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AS TO CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

President Roosevelt has been prominently identified with the cause of civil service reform, having served as a member of the civil service commission, and his well known views in favor of the reform have led to some speculation as to what he may do to extend it...

The course of the preceding administration in regard to the merit system was subjected to no little criticism and was the cause of the present agitation...

STRIKE THE KEYNOTE.

The most vital issue concerning the people of this city and county is reduction of taxes. The Real Estate exchange has struck the keynote in its demand for tax reform that will lighten the burdens of property owners...

Tax reform can be accomplished in only two ways: An increase of revenue and decrease of expenses. Increase of revenue can be brought about most effectively by more equitable assessment of property...

Melancholy Story of Failure.

Chicago Chronicle. President Shafter tells the melancholy story of the failure of the steel strike and explains how it happened. Gompers with the labor federation, Mitchell with the coal miners and Sargeant with the railroad men...

Philadelphia Record. It is one of the saddest commentaries on our civilization that wherever it is carried among aboriginal and primitive peoples it is demoralizing and deadly...

A Model Trial

St. Paul Pioneer-Press. For once an American court has vindicated its claim to promptness as well as fairness in meeting out justice to a murderer and because of this promptness justice is doubly glorified. There was no day's unnecessary delay in putting the assassin on trial after the decease of the child...

PERSONAL NOTES. The hunting season in Maine isn't open yet, but a boy, mistaken for a deer, has been killed down near Brunswick. Congress is expected to give Mr. McKinley a pension for \$5,000 a year...

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Men and Events Observed at the National Capital. The renovation and alterations made in the White House during the summer vacation of the presidential family resulted in the removal of many door-knobs, hinges and other workman articles. The death of President McKinley gives these articles a peculiar interest...

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Notary Public. M. B. NOLAN. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 27th day of August, A. D. 1901.

Republican primaries today. Columbia is still the gem of the ocean. The bank deposits of the Nebraska farmer keep right on mounting higher and higher.

There is only one self-constituted, self-acting and self-lubricating machine, and Tom Blackburn is it. The lively interest in the republican county primaries means that Douglas county republicans are not resting on their oars.

For the welfare of the country and the good of the republican party, go to the primary polls and vote to reward loyalty before disloyalty. The British athletes who came over to compete with American collegians were given a run for their money, but their speed was not equal to overtaking it.

Nebraska State university orators are to contest with Stanford's. When the fresh Nebraska breeze is set free on the coast the white caps will roll with unwonted vigor. Judge Duffie reports that his canvass for the democratic supreme nomination cost him only 20 cents. His chances looked about that size after the Douglas county delegation threw him down.

Now that the steel strike is ended the leaders are quarrelling as to who is responsible for the failure. There is never any trouble in finding some one to own up to killing the deer, but responsibility for the slaughter of the calf is different. Columbia college upperclass men complain because they have been forced to promise to cease hazing. It is really too bad a great university like Columbia should thus seek to deprive students of this most essential part of a modern college education.

Republicans who played turncoats when the great battle of Nebraska was on the year should go to the democrats for nominations if they have the office-hunt. They have stronger claims upon democrats than they have upon republicans. Iron and steel manufacturers report having orders to keep the mills busy until well into next season, even if no more business is offered. Every sign points to the continuance of the present prosperity and that the dinner pail will continue to be full.

President Castro of Venezuela denies that he desires to consolidate his country with Colombia and Ecuador into one government, under himself as chief. He doubtless realizes that he has trouble enough for one man in retaining power in one country. The South Omaha delegates to the Republican convention are said to threaten a walkout if they do not get their candidate for sheriff. Suppose the Omaha delegates should pursue the same policy in case one of their candidates failed to be elected, what would become of the convention?

Prince Chun, the Chinese envoy who came to Germany loaded with an official apology, has decided not to visit the United States enroute home. In view of the uncertainty regarding the stability of his head when he reaches home, Chun is making a mistake in not first taking in all the sights possible. Czolgosz has been sentenced to die during the week commencing October 28. Without taking from the prisoner a single right which is his under the law, it is well that the trial has been prompt and the execution of the verdict equally so. If the class they will get the whole lesson from this.

SHAFER CALLED TO ACCOUNT. Organized labor throughout the country will be interested in the action of Mr. Gompers and Mr. Mitchell, presidents respectively of the American Federation of Labor and the United Mine Workers of America, in calling upon President Shafter of the Amalgamated Association of Steel Workers to substantiate the charges and insinuations made in his public statement explanatory of the failure of the strike of steel workers. These were of such a nature that Messrs. Gompers and Mitchell could not have retained the respect and confidence of the organizations of which they are the heads, or indeed of any body of organized labor, if they had permitted the charges and insinuations to go unnoticed.

Mr. Shafter has announced that he will accept the challenge, and three will be agreed upon within the specified time and will promptly proceed with the investigation. The result may be interesting and instructive to the general public as well as to organized labor. It may disclose some things not apparent during the progress of the strike that will be enlightening as to the methods employed in connection with that contest and as to whether those responsible for it pursued a fair and honorable course toward the men who had entrusted them with power. In the meantime it may be remarked that the president of the Amalgamated association will find it difficult to regain his lost prestige.

FOR REFORM IN NEW YORK. The anti-Tammany forces are about ready to enter upon a vigorous campaign, with Seth Low as their candidate for mayor of New York. After a thorough canvass of popular sentiment opposed to Tammany, by representatives of the eighteen anti-Tammany organizations, Mr. Low was decided upon as the most available candidate for the mayoralty and he has announced that he will accept the nomination. Four years ago he was the independent candidate for mayor and showed his popular strength in receiving over 151,000 votes. Had he then been endorsed by the republicans, as he now is, he would have been elected. Mr. Low is a man of high character and proved ability and there is no doubt that as mayor he would give New York an efficient and upright administration, so far as possible freeing that city from the venality, the corruption and the abuses that have prevailed under the present Tammany administration.

There are not wanting indications that Tammany is seriously troubled over the situation. There are internal dissensions in the organization and a strong tendency has been manifested to revolt against the leadership of Croker. It is said the boss is far more perplexed

now than he was when he returned from Europe four years ago to resume his place as leader, for the problem that then confronted him was less grave than that with which he now has to deal, although similar in character. Moreover, he has doubtless somewhat weakened his hold upon the organization by his sojourn abroad. However, Croker will undoubtedly continue to be the leader of Tammany, because there is no one else so well qualified for the leadership in the present exigency, but he may have to accept some conditions that are distasteful to him, particularly in the matter of candidates. It will be an interesting contest, with the friends everywhere of sound, honest and decent government earnestly hoping for the success of the anti-Tammany movement.

Signs of Party Tendencies. Boston Transcript. The death and burial of President McKinley and the accession of President Roosevelt have so absorbed public interest of any means of self-help or cure, that the recollections that at least are noteworthy as showing, if not party tendencies as a whole, tendencies in localities. Thus the democrats and populists of Nebraska, Mr. Bryan's associates, have purchased a ticket and have resolved that their hearts are "true to Poll," and that the Kansas City platform is all right to be the platform of democracy. Influenced by the national tragedy, they departed from the traditions of the party and are circulating a circular of renunciation of a closer regulation of immigration. As marking a republican tendency, it may be noted that the republicans of Iowa have put reciprocity forward as the great plank of their platform in the campaign they are now waging, and to seize the opportunity Mr. McKinley's last speech as their self-sufficient literature.

MISPLACED OFFICIAL ZEAL. Hysterical Activity of Immigration Inspectors. Boston Globe. The zeal of the immigration commissioners in New York is at white heat just now. The new regulations require immigration inspectors to take affidavits of natives, all out identification of natives, and to seize the passports or naturalization certificates of naturalized citizens. The papers seized are held for verification, to be mailed to rightful owners. Some time ago Eugene F. O'Rourke, publisher of the Unionist, was sent to Swansea, Wales, as a delegate of the American Federation of Labor, on a happening to return to the States he was seized by the "Hewes" and other papers taken from them without warrant. While official remains unduly excited citizens of the United States whom poverty requires to return from Europe in the evening will be constrained to wonder whether their citizenship is not an embarrassment rather than a help.

CRUOKED DOCTORS BOUNCED. Pension Examining Board Retired from Business. Philadelphia Ledger. Discoveries made in the course of the routine of the pension board have constrained Commissioner Evans to address a letter to every board of examiners to urge the exercise of greater care in the investigation of the physical condition of applicants. Recently twenty applicants appeared on the same day before a board, which reported that each applicant was suffering from organic disease of the heart. The coincidence was so startling and the accuracy of the reports so improbable that the commissioner caused a re-examination to be made by disinterested experts, and they found that none of the applicants had heart disease. This was no isolated instance of carelessness or ignorance on the part of examining surgeons. Special examinations disproved the reports of the pension board in a dozen instances, and Commissioner Evans denounced with the services of the incompetent boards, and felt obliged to issue a general circular advising examiners throughout the country of the discoveries that the bureau had made, and notifying them that they would be made to make out careful, conscientious and intelligent reports. It is not improbable that the delinquent medical men discharged from the service and the applicants, whose claims have been disallowed, will join the chorus that is maligning the commissioner of pensions, falsely accusing him of hostility to worthy veterans, and demanding that he shall be removed from office and the bureau given into the custody of one who will lavish pensions upon the undeserving, as well as upon the status. It is a fact that from the time of the institution of the pension bureau, through the terms of the various commissioners, frauds and attempts at deception have been uncovered, and attorneys have been disbursed for trying to cheat the government or to impose upon claimants. It is a mathematical probability that, as a generous and appreciative nation, whose motto is "to honor the brave," the doors to additional pensioners, attempts at sharp practice will increase. In no sense does this constitute an implication upon honest applicants or reputable attorneys. The statement, however, should serve as a warning to the public not to be deluded by the specious accusations of ill treatment and injustice, which are so readily brought both by persons who have been detected in frauds and others who find fault with the bureau, because it will not, as it cannot, make rules and give interpretations contrary to the acts of congress. Commissioner Evans is himself an army veteran and a republican so highly esteemed by his party as to have been elected to the presidency of the board for the vice presidency in the national convention of 1896. He is second to none in his disposition and desire to award just and liberal pensions to worthy veteran soldiers and sailors of his intelligent and public opinion, who have been conscientious and conscientious course as head of the pension bureau.

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AN IDEAL OF THE PARK.

Leslie's Weekly. Upon the well worn bench they sit. Unmindful of who passes; Around them sparrows chirp and chirp. Among the leaves and grasses. Along the path that skirts the feet. The babies like their singing. He told you I had joined the choir there. He-Oh! He did tell me that.

Fond lovers they-within his arm. She heaves all securely. He holds her fast from stress and harm. She yields to him demurely. What matters girl or brother? Soft eyes of passion, she looks at him. And seen through one another's eyes. The vista opens before them.

No doubt her gown is clean; perfume. Her hair is French curling. But maybe looking to his glances of tender adoration. And if his hand that caresses hers is callous, she knows, his fingers. Her pulse beneath its pressure stirs. With thrill no less romantic.

Some thrills no less romantic. A robin chirps sweetly. A couple turns to look and laugh. A nervous smile disconcerts. And I, in noting the omniscient. A sigh would vainly another. For, in defying time and place. Two hearts have found each other.

The Heaviest Hair on Record. Absalom's. Every year he polled his head, and the weight of his hair was 6 1-6 pounds. We can't promise you any such hair as this; yet you know the familiar saying, 'Ayer's Hair Vigor makes the hair grow.' It also stops falling of the hair, and restores color to gray hair, all the dark, rich color.