

WHERE THE CASH IS COMING FROM

Women Work at Night to Finance Roosevelt Campaign.

AWFUL FACTORY CONDITIONS

New York State Investigating Committee Found Pale, Worn Women Working in Twine Manufacturing Concern Owned by the International Harvester Company.

Awful conditions have been found by the state factory investigating committee of New York in the mills of the Osborne Twine company, No. 3, at Auburn, N. Y., owned by the International Harvester company, of which George W. Perkins, chief financial officer of Theodore Roosevelt in his last year of office, is a director.

"The appearance of the women workers in this plant," said a member of the committee, "was very disheartening. They were worn and pale and their clothes, faces and hands were covered with oil and hemp cloth. Many of these women, so called, are only children in age and they have to lug huge piles of hemp, weighing 150 pounds each, across the floor, the load in some cases being bigger than the women themselves. In the spinning room, where women are employed alone, to the exclusion of men, who would have to receive higher wages, the clatter of machinery is so frightful that a voice below a shriek cannot be heard. The rooms are dark, though by no means necessary, and no attempt is made to remove the dust, which is kept in constant motion by the line shafting despite the requirement of the law. This dust is breathed continuously by the women, many of whom complain of chronic coughs and colds. The dust and dirt are so thick upon the clothes of the girls that at the noon hour—which in many cases consists of but a few minutes—and at the close of the day's or night's labor, the girls have to sweep each other clean with brooms."

It is further stated that the custom of working the women all night is permanent, married women being selected for night work, their hours being from sundown until 5:30 o'clock in the morning. Of 400 women employed in the mills, 200 work all night.

When George W. Perkins was asked by a New York Times reporter for an explanation of the conditions in an establishment of which he is one of the directors, he made, in part, the following remarkable reply: "This night work has been rendered necessary largely because of the government's perfectly unreasonable attitude toward large corporations, which has made it impossible for managers of large concerns to know whether they were on foot or horseback, whether they could expound their plans to keep up with increasing demands or not."

The late Mark Twain in his brightest moments never uttered anything more grimly humorous than the foregoing explanation by George W. Perkins of why the company of which he is a director is working women all night under the frightful conditions disclosed by the New York state factory investigating committee.

Meantime it ought to be of interest to millions of Republicans throughout the United States to know where the money comes from to finance Theodore Roosevelt in his campaign of "rule or ruin."

WILSON WOULD REPEAL ALL PROTECTIVE TARIFF LAWS.

The following is taken from an address delivered by Professor Woodrow Wilson before the tariff board in 1882, showing his view then on the tariff and the distinct announcement of his position as a free trader, opposed to all tariffs except merely for the purpose of raising revenue.

"But the danger of imposing protective duties is that when the policy is once embarked upon it cannot be easily reeled from. Protection is nothing more than a bounty, and when we offer bounties to manufacturers they will enter into industries and build up interests and when at a later day we seek to overthrow this protective tariff we must hurt somebody and of course there is objection. They will say, 'Thousands of men will be thrown out of employment and hundreds of people will lose their capital.' This seems very plausible; but I maintain that manufacturers are made better manufacturers whenever they are thrown upon their own resources and left to the natural competition of trade."

"Protection also hinders commerce immensely. The English people do not send as many goods to this country as they would if the duties were not so much and in that way there is a restriction of commerce and we are building up manufacturers here at the expense of commerce. We are holding ourselves aloof from foreign countries in effect and saying, 'We are sufficient to ourselves; we wish to trade not with England, but with each other.' I maintain that it is not only a pernicious system, but a corrupt system."

"By Commissioner Garland: 'Q. Are you advocating the repeal of all tariff laws?'

"A. Of all protective tariff laws; of establishing a tariff for revenue merely. It seems to me that the tariff is a very small part of the business of this country and that the tariff is a very small part of the business of this country and that the tariff is a very small part of the business of this country."

HAS CHANGED AS CANDIDATE

Woodrow Wilson's Speeches Now Those of Office Seeker.

Scattered among the platitudes of Dr. Wilson's speeches are some truths. No more significant than this:

"We stand in the presence of an awakened nation, impatient of partisan make believe."

Following which he makes believe that he is telling the voters of the country his position on the campaign issues. No one has yet been able to determine from a reading of the speech precisely what that position is. Some slight enlightenment comes from time to time to his later utterances, like, for example, the declaration the other day that Tammany is to be safe from his assassin, but none of it is satisfying.

Dr. Wilson, in the preconviction days, was represented to the country as a scholarly gentleman, too lofty of mind to practice the wiles of the professional politician, too earnest in the cause of good government to be sought out by the press and the public, too frank and fearless in his expression to use untruth to put private gain above the public weal, too idealistic in character to be susceptible to the force of evil in the nation.

But how singularly he has masked all of these qualities since William Jennings Bryan forced his nomination at Baltimore.

There is no difference, save in the party of the English, between his speeches and the speeches of the professional office seeker of the worst period in American politics. He stops piously before the altar of the gods of the day. He exhibits a suspiciously broad tolerance for all elements in the body politic, even the elements which, to nominate him, found it expedient to denounce by name in the convention. There is none of the rugged frankness of utterance that characterized his writings in the days before he was inoculated with the virus of political ambition. He is proving over apt as an advanced student of practical politics.

It is not a pleasant nor a heartening exhibition he makes of himself. The right minded citizen can feel nothing but sadness in contemplating a man of education and culture so intent upon partisan and personal victory that he sacrifices those ideals of truth and honesty for which he has always stood to learn upon and baffle the voters.

Dr. Wilson as a candidate is not in character with the Dr. Wilson that was pictured to us prior to his election. This "awakened nation, impatient of partisan make believe," detects the difference.

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A prominent authority declares that a curious fact about the Lincoln penny is that no negro will gamble with one of the coins. He declared:

"Whether the negroes have conceived a superstition about the coin or whether it is due to real respect for the man whose picture it bears, I cannot say, but the fact remains that there has never been a Lincoln penny used in a negro game of craps or in any of the other games of chance so dear to the Ethiopian heart."

IMPRESSIONISTIC.

Edward was showing Miss Brown how well he could draw a cow. As he drew he glanced from time to time at a cow grazing in a nearby yard.

"This is her nose," he said, drawing a curved line.

"Here's her body," he explained, and after a look at his model, he added another curved line.

"Now here's her tail," and he placed a curved line opposite the so-called nose.

As he held the finished drawing up for inspection, an embarrassed smile

sprang over his countenance. "Perhaps we'd better call it a 'pump,'" he said.—Youth's Companion.

FRENCH IN ALSACE-LORRAINE.

Notices in French must not be exhibited in traders' shops in Alsace-Lorraine, but a transposition of words often meets the requirements. Notwithstanding these and other irksome regulations the people do not become good Germans. At the last meeting of the municipal council at Albschweiler it was decided to name a new street after General Jorcy, who commanded the battalion of volunteers in 1793. It was further decided to name another thoroughfare after Chastrian, the writer, and still another after Pierre Marie, the aviator who met his death in tragic circumstances last May.

MEASURING CORN IN CRIB.

A heaped bushel contains 2,748 cubic inches. To find the number of bushels of corn in a crib it is therefore necessary merely to multiply together the length, width and height in inches and divide the product by 2,748. The number of bushels of

REMARKABLE LONGEVITY.

Germany and Bulgaria are contending for the honor of sheltering the oldest woman on earth. Up to a

recent date a certain Mrs. Dutkewitz, a resident of Posen, a city in Polish Germany, held the old age record. According to documents in her possession she was born February 21, 1785, and is now over 125 years old. But now a resident of a small Bulgarian village named Baba Vasilka claims to be ten months Mrs. Dutkewitz's senior. The record of her birth in the Greek church in her home town gives the date as May, 1784. She is now living on the farm where she was born and where she worked in the fields for over 100 years. Her only companion is her son, aged ninety-nine, who still tills the soil and does the chores. He left the farm but twice in his life to serve short terms in the army.

EXTREME COURTESY.

Alfred H. Lewis was somewhat surprised on going into a restaurant one evening recently to be almost overwhelmed by the attentions of a man whom he scarcely knew, but who insisted on introducing him as the greatest writer of the age to several others, and on his sitting down to table with them. The riddle read itself a few moments later, when the effusive person handed across the table to the greatest writer of the age a card, on which he had written, "Dear old man, can you let me have ten dollars?" Not to be outdone in friendliness of action, Lewis wrote on the other side of the card, "Dear

old man, I can't," and handed it back.

A MESALLIANCE.

Mother—That's some of my son's work. He's quite wedded to art. Jones (thinking aloud)—Ah, so; other of those unsuitable marriages!—London Opinion.

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