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Furthermore, by the indefensible practice of the railroads in charging additional and betterments to operating expenses, or in making permanent improvements from surplus earnings, the holders of stock in our transportation systems have received large increments of value for which they have paid nothing.

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OUR PAUPER RAILROADS.

In a recent editorial the New York Times has directed an appeal to Woodrow Wilson, which, after alleging that the financial status of our railroads is deplorable, requests him to give thought and attention to this matter which is of such vital importance to the prosperity of the nation.

The Times asserts that railroad costs of operation have greatly advanced during recent years because of higher prices and wage-increases. It also claims that the orders of the Interstate and State Commissions relative to the installation of safety devices, hours of work and general conditions of employment have deprived the carriers of an increasing amount of their resources.

We cannot agree with the Times in its pessimistic attitude toward the railroad situation. Neither can we sell in its appeal to the Democratic candidate. All legislation and administrative measures, we believe, should be aimed at the prosperity of the country as a whole.

One of the cardinal tenets of the Progressive party, which was founded at the personal request of Stubbis and six other little Democrats, is the direct election of United States Senators by the people.

With this the Bill Moose of Kansas, representing all that is pure and unselfish and unimpeachable in politics, duty the will of the people and a sense of responsibility through the power of the ballot.

The public sentiment has been expressed in the public books with respect to the protestations from the carriers of frankness as to their affairs and does not seem a sympathetic one to their associations of impoverishment.

The delegates of the Interstate Commerce Commission have already passed 141 and considerable to be made. It has appeared to have been based upon an unbiased study of facts.

The Interstate Commerce Commission that such increase of rates is not fair, and that there is a possibility of their further decrease. Such a result would be a relief to the public.

The constant repetition of the railroads at the present time that they credit to being misused and not justly distributed. The extent of transportation securities and the price of railroad stocks and bonds are a party with the issue of railroad and public utility corporations.

The higher standards of living among people of moderate means. In concrete terms this means that a clerk has his dinner ticket for 5 cents, instead of buying them himself. The stenographer goes to a picture show, instead of knitting in the evening.

The increased production of gold in the world. Extravagance in governmental expenditures. The vast sums of interest that must be paid upon watered stocks.

Over-production by machinery. A combination of any or all of these, but on the first of the month none of these seems to answer the question. Why?

THE MID TOLL. The Geneva correspondent of the Fredericksburg Journal complains feelingly about the obstruction which bad roads present to social intercourse in the country districts.

When Anne Peck, our banker, built his new house about twenty years ago he put in a magnificent library. He told the book agent he wanted the books all the same size, so they would look symmetrical.

Washington Barbers. The barbers' business has been reduced to a minimum in Washington. On Pennsylvania Avenue, near Fifth Street, I found the barber shop I had been looking for.

CLEAN TOWEL FOR EVERY CUSTOMER. This is a radical departure, and the shop is getting a lot of business. In most of the shops the towel is used for everything.

Don P. Halsey, of Lynchburg, one of the defeated candidates for Congress in the Sixth District, is always successful in thought and action.

The oilmen of Orange have been made famous by the Orange Observer, but the Middletown Weekly springs a new one on the butter-milk pie.

Richmond is spreading like a green bayonet, and yet more than 100 of her business men, including many lawyers, have been indicted for nonpayment of license taxes.

The Antislavery Congress will meet in Boston next week, but how much more appropriate it would have been to meet in Charleston, S. C.

It is true that a husband who is only one how does it weigh? Two to make a quarrel? asks the Morgantown (Kan.) Tribune.

Maybe the Colonel is feebler when he speaks of "Professor Wilson" together with all his LL. D.s everybody knows how inappropriate it would be to say "Dr. Roosevelt."

Being a presidential candidate seems to be a hand-to-mouth sort of existence. Judging from the latest issue of the Hanover Herald, the Hanover insurance are in a full state of eruption.

On the Spur of the Moment
By Roy K. Moulton

The leeman. Of all the animals that roam Upon the earth and call it home, Or revel in the ocean's foam, I'd rather be the leeman.

He backs his wagon to our door About the alley four or five. Lets out a yell as loud as mine, "This energetic leeman!"

He is a monarch in a way Of all the things he can survey, He is a king who comes to stay— The high and mighty leeman.

Some Valuable Hints on Conducing. Always serve the bill of the kitchen fruit jar on as quickly that it will be necessary to keep the cans open with a hammer and water.

According to Uncle Abner. When Anne Peck, our banker, built his new house about twenty years ago he put in a magnificent library. He told the book agent he wanted the books all the same size.

A Critic of the Case System. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: I am a constant reader of The Times-Dispatch and have enjoyed a high regard for the soundness of its editorial opinions.

Richmond's Prosperity and Taft. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Speaking in your issue of the 11th instant of the value of buildings recently erected in Richmond.

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By John T. McCutcheon.

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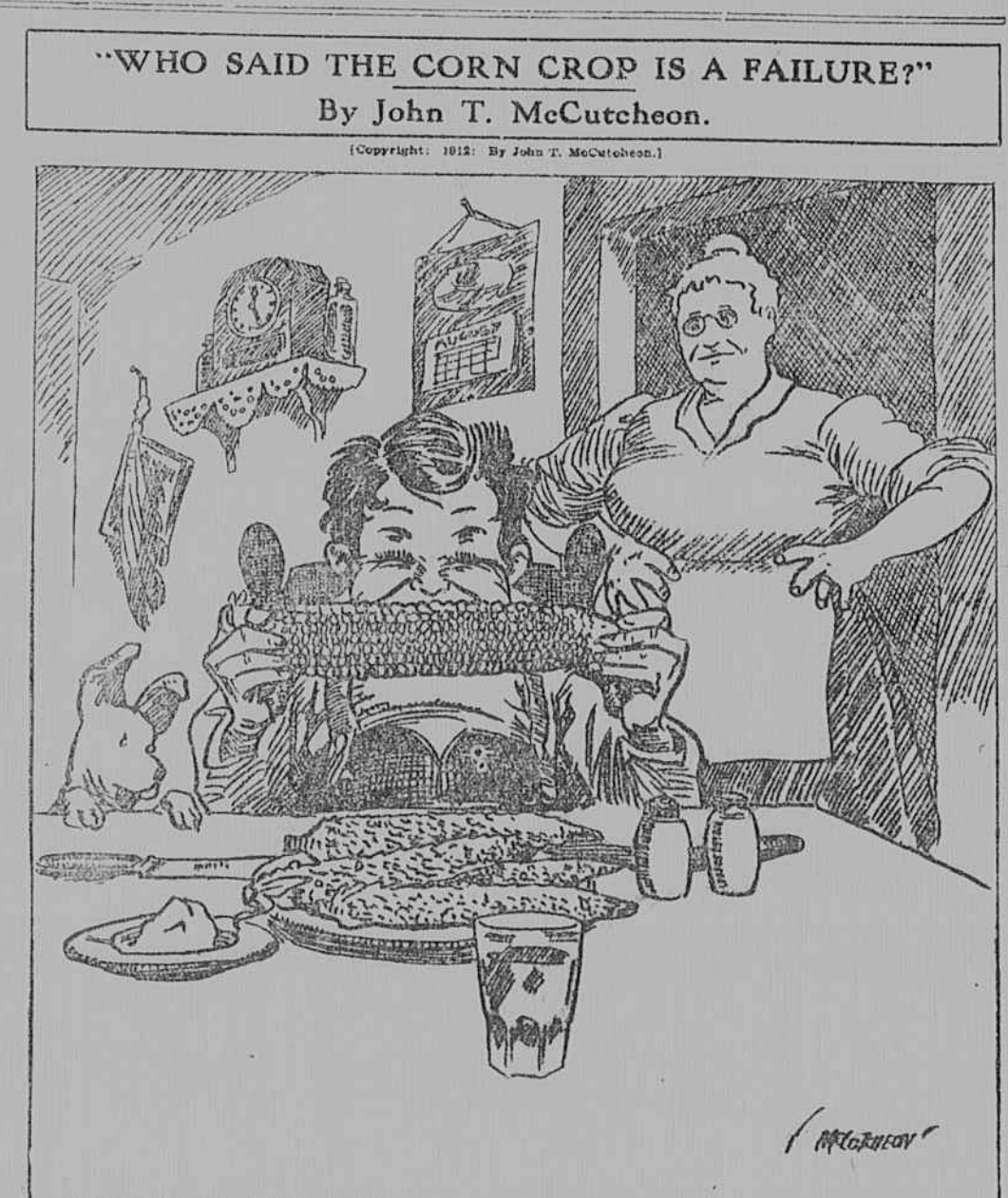
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QUERIES & ANSWERS

Does one say "almost" or "nearly"? In America, almost always "nearly." In England the use is varied.

Up to 1888, the date of the Virginia Clerks' Memorial of Virginia Clerks, John Nicholas, clerk of Albemarle for sixty-six years, from 1814 to 1880, had secured himself a double pension of \$1200 a year.

Is there any fire engine which will throw a stream of water at the top of the skyscraper? If not, how do the firemen get at a blaze in the upper parts of these buildings?

There are many means by which the board of examiners for license to practice law in Virginia may be made to return examination papers to the candidates.

It is not likely that the board will make any such change. We do not suppose that the board constituting the board provides for this matter, but common sense does so.

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