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The searchlight of publicity is really working now.

Yes, Chauncey Depew has been caught. How have the little fallen!

The two best things about a summer vacation are anticipation and remembrance.

The "less" fad is being carried to extremes. The "inspectless" bank inspector is not wanted.

It must be remembered that Mr. Shonts is drawing a nice salary for being a canal optimist.

The Depew Improvement company seems to have been a slice of the same old Equitable graft.

Mr. Lawson has shown that he can tell when a limb is broken, but can he set it? His remedy is awaited.

The trouble with most of the republican policies is that they have the same odor as the Equitable policies.

Mr. Depew says he was paid for giving advice. Is this not an admission that he secured money under false pretenses?

George III. was one who thought a tax on tea was a good thing to make good a deficit, and history tells what the taxed ones did to George.

Mr. Depew says he is sadly hurt by all those Equitable stories. Some men are always sadly hurt when they expose the pocketbook nerve.

A leak in the crop report department is a serious thing for the farmers. If there is no law covering the Holmes case there ought to be.

They are going to turn the canal business over to Mr. Root, a move calculated to impress him more than ever with the enormity of his "sacrifice."

District Attorney Bell of Philadelphia refuses to start criminal prosecutions against the bootleggers. Philadelphia seems to have a surplus of damaged bells.

A distinguished eastern politician says that "Gas" Addicks is no longer a senatorial possibility. The Addicks bank account must have gone glimmering.

One trouble about the bank examinations is that we never hear anything from the bank examiners until they begin their work of explaining why the banks have failed.

Mr. Depew's statement that he resigned as counsel for the Equitable because he wanted to be relieved of some of his work is in "The Peach's" best vein of humor.

A girl kills herself because she is not beautiful. Poor girl! She ought to have known that beauty of face is of little value compared with the graces of the mind and heart. Vanity often makes a pretty woman repulsive and a sweet disposition makes a homely woman lovable.

Mr. Rockefeller has given ten million reasons why President Hadley's plan of ostracizing trust managers will not work.

If Sweden holds any Norway securities now is a good time to have them collected by an eminent artist in that line. Mr. Loomis is representing this country abroad again.

As usual, all the talk about immediate work on the Panama canal comes from eminent directors and engineers who stick close to their luxurious offices in Washington and New York.

But supposing, Mr. President, that Secretary Wilson has a warm personal friend or two in his department? Is he to be restrained from giving them clean bills of health if he feels so disposed?

If promises and speculations were spades and shovels, the Panama canal would be a thousand feet deep and so long it would stick out over the Atlantic and Pacific like a couple of fishing rods.

Justice Brewer says it is not necessary to hold office in order to serve the nation. Justice Brewer is giving some eminent patriots a good excuse for bemoaning the decadence of our courts.

Having publicly admitted that private ownership of the public is full of graft and other evils, what remedy has Mr. Lawson to offer now that he has condemned public ownership of public utilities?

While drawing \$20,000 a year from the Equitable Mr. Depew managed to borrow \$250,000 from the corporation on security valued at \$150,000. Mr. Depew says he was paid the \$20,000 for giving advice.

The oculist who assures us that President Roosevelt's eyesight is improving conveys glad news. Perhaps the president will yet be able to see that he made a mistake in giving Morton a clean bill of health.

Governor Folk says that there is not more corruption today but that there is more prosecution, and he insists that the prosecution indicates an improvement in ideals. His statement will be found on another page.

Circus vendors call those little red balloons "two squeals," because the children squeal until they get one and then squeal when it collapses. The William R. Taft presidential boom seems to have been a "two squeal."

A large number of intensely partisan republican organs are praising Secretary Bonaparte for doing something that they ridiculed Congressman Robert Baker for doing. Crimped and plaited logic is still the principal exhibit on the G. O. P. shelves.

Another banker has invested the bank's funds in stocks—and then suicided when the market went against him. When will trustees learn that they have no right to speculate with trust funds? And they ought not to be allowed to gamble with their own funds.

Up to the hour of going to press Senator Depew has not resigned from the senate. His resignation from that body would be a precedent which would, if followed, make the republican side of the chamber look like a prohibition rally in a distillery district.

Most of the large bank failures show a personal use of bank funds by officers. In fact, some exploiters have been known to buy a controlling interest in a bank in order to get the use of deposits. The large insurance companies seem to be run on the same plan.

Mr. Jerome evidently came west with the all-too-prevalent New York idea that he was billed to talk to a lot of wild and woolly cowboys and cowgirls who butchered the King's English. Mr. Jerome goes back with the knowledge that all wisdom is not confined to Gotham.

Attention is directed to Mayor Dunne's answer to those who have charged that he has abandoned municipal ownership. In his answer Mayor Dunne outlines his plan. The criticism of Mayor Dunne is unfair, because he has worked hard in the effort to bring about municipal ownership and the plan as outlined in his answer to his critics is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Cleveland is very determined to secure mutualization of the Equitable company. Every honest man in the country hopes that he will succeed in his efforts, but while he is laboring to bring it about there are several millions of American citizens who are wondering how and when Mr. Cleveland was converted to the mutualization idea. In a great financial deal of a date so recent that middle aged men remember it very clearly, Mr. Cleveland did not appear nearly so anxious to have all the stockholders, or policyholders, consulted. If history has been correctly written Mr. Cleveland then undertook to handle the nation's finances very much after the the dark-lantern methods which the public is roundly denouncing in the case of the Equitable. And, too, in the case mentioned, as well as in the case of the Equitable, it was public clamor that brought about a decided change in policy.

The Cleveland Conversion

Why all this newspaper fuss because John G. Phelps Stokes married a poor girl with whom he became acquainted while engaged in college settlement work in New York City? We have it on good authority that Mrs. Stokes—Miss Proctor that was—is a splendid young woman, interested in the work of helping her fellows and possessed of those traits that make their possessor a good wife. Their romance has been told and re-told ever since the dawn of humanity, and will be told and re-told until time shall be no more. Mr. Stokes is incidentally the possessor of an ample fortune, and he seems bent on making good use of it. Mrs. Stokes knows how to use it for the benefit of mankind. They evidently love each other. That is all there is to the story, so why all the newspaper gossip and frenzy? Thousands of young men and women equally worthy, equally loving and equally interested in the welfare of their fellows are married every year and no great newspaper fuss is made about it. Will our daily newspapers ever get rid of the notion that the great masses of the reading public are interested in men and women merely because they happen to possess more than the usual amount of money?

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