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The usual crop disasters are maturing just now on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade.

The writer who referred to Russell Sage as a human cash register must have forgotten that money can be taken out of the machine.

As Croker has begun to sell large blocks of his New York real estate it is surmised that New York "with the lid on" is not to his liking.

Two more lives blotted out by being run down on a grade crossing south of South Omaha. It is to be hoped the time will come when the grade crossings are entirely abolished.

"Outside influences" may suggest terms for settling strikes, but they can accomplish nothing unless there is a desire by both parties to the contest to restore amicable relations.

When Clark Howell and St. Clair McKelway shall have convinced the voters as to which of the two is the better democrat the election will probably be over, but the argument is diverting while it lasts.

We will probably hear loss of Mr. Roosevelt's alleged "impulsiveness" since Judge Parker flitted from Esopus in the dewy hours of the day after announcing his intention to remain at home.

It would be hard to tell which would be the more offended should people confuse the national treasurer of the democratic national committee with the chief executive of Colorado of the same surname.

Russian soldiers are said to be heart-broken because ordered to retreat from Hal Cheng. Officers giving the order probably thought they might be minus other parts of their anatomy if they remained.

The Union Pacific will have a new headquarters building in Omaha some day. It is only a question of time, but the time may yet be hastened by the present rattle-trap building either falling down or burning up.

These Haytian heroes may congratulate themselves that they were banished before the court passed death sentence upon them. Nothing so dampens revolutionary ardor as for the leaders to be present at their own execution.

Judge Parker is said by the eastern democratic press to represent the real attitude of the democratic party. As he has announced that so far as he is personally concerned he wants to conduct a "no nothing" campaign, this is probably true.

Kansas City has uncovered six dealers on its stock exchange who have been guilty of cheating cattle shippers and commission men; St. Louis recently found that a number of its grain buyers had systematically defrauded shippers, and both incidents emphasize advantages to be derived from sending both live stock and grain to Omaha.

Politicians will watch with interest the effect of what may be called the constructive cartoon. Heretofore the effort of the cartoonist has been to make ridiculous or belittling the candidates and theories of the opposition, but this year Homer Davenport is undertaking to advance the cause of the republican party through cartoons not burlesquing democracy, but exalting the republican candidates and policies.

DODGED THE ISSUE

The democrats of West Virginia are to a man in favor of disfranchising the negro voters. They had intended to make this an issue in the state campaign and undoubtedly would have done so had not the venerable Henry G. Davis been nominated for the vice presidency, but Mr. Davis did not want the issue raised this year and accordingly the state convention dodged it. When the platform was reported delegates wanted to know where the "white man's" plank was and an amendment to the platform was offered incorporating such a plank. It was explained that it had been decided to omit any reference to the negro question "in the interest of the national ticket." Of course the proposed amendment was overwhelmingly defeated, but it remains true that every democrat in the convention, not excepting Mr. Henry G. Davis, the candidate for vice president of the United States, is in favor of disfranchising the negro voters of West Virginia and will enact legislation to accomplish this whenever they have the opportunity.

There being no reasonable doubt as to this, it is not apparent that the failure of the West Virginia democrats to declare their conviction and purpose regarding the colored vote can be of any value to the national ticket. The issue remains and the democracy of the state is as unquestionably committed to negro disfranchisement as if a plank demanding it had been put into the platform. The evasion of the matter will not deceive anybody and certainly no republican will fail to register his vote against the party of disfranchisement because it had not the courage to openly proclaim its sentiment on this question. Instead of being in the interest of the national ticket, this circumstance ought to insure the defeat of that ticket in West Virginia and convince many people elsewhere that a man who is manifestly in sympathy with the southern policy of disfranchisement is not a fit man to be the vice president of this republic.

PARKER'S NEW ALLIES

The utterances of the anti-imperialists, so-called, at their meeting in Boston, have not as yet made much of an impression outside their own circle, judging from the fact that little attention has been given by the newspapers of the country to what they said. Of course they endorsed the St. Louis platform and undoubtedly all of them who are alive and physically able to go the polls next November will vote the democratic ticket, but it remains to be seen whether Judge Parker is in full sympathy with the position of the anti-imperialists.

Some of his most influential newspaper supporters certainly are not and the candidate is likely to show some respect for their opinion. Thus the Brooklyn Eagle says that "no greater barbarity could be committed than would be involved in the abandonment of the Philippines out of hand" and points out that for the first time in their history the islanders are beginning to realize the significance of the word freedom. "The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," declares that paper, "is stated when it is said that under American auspices civilization is spreading its beneficence over the archipelago. Those who would call this sort of thing to a halt would exchange a benediction to a malediction." If it should be found that Judge Parker entertains such ideas on the subject as these what an unhappy condition the anti-imperialists would be placed in.

AMERICAN OPINION DESIRED

It is stated that the British Foreign office continues anxious that the United States should make a declaration to the world of its views regarding the rights of neutrals, particularly the question of contraband, as it is believed the principles of the two countries are identical. The British government has protested against the Russian view that foodstuffs are contraband of war and has declared that raw cotton should be so regarded only when intended to be used in the manufacture of explosives. Undoubtedly this is in accord with American opinion, for so far as foodstuffs are concerned our government formerly defined its position to Great Britain during the South African war, when it held that unless foodstuffs were unmistakably intended for the use of the military forces of a belligerent they should not be regarded as contraband. As to cotton the question is, we believe, a new one, that commodity having never before been declared contraband. It is safe to say that the United States, as the leading cotton-producing country, will not assent to the Russian position respecting it.

Our government has observed a judiciously careful silence as to the rights of neutrals and the question of contraband. The Washington administration has not yet felt it to be necessary to declare to the world the American view regarding the issue that has grown out of the course of Russia. But it is quite possible that it will soon see the necessity of making a public statement of the position of this country, since the interference with American trade in the far east is a serious matter. There is being manifested on the Pacific coast a strong sentiment that the government should take steps to protect our commerce with Japan and other eastern countries. A San Francisco paper remarks that the magnitude of the blow which Russia has struck at American commerce in the east may be estimated when it is seen that the Pacific Mail Steamship company and its allied lines, officially announced to have largely ceased business on the Pacific coast by refusing cargoes to Japan, Corea, Manchuria and New Caledonia. Referring to this a Seattle paper says: "The matter is a very serious one to the people of the Pacific coast. It is time to formulate a demand that vessels of the American navy protect our legitimate intercourse and trade with Japan against unlawful aggressions. It is humiliating to the country that American steamships dare not carry legitimate cargoes of American goods to the private customers of our own merchants because they fear seizure by a power with which this country is at peace. Better detail a cruiser to accompany every merchant steamship across the Pacific than to submit tamely to a continuance of present conditions. Let our merchantmen fly the American flag under the protection of American guns."

Granting that this is somewhat extravagant, yet there is no doubt that it reflects a very general sentiment on the coast which is certain to grow in force if present conditions are long continued. It is presumed that the Department of State is giving close attention to the situation and will not hesitate to declare the government's position when the proper time to do so shall come.

FARMING DELINQUENT TAXES

Schemes for collecting delinquent taxes on a percentage basis have been repeatedly concocted by parties in need of a lucrative occupation, but have rarely received encouragement from city councils or county boards. Most of the propositions for farming out delinquent taxes have had all the elements of graft, without any redeeming qualities, in other words, they were simply "get-rich-quick" schemes gotten up for private gain instead of for public benefit. The argument usually advanced in favor of this farming out process for collecting back taxes is that it will cheapen the cost of collection materially and also increase the amount collected from delinquents. Conceding that the collection of taxes by parties deputized by city or county treasurers comes high, the policy of farming out delinquent taxes is decidedly objectionable from every point of view. It would be more so than ever at the present time when the machinery of the courts has been set in motion to force the collection of back taxes through the scavenger act.

Artistic Base Sliding

To do General Koury certain justice, he has executed several difficult slides from one base to the other with much skill and judgment.

Giving the Dead a Jolt

Pettigrew will make speeches during the campaign and "talk about dead democrats, such as Jefferson and Jackson." He might also include himself and Bryan.

A Saloon with a Halo

A model saloon is to be tried in New York where drinking can be done with dignity and decorum. The philanthropist will hope that it will succeed; the optimistic will insist that it shall; the wise will be surprised if it does.

Cheerful Optimism in Figures

Not so badly off after all. Wage increase since 1896, 14.8 per cent; increase in cost of living, 15.5 per cent. That cheerful optimism is not to be despised. It is always well to have a little farther away from the wolf or the howl than ever before in the history of the race.

Embarrassing the Administration

If there is anything the democrats can do between now and November 1 to embarrass the administration it will be done. Unhappy as the situation is, the democrats will be carried out and should remember that they are all for political effect. None of them will affect Theodore Roosevelt's ability, or courage to face and solve whatever legitimate governmental problems arise.

Is Fort Arthur Impregnable

If Fort Arthur is impregnable to a land attack it ought to be. If the Russian engineers, who unlimted means at their disposal, cannot make a line five miles long, flanked by the open sea at both ends, impregnable, it is difficult to see any use in military science. They ought to be able by the use of mines, entanglements and forts to make the country impassable to a musketry. When we read of the Japanese losing 20,000 men in a three-day fruitless attack on such a line we feel like advising them to rely on the slower process of starvation or else to rig up a few torpedo balloons.

Could Not Resist the Change

Wu Ting Fang, who recently distinguished himself as the representative of China at Washington and then returned to his native land to assume duties of admiral in the highest character, has decided to abandon his public career, give up his honors and emoluments of office and retire to his private estates. Can any one blame him for suffering from ennui after leaving the hotbed of Washington politics to fall into the dreary routine of Chinese officialdom where only the headman offers a relief to daily monotony?

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS

The whole number of members of the Japanese Diet is 573, and of these seven are Christians, including one Baptist, two Congregationalists and four Methodists. The Christian representation is thus in a minority of 1 to 84, but it is influential beyond that proportion. In the population at large there is, roughly speaking, only one Christian in 10,000. Little investigation as to great mass, but its effect is visible and recognized even by those who are not nominally Christians. In old Japan Shintoism, Buddhism and Confucianism all encouraged absolutism and feudalism, while constitutional government, representative institutions and local self-government are fruits of Christian civilization. It is favored by a good many who make no open profession of it, and is particularly valued as an instrument of social and moral reforms. It has a long road to travel in that country before it satisfies the desires of its propagandists, but the road is open, and there is no opposition to its progress, but rather a spirit of receptivity and encouragement.

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The former organ of reform forces in Nebraska throws up its hat and shrieks for joy over the promise of Tammany hall to join hands with Wall street for Parker and Davis. Its pretenses of devotion to great moral principles is enough to make a horse laugh.

The original Bryan man, C. J. Smyth, has gone to help surprise Parker, whom Bryan branded as the trust nominee. Bryan sends an offer to help in any way the committee sees fit to use him. Well may the "sage of Esopus beware of Greeks bearing gifts."

Holdings of worthless stock in the late lamented Asphalt trust can learn something of advantage by watching the course of President Castro of Venezuela, who seems to be the only man who has so far demonstrated ability to get hold of any of the assets.

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however, will be permitted to carry the wood and haul the water for the candidate after he is nominated. The delay in the appraisement of the water works is not likely to last much longer. When the award of the appraisers is made public it may, however, dawn upon the citizens of Omaha that a beautiful little confidence game has been played upon them to unload the plant at double the price for which it could be duplicated.

Our old friend Charley Wooster has been smoked out. He secured a divorce from the republican party on the ground of free silver incompetency, but, although he finds he has been bunced by the democrats, he proposes to stick to the bunco steers just the same.

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The series of conduits, now completed, which are to supply Birmingham with water from Wales, represents one of the kind carried out by a municipality. From the filter beds in the Elean valley to the service reservoir, located about seven miles from Birmingham, the aqueduct has a length of seventy-three miles. According to the latest estimate, the cost of the enterprise, as at present undertaken, foots up \$25,480,000. The total expenditure, authorized by Parliament is \$33,000,000, so that the actual cost is well within the authorized outlay. The works will furnish an unlimited supply of water for Birmingham and for all the villages and towns, twenty or thirty in number, within fifteen miles of the line of aqueduct. The total population thus supplied with wholesome water pumps 30,000. The British cities now supplied with water from distant sources in the hills are Glasgow, Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham, and the London county council has plans prepared for bringing water from Wales to the city of London, watered to that appropriated by Birmingham. The Birmingham corporation constructed extensive filter beds at the head of the aqueduct to prevent the accumulation of deposits in the pipes and to insure the purity of the water delivered to consumers.

The Cape Colony elections, held to fill the seats in the Legislative Council and House created by Dr. Jameson's "additional representation" bill, have produced the expected result. That is to say, the "progressive" majority of one in the Legislative Council has been increased by three, and the progressive majority in the House has been increased on strict party lines by seven, while the Afrikaner bond has gained three. Several "independents" were elected, most of whom lean toward the progressives. The general effect of the election is to strengthen the hands of the Jameson administration, which stands for the maintenance of British imperial interests in South Africa. Dr. Jameson, the premier, having been the leader of the abortive "Jameson raid," which hurried on the receding majority of the "Dutch" or "bond" party, till he recently won esteem and liking by canceling the sentences of Dutchmen who volunteered for service in the Boer army during the recent war. This act has done much to improve the relations of the Dutch British in Cape Colony. Peasants of the Cape Colony are growing in strength, so that there is a hope of a united state. Dr. Jameson's ascendancy is expected to promote the movement for a federation of all the British colonies in South Africa, with the result of treating the single commonwealth, embracing Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange River Colony, the Transvaal and Rhodesia.

The Rome correspondent of an English newspaper gives an encouraging report of the condition of the Italian finances. He points out that the financial year ended on June 30 closed with a credit balance of 30,000,000 to 35,000,000 lire (\$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000), this being the sixth year in succession that there has been a considerable balance on the credit side. The result for the last year is the more noteworthy, as a number of extraordinary expenses had to be met, and in the Italian budget system all expenditure, even such as might be described as ultra-extraordinary, is charged against the ordinary revenue. Moreover, the wheat crop in Italy in 1903 was an especially good one, and there was a marked falling off in the receipts from the duty on imported wheat. The budget for the current financial year, it is expected, will show even better results. For one thing, the wheat crop, though satisfactory, will be below last year's yield, and the wheat duty will furnish a correspondingly larger sum. On the other hand, the rice crop and the vintage are expected to be very good. The industrial and commercial development of the country continues unchecked and there is a marked increase in the saving deposits. It is also remarked that the repurchases of Italian bonds abroad are more frequent, while there is an improving demand for Italian private, industrial and commercial securities.

While strikes and rumors of strikes fill the air, it is well to recall the fact that the wage-earners of Germany are protected against all risks in their trades by the admirable system of insurance which prevails. Upward of 20,000,000 working people in Germany are insured against sickness, accident and disability in old age. Of course it is not intended that these insurances shall be used to avert strikes, although they sometimes operate in that way. But taken merely as a benevolent system the scheme has worked immense good, when it is remembered that in 1902 upward of 71,000 cases of accident were indemnified, while during the past year the number of pensions for illness was 14,126 and for old age 156,618. The insurance system for working men as pursued in Germany has some drawbacks, but taken as a whole it is of great and growing benefit.

The experiment of introducing Chinese coolies to labor in the gold mines of the Transvaal has been a great success. The arrival of the coolies has enabled mines previously inactive to resume operations and enlarge the output of operating mines that were short of labor. The more laborers there are the greater the number of tasks men employed in supervision and in white men requiring skill. White men will not work at mining in South Africa, fashion or climate, putting all manual labor on the colored races. It results that only by getting in more Kafirs and Chinese can the British element be materially increased. The number of available Kafirs is limited, but the Chinese can be had in any number and they do it in a found, better work. So far not over 5,000 of the Chinese have been brought in, but 50,000 will ultimately be imported. Provision has been made against a new "race question" by requiring the Chinese to live in compounds and to return to China at the expiration of their term of service. Strict regulations prevent their escape, since it is intended that they shall be miners and nothing else.

Doubling the Dose of Iron

Physicians say that beef and iron make blood. Most of us will have to order a double portion of iron.

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Until noon Saturday, on account of the death of William C. Browning, the founder of the firm of Browning, King & Co., after that we will be open till 9 p. m. During that time we are offering some specials that ought to interest close buyers. There are quite a number of our high grade suits for \$10.00 and \$12.50, that were \$18.00 and \$20.00.

Extra trousers at \$3.25, worth up to \$6.50. 200 pairs of larger size odd trousers, 38, 40 and 42, that are worth \$5.00 and \$6.00, for—

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Only two pairs to a customer. Men's Fancy Hosiery, 25 per cent discount. Bathing Suits, 25 per cent discount. \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 cuff attached Negligee Shirts at 25 per cent.

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Yes—O! dear, my belt won't stay in place. Jess—Here, put a couple of pins in it. Yes—How thoughtful of you. Didn't I tell you Mr. Huggard is going to call on me this evening?—Philadelphia Press.

"Don't you think the expenses of running a campaign might be curtailed?" "Certainly," answered Senator Borahum. "It would be no trouble to curtail 'em. But the real trick is to expand 'em and at the same time restrain 'em curiously concerning disbursements."—Washington Star.

Ketchum A. Cumins—What do you think about the young New Yorker who complains that he can't live on \$10,000 a year? Orville Aldrich—Huh! I can't live on \$10,000 a year. I have to worry along on about \$100—damn the luck.—Chicago Tribune.

"Do you believe that the rich are constantly getting richer?" "I used to," answered the New York tax collector. "I observed the figures submitted from year to year by some of these multi-millionaires."—Washington Star.

Ernestine—And were you very nervous when you walked up to the altar? Eva—Nervous? Why, dear, there has been only one time when I was as nervous. Ernestine—When was that? Eva—The day I pressed Tom's trousers for the first time.—Chicago News.

Geraldine—What are the wild waves saying? Gerald—I can't hear a thing while you have that loud bathing suit on.—Town Topic.

May Gayley—Did you say you saw father at the club last night? Jack Younger—Yes, I saw him. May Gayley—What did he say? Jack Younger—He said I was only got a pair of kings; it's all yours.—Philadelphia Press.

"Didn't you say there were no mosquitoes around this place?" "Yes," answered Farmer Cornmeal. "And we never misrepresent. That advertisement was written last March."—Washington Star.

JUSTIFIABLE LIARS

James Barton Adams in Denver Post. When the evening stars are peeping from the quiet sky, And the evening breeze so soothing round the falling quarters gleam, When the falling stars are scattered and the reds are laid away, And the smoke from the Havana floats in dreamy curls away, Then the piscatorial sports, gathered in the quiet group, Tell of how the big 'uns put them in the How they hooked the kings of rainbows, how the battle raged hot hot; Till the speckled wary triumphed and vanished as smoke; Their wild adventures they'll relate With gibes and through the hat, And think it is legitimate To lie like that!

How the flow of words will ripple from their scintillating lips As they tell of broken leaders, as they praise the monster they had captured, And of hook snapped square assunder And of hooks all straightened out! Every beauty that escaped them was a rainbow tinted dream, Was the biggest ever happened in the region of the strong, And their heads they'll shake so sadly and will sigh as if in pain As the tales of their misfortunes they'll evolve from dreaming brain. And not a gully eye will bat, And really think it's not a sin To lie like that!

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