, the Georgia member went to the conductor and asked that the negro be put out of the car.

"We can't do that, sir," the conductor answered.

"Well, if that fresh dinky gets near me I'm going to wipe up the car with him!" declared the Georgian. "I won't have him around me!"

Everything went along peaceably enough, the negro sitting in his seat and interfering with no one.

"Who is that black rascal?" asked the southern member of the porter after a time.

"Who—him?" asked the porter. "Boss, dat's Joe Gans, champion lightweight fightab of de world!"

His Time Coming.

Young Mother—Harry, dear, you mustn't go near the baby. Young Father—Mayn't I just look at him a minute? Young Mother—No, dear; he's asleep. I'll let you take him when he wakes up in the night.

A man never catches up with his good intentions for tomorrow.—Success Magazine.

Sinclair And the Beef Trust

THE Beveridge bill has leaped into prominence with a suddenness almost startling, and so completely has it absorbed public attention for the time being that the rate bill, for weeks in the very forefront at Washington, seems to have been forgotten. The rate bill represents a movement to control railroad freight rates in the interest of shippers and the general public. The Beveridge meat inspection bill represents an effort to safeguard the public health in respect to one of the greatest industries of the country—that of the slaughter of animals for food and the dressing and packing of the meat for shipment far and wide over the country and over the inhabited parts of the whole globe. Incidentally the bill represents also a movement to throw proper restraints about the methods pursued in the operation of the industry and to improve the conditions under which the work is carried on. The honor of introducing the meat inspection bill in the senate fell to the senior senator from Indiana, Albert J. Beveridge, who is one of the senate leaders and an orator known for both the force of his rhetoric and the sharpness of his wit. Senator Beveridge is an author also, and his book about the Russian empire, which appeared about the time that war between Japan and Russia broke out, has been widely read.

Mr. Beveridge is one of the younger set among the Washington statesmen, as he will not be forty-four years of age until autumn, and, though he has enjoyed a university education, he has seen life from the point of view of what President Roosevelt calls "the man with the patch on his breeches," for he was plowboy and railroad laborer, logger and teamster in early days. The meat inspection bill was passed in the senate with remarkable celerity as a rider of the agricultural bill, and it has been said that the bill was hastily slung together, tagged with Mr. Beveridge's name and put through when Mr. Roosevelt had the Neill-Reynolds meat trust report in his hands to use as a club to compel such legislation if necessary. On the contrary, however, the statement is made that Mr. Beveridge was at work upon the bill for two months prior to its introduction and was one of the first persons to call the president's attention to the alleged abuses in connection with the meat packing industry.



UPTON SINCLAIR.

The most important factor of all in bringing the movement for regulation of the meat trust's operations to its present status was the novel by Upton Sinclair, entitled "The Jungle." Like "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which did so much to bring about the downfall of slavery in this country, and like "Down With Arms," which led to the calling of The Hague peace conference, "The Jungle" was written with the view of bringing about a great reform. Its author was moved to indignation by the conditions he witnessed in an investigation of the Packingtown district of Chicago, and under the guise of fiction he described a state of affairs in the packing industry said by some to be even worse than Sinclair painted it. President Roosevelt was so moved on reading the book that he determined his influence should be used to rectify the alleged abuses if they existed as described. To ascertain this he had several investigations made, the most important of which was that conducted by Charles P. Neill, United States labor commissioner, and James Bronson Reynolds, the settlement worker. Their report is said to have substantiated in the main the representations made in Mr. Sinclair's book.

"The Jungle" is dedicated "To the Workingmen of America." Its hero passes through some terrible experiences as one of the throng of workers in Packingtown. The indictment of the evils of the industry was so strong that Doubleday, Page & Co., before they agreed to the publication of Mr. Sinclair's manuscript, sent a lawyer to Chicago to investigate the situation de-

scribed. His report substantiated the author's picture, and the story was then given to the world.

A Witty Divine.

Dr. James Yorke Bramston, a well known London divine, was a good deal of a wit. To a woman who was pestering him about a marriage she desired to see arranged he quietly remarked: "My name is Bramston, not Brimstone. I am not a maker of matches."

EXPERTS AT TENNIS.

May Sutton, Woman Champion, and Her Sisters.

Miss May Sutton, who sailed for England recently to participate in the woman's tennis championship tournament, defeated the British champion, Miss Douglas, last year. The year previous she won the American championship. Her victory over the English women players demonstrated her right



MAY AND VIOLET SUTTON.

to the title of woman champion of the world. She hopes to be able to hold the championship of Great Britain another year. Miss Sutton is one of four sisters, all noted as tennis players, Ethel, Violet and Florence being the names of the other three. May is the youngest and is only nineteen, but has won the most fame of any of the tennis quartet. The young ladies are residents of Pasadena, Cal.

Great Britain.

The island of Great Britain—so called to distinguish it from Britain Minor, of Little Britain, in France—is the largest island in Europe. Its greatest length is 608 miles and its greatest breadth 320 miles. It embraces England, Scotland and Wales. No other country in the world has such great mineral wealth in so small an area. Coal is first, and the other important minerals are iron, tin, copper, lead, silver, zinc, iron pyrites and salt.

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