

Manchester Enterprise By MAT D. BLOSSER.

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Strange Case of Insanity Young Farmer's Mind Gives Way Under Old Circumstances.

Lightning Eats 'Phone Wires

Business Cards A. F. & F. M. Freeman, Attorneys.

Business Cards A. J. Waters, Attorney.

Business Cards B. A. Tracy, Physician and Surgeon.

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Plan Monument to War Nurse

Remuneration from the Pits

Speculation Injures Trade

Women's Foreign Missions

Meets Sister, Then Dies

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Chance for the Boys

Wisdom in New Land

Improve Plymouth Local

Beau-Bug Bonds

Bounty on Woodchucks

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Must Have a Union Label

Wants Village Honors

Work for Bricklayers

Even Exchange

All Plead Guilty

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Booming Holton

Loss Reputation and \$50

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Text on the right side of the 'NO DRINK' advertisement, including 'See the new moon through clouds or treasuries meads trouble; if the disk is clear, good luck; if seen after the right shoulder, joy; if over the left, anger and disappointment.'

THE ARBITRATORS READY

The members of the strike arbitration commission appointed by President Roosevelt, met at the White House Friday morning.

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PYRAMID OF GIZH, EGYPT.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1902. Campaign poets are beginning to break cover. Sir Thomas Lipton feels he has more good left in him. The fast young man who lengthens his nights also shortens his days.



The Candy Trust, if it is aggressive enough, will do a vast deal for this country's teeth. Those gray old boys recently at Washington have a good many parades in them yet. One may be permitted to wonder what Geo. Sherman would have called a protracted fast.

Multimillionaire Stratton's millions will not multiply very rapidly in the hands of the Colorado founders. Beefsteak is 44 cents a pound in Berlin, and the policy players are all inserting the price in their dials.

Nellie Jay won the Kentucky Fanny stake, which was worth \$10,000 to her owners. She's no Jay. The business people of Venezuela want peace. But business people have not been running Venezuela for a long time.

The hero who is about to marry into Miss Auburn's office is not a hero, but he can make public the pledge he has had to sign. Dr. Louis G. Knox, the famous lion tamer, has taken to himself a wife, and will continue the work of his profession.

Prof. Patten of Dartmouth college believed that man descended from the horsehoose crab. Why, this is worse still. If the Sultan of Brunei ever realizes how extensively he is being out-eviled in every conceivable purpose he will probably realize it.

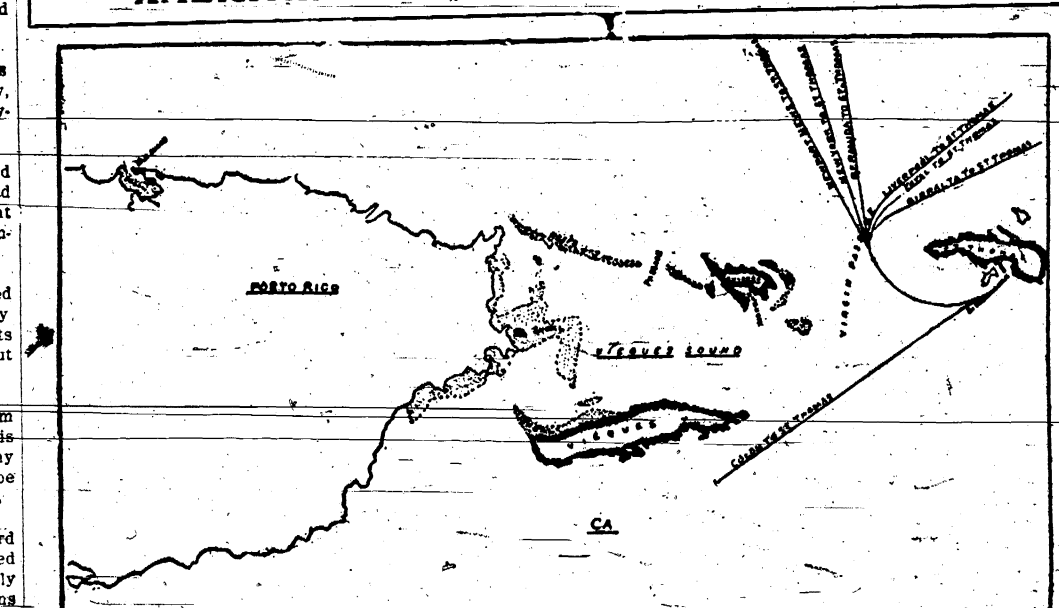
Frenchmen are now fighting duels over Zola. This fact would not of itself indicate, however, that Zola was a great issue. The Sultan of Turkey has built a private theater, probably thinking that this is the only way he can get rid of the encore fund. A bottle has drifted in three seas for 28 years. On land it would have long since become a carbonate.

A servant girl famine threatens New York City. So far as we know, there is not a servant girl feast anywhere in the country. This has been a comparatively bad year for Russell Sage. He has had to dock himself for being of eight days, owing to one cause and another.

NOT WHAT HE EXPECTED.

How Mr. Ingalls' Lesson in Politeness was Wasted. M. E. Ingalls, prominent in railroad affairs of the middle west, has a rule that callers must send in their names from an outer office and await his summons if he desires to admit them. It is told of him that, not a great while ago, the rule was ignored by a stranger, who swung wide the door, let it close with a bang, and jerkily asked: "Ingalls?"

AMERICAN NAVAL BASE IN CARIBBEAN SEA.



The rapid growth of the government's idea regarding the amount of control we should exercise over the waters of the West Indies and the surrounding territory may be inferred from the increase in the program announced by the War Department to navy department. The statement was then made that, owing to the unexpected time for the building of the gunboat Hancock, it was decided to order to the newly created Caribbean division of the North Atlantic command, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan to assume command of the division. It was in this connection that it was necessary to display our flag in some turbulent Latin-American port, much to the preference of our navy, and extra expense involved by dispatching a vessel from New York or Boston.

Longevity of soldiers. Barrating those who get killed, the profession of arms appears to be comparatively safe. Gen. Francis J. Lippitt, who served in both the Mexican and Spanish wars, is still the oldest living member of the Union Army, having been 82 years of age when he was discharged from the army at the close of the war. He is now 90 years of age, and still in the best of health. He was discharged from the army at the close of the war, and has since lived a long and distinguished life.

Notice to Our Patrons. We are Enlarging our FEED GRINDING CAPACITY!



Highest Market Price for Wheat and Corn. Baled Hay Bought or Handled on Commission. LONIER & HOFFER, Manchester Roller Mills.

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There will soon be plenty of coal so you can turn your attention to Stoves. We have them to burn. Hard or Soft-Coal, Wood or Oil. Also Steel-Ranges, for Wood or Coal. Everything in Hardware and prices RIGHT. FRED WIDMAYER.

WE HAVE JUST OPENED OUR FULL LINE OF Jackets, Cloaks and Capes.

FOR LADIES, MISSES & CHILDREN. Fur Scarfs, \$3 to \$15. ALL KINDS OF UNDERWEAR. Ladies and Children, 50c to \$100. Men's Suits from \$10 to \$25. Suits celebrated all wool Underwear for men, \$1 to \$2. Wears twice as long as any other.

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Perfect fitting. \$1.00 to \$2.50. R. & G. Corsets, all styles. SEATON W. ANDERSON, Tecumseh.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1902. BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

C. E. Kelly shipped a carload of celery to Pittsburg, Monday. Don't neglect to register if you did not have last year. Frank Logan purchased a carload of lambs in Chicago, this week. Play "Flicch," with a little pack of cards from the ENTERTAINMENT OFFICE.

There will be a ballroom social at the home of Chas. Merriam tomorrow evening. Mart Trabue has made a tank which will hold 120 barrels of cider, for Holmes Bros. Mr. Marriot thinks that there will be work for four weeks yet at the evaporator.

The german school will open November 3rd. Rev. Geo. Schoettle will conduct it. The railroad company are engaging men to lay gravel again at the pit west of town.

If you are in want of a spron, don't forget the sale at the W. E. O. hall next Saturday. As plenty as apples are there has been scarcity of good sapling apples in market this fall.

John Berke was a Chelsea caller Saturday. Mrs. Peter Guinan visited at Sylvia Sunday. Mrs. Henry Niezarth and two daughters left for Flint last Friday.

John DeWalt came to see the city Sunday. Ben Eichel of Chelsea former freedom boy is the proud papa of a son born last week. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kilmartin spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Hall at Norwell.

Michael Adler was caught by a shaft in his cider mill and thrown to the floor. He was not seriously injured but was badly bruised. Mr. & Mrs. W. Albert McDonald visited at Adrian on Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Kern and children of Manchester and Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Owen of Brookfield were Sunday visitors at Geo. Kern's. Mr. Warren Hozeke was driving past Bert Ayres place last week but horse became frightened and some unknown obstacle send him back toward Mrs. H. out and completely demolishing his horse. Mrs. Hozeke received a few slight bruises.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1902. SOLE OF HONOR. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. EVAN ESMY, REP'T.

Whole number entered 284, Number belonging at end of month 272, Average belonging for the month 277, Average daily attendance 411, Per cent. of attendance 141, Aggregate tardiness 25, Number of non-attendance 19.

Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Hall of Toledo, are visiting at Wm. Hall's. Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacob of Norwell visited at John Foster Sunday. Mrs. Wm. Wines is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Strickland at Tecumseh.

Prayer meeting at John Jones last Wednesday evening, 25 in attendance. Chas. O'Neil went to Elhart, Ind., Monday, to accept a position as fireman on the Lake Shore railroad. Mr. & Mrs. Willard Comstock and daughter, Edna, left for their home at 2:45 P. M. on Saturday last.

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IRON BRECK. Mrs. Barbara Holmes has a new piano.

There will be no services next Friday at the church. School closes in the Creek district Friday of this week.

Mrs. L. M. Baldwin has been visiting at Niles the past week. Mrs. M. J. Waters visited in Chicago the fore part of the week. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Green are visiting at Lansing and in Kent county.

John Holmes of Palmyra has been visiting at Thos. Holmer the past week. Larry Kirk's new barn is completed. Joseph Krause did the carpenter work. Guy Alvord is nursing Obad Aburd, who is very ill with typhoid fever, in Clinton.

There was a social at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Rowland Wednesday afternoon. Miss Mary Bane is home from Jackson helping to care for her father who is very ill. Miss Sophia Edger who is teaching school near Tecumseh visited friends Saturday and Sunday.

We learn that Mr. & Mrs. Perry Hunt and their daughter Mrs. Brads are 'giving' of moving into the John Martin's tenant house. There is in this vicinity had a narrow escape from being shot last Saturday night. As Will Kirk was returning home, he saw two men standing in the woods near a house. They were armed and he thought they were about to shoot him. "Do!" he cried and they fled.

Home Market. Apples—Good demand \$1 80 bbl. For exportation 25c to 30c. Raisins—2000 lbs. for 1.00. Eggs—Good demand \$40.50 per 100.

CLINTON. Dr. Tuttle Jr. received a new piano from Detroit Saturday. Miss Jennie Welch and Edith Kirk visited in Manchester Sunday. Mr. C. C. Kemp and children have returned from a visit at Adrian.

Brooklyn. G. H. Ford of the Episcopal Church moving into Mrs. J. R. Whitzgou house and Nelson is going into the house vacated by the Ford. A. H. Hines is moving his stock of books and harness into the A. C. Ennis book store he will have more room for his increasing business.

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DR. W. C. WATSON. Bank References: 60 CASH AVENUE, DETROIT, MICH. LOWEST UNDERWEAR, LEATHER COATS, FUR COATS. E. W. FREESE & SON. is bound to come and you ought to be prepared—Come in and see our

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This paper has been published for over thirty years...

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P. S. Blodgett, general manager of the Lake Shore road who died at Cleveland Monday...

In a speech at Jackson Monday night David A. Hammond of Ann Arbor is quoted as saying that the state of Michigan university had told him...

Norval Farmer's Mr. Farmer was chosen as delegate to the association of farmers club in December...

The machine shop of success on the farm was introduced by a brief paper by A. R. Palmer...

It is a good idea to have a plan for the future. The ideal life has a plan and strives to achieve some substantial object...

C. P. Holmes does not know that he has an ideal on his mind. He is a farmer because of circumstances...

John Green's ideal starts with little, John stakes high and strives to reach them in the meantime endeavoring to make a pleasant home...

Mrs. W. R. Mount said that success in life means much, we are to see in it that our influence is good...

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Washburn County.
An Ann Arbor children's scientific club left their new church last Sunday.

The electric line between here and Ypsilanti is getting in a bad shape again and some will not patronize it as they are fearful of accidents.

The assessed valuation in Washburn county is real \$26,753,999 personal \$7,945,682 a total of \$34,700,681.

According to statistics the "smoke epidemic" at the U. M. is something appalling. Newspaper correspondents claim every man at the university smokes.

Arthur Palmer of Adrian came here to hunt Monday and was the guest of Chas. Bartles.

Mrs. Wm. Campbell and daughter, Mrs. Wm. E. Keeler in Sharon Sunday.

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Personal...
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Old papers for buyers shelves and putting under carpets.

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none better. I have a large stock of the celebrated

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PRATT'S STOCK FOOD
I have that, also have

G. J. HAEUSSLER, YOCUM, MARX & CO.
Carpets, Matings, Oilcloths and Linoleums

Blotting Paper.
Photograph Envelopes
100 Bays package of RAGGAGE TAGS

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BRISTOL, White or Colored
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The great coal strike is at an end. By unanimous vote of the miners' convention...

President Mitchell told the convention what the result was going to be. Therefore he felt at liberty to make a personal appeal to the delegates...

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THE BEACH RIDGE.

With architects reaching high in airy fretwork to the sky...

Akin to Love.

BY KENNETH F. HARRIS. Copyright, 1922, by Daily Story Pub. Co. When Hepburn first saw the young woman he was rather taken with her.

bad looking, though, and as you say, he does everything well, but—" "You don't like him, why?"



"Margaret!" he cried. what he called the attraction of repulsion. He could talk well when he pleased and he exerted himself to talk his best when they were thrown together.

"Teddy!" he said. "Oh, go to the devil," said Ackerman roughly, and walked on.

"Hello, uncle, how's the gout, eh?" playfully inquired the light-hearted nephew.

"I can hardly say I do. He isn't

you," he cried, "and you are gentle and compassionate. I know, for I love you and you must be. It is not different to me."

NEW KIND OF FAIR FAKIRS Egg Throwing Contest Met With Crowd's Approval.

It outdone Coney Island, and made a big hit—in fact, several of them; for it consisted of an egg throwing contest, which was conducted on strictly primitive lines, and the requisite ingredients were of Jeffersonian simplicity.

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TRUSTS IN FORMER DAYS. Food Stuffs and Other Products Cornered in Ancient Times.

The "cornering" of foodstuffs by monarchs—their agents is said to have been the earliest form of trust that ever existed and which they had the power to prevent any bear movement in opposition their deals could not help being successful ones.

Unusual Expedient Against Rats. A large London meat house which had suffered severe loss through the devastations committed by rats hit upon a novel scheme to abate the nuisance.

What It Suggested. A somewhat foppish youth had been spending his vacation at a fashionable resort. In the course of his sojourn he had purchased a small supply of up-to-date tail neck stocks, one of which he wore when on a visit to his irate old uncle.

Progress of Population. The population of the earth doubles in about 260 years.

ST. JACOB'S OIL. In cases where bronchitis has become chronic from want of proper treatment in the earlier stages, there is nothing so good as Dr. August Koening's Hamburg Brest Tea.

Helped Everybody. Gainsville, Fla., Oct. 27th.—Mrs. L. E. Burton, formerly of Eureka, Kansas, has been at 507 Gladstone street this city, for some time.

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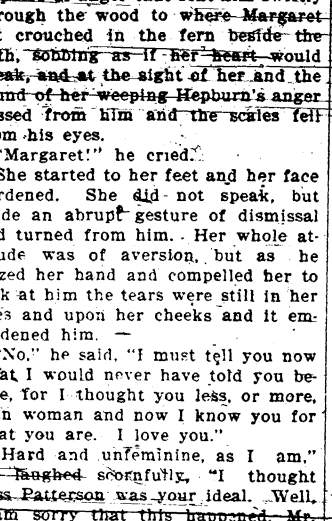
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THE DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP In the Approaching Election.

Hon. A. F. Freeman of Manchester, President of the State Tax Commission, makes a communication to his fellow citizens, in the columns of the ENTERPRISE.

TO MY FELLOW CITIZENS:

You know that, since a voter, I have taken more than a passing interest in political affairs, both national and state, and that my faith in the purposes and principles of the republican party has been deeply grounded and steadfast, the fruition of which have thought would bring to our people the greatest liberty, blessing and satisfaction.

Holding these views and having this faith, I had hoped to be able to go upon the "stump" this fall and discuss, at least, some of the issues with which we are confronted; but have found my time belonging to the state, so completely absorbed that have been unable to do so. Thoughts, however, have come to me which I desire to present for your candid and honest reflection, and this is the only way I have found to do this.

It is manifest that the opposition must have a platform or views to present, opposite to those proposed or in vogue or there could be no opposing party. Yet I do not believe the masses, either democrats or republicans, as they now look backward over national issues would change the settlement made, if they could. Indeed, I sometimes think that many an honest hearted democrat, feels safer, in his industrial pursuits, under the policies of the republican party than his outward manifestations signify, and deep down in his heart is pleased with republican management of political affairs. For I find him speaking in public and writing through public press in most laudatory terms of Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Harrison, McKinley, and thousands of other patriots of national fame, who gained distinction in national political life, as republicans. And we can all well remember with what tenor the opposition talked when these men were making history.

So in state, when Blair, Baldwin, Crosswell, Alger, Luce, Rich and Pingree, and many other state celebrities, were making history, we can recall the bitter statements and recriminations then made against these men.

When Pres. Roosevelt and Gov. Bliss pass from the active scene their lives, endeavors and accomplishments, likewise, no doubt, will be eulogized and praised, even by those who now traduce and oppose; while now, burning under a prejudice or bias, somehow engendered, many seem to traduce their names and the policies which these men represent.

The complete success of the republican policies, which all seem to grant, in national issues, has caused the opposition controlling affairs, to abandon all hope of success in this direction and aim its guns upon state officials—principally the governor and members for the legislature. Not that there is more hope of success thereby, but it is thought that the undertaking is not as great or expensive, and with a few insignificant things duly magnified or inflated, possibly lightning will strike if the rod is up. Although two years from now, a usual bug-a-boo, scare-crow or spook, no doubt, will again appear to be shot down by the ballot in national affairs.

I have great faith in the masses, be they democratic or republican, in trying to do as near right as possible; and, remove the blocks, over which they may stumble, they will.

If the state affairs are the only issues that the opposition will discuss, I am in favor of putting the search-light on; although, let it be observed that, if the republican party and its leaders can and do bring about such grand success in national issues, it is fair to presume like results will follow such a party and such leaders in state affairs. In either case, you can trust them and feel safe, although it may not be done just your way and no impending calamity is liable to occur.

Neither should it be forgotten that the manifest attempt of the opposition is to kick up a dust in state matters, for the prestige that may be gained generally, and the eyes that may be blinded.

But to digress somewhat. It is noticeable that a leading metropolitan daily, the Detroit Free Press, by the way a very good newspaper, is warmly supporting Mr. Durand for governor, thereby going back to its first love, a simon pure democrat of the gold persuasion; and would it do so, the natural inquiry is, if a democrat, like Mr. Helme or Mr. Barkworth, of the silver order, should have received this nomination? It repudiated Mr. Bryan. We note these two gentlemen, from Adrian and Jackson, do not, for some reason, warm up to the nominee of their party. Doubtless, for the principles of their party, they see "method in their madness," two years hence.

But if it is to be state issues alone, let us look at these. I suppose, if we were to remove the criticisms now being urged against Governor Bliss, there would be no reason remaining why he should not be elected governor for his second term, and the opposition would expect and concede that he would be. Then it follows that every official upon the republican ticket should be elected, all must agree to that; for he is free from these criticisms, a creditable nominee and for whom all would vote.

If the opposition can expect to win, it is only by arousing prejudice and getting republican votes; they can not unless republicans desert and vote with the opposition. This is conceded, and they

are trying by every argument to get them to do it.

If this is allowable, and I do not say it is not, then I can ask fair-minded democrats, with just as much reason, to support us in our efforts toward good government, and I expect they will. I am out in the same field of mutual endeavor asking no more than is being asked.

I am one of the appointees of Governor Bliss to a position, possibly of as great appointive importance as exists under our state laws, and am now engaged in a struggle, terrific at times, to assist you all toward better days, that some sort of equality in taxation may obtain with all the properties of the state.

I have no question that I have the esteem and best wishes of hundreds of democrats, and I hope all the republicans, in this locality of the state, for my success or welfare. As friends and neighbors you have been as close to me as a brother, in many cases, or client could be. My success has been yours and yours, mine. The defeat of Governor Bliss, no doubt affects me. It is possible this is desired upon the part of some and while none ought to be so narrow as to vote against the governor just for this, yet they may; I sincerely hope not. And I am banking possibly too strongly on the relation thought to exist and referred to. But am led to conclude from all that has occurred and been said to me, that in the asking, no harm can come, and in so doing, commit no greater breach than is being done by the opposition in asking republicans to vote against the governor.

Am I not right in this, have I overdrawn the situation, or gone beyond the bounds of propriety? I think not, for have used no other argument than is being employed to take away.

To all those who are inclined to yield to these views, am free to admit that I have become intensely interested in the struggle for equality in taxation, that light begins to dawn through the thicket in which I have blazed for the last three years, and the knowledge gained is statewide.

But let us analyze the reasons said to exist against Governor Bliss. That he is honest, without blemish upon character—clean in every way, patriotic to his country—having offered his life, if need be to save it; thrifty, enterprising and industrious; a large employer of labor; having endowed to a large extent, educational institutions with his money; and withal a Christian gentleman of the better type, all seem to admit.

We see that thousands of the good and pure men of the state are supporting him. Some of the newspapers of the state seem to think it is good journalism to vilify him, because another is upon their ticket and build him up in attempt to tear down a character formed by a life of toil and honest endeavor for nearly half a century, by trying to make the governor out a different man than we all had supposed him to be before he received gubernatorial nominations; while a few republicans, possibly of finer build than the rest of us, can see what others cannot and allege a few specific causes that should prevent his election.

His grammar, syntax and rhetoric is by them said to be faulty. Well, at the time of life when these embellishments to the English language are acquired, our governor was deprived of the advantages some have. Thrown upon his own resources in his youth, he was compelled to forego a scholastic education and become instead a pioneer in the forests of this state assisting to make it grand as it is in material wealth. But his early manhood found him a close student, as a surveyor and geographer of the bloody fields of the south, even assisting at the "banquets" or "feasting" at the tables in prison pens at Andersonville. When that bloody conflict was over, but not until then, he applied himself to the civic battles and fought, as before, his way successfully through industrial pursuits to the high places, to the favor of many smaller offices, to the legislature of our state, to the halls of congress and to the Governor's chair.

Verily, verily, when anyone can so achieve, the latent force and worth of such a man is far above mediocrity, and I should think would cause the one who criticizes to pause, survey his ground and wonder whether he is big enough to be so positive in his assertions, especially if he still be in the kindergarten of endeavor and achievement.

Here a shade of thought comes in when we are prone to believe what the newspapers may say of one who, admittedly honest, has blazed his way to high places, what person penned and inspired the article we see in print, which if said by the same person upon our streets, perhaps, would have no more weight than if said by any of the rest of us. Sometimes I marvel at the power of the press and great homage is due; but analysis oftentimes is needed to glean the truth.

But if some of our alleged grammarians, philologists and rhetoricians had in addition the mental and physical make-up of a Governor Bliss, they would indeed be great and entitled to criticize another, and indeed be "holier than thou." The masses—the people care but little for this criticism upon our governor. They are more concerned in asking, "Is he honest-hearted?" or, "What would he be apt to do with a public trust in his

hands?" or, "Is he naturally honest in ideas?" These are of far more concern than the good or bad grammar used to express them.

But it is said he is controlled by others and does not do as he wants to, a "Kitchen Cabinet" has something to say and therefore he is not a real governor.

Our national laws provide for a cabinet to the president. The cabinet of our president advises and urges certain policies, and dictates, no doubt, appointments, measures and government to a large extent. No president feels himself big enough to know it all or assume it all. He relies upon his cabinet; its members appointed by him, he believes to be his friends to whom he can go for advice and assistance. While state laws do not provide for a cabinet to the governor, I see no harm in the idea prevailing, the same as in national affairs, and someone must and always does fill these positions in state affairs. If the advice of an Attwood, McMillan, Alger, Gordon, Judson, Smith or Duffield is sought, there can be no harm therein. The paramount and only inquiry should be, has he been advised wrongly and has he acted wrongly?

This is always done by any wise man, and any governor so conceived as to think he can move the affairs of state without this help will soon strand his ship upon the rocks. And do you think that the kitchen cabinet, or its members, of any governor would be apt to betray his trust and intentionally advise or direct the ship upon the shoals? Such betrayal did not occur far back in the administration of another governor, but it is rarely done.

An instance in point came forcibly to my attention at the very closing days of the legislative session of 1901. The Ward-Lowery mortgage bill, so-called, had passed both houses and so had the Chandler bill, so-called providing for the assessment of railroads on the ad valorem system by the Tax Commission. The Governor was inclined, I believe, to sign this Ward-Lowery bill providing for the assessment, at value, of all mortgages, as real estate, in the real estate which it covered, to the mortgagee and all the remaining value, if mortgaged, of the real estate to the owner. As a member of the Tax Commission, I had something to do in detecting and pointing out the rocks just ahead upon which the ship of state was about to ground. Indeed, I believe the Commission has been given credit, or the blame, if you please to call it, for pointing out to the governor wherein these two Bills or Acts were in such conflict that the disaster to the state would have been an incalculable loss had the governor signed the Ward-Lowery mortgage bill. And had this not been pointed out by the Commission, and had this bill become a law, its members would have been subject to everlasting rebuke from the people of the state; for our special knowledge along these lines is supposed to be of better understanding. Yet Governor Bliss was at first, scored unmercifully for being "controlled," it was said, by the "Kitchen Cabinet" member.

But every person who has taken the trouble to look into this matter now agrees that the veto was righteously exercised.

In this connection permit me to add that while I cannot here go into details respecting this bill, I will undertake to convince anyone that this veto was impelled, if they will come to me for discussion of the matter. For the present, you must believe that I know what I am talking about for I have yet to fail, even with those who were its devotees at the time of its passage.

Again, the alarmist cries out that Gov. Bliss will somehow favor the Michigan Central railroad in its suit, if it ever brings one, for damages, because the legislature repeated its special charter. The law provides it may bring its suit within a certain time, nearly expired, and in certain courts; and the court and jury, by the practice or methods which there obtains, will no doubt award such damage, if any it has, as it can prove. The suit will be in charge of the Attorney General of the state, and in this case, no doubt, Mr. Blair, the present nominee on the republican ticket, conceded to be one of the ablest lawyers in the state and with no possible railroad affiliation.

The only possible conception that the Governor can have with the suit is that the law provides the Attorney General may select such assistant in state cases as he desires if the governor approves of the assistant chosen. Everyone knows Mr. Blair's wishes will obtain and the state's rights will be fully protected.

Again, the democratic state platform intimates, or would wish it to be inferred that the members of the Tax Commission were appointed by the Governor at the instance of the Michigan Central railroad, looking to a low or unlawful assessment of this road; appealing manifestly to a bias or prejudice, thought to be with the people.

The three first members appointed, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Dust and myself were selected and confirmed long before the statute was passed requiring the railroads to be assessed upon value, and at a time when it could as well be thought and was claimed a separate board would assess the railroads, as the Tax Commission.

Late in the session a law was passed imposing this duty upon the Tax Commission and two more members were then added, Mr. Sayre of Genesee County, and Mr. Pope of Houghton County. Mr. Pope later declined to accept, and Mr. Jenks, of Merquette county, was appointed. Senator Sayre was selected no doubt, because of his wide familiarity with state affairs and his special knowledge of all the legislation leading up to this system of taxation of railroads; beyond a state senator, having voted for the submission to the people of the

constitutional amendment in this regard. Mr. Jenks was selected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Pope declining and to meet the demands of the people of the Upper Peninsula for representation upon the commission; he having been selected for his equipment as a business man and as satisfactory to the people of that community.

It may as well be claimed this Commission was appointed to "soak" the railroads as to favor them. But I believe it is now generally understood that this part of their platform if successful, and no good democrat seriously contends for the claim. At least, as the campaign advances this feature is not urged or scarcely mentioned to the people.

There remains one other criticism urged against the governor. It is local in application and does not personally affect you and me. It is confined to the city of Detroit. It is heard in the state under the cry of "ripperism," meaning, I suppose, some law has been "ripped" up in a way some people do not approve of, and arises out of changing the system of city government of Detroit so that different departments of city government shall be directed and managed by one man as a responsible head, instead of by a board of three or more.

There seems a wide difference of opinion as to the merits or demerits of these measures; and good, honest men seem to be taking sides. Democrats or republicans are not united and it seems to be a non-partisan question; for some democrats think with the republicans and vice versa. Even Mayor Maybury, a democrat and now contending for re-election, is a recipient of this so-called "ripper" legislation, whereby the time to hold the office, he then was enjoying, was lengthened and his salary was increased to \$5,000; and Dr. Carsterns, a republican, and his opponent in this election, is opposed to this legislation. Charge and countercharge, each way and each side, politically, is being made and "ripper" and "anti-ripper" candidates seem to be opposing each other on both tickets.

But some democrats who may be opposed to the measure, or think they see capital for their cause and something to complain of or talk about, are trying to effect Gov. Bliss' chances because he signed the bills passed by the Legislature.

Little, if any, complaint is being urged against the Legislature, which passed these measures and only waited the Governor's signature to the bills already made law requiring his signature, which would become law without his signature had he withheld it for 10 days.

When the measures were passed there was no defined public demonstration against them. True, the members of the Boards fought to retain their positions, but the people seemed to think at the time there was a great saving in salaries, and the fight seemed to be confined to those holding offices and their friends, and those who wanted to get one and their friends.

The people at large seemed then but little concerned. Gov. Bliss invited public attention, and no public interest was then manifest or aroused. The outsider seemed to view the situation as a local affair and looked on, rather, with amusement.

Now the passions are being appealed to and some seem to be trying to set the state on fire, or the Governor is pictured with a huge knife, having of a sudden lost his well known sense of right and naive honesty, and is ripping the state and its laws up into divers parts and actually destroying the state he loves so well and to which he owes so much!

As well known, when local measures come up in the Legislature affecting only the people of a particular locality, it allows the member or members of the locality his desires; for having been elected by his people, it lets him be answerable to them; and these laws or measures always go through quickly under suspension of the ordinary rules.

I am in favor of letting those people wash their own lines. The governor must not be blamed any more than the Legislature, or as much, or a member from the Upper Peninsula, and no one seems to be saying anything against him.

Why bless you, if the Governor had refused to sign these kind of bills, local in application, he would be jumped on by these same people with the charge that he wanted to run all the cities of the state and say who should be mayor and members of the many boards of our cities, and not give them "home rule" etc.

But "he got up in the night," they say, and signed those bills and it was awful! He did not such thing. He was up late the night before working for you and me and did not come to his office at the usual hour of nine in the morning. It was desired that these bills should be signed before a certain 9:30 a. m., standard time, train should leave for Detroit; and they were signed at this house as he was partaking of a late breakfast.

This considers all the criticisms urged or that can be urged against the Governor. With these removed, does he not stand for all that any governor has ever stood for in our state? And don't you think he is concerned in its welfare and desires to make good history for himself to this end?

What have you to say of the several departments of state, of which he is a sort of Commander in Chief; at least, has the appointive power thereto—the Banking Department, the Commissioner of Railroads Department, Insurance Department, the Tax Commission, the Asylums, the state Reformatories and Prisons, and all the boards and departments in which he takes such special interest? What have you to say of his hammering down expenses and hunting out every known revenue due the state, to the end that we shall have this year \$1,165,944 54 less state tax to pay than last year and the lowest state tax for the last eight years; notwithstanding the increased population as well as the constant expanding needs increased by population and the march of civilization?

Answer these questions as your conscience dictates Nov. 4th next. Having done that your duties to good citizenship and fair play is, for a time, ended, and we must all cheerfully abide the result. Manchester, Oct. 29, 1902.

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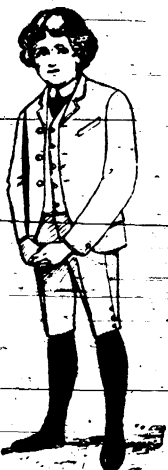
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