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The telegraph operator at Oyster Bay is having a much needed rest.

Anyway there is lots of fun in store for the republicans as a kicking minority.

The man who asks you for your opinion usually wants you to listen to his.

"Dumb as an oyster," is a far less expressive comparison than "dumb as Oyster Bay."

It has been aptly said that "worry is interest paid on trouble before it falls due."

If the turkey had stuck to aviation, he would not have traced the Thanksgiving table.

After the English election, something may be clear. Just now the whole situation is a muddle.

Canada will not be so anxious to annex Maine since the old "rock ribbed" state went democratic.

Washington is about to inaugurate a war on profanity. Here's where Uncle Joe will get another job.

The per capita circulation is six cents greater than a year ago. How many have their six cents? Hands up!

A public official should in his loyalty to his friends never be forgetful of the people whom he was elected to serve.

Money takes wings in living reality when a man pays \$500 for the opportunity of risking his life in an aeroplane.

Evanston, Ill., started to raise \$100,000 for a Y. M. C. A. and before they could stop it the fund had reached \$150,000.

The Portuguese republic still lives, but it will have to keep its weather eye open to survive the machinations of its enemies.

Window glass trust directors are fined \$500 each. It is proverbially dangerous to throw stones if you live in glass houses.

The Mexicans are spitting on the stars and stripes. This unsanitary practice is not likely to prove healthy for the dogeas.

The cable companies come down on their rates. Like the cows and the hens, they have heard about the democratic victory.

Nevada evidently is determined to break up the divorce colony at Reno. It has passed a law against the playing of bridge whist.

Mr. Roosevelt has now found out what Mr. Bryan learned by such hard experiences, that big crowds do not always vote as they shout.

They are talking of Mayor Gaynor for the supreme bench, but the mayor is too busy in the New York city hall to do any talking for himself.

The Texas rangers may have a big chance to practice on the belated Mexicans unless the latter give up the idea of invading Texas territory.

Arizona and Oregon take action against woman suffrage, and the broom and the dish cloth will still continue an active domestic force.

Newark saloons post notices against profanity. Now if the golf links will do likewise, these blue clouds pervading the atmosphere may fade away.

The consumer trying to get away with a cheaper piece of meat is about like the football player trying to run with the ball when there are twenty-one men on top of him.

The death of Winslow Homer robs America of another master of art. Following that of Saint Gaudens and Ward, it is a sad depletion in the rank of American artists, which it will be hard to fill.

It is a comfort to meet a person occasionally who can live the part, act the part and look the part without telling everybody what a nervous strain it is to do it.

The Tennessee jury that acquitted Robin Cooper of the assassination of Senator Carmack, still holds it an inalienable right of democratic statesmen to kill each other.

All's quiet again at Lisbon. For a revolution that took decades to brew it was over in a remarkably short

time. The world does not enjoy war and riot as it did in past centuries.

Earthquakes in the bottom of Behring sea are busy raising up new seal islands for the seal skin trust which is already fat enough to kill.

Now that twenty Annapolis midshipmen have typhoid fever, it would be a good time for someone to start that Japanese war scare again.

Colonel Roosevelt persists in silence regarding election results. He believes in conservation of resources when they are worth a dollar a word.

Food Expert Wiley is against cold storage turkeys. The farm papers all ways said poultry needed a more extensive feeding place than an ice box.

Far sighted people sensed the state of political unrest early, by the fact that the governors' Thanksgiving proclamations usually came out before election day.

Captain Hobson warns New York women against strong drink, and if he is to be a good temperance man he should take the pledge to say less about Japan.

Premier Asquith was slapped in the face by the suffragettes, but if he is loyal to the constitution he will not rebel at discipline from the constituted authorities of the home.

About now the far sighted country editor trots out standing type on spring flowers and summer fruits found in November, inserting names and dates to please his constituents.

A Buffalo sailor gets a long jail term for cutting off a non-union man's ears. Our orators frequently ask the audience to lend them their ears, but it is not etiquet to enforce the request.

The innocent bystanders and the hunters in the deer country of northern Minnesota and Wisconsin are being shot at about the usual rate, and occasionally one of the more skillful drops a deer.

American bankers are looking seriously toward Panama as a field of business. This is the best possible proof that the isthmus is developing into a community of homes as well as a center of industry.

It is rumored that family ice making machines will soon be available. Now if some genius will invent a coal making machine we shall be rid of two of the foes to peace and economy in the household.

The short session of congress will do little. It will take all the time to make appropriations for Uncle Sam's boarding house another year, and hold a lengthy autopsy over the remains of November 8.

Socialist Congressman Berger of Milwaukee says he will represent the workers. From our experience with congressmen who represent the workers of caucuses we are about ready to try the players.

The government is after the get-rich-quick brokers. Men who spend a whole day studying the paces of a \$10 horse will put thousands into mining stock, on strength of choice adjectives and swell letterheads.

The Canadians talk reciprocity. If we trade on their usual basis we will come out like the man who went to county fair with a pair of oxen and after several profitable swaps returned with a pair of hens.

Brigadier General Howe, who has been in the army forty-seven years, is soon to retire. He served under Generals Sheridan and Crook in frontier Indian uprisings and as a colonel of the Forty-seventh volunteer infantry in the Philippines.

Disraeli says that female vanity is but a trifling and airy passion compared with the vast voracity of appetite which in the sterner sex can swallow anything in the way of appreciation and always crave for more. Now, will you men be good?

Another enormous irrigation project is shortly to be undertaken on the upper Rio Grande. A dam 285 feet high is to be constructed of stone and cement to hold the flood waters of the river and furnish irrigation for the territory lying between the dam and El Paso. The cost is estimated at \$7,500,000.

The German records show that 40 percent of the working population is at some time incapacitated for labor by sickness or accident. The most extensive forms of industrial disease in that country are phosphorus poisoning and lead poisoning, against both of which preventive measures can be taken.

We are just entering upon an era of something approaching enlightenment, when it is dawning upon the public mind that mothers should know something about the proper care of children. It is unquestionably the most important business in the world, yet no preparation, experience or knowl-

edge has ever been thought necessary. Hence the alarming death rate among infants.

A new field of usefulness has been opened up to the Indian girls. They make superb nurses. There is no limit to their patience, they are naturally quiet and forbearing, and don't know what nerves are. They are invaluable in trying surgical cases, which they go through in a stoical manner, obeying orders like trained soldiers.

An exchange claims that the United States has had three great secretaries of state—John Quincy Adams, who enunciated the Monroe doctrine; William Henry Seward, who kept the country out of a foreign war during the civil war and who purchased Alaska; and John Hay, who coped with the world of foreign ministers and gave them their cue in China.

The largest area ever watered in the Salt river valley was irrigated by the reclamation service in 1910. Water was brought through 490 miles of canals and 121,364 acres. Those which contained crops were given water enough to cover each acre with five feet of water. A guarantee of sufficient water in time of drought is furnished by the Roosevelt dam reservoir.

In military circles there is considerable discussion as to whether German or English war tactics are superior. It is certain that war with either nation would leave in its track death and desolation. It will be a glad day for the race when the planning and preparation for war is all abandoned in one universal desire for peace. It would seem that with all the wretchedness the world has undergone from war that the big nations might agree to quit now.

The great fish market of the world has long been at Grimsby, Eng. Boston taking second place, but plans are now being considered which may leave both these places by establishing stations at Kitchikan, Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, and at Prince Rupert, the Pacific terminus of the Grand Trunk line. These points are near the greatest salmon, halibut and rock-cod fisheries in the world.

It is amusing enough to be pathetic to notice how solicitous the republican politicians are that the democrats properly conduct affairs in the next congress when they will have control of the house. The best thing the republicans can do is to attend to their own knitting and make this present session of congress a "hummer" in the achievement of constructive legislation for the general welfare.

The death of United States Senator Clay of Georgia takes another of the public men from the political and legislative activities who has been prominent during recent years. He was elected in 1896 to succeed the Hon. John B. Gordon and has served continually since. While not one of the brilliant men in congress, he was a very useful one and in many of the debates on the tariff and other questions which have engrossed the attention of the senate, he took a prominent part.

The idea that land planted to trees is of little value is a very enormous one. The value of the Norway poplar, which has been nick-named the "sudden saw log," from its rapid growth, is being emphasized in the northwest. In four years, it is said to attain a circumference of fifteen inches, three feet from the ground and in a short time will yield fence posts. The wood is equal to pine for flooring, inside casing and other purposes and as 800 trees can be planted to an acre, the profits are readily estimated.

A movement has been organized in London to abate the smoke nuisance by gradually centralizing the power producing plants and the general use of electric currents in all mills, factories and homes of the city. It has been estimated that the centralization of the power plants would mean a saving of six million tons of coal a year, and the reduction of the curse of smoke to a minimum. A campaign of education is being carried on to prove the economy as well as the health and comfort in such a method of centralization.

The modern woman's club began less than fifty years ago with the founding of the Sorosis in New York and of the New England Woman's club in Boston. There has been some scattering clubs before these, but the modern woman's club devoted to active service for the betterment of society along some definite line dates from the successful organization of these two clubs. The general federation was born when the Sorosis gained its majority as a fitting celebration of the twenty-first anniversary.

The American women are accomplishing much more in their more quiet and womanly methods toward gaining the ballot than the English suffragettes by their disgusting and violent demonstrations. Washington, the fifth state in the union to grant equal suffrage, has been added to their list within the month. The latest break of the English women determined to

have the right to vote, was to attack Premier Asquith in a mob several hundred strong. They kicked, bit and clawed till a hundred or more were landed in jail. Imagine arming such creatures as that with the powers of citizenship.

The moving pictures and low priced vaudeville are responsible for the final extinction of the dime museum which was so popular a generation or two ago. One of the best known of these institutions which has flourished for many years in New York, sold out at auction a short time ago, for lack of patronage. There is often much that is cheap and objectionable in the modern moving picture, but it is certainly an improvement on the old dime museum whose foundation was the abnormal, hideous and repulsive. The atmosphere of these places which displayed nature's tragedies for a dime was morbid and depressing to any one possessed of any intelligence or refined sensibilities.

On his recent seventy-fifth birthday he gave away \$3,500,000. Andrew Carnegie remarked that he was prouder of his schools than anything else he had done for mankind. Mr. Carnegie seems to be able to judge pretty shrewdly as to the relative value of his benefactions. His libraries have been a good investment. They are centers of influence for good in numerous small places, but there is more civilization in a school like the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh than in many libraries. Mr. Carnegie could not do better than to fix his mind on industrial schools and arrange to endow as many as possible in the years remaining to him.

It is one of the anomalies of American politics that the congress elected by the people in November of this year will not take its seat until a year from next December. We talk about the "voice of the people," but it is not heard until thirteen months after it has been expressed. Such antiquated machinery as this ought to be taken out in the national back yard and literally hacked to pieces. The country at the recent election chose a congress with a majority of fifty democrats in the house. Why shouldn't they assume within sixty days, at the outside, the responsibilities which have been placed upon them?

The widely reported accounts of educated Indians using the knowledge gained from white men's schools only to make them more clever in their wickedness, is very far from the truth when applied to the majority. Professor Friedman of Carlisle tells definitely of the careers of 415 living graduates of that institution of whom only five are idling. Some are pursuing their education in college, some are farming, many are in business and following all sorts of successful and honorable callings, while 142 of the girls graduated are now mistresses of modern homes and bringing up their families in civilized American ways. This is as good a record as other schools with white pupils can show.

Captain Gleaves' command to "close the exits and flood the room" on board the battleship North Dakota when a compartment was on fire was an order which not every man could have mustered up courage to give. Three men were in that compartment fighting fire and this was reported to the captain with the information that the flames were making headway. His command was instantly obeyed—the exits were closed, the room flooded and the fire extinguished, but at the sacrifice of the three poor fellows who were in that compartment putting forth their utmost efforts to subdue the flames. Though it has been declared by experts in maritime matters that the ship could not have been saved unless that order had been given, yet the incident is horrible to contemplate—it makes a man's blood run cold.

THE COMING OF WINTER.
Few older people see winter come without regret. Decadence of vegetation, death of flowers and fruits, affect with melancholy all who are sensitive to inanimate nature. The farther one goes north, the more there is of snowbound country and physical ills that make the season dreaded.

The deathlike hush over the landscape so often in November has ominous suggestion of frost. The brown, iron earth creates an atmosphere very different from the April landscape, when mating songs of birds and springing vegetation make pulses stir.

But to the clear-sighted there is hope and consolation even in December. If the leaves have fallen, it but reveals the sturdy power of the tree. If the fields are brown from frost or white with snow, they reflect light and set the air dancing with sunshine.

Winter brings tonic, and if we live as far as possible in the open air, we avoid ills that result from self-imprisonment in stuffy homes and offices and shops.

NEBRASKA'S GROWTH.
Nebraska's growth of a little over 11 percent within ten years may be considered satisfactory by comparison with the loss of population in some states and the smaller increase in

others, but it must be borne in mind that Nebraska ten years ago could stand a lot of growth and still not become as populous as the resources of this rich commonwealth might justify.

Increase in population is no longer a hit-and-miss proposition, either in cities or in states. A community with resources that will sustain an increased population, needs only to point out those resources and advantages in order to get the population. There are desirable citizens everywhere waiting to be distributed, and a little scientific advertising will get results.

By a liberal advertising appropriation the Nebraska legislature could insure an increase in population for the next ten years, much greater than 11 percent.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION.
The news from the front that the Mexican riots have been practically suppressed and that the Diaz forces are still in complete control of the government, will be good news to America in general. The welfare of Mexico demands that Diaz be held in power, and consequently Americans interested in that country in a business way will welcome the dispatches telling of the Diaz victory.

Diaz rules with an iron hand, it is true, but an iron hand is essential to the welfare of Mexico. Half the population is made up of barbarians and savages, uncivilized and no more fit to rule themselves than are our Indians.

What civilization and modern influence is found in Mexico, has come from the strong guiding hand of President Diaz. His overthrow by a band of irresponsible revolutionists would mean that the government which has been so successfully carried on, must become demoralized and that probably graft would take the upper hand in government affairs.

President Diaz is a congenial gentleman to meet, the editor of The News having had that privilege on a trip to Mexico a few years ago. He is a man of polish, of dignity and of keen intelligence. Diaz lives in Chapultepec, a fort on the top of a mountain, about four miles from the center of the City of Mexico, reached by but a single narrow roadway, guarded by soldiers constantly. The sides of the mountain are perpendicular, defying would-be climbers. The president enters an underground elevator at the foot of the mountain and is whisked up and down in this manner.

AROUND TOWN.
D—y—C—s—early.
The anti-overcoat squad had better change its mind.
Christmas only four weeks away—and come on Sunday.
The sugar trust sounds as if it ought to be easy to dissolve.
The cartoonist on the front page stole our dope about turkey week.
This is the season of year when your wife finds bargains in Christmas clears.
It always seems as if the day after Thanksgiving ought to be wash morning.
It's too late now to do your Christmas shopping early. The crush is upon us.
The creak of horses' shoes on that new brick pavement, has the right kind of clatter.
We're thinking of petitioning the wind to blow the sand away—the sand on top of that new brick paving.
One Norfolk man says the joke about the turkey lasting so long after Thanksgiving is all wrong. He says the turkey, at present prices, disappears altogether too fast to suit him.
Those golf balls, originally listed among the acceptable Christmas gifts: Please see that they're 1911 models and of the right brand. (Name of brand will be supplied on application.)
Menu for week: Thursday, Nov. 24.—Turkey; Friday, cold turkey; Saturday, escalloped turkey; Sunday, turkey a la francaise; Monday, turkey hash; Tuesday, turkey on toast; Wednesday, turkey bone soup.
Some years ago we declared that there was a man in Norfolk whose cigars were so notorious that whenever he invited anybody to the house, the guests carried along their own smokes and ducked those handed out by the host. We've caught onto that fellow's method, and are ready to testify that it's a great scheme for saving cigars.
ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.
You are a success if you are right half the time.
We still contend that a circus is a lot more fun than an election.
Be sympathetic with a man and he will usually follow you for more.
Roosevelt's own town went against him. That's just like a man's own town.
At a dinner party it is always expected that the guests talk about literature.
Nearly every wife likes to say her

husband is of an insanely jealous disposition.

An old maid doesn't have a good time until she has become reconciled.

Be as hard to down as an English sparrow; when they get after you, keep them busy.

When you stay up election night, about all you get is the returns; the open heart of the politician closes with the polls.

Every man believes his experience would make an interesting book.

One horse to a buggy doesn't seem enough, while two seem too many.

Poetic justice is when some mine promoter is held up and robbed by bandits.

The world will never get rid of the jokes about whisky and women's stockings.

A man is rarely as prominent and popular in the town he comes from as he claims.

The papers are asking: "Where is Roosevelt?" Where, by-the-way, is Jim Jeffries?

A man who has his nose on the grindstone is usually better off than the man who hasn't.

You have learned something if you have learned to say nothing when there is nothing to say.

Can Roosevelt come back? All we know about it is that he had a fair, square trial, and didn't.

The fact that you lack words to express yourself may not be much of a loss to the rest of the world.

People don't do as much talking about you as you think they do, unless you are Leading Man in a scandal.

We don't know which is worse for a poor man, to make a campaign for a public office, or to buy an automobile.

Let your enemy alone, and he'll probably let you alone. It isn't necessary to be eternally and forever in a scrap.

When a man buys a new suit, his wife tells him it looks nice. When a woman buys a new dress, her husband has to keep talking about it until it is worn out.

The disagreeable people who are always picking at you; do they really want you to do better, or do they enjoy finding fault?

Aside from the policeman and the reporters on a morning paper, no one has a very good excuse for being a "man about town."

Several noted publications have stated lately that the Atchison Globe is nearly always wrong on public questions. That's what an editor gets for being nearly always right.

You haven't one chance in a thousand of finding a gold mine; but if you are industrious, honest, and faithful, the chances are ninety-nine in a hundred that you will succeed.

An Atchison woman can lie on her bed at night and tell every person passing in the street, by their walk. In addition she can tell every automobile that passes by its chug chug.

Two women, who had not met for fifteen years, ran into each other accidentally yesterday afternoon. During the fifteen years their hair had turned very gray. One of the women had put on glasses. One woman had grown very stout and the other very thin. After kissing each other, the women looked each other over from top to toe, and then each one exclaimed, "You haven't changed a bit."

Boy story: A mother asked her little boy whether he had anything to say to a woman who was an afternoon visitor. "Tell me how I've grown," he replied, "and how much I look like you, and how you've got a little boy at home just my age, and then ask me how old I am, whether I go to school, how I like my teacher, and what I'm going to do when I am a man. Then say you regret you haven't a penny in your pocket for me."

A man will start a paper in New York which will eliminate the faults of other papers. The man who is furnishing the money for the enterprise is conceited; not brilliant. He is willing to invest his money in his "notions." The "ideal newspaper" will prove a failure from the start, because it will not be as good a newspaper as dozens of others already in existence in New York. Until people all think alike, the ideal newspaper will be impossible.

The word "don't" is used very often for the word "doesn't." The school teachers scream, but it does them no good. The New York Journal, which has plenty of money with which to hire grammarians, uses "don't" instead of "doesn't" in its black faced editorials, which are written by a man who is supposed to get \$480,000 a year for his services. Fifteen dollars a week is a high price for a grammarian; it's the boys with ideas who get the big salaries. The knowledge is power; not grammar. Therefore we have concluded that the New York Journal's \$480,000 a year man didn't know originally that "don't" should not be used for the word "doesn't" so he has concluded to make his habit respectable and grammatical.

NEW YORK DRAMATIC LETTER
New York, Nov. 30.—This week saw quite a number of changes in New York theatrical circles.

Oscar Hammerstein has transferred management of his Manhattan opera house to his son William, who began his regime by introducing a holiday season of vaudeville beginning on Monday evening. The change is due to the fact that Mr. Hammerstein expects to make a long stay in London to superintend his London grand opera house, now in course of construction. William Hammerstein will continue to control the Victoria music hall, while Arthur will assume control of the productions "Hans" and "Naughty Marietta," the latter being a winning attraction at the New York theater just now.

Highly pleasing its capacity audiences at every performance, "The Girl in the Taxi," with Carter De Haven and an all-star cast, has entered its second month at the Astor theater. One and all acclaim this rollicking farce as the funniest play this season has produced, and there is every prospect of "The Girl in the Taxi" remaining a Broadway attraction for a solid year.

New York has not seen a play that makes a stronger appeal to one's highest ideals than "The Rosary" in many seasons. This play is attracting large audiences to the Garden theater nightly, and promises to run throughout the season. It has received the hearty endorsement of the Catholic clergy, but the audiences include people of all religions for the high moral appeal of "The Rosary" makes will fit into any creed.

May Irwin is as amusing as ever in "Getting a Polish" at Wallace's theater. Tarkington and Wilson wrote this farcical comedy. The lady, herself, has done the rest. The way May Irwin sings "coon" songs is sufficient for an evening's entertainment at anytime, even if there were no plot to the play.

From the start "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" at the Republic theater, has been so successful that the play bids fair to run out the season. The entertainment is full of laughter rather than tears, as befits such a sunny nature as Rebecca's. The hearty manner in which the public has accepted it is a reminder that however far the stage may wander from what is wholesome there is always a warm welcome for a clean play.

The score of "Alma, Where Do You Live," at Weber's, offers good vocal opportunities for Kitty Gordon and John McCloskey. Miss Gordon has jumped into prominence since the musical comedy was produced.

Marie Cahill in the Hapwood-Helm musical comedy "Judy Fought" continues at the Broadway, though she will leave after this week to make way for the coming of Sothern and Marlowe. She has revised her opera box and professional matinee scenes and introduced many new bright lines.

Blanche Bates is making good in Avery Hapwood's latest farcical play "Nobody's Widow," at the Hudson theater. The nature of the role which Miss Bates presents differs widely from her Madame Butterfly or Minnie Smith in the "Girl From the Golden West." This time she is a woman of fashion who is a part of the life of London, Paris, New York and Newport.

The Hippodrome has established a national reputation for big spectacular productions. The triple show consisting of "The Ballet of Niagara," "The Earthquake" and "The International Cup" continues its prosperous course.

"The Gambler's" continues on its happy career at Maxine Elliott's theater. The Charles Klein play is gripping in interest, and is interpreted by a cast of unusual merit, which includes George Nash, Jane Cowell, Charles A. Stevenson and William B. Mack.

At Daly's, where "Baby Mine" with Marguerite Clark, Ivy Troutman, John Glendening, Walter Jones and their companion player, not forgetting the triplets, make nightly audiences convulsed with laughter, the play improves with age.

The return of the Plaza music hall to vaudeville, gives lovers of this particular form of amusement another opportunity to see excellent bills. With its sister house, the "American," the Plaza presents some of the very strongest bills offered New York theaters.

Adeline Genee in "The Bachelor Belles," an entertainment by Harry B. Smith and Raymond Hubbell, has been received with cordiality at the Globe theater. Mlle. Genee is seen in three new dances. She is assisted by M. Shorer-Bokoff and the Empire theater London ballet.

Sam Bernard is as popular as ever in "He Came From Milwaukee," the musical comedy at the Casino theater. He seems to get as much fun out of his part as do his audiences.

Can't Use Jack Binns' Name.
New York, Nov. 26.—Protection against the use of his name for advertising purposes was granted by the appellate division of the supreme court to "Jack" Binns, a wireless operator whose "C. Q. D." message called help to the sinking steamship Republic. An order was issued, restraining a moving picture firm from using Binns' name on films portraying the wreck of the vessel.