



THE WISDOM OF MR. DOOLEY.

"Whinver annybody offers to give ye somethin' fr nawthin, or somethin' fr less thin it's worth, or more fr somethin' thin it's worth, don't take any chances—yell fr a polisman."

THE PARCELS POST AND THE MERCHANT.

A climax is approaching for the country town and the country merchant. It hinges on the success or failure of congress to pass a parcels post law.

The parcels post is poison to the rural merchant. If the law is passed—and it will be unless you help to defeat it—the merchant in the small town might as well close out and quit while the bridges are still unburned.

"Centralization!" This is the tendency to-day. "Everything for the cities and nothing for the country!" This is the system.

The parcels post is the open door to the army of control. Through this door will pour the hordes of orders city bound, bringing back another horde of purchases by mail.

The passage of the parcels post law will be the crowning victory in the mail-order war against the country merchant and the country town. It will centralize millions of purchases and put up thousands of "To Let" signs all over this verdant and productive United States.

"Politics make strange bedfellows." The situation as it now exists makes the express companies the sleeping partner of every citizen of the country town, and while we must acknowledge it is not because we love Caesar less out Rome more, that we fight in the partnership, fight we must hand-to-hand, shoulder to shoulder, with the express companies.

Many merchants have grievances against the express companies, for many a time have their charges scarred our financial souls, but even their exorbitant prices have been a safeguard—they have, to some extent, kept out the Army of Destruction—the Mail Order Hosts.

Now, whether we like the express companies or not, we must league with them in a fight to keep congress from passing this law. There is yet time to obliterate it.

MR. MERCHANT, IF YOU DON'T KILL IT, IT WILL KILL YOU.

This is a fight to the finish. Go to work to-day through all the avenues to which you have entrance and don't stop working until the fight is won—for if it isn't won, may God have mercy on your evanescent business soul.

"BOOMING REYNOLDSVILLE."

In a good natured skit at the expense of the name of THE STAR's acting editor, the Volunteer last week expressed fear that such a bunch of optimism as appeared in THE STAR two weeks ago might have the gentle effect of a bomb exploding.

The Volunteer should know that there are two kinds of "hot air." The gaseous brand of ether that carries a balloon high in the air until collapse corresponds to the inflation of values through fraudulent representation. But there is a kind of "hot air" generated by a mass of fuel at white heat in a furnace; it gets up steam in the boiler and the steam surges through the valves and transforms a mass of inert metal into a vibrant, throbbing monster of imprisoned power.

This is the kind of energy we are trying to inject into the citizens and business of Reynoldsville. "Statements founded on fact," as the Volunteer believes our own to be, never yet brought man or town to ruin through trusting in them. We boom the town of Reynoldsville because we do implicitly believe in its men and institutions and the brightness of its future. If we have been optimistic in a time of deep depression, we gave cold facts and figures to substantiate our statements.

We believe that enough is already certain industrially to warrant unqualified assurance that those who invest in Reynoldsville real estate, and Reynoldsville business under present conditions will have nothing to regret six months hence. Reynoldsville is not only going to prosper as she never did before, but has already started on the up grade and shows every indication of returned confidence among her citizens.

We're going ahead, and as for a reaction— We recall that when Admiral Dewey sailed into Manila Bay to attack the Spanish fleet, there were certain timid souls aboard who called out, "Beware, beware of the mines." And you may remember the bluff old commodore's reply: "Damn the mines!"

And so say we of reactions. Furthermore, if the up-swing had not commenced when it did the Volunteer would soon have had no need to worry over a reaction. No need at all.

"THE CHILD MISSION."

Following is an extract from the sermon by Rev. George H. Hill, of Beechwoods, on "The Child Mission" for which The Delmeator paid \$300.00 as a prize:

"The child not only has a right to exist, but he is an important part of our body politic. He is to be taken account of, and reckoned with, just as is any other class of citizens. All admit that men and women have their place in society, and we look upon idiots and insane people and the criminal class as a sort of necessary evil. But it seems to be a popular idea to-day, with many people at least, to think of the child as a part of society that we can get along without. Hence there are not a few homes where children are not wanted and where, should they come, they are not welcome. This is a most serious fact and one that as an American people we must face.

"Five generations ago one third of the American nation was made up of children and babies; to-day they comprise less than one-fourth of the population. At the last census there were about eighteen million children in the United States. But it is estimated that if we had kept pace with our great-grand-parents, there would be seven millions more.

Who is responsible for the seven millions of missing American children?

"If there is an absence of children from our homes, there must be some reason for it. Long ago the babies were welcome. A childless home was a dishonor and sad hearted was the young wife who could not enfold in her arms a sweet, faced baby. What is it that has taken the place of the heaven-born mother-love that is the rightful inheritance of every woman? Can dogs take the place of children? One is saddened and sickened at the sight, all too common in certain quarters, of women fondling and caressing a ribbon-bedecked poodle or pug and leading it around with a string. One must seriously question whether such women have any mother-love in their hearts. A certain prominent man recently said he did not think children were worth as much in this country as dogs; that you could get a child for nothing, but that you had to pay at least twenty-five dollars for an ordinary Boston terrier pup.

"The excuse is sometimes made that children cost too much and that we cannot afford to clothe and educate them. But this cannot be the reason, since it is among the rich that the greatest scarcity occurs. Some say they dare not undertake the responsibility of rearing children, because one can never tell how they will turn out.

"Surely the child pays. Even though our children may not become famous, yet it is something to know that we have helped one of God's helpless ones, for our Master has said, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'

"Long ages ago the prophet said, 'A little child shall lead them.' This is true to-day. Blessed are those who learn the secret of being thus led by a little child, for the Master has said that it is only those who become as little children that can enter into the kingdom of heaven."

ON THE UP GRADE.

The best barometer of business conditions in Reynoldsville is furnished by the monthly statements of freight receipts at the two stations. For over a year these receipts steadily decreased in Reynoldsville until the first of January, when the rock bottom of actual necessity seemed to have been reached in local supplies. For a time it was stationary, but for a month past has been slowly but surely increasing. This improvement corresponds with the statements of several of the owners of large stores in Reynoldsville that, notwithstanding the reduction sales customary at the first of the year, business since, which might have been expected to be stagnant, has shown an actual increase over the months preceding the sales.

It is undeniable that the outlook is brighter now than at any time in the fifteen months past. The taking over of the steel plant, the certainty of continuance of operation at the Brick and Tile plant, the purchase of the upper brick plant and near completion of the re-equipment of the glass plant, all combine to paint the future a rosy hue, while the sound of the looms in the woolen mills running day and night makes music sweet enough to banish pessimism from the town.

When the tariff tinkering is disposed of in a few weeks and general conditions adjust themselves to the new rates, business contracts now held back in hope of lower prices, will be given, and just as surely will industrial activity revive. With its revival will come resumption of full time at the local mines and orders for the reopening of the silk mill.

PRACTICAL TEMPERANCE.

Before granting liquor licenses in Indiana county last week, Judge Telford made every applicant sign a statement that no treating would be permitted in his bar room. Telford is on the right road to true temperance reform. Few men would stand before the bar and put fifty cents worth of liquor down their throat at one time if they were to pay for it a glass at a time. But they will drink that much liquor when in a crowd and pay their "treat" without turning a hair. Often the man who goes to the bar for one drink goes staggering out because he meets there a crowd of friends and each one "sets them up." Cut out the treating habit and fewer men will ever drink to excess.

The following extract from the Ridgway Advocate throws a strong sidelight on the movement to elevate our own Judge Reed to the Supreme Court: "Judge John W. Reed is one of the most able, as well as most honorable and strictly upright President Judges in the State of Pennsylvania. He has been strongly urged to become an active candidate for the coming vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court, in this State, but he has steadily declined to appear in that light, even going so far as to discourage several bar associations who asked his consent to endorse him for the place. While Judge Reed would not likely refuse a nomination to such a high and honorable position, he does not pose as an active candidate, but is content to serve the people in the position where they have called him, to preside over the courts of Jefferson county."

The Young Men's Reading Room club has a snug little surplus in its treasury as a result of last Thursday's benefit at the Bijou. The public evidently approves of the efforts of these young men and interest should not wane. With the resumption of several of Reynoldsville's industries in a few months many more young people will be brought back to the city and the reading room should be made one of the community's most conspicuous institutions. Such a reading room, well conducted, will save many a youth from the snare of evil associates on the street.

The DuBois Business Men's Exchange is showing renewed activity. It is a good sign when a city awakens from the apathy of a panic year and commences to make an effort to retrieve lost ground.

If there is legislation inimical to your interests before congress or the legislature, ask your representative to oppose it.

THE SALUTATION OF THE DAWN.

FROM THE SANSKRIT.

Listen to the Salutation of the Dawn.
Listen to the Exhortation of the Dawn.
Look to this Day.
For it is Life—
The very Life of Life.
In its brief course lie all the Vanities and all
The Realities of your Existence.
The Bliss of Growth;
The Glory of Action;
The Splendor of Beauty—
For yesterday is but a Dream, and Tomorrow
Is only a Vision.

But To-Day well lived makes every Yesterday
A Dream of Happiness.
And every To-Morrow a Vision of Hope.
Look well, therefore, to this Day.
Such is the Salutation of the Dawn.

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