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MR. BEN GIBBY, LOBBYIST.

By ROBERT HUNTER.

When Chauncey M. Depew, the prince of lobbyists, was graduated from the lobby into the United States senate, he marked a new era in politics.
Since that time the lobby has been on the decline, and today in many states the lobby is even a thing of the past.

Convents and Their Backers.

By MOSES OPPENHEIMER.

In one of our European contemporaries the following figures are given about the increase of convents in Belgium:
In 1848 Belgium had, comparatively speaking, only a limited number of convents. There were then 880 such institutions with about 12,000 inmates.

A STUDY IN FACES.

By VAL ORMOND.

Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock I watched hundreds of men pass through the depot gates at Altoona. They were employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company who had come in from the suburbs by trains and were on their way to the shops that have made Altoona famous.

THE BAKERS' STRIKE.

The strike of the bakers drags wearily on. Many of the smaller employers have yielded to the demands of the union. But the richest and most powerful employers, the Fleischmanns, the Cushman's, etc., are still holding out. They rely upon exhausting the funds of the union in the protracted struggle.

The Pricked Roosevelt Bubble.

By REV. ROLAND D. SAWYER.

Not the pricking of the popular bubble, the "Roosevelt-hero-of-the-people" idea, the balloon has not yet come down on that score. And now that Weston has finished his walk, Roosevelt's speeches and doings are...
The Roosevelt bubble is pricking, and the people are beginning to see through the myth.

Spargo's Marx—An Impression.

By GEORGE WILLIS COOKE.

When I heard that Spargo's biography of Karl Marx had appeared, I asked the librarians of the Boston Athenaeum to secure it. As the Athenaeum is regarded by the present management as a "private library," being owned and patronized by less than 500 shareholders, who ride automobiles and travel to Europe, with very little regard to any real values...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE MILWAUKEE COMRADES ARE ALL RIGHT.
Editor of The Call: The recent letter in The Courtenay Lemon attacking the Milwaukee movement is crammed with misstatements. I could not fit all of them unless I took up space in the paper.