



Mayor McClellan of New York refused to sign the public utilities bill passed by the New York legislature on the ground that it violates home rule.

Governor Cummins of Iowa may become a candidate to succeed Senator Allison at next year's primary election.

The Denver, Colo., News says: "The federal inquisition now in progress in Denver involves some of the largest corporations in America, and that indictments will be returned against men who are rated as multi-millionaires and captains of industry, known as well in Wall Street as in Colorado, is the latest development in connection with the probing of the grand jury. No less than 120 secret service men now make their headquarters in Denver, this small army of government sleuths having rented a large portion of the fifth floor of an office building, from where they are spreading the net that is tightening about victims in high places. L. C. Wheeler in the service of the department of justice at Washington, is in charge of the secret service men and he expresses the belief that there will be some startling revelations in the near future."

The millionaires under indictment for boodling at San Francisco, were required to give bonds aggregating \$910,000.

The Michigan state senate has passed a resolution demanding that Mr. Roosevelt be a candidate for what it calls a "second elective" term.

The Associated Press carries from Shanghai this cablegram: "The famine which has prevailed for many weeks, causing hundreds of deaths and great suffering has been broken. The crops are still thin, but the hot weather of the past month has been favorable to a good yield. American gifts have supplied milk regularly to 1,006 babies at the Hsu Chou Fu temple while two hundred more have been nourished occasionally. The children are left with their parents or relatives, as the Chinese dread foreign orphanages. What is left of the gifts will be turned over to the Red Cross society to relieve individual cases of need and to grapple with the next crisis."

The funeral of Mrs. McKinley took place at Canton, May 29. President Roosevelt attended.

Thomas D. Jordan, former comptroller of the Equitable Life Insurance company, has been indicted for perjury and forgery.

The Arkansas Gazette of Little Rock, prints this item: "Anti-trust suits were filed yesterday in the circuit court by Prosecuting Attorney Rhoton against the Smith-Premier Typewriter company and the Remington Typewriter company. Both companies are New York corporations, maintaining agencies in Arkansas. The companies are alleged to have been in a pool or trust controlled by the Union Typewriter company of New Jersey. Each company is sued for \$1,000,000. It is alleged the companies were engaged in business in Arkansas on March 25, 1905, and each succeeding day to the date of the suit, except Sundays. It

is claimed the Union Typewriter company fixed the price at which the companies were to sell typewriters and supplies, and also the price the companies were to pay for old machines in exchange for new ones. It is claimed the companies reported each day to the Union Typewriter company and shared in the distribution of the profits. These alleged acts are declared to be in violation of the Arkansas anti-trust act."

Mr. Bryan spoke to a large number of people May 30 at Norfolk, Va.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of May 31, Milwaukee, follows: "Definite steps were taken tonight toward promoting the candidacy of Senator LaFollette for the presidential nomination at a meeting of 150 of his supporters in the club rooms of the Plankinton house. Resolutions were adopted declaring Senator LaFollette the strongest and most logical candidate for the presidency and stating that work should be started at once towards securing LaFollette delegations from other states."

In the state court at Austin, Tex., June 1, a jury of farmers returned a verdict of guilty against the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. (part of the trust), and assessed fines aggregating \$1,600,000, also barring it from Texas. Defendant appealed the case.

#### IN HIS HONOR

Mr. W. D. Nesbit, the well known newspaper poet, tells this story upon himself: "I was born," he says, "in the good old town of Xenia. A good many distinguished persons have been born there at one time and another, by the way. But we all love Xenia. What is more, we cherish the idea that Xenia loves us—that she cherishes the memory of her sons. We always like to see the old neighbors, too. Any one who has come from Xenia likes to see the Xenia folks. I don't know of any way you can please me better than to let me settle down with one of the old neighbors and talk over things—who has died and what he died of, and who married who, and how we wouldn't have thought they would, and what real estate has changed hands, and all that. Well, the other day one of my neighbors came in. I dropped everything and settled down to talk with him, and I could see he had a good piece of news up his sleeve.

"Nesbit," said he, with the pleasantest kind of a look on his face, 'you remember that little old house on Main street where you were born?'

"When he said that, it brought up a vision of that house as clear as the reality. I saw the queer little windows, the nice, friendly door, the yard, the lilacs—everything.

"Yes, Bill," I said with emotion. 'I remember very well.'

"Well," he said, 'the folks have gone and put a tablet on that old house.'

"At first I couldn't speak. I had all I could do to keep the tears from coming. The folks hadn't lost sight of me, then! They knew what I had been doing. A tablet was, I admitted to myself, somewhat beyond my deserts, but—but there it was. When I could speak I said:

"And what does the tablet say, Bill, old man?'

"Bill looked away out of the window.

"Main street," said he softly.—Reader Magazine.

#### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

The New York Referendum league has issued an interesting little circular of the proposed reform:

The Initiative—The power of the people to directly secure legislation. A certain percentage of the voters, can, by petition, compel the submitting of any new or pending legislation to all voters.

The Referendum—The power of the people to ratify or reject legislation at the polls. Upon demand of a certain number of voters in the district or political divisions affected, any measure passed by the law-making body must be submitted to a direct vote of the whole people.

The following claims are based upon twenty years experience in Switzerland, four years in South Dakota and Oregon and in many municipalities:

It will render resort to itself seldom and, possibly, never necessary, because questionable legislation is less likely to be attempted or hazarded.

Reduce public abuses to a minimum, because its mere existence, and not necessarily its exercise, will act as a deterrent.

Simplify laws, rendering them less likely to be misunderstood, because legislators will use the simplest language possible, lest their measures be referred and vetoed.

Encounter no sound nor tenable objection, because it has, in experience, stood every test.

Obviate the necessity for "third party," or independent movements, because it can better, promote measures and effect reforms.

Open the shortest road to desirable reforms, because local option, by its means, is easily secured.

Abolish profligacy, public plundering, and politics as a business, because the people can employ preventive means.

Suppress corruption and vicious lobby, because bribe givers will not take the chances involved.

End machine politics and boss rule, because legislators will be directly responsible to the people.

Enlist the support of patriotic and good men of all parties, because "government of the people, by the people and for the people" is what all such men desire.

Promote the study of public questions, because voters will feel that they are directly concerned in law making.

Elevate the tone of legislative bodies, because high minded men will displace the sordid grafters.

Finally, make the United States, in every sense, the most splendid country in the world, because it will correct the evils which prevent an ideal civilization.

#### A 200-POUND MOUSE

Following close upon the killing of a ninety-pound rat, at Glen Jean, by an enterprising citizen of that town, comes the news of a 200-pound mouse, seen by Hollowell Dabney, at Smithers, during the night.

The mouse, as described by Mr. Dabney, was a pale gray color, with mauve trimmings, its eyes of sky blue with borders of vermillion, and its ears a sunburnt yellow, striped with fiddler's green.

Yesterday a wagon left the local wholesale house with a quantity of whisky and beer for a saloon at Smithers, but broke down on the way, and Mr. Dabney was left to watch the load until a new wagon came this morning. Mr. Dabney says he first saw the enormous mouse shortly after 9 o'clock coming down a mulberry tree backward. The enormous size of the rodent frightened him, and he remained quiet while it consumed a quantity of the whisky and beer. In the midst of its feast it became frightened at a passing K. and M. train and ran back toward the creek, step-

ping on Mr. Dabney and rendering him unconscious.

Mr. Dabney's remarkable story is borne out by the fact that a quantity of intoxicants had disappeared and Mr. Dabney was unconscious when found this morning.—Charleston Gazette.

#### ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

Dillon Wallace, the Labrador explorer, has written an article on "the pleasures of starving." Will Mr. Roosevelt kindly inform us what kind of a faker Mr. Wallace is.—Washington Post.

## The Joys of June

A Time for Making the Stomach Happy With Green Vegetables, Fresh Fruits and Wholesome Cereals

For those who mix brains with their eating, June is the time for dropping the heavy nitrogenous foods that are eaten during the winter months. That the system welcomes this change from the heavy dietary of the winter, when the body seems to crave foods that are rich in carbohydrates, is one of the beautiful dispensations of Nature. The person who refuses to live in harmony with natural law and continues on a diet that is suited only to the needs of cold weather, must suffer the consequences in impaired digestion, bilious liver and sluggish kidneys.

Persons addicted to the "meat habit" and who imagine that the eating of meat two or three times a day is necessary to conserving their strength will be surprised to learn how easily they can cut down their meat ration and at the same time keep up the maximum of strength and activity. By the proper selection of diet it is possible to get greater muscular and mental power with much less tax upon the liver and digestive functions than it is possible to get from a meat diet. It is merely a question of knowing how. Shredded Wheat, for instance, is much richer in nitrogenous material than beef and so easily digested that the system after a few days experiences a delightful rebound from a prolonged winter diet.

One of the most healthful and delicious combinations for the summer is Shredded Wheat Biscuit and strawberries—in fact, you do not know "the joys of June" until you have treated your stomach to this combination of the best and purest cereal food made and the most luscious berry that grows. It is so simple and so easily prepared that it solves in a happy and healthful way the June and July problems of the housekeeper. Simply heat a Shredded Wheat Biscuit in the oven until it is crisp, then crush in the top with the bowl of a teaspoon. Fill the hollow of this Biscuit "basket" with strawberries prepared as for the ordinary short-cake, then serve with cream and sugar. It will be found much more nourishing and wholesome than the soggy white flour dough that is used in ordinary short-cake. The porous shreds of the Biscuit take up the fruit juices, holding the delicious aroma of the berry. Many persons who can not eat strawberries alone without distress can eat this delicious combination without the slightest discomfort. Shredded Wheat is equally palatable and wholesome with raspberries or other fresh fruits that are plentiful in summer.

Shredded Wheat products are manufactured by the Natural Food Company at Niagara Falls, N. Y. Your grocer sells them.