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TALKS BY THOSE WHO THINK.

"THE disclosures made by the oil investigations have prepared the people for a long-needed reform," says William Jennings Bryan, discussing the coming presidential campaign. "The abuse has existed for a generation, but it has been difficult to make the average citizen, whether Democrat or Republican, understand that big campaign funds represent a corrupt political policy and are a menace to honest government. A few men may be sufficiently interested in government to give large sums to advance their political ideas, but as a rule large contributions are given for the purpose of purchasing legislative favors or immunity from punishment. This has long been the practice.

BRYAN HITS BIG FUNDS

"The voters are honest—Republican voters are as honest as Democratic voters.

"I shall urge the adoption of a plank in the Democratic platform providing for campaign publicity at government expense and for the appropriation by the federal government of money sufficient for legitimate campaign expenses, so that there will be no excuse for individual contributions. The publicity can be provided for, as in Florida and some of the other states, by the publication and distribution to voters of a bulletin setting forth the facts that parties and candidates desire to present to the public. Such a bulletin should be issued before the nomination of candidates as well as just before the election.

"In 1920 General Wood's committee expended nearly a million and a half dollars, most of it for publicity. Governor Lowden spent in the same campaign nearly half a million. If such expenditures are permitted, rich men or men who have rich friends have a great advantage over men who are themselves poor and men who are unwilling to obligate themselves to the predatory interests.

President Roosevelt's Proposal

"So in the campaign, in the contest between parties, the voters should not be entirely dependent upon private and partisan sources of information; they should be provided with authentic information on both sides so that they can form an intelligent judgment. Government by the consent of the governed is valuable in proportion as the governed know what they are consenting to.

"If publicity is provided for at government expense it will not require a large sum to defray the other legitimate expenses of the campaign. President Roosevelt, in one of his later messages, proposed that these expenses be met by federal appropriation. This reform was the most important and far-reaching that he originated—if, in fact, he originated this plan; and yet no attention was paid to it.

"Elections are public affairs, as proved by the fact that ballots are printed and judges and clerks are employed at public expense. Why should favor-seeking corporations be permitted to interfere and convert an election into a public auction? It is as necessary that the public shall be informed on the issues as it is that they shall be furnished with tickets and provided with a voting place and election machines."

WHO'S WHO IN THE NEWS

THE west, in particular, was interested in the selection of Frank W. Mondell, former congressman from Wyoming, as permanent chairman of the Republican national convention. His twenty-six years of service as congressman from his state, and later his work as member of the war finance corporation, brought him in touch with the entire west. Last winter, with Eugene Meyer Jr., also of the war finance corporation, Mondell made a 10,000-mile tour through the west investigating the agricultural conditions. Their findings, made direct to the White House, showed clearly Mondell's familiarity with the situation.

FRANK W. MONDELL

Mondell's duties as House whip and later floor leader gave him plenty of experience in handling such bodies as the convention.

Lived on Iowa Frontier

Mondell was born in St. Louis November 6, 1860. His father was of French and English origin, his mother of Scotch and German stock.

When his parents died he was 7 years old. He went to live with the family of a Congregational minister, and then moved to what was then the frontier in north-western Iowa.

He left the farm when he was 18 and took employment for two years wherever he could find it. In 1880 he was smitten by the spirit of adventure and started for Denver. For seven years he worked in railroad construction in Colorado and surrounding mountain states, and in 1887 went to Wyoming.

Aided in Founding Town

Mondell began prospecting for coal in the northeastern section of that state, and his development work resulted in the opening of the great Cambria coal mines, the founding of the town of Newcastle, Wyo., where he now resides, and the building of railroads all through that section.

In 1890 he was elected to the Wyoming state senate; in 1892 he was elected president of the senate; in 1894 he was nominated and elected to Congress, but, defeated in 1896 in the Bryan silver wave, he was appointed assistant commissioner of the general land office, which he filled until 1899, when he took his seat in the Fifty-sixth Congress, in which body he served until 1922.

At that time Mondell retired from Congress in order to run for the Senate. He was defeated by Senator John B. Kendrick, and later was appointed to the war finance corporation, where he has served since.

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

By Dr. W. F. Thompson

Said Grandmother Duncan, Adjusting her specs, "I'd sure have it bobbed, But Granddad objects."

To prevent seasickness, cruise through "Cool Colorado."

A break involving the elbow joint invariably leaves a deformity.

When we wait for cancer to prove its nature, we've waited too long.

We say it's our liver, Though we shovel in food, Then take "regulator" That does us no good.

Storm Warning—"Dear Daddy: Mother has just discovered that note in your pocket."

"It's a wise mother who knows her own son," said the cannon cracker as it exploded in Willie's hand.

It is at this season of the year that the lockjaw germ and the top pistol have designs on the small boy.

We work in old garments That are heavy and hot, But we play on the beaches In clothing that's not.

To see only vulgarity in the problems of sex is morbid perversion; to shirk such problems on the ground of "delicacy" is prudish.

Every persistent scaly patch on the skin of the face or hands is a potential skin cancer and, in that stage, can be easily and permanently removed.

In our mail: "Why are blackberries red when they're green?"

What has become of all the First Aid Graduates, "Class of '17"?

The world's shortest story: Sixty miles, sixty minutes, sixty mourners.

If the funds expended in the misdirection of hundreds of "free" clinics could be placed at the disposal of the United States public health service

for its fight against preventable diseases, the investment would be well worth while.

The practicing physician who is not trained in public health work can not be an efficient public health officer.

Have you noticed that a lean widow with fat insurance is always more popular than a fat widow with no insurance?

If we'd drink more milk and water, The stronger we would be; For there's caffeine in the coffee And there's theine in the tea.

"Free" medical attention, available for those who are able to pay, pauperize the sick. "Free" sanitary work prevents sickness and poverty.

There's a feeling of refreshment, After having exercised; But when carried to exhaustion We're by nature penalized.

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A Pair Hard to Beat
 By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY

TWO PARTNERS - WEDDED IN LIFE AND BUSINESS



The importance of the real estate operator to the law of our land has been increasing every year. This idea that anybody can just rent an office and go forth and secure some real estate to sell is an old idea that has long since passed away. The importance of the real estate operator to the community has grown to such a point that his business is really a profession. One simply must have abilities to succeed in this field.

Frank S. Austin, who is associated with his wife, Henrietta Austin, in the real estate business, was for many years an able machinist, having worked for the Union Tool for fifteen years, both here and at Los Angeles, and also served his time with the General Electric Co. in New York state. Mr. Austin made good wages as becomes his craft, but the minute his wife started in the real estate business he was outdistanced in income capacity. So Frank left the factory and joined her.

Mrs. Austin is a born business woman. It is quite natural to see her making splendid success in real estate. She is a very vigorous worker and her judgment and ability to negotiate is of the highest kind. One of the very busiest ladies in town—she takes care of the household of five children besides doing her big work outside—this able business woman has been of sound service to many clients since she started in this new field. She is, of course, well known, and that counts. She has a fund of information on conditions and values; she is the local agent for the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co., a member of the Realty Board and the Chamber of Commerce. Her work she finds "fascinating," and modestly tells us that she has "seen Torrance crawl and creep and get on its feet."

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