

ter resign and preach to the trusts.

What are we goin' to do with these trusts, John, anyway? I'm a suin' mine; but Theodore has it in hand and I guess he won't hurt 'em—makes too much noise to catch any fish, Theodore does. Had the lawyer's beat a tom-tom from Washington to Chicago and from Chicago to Washington and then back again—greatest racket you ever heard—like the Chinese make war. It makes me grin. Got a hundred thousand dollars' worth of free advertisin' out of it, Theodore did. Then the trusts cum into court very demure and winkin' one eye and say they are willin' to be enjoined if it'll help the administration any, seeing that it won't affect the price of beef, which is rising, and the grand jury has gone home. When the price of beef gets up about high enough they will have the injunction made perpetual and keep it there.

Well, it's the same old world, John, it was in Taffy's time, Taffy the Welshman. He was in the meat business, too, you remember; but the ways were different then. Taffy was the first beef trust. He held up the meat; now, they hold up the people. I celebrated him the other day in an ode:

To Taffy.

"Taffy was a Welshman,
Taffy was a thief!"

O, thou! who erstwhile was a Welshman bold,
And culled from stores replete the marrow bone;
Who carried off the beef, and to thy hold
Mushrooms, perhaps—for sure by bread alone
No man can live,—tell me if on thy way
Adown the glens, beneath thy leathern zone
Thy heart-beats pattered light and sweetly gay
As if a railroad thou hadst overthrown,
And hadst it in thy pocket. Prithce tell
If honey sweet of stolen meat hath taste
Like stolen office; if to deftly sell
One's country for an ermined robe of ease,
Can have the zest of beef purloined in haste
And yanked, long-legged, down the craggy dell?

UNCLE SAM.

A ROYAL REPUBLICAN BANQUET.

For The Public.

To the Editor: My great and good friend, Whitelaw Reid, said some things the other day at a Union League dinner about the coronation of KING EDWARD VII. (Please print these words in capitals.)

The paper says that that "those present included men prominent in all walks of life. There were no representatives of the Hod Carriers' or the Horseshoers' union at the dinner,

probably because these people were not considered to be in any of the "walks of life," and therefore, not capable of enjoying that kind of a dinner.

The health of KING EDWARD (please use capitals again) was drunk standing, with applause, which was a graceful act, and will give the king a clear idea of how much we love him, and our republican institutions.

Among the things that the great and good Whitelaw said were some words that carry the impression that the special embassy to the coronation is a matter of mere diplomacy. I am sorry he said this, because the king may take it that we are not sincere in this tribute we are going to pay to monarchical institutions and ancient customs, and if there is anything in the world that we are anxious about, it is to have it understood that we love the pomp and ceremonies, and the glittering tinsel that accompanies the coronation of a king, and we are almost sorry that we cannot have some of it over here.

My great and good friend went deeply into the question of clothes, and dived into the musty records of the past to find out that James Buchanan wore a sword at the British court, in deference to the queen, which pleased our people so that they elected him president. This is extremely well put, but it ignores the well-known devotion of James Buchanan to the anti-slavery cause, which certainly ought to be considered in this connection.

But the things which were not said on this occasion, probably on account of the limited time, will give our good King Edward a better idea of the esteem in which he and his institutions and prerogatives are held by the "men prominent in all walks of life," who congregate at banquets. Nobody said:

"We sympathize with you, O king! at the difficult task you have in carrying liberty and civilization to the Boers in South Africa, for we have with us the sad case of the ungrateful Filipinos." We have here the protective tariff and the trusts, which you have not, but your footsteps are turned in the right direction, and you will soon get them.

"We have here, O! king, the same institutions that make such a solid foundation for your throne, and but for a needless prejudice among our people, we might have the throne and the coronation also. We have the paupers and the millionaires, the poor-houses and the palaces, the masses and the classes, and we do not know how to get rid of them, any more than

you do. Indeed, we rather like these kind of things, for it gives us a chance to boast of our charities, and to point out to the beggar and the tramp what a magnificent place there is at the top, if they can only get there.

"We have, O! king, the same thirst for dominion that has carried the British empire around the world, and made the British name so loved by alien nations.

"We have the same identical idea of bayonet-guarded liberty, and battalion-buttrressed trade that made you so powerful, and, although we lag behind a little, a few more strenuous administrations will bring us neck to neck with you, and entitle us to the kingdom and the crown."

These were some of the omitted things, which were barred from the banquet speech by the rules of diplomacy. It is hoped they may reach the king through some other channel. Yours truly,

JACKSON BIGGLES.

Chicago, Ill., May 16, 1902.

A DEMOCRATIC TENDENCY IN CHICAGO.

Extract from the opening speech of George A. Schilling, at a meeting of democratic Democrats held in Chicago, May 20, 1902, to organize a movement to recover municipal government and state legislation from the control of the predatory classes.

There is in the city of Chicago a number of public utility corporations whose stocks and bonds exceed the cost of duplication from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000. That is to say, these corporations are drawing dividends and interest upon this amount because of the good will of our community in permitting them to use our streets for business purposes. The profits accruing to these corporations from mere franchise values alone, amount in the aggregate to from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 annually, which substantially represents a mortgage upon every wealth producer of this city of about \$500.

This movement is inaugurated for the purpose of ending, as soon as possible, that system of public plunder. Its projectors are democratic Democrats. We purpose to make a demand on our party, and to ask that it nominate citizens, including members of labor organizations, whose election would be a guarantee that the public interests will be fully conserved. Should the Democratic party be so undemocratic as to deny this, if by its forthcoming action it demonstrates that, like the Republican party, its leaders and machinery are controlled by predatory