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Why not send Curtis after the comet?

Anyone who can make goo-goo eyes through automobile goggles is some flirt.

Officially, picnic weather is here, but the calendar is not quite living up to its name.

Perhaps those Chinks over in Nanking need another boxing to straighten them out.

Talk as you will of the ball player who covers lots of territory, but look at the astronomer.

A blind man has become a lawyer in New York. But he will manage somehow to see the fee.

One thing, nobody can truthfully charge that the railroad bill was railroaded through congress.

And furthermore, we wish it understood that we will have peace if we have to fight for it, Mr. Nicaragua.

An Oakland girl stole \$15,000 of her employer's money, which proves only that she had a confiding employer.

President Taft's private secretary is to be rewarded for his fine literary work by being eminently bound in Morocco.

Gangway, open the cyclone cellar door! Our old 16 to 1 friend, Charley Towne, has been interviewed and scents economic dangers ahead.

Certain fish dealers seem to have been enmeshed in the legislative investigation net in Illinois, which is evidently not very choice in its catch.

A government expert testifies that the bleached flour is without peroxide, which is more than he can say for the same variety of the flower of femininity.

The democrats shouting "victory" at this stage of the game recalls the old picture of the bunch of hay out of the pole that extends just beyond the mule's head.

Emperor William's right hand that was put-out of business by the cordial grasp of Colonel Roosevelt is well enough to permit the kaiser to take up his pen again.

A healthy horse, we are told, eats nine times its weight in food a year, and a healthy sheep six. Well, it would really pay just now for these animals not to get too healthy.

A man died in Indiana and his enemies have started the canard that he left a chest containing \$100,000 under his bed. Nonsense, not even a dead man would do such a foolish thing.

It is only fair to assume that they did not have flies in the days of Methuselah and those old fellows, for modern scientists tell us that thirty flies in three days can deposit 10,000,000 bacilli.

This little fellow Madris must be dreaming when he says that an American battleship cannot enter the port of Bluefields. If he bats an eye one of those battleships will give him a life-like imitation of entering that very port.

Railroad Rates and Profits.

The pretext for the proposed increase in railroad rates, which has been cleverly forestalled by the injunction suit brought by the federal government, is that the increased cost of operation, due to higher wages and higher prices for materials and equipment, make necessary an increased revenue to meet the outlay.

The trouble with this sort of argument is that it does not take into account all the factors not rest upon a sound basis of fact. Conceding the increased expense of operation, the official figures still show that the railroads of the country are reaping steadily increasing profits, and that the net earnings on current business is greater in comparison than it has ever been before.

Just how these wonderful transformations were brought about is not wholly apparent on the surface, but some things are known which may throw light upon them. It is known, for example, that immediately after the 1907 panic every proposed expenditure for repairs, improvements or equipment that could possibly wait was turned down; orders previously placed were countermanded, and the railroads did nothing beyond absolute requirements for operation.

It is known further that some construction work, which in other days would have been charged to capital account, has been put into current expenses by railroads not a thousand miles from here—of course, with no ulterior purpose. But if new construction were to come in the same class as wage increases, the railroads would never have any difficulty making out a case for raising rates at will, no matter how high they might already be.

Since Rockefeller and Carnegie organized departments for distributing their wealth among institutions of learning men of large means seem to have fallen with unusual facility into the habit of giving, and just now an epidemic of endowment is apparently abroad in the land, especially benefiting the larger colleges and universities.

Practical Education. The moral aspect of worldly men giving their millions to education cannot be minimized, but neither can they in discharging their duty to society meet the obligation that rests heavily upon the universities and colleges.

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The American Passport.

No more delicate problem is engaging the consideration of the president and secretary of state, and none for which an adequate solution is more earnestly desired, than that of the American passport. The American passport is a certificate of American citizenship carried by Americans traveling abroad, and ought to command for American citizens equal rights and privileges with those accorded the citizens of any other nation, and for every American citizen the same rights and privileges accorded any other American citizen.

When a foreign nation refuses to honor an American passport the shield of our country is besmirched, and when any foreign nation fails to respect the American passport an insult is imposed on our country which every American citizen is in duty bound to resent. It is regrettable, but none the less true, that the American passport is not respected in various parts of Europe, and that discriminations are practiced by several European nations, particularly Russia, as between different classes of American citizens carrying passports to which they are entitled.

It is to be hoped that this matter will be pressed steadily until the American passport as a testimony of American citizenship is vindicated no matter what the race, color, religion or previous condition of the holder so long as he is willing and able to observe the laws of the country which he wishes to visit.

The Limit Removed. The New York legislature recently adjourned amended the insurance code by removing the limit on new life insurance risks which a New York company may take on in any one year. It is worthy of note that the original insurance code imposing this limitation grew out of the insurance investigations conducted by Governor Hughes, this particular provision constituting one of the reforms inaugurated as a result of these disclosures, and that the repeal of the present limitation, with the approving signature of Governor Hughes, would indicate that he had been convinced that this was an unnecessary restriction.

California and the Oriental. California is looking for banner crops this year in its orchards, vineyards and sugar beet fields, and it is concerned with the bid, old question of "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

When California was making its strenuous fight for Chinese exclusion laws and trying to close the gates to the Japanese it took exception to outside suggestion that the day might come when the Chinaman and Jap would be needed in the vast fruit and grape fields of the state, and long before the present season the California orchardist and vineyardist have come to realize the weight of this suggestion. The fact is many farmers are wholly dependent upon the oriental, and since there is a scarcity of Chinese labor they have to look almost entirely to the little Jap. It is out of the question for them to seek sufficient white labor and the Indians—of the Digger type—are too indolent and too few in number to supply the demands.

City Worldly or Indifferent? The United States census of religious bodies reports an aggregate number of communicants, or members of all denominations, up to three years ago as \$2,836,445, which is a substantial increase over the last preceding census, and it finds that 80.6 per cent of the Protestants are outside the principal cities, while only 27.9 per cent of the Catholics reside in the cities of the first class, those of 300,000 population or more.

Are the large cities more worldly, or simply more indifferent to religion? This question will naturally suggest itself in connection with these statistics and probably will go unanswered satisfactorily. Of the Catholics 47.8 per cent were outside the cities of the first, second, third and fourth classes, and Protestants in first class cities aggregated 7.3 per cent. The Episcopal church had 51.2 per cent of its members in cities of the first class and the Christian Scientists 82.6, this propaganda, in fact, having made little headway thus far in the smaller communities.

These figures must show the opportunity for a vast amount of mission work in the large cities and they must stand as irrefutable argument that the people of the big cities are not taking interest in matters of religion. Naturally enough, it will be argued, and with good reason, that the diversity of attractions in the city tend to lead men's minds away from the solemn subject of religion, while the lack of diffusion in the smaller towns and communities has the opposite effect. The city church has much keener competition than the country church, though, strangely enough, there is an energetic effort on foot right now to stay the "decay" of the rural church.

The churches may yet find encouragement in the totals of these statistics, for they show a big growth in all communities, both in city and country, since the fast church census in 1890, and some of these figures reflect most hopeful signs. For instance, in the five leading cities the proportion of communicants to the population was: New York, 44.7 per cent; Chicago, 40.7; Philadelphia, 38.8; Boston, 32.6, and St. Louis, 26.6 per cent. Religion is still the most potent motive power in this fast-moving world.

Higher Ideals for Lawyers. Lawyers who are extremely sensitive to criticism from the laity have not the same ground for resentment when the critic is a lawyer himself, and especially one who has devoted a lifetime to the practice in one form or another. So the strictures of President Taft upon his own profession as embodied in this excerpt from his address at the Ohio Northern university must have a fair hearing.

Some times excessive zeal overshoots the mark. Why should both United States senators from Iowa think it necessary to leave their places in Washington and invade Congressman Walter I. Smith's district to tell his constituents not to return him to congress? Can it be that the candidate running against Congressman Smith requires all this assistance to hold his own?

Similar Pastimes Serve the Same Purpose.

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Half a dozen democrats in the senate screwed up their courage sufficiently to vote for the railroad bill, notwithstanding the fact that it was a republican administration measure. Prepare to have Mr. Bryan read a curtain lecture either to the democrats who voted with the republicans or to the democrats who voted against them, we don't know which.

Ex-Governor David R. Francis is not recorded among those present and participating in the launching of the Folk 1912 presidential boom. It will be remembered that Governor Shallenberger launched a 1912 presidential boom for "Dave" Francis while in a convivial mood sailing down the Mississippi on a waterways excursion last year.

Between the warring factions of Nebraska anti-saloonsists, one side may be heard calling the other grafters, and the other charging their accusers with being sore because they are not in sole command. Is it possible that both speak the truth when talking about each other?

Congressman Murdock accuses "Uncle Joe" of shooting in the dark. Perhaps he is right, but he must admit that the old man has more than once brought down some pretty good game at that.

Some Good Imitators. Louisville Courier-Journal. Marquis de Castellane writes that "it takes an American to make sticking combinations." Oh, we don't know! Count de Castellane stuck the Gould family for quite a wad, didn't he?

Good Time for a Test. Indianapolis News. The combination of all the railroads of the west to raise rates looks to the ordinary man like a clear violation of the Sherman law. The government does well to test the question. Indeed we do not see what else it could do.

Passed Up for a Time. Washington Herald. If we should use a searchlight of 300,000 candle power, and the Martians should look at it with a telescope magnifying 10,000 times, they might see it, if they did not overlook it. In these circumstances, we move that the country decline to engage in the Martian signaling business this year.

No Intentional Slight. New York World. A proposal is made to abolish Memorial day rather than have it transferred into "a Fourth of July." But is a day deserted, whatever its original purpose, which is devoted to sport and healthful recreation? No slight is wantonly put on sacred memories because a new generation finds a new use for an anniversary consecrated to an older era.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. It takes a mighty fine aviation record to outlast a week. Whoever inaugurated the open door policy at the North pole has several klicks coming to him. Modern aviation routes are the only "sit wags" and railroads will shed their ancient plumes accordingly.

Our Birthday Book. June 5, 1910. Adam Smith, known as "the father of political economy," was born June 5, 1723. He was professor of political economy in one of the Scotch universities and published his great book on "The Wealth of Nations" in 1776, which is still a standard. He died in 1790.

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

No man is old enough to be another man's conscience. Character is seen in motives, but it never stays there. The see-me-sufferer saint is a twisted sign on the Zion road.

Many fall to do any great good because they will not do little kindnesses. Many preachers would reform if sentenced to read their own sermons. You cannot really love men unless you are making it possible to live with them.

No man can long be content to measure his possessions by the poverty of other people. The first thing some folks will want to do in heaven will be to elect a new set of officers. It is far easier to praise the forgiveness of enemies than to practice the forgiveness of friends.

It seems to make some folks wonderfully comfortable to tell the Lord just what they think of one another.—Chicago Tribune.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT. St. Paul Pioneer Press: "Billy" Sunday is to preach in San Francisco in the evening after the Jeffries-Johnson fight. He does not explain where he will be in the few hours preceding his sermon.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Rev. Dr. Russell, a preacher of a West End Presbyterian church, had to call upon his parishioners to restrain their generosity while they were raising funds to send him and his wife abroad. Even in an era of high cost of living there are silver linings to the clouds.

Baltimore American: The women of a church in New York are to have a church-going hat. The ungalant men complained of the big hats, which prevented them from seeing the preacher, and the women agreed to a reform. The men had threatened to quit the church, but the women countered by leaving them without a plausible excuse.

Providence (R. I.) Journal: It is gratifying to learn upon unimpeachable authority—no less than that of the bishop of Maryland himself—that the distinguished prelate was not refused an audience with the pope and insulted besides. Why the Vatican authorities did not take the trouble to deny it earlier is not explained. There is, to be sure, an element of improbability in the big hats, which prevented them from seeing the preacher, and the women agreed to a reform.

Mrs. Youngwood (nervously)—What do you think of my biscuits, dear? Hubby—I never give an offhand opinion on weighty subjects, my love.—Chicago Record-Herald.

"What did your wife say when you stayed out so late last night?" "I don't know, she hasn't finished telling it all to me yet."—Detroit Free Press.

"She says she could have married millions in her youth." "Then her forbearance is more remarkable than I thought. She only married five or six."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Your wife looks as if her European trip had done her a world of good. She seems so much more cheerful than she was before she went away." "Yes. She managed to get \$200 worth of jewelry through the customs house without any trouble."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Well, how do you like my new hat?" "Well, dear, to tell you the truth—" "Stop right there! If you're going to talk that way about it, Henry, I don't want to know!"—Chicago Tribune.

The GIFTS you'll make to June Brides and to Graduates. The Omaha public—a vast portion of it—has learned to look to ME for authoritative bridal and graduation gifts—simply because I've ALWAYS specialized along these lines. I've THAT reputation.

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