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With Mexico it is merely a matter of breaking off a bad habit.

Old Sol is smiling his prettiest on the fair kingdom of Quivera.

That straw vote on Lincoln's postmasterhood seems to have been a fluke.

What the opposing armies are trying to locate is the point of least resistance.

It takes the good King Ak-Sar-Ben to keep the weatherman in the proper mood.

There is only one King Ak-Sar-Ben, and Omaha is the only place he disports himself.

Italy last year produced 938 tons of quick silver and may yet have reason to wish it were lead and steel.

The one bad feature about this mild autumn is that in holding off the first frost it postpones the pumpkin pie.

If the carnival gate receipts keep up the pace, Ak-Sar-Ben's chancellor of the exchequer will cease to worry.

About the saddest of all the war pictures is the one showing the soldier kissing his wife and little ones goodbye.

Somebody observes that sealsots may run the "buy-a-bale" of cotton into the ground. Well, earth to earth, you know.

A tip to carnival fun-makers: Draw the line at rowdiness. You'll get just as much, and even more, fun out of it.

The Krupp are said to have 46,000 men engaged making cannon and projectiles. Talk about the war hurting business.

Thus far, however, the secretary of state has not negotiated a sales factory peace treaty with the democratic senator from Nebraska.

The way they are destroying scenery in that European theater of war ought to make lots of work for stage carpenters and painters.

"Jury agreed, but spectators disagreed" is the verdict in that School board hearing, with an appeal from the empire to the bleachers.

Seven feet of ballots to be voted on in Douglas county at the coming election. No wonder the short ballot movement is growing more popular!

"This is no time to hoard money," says Uncle Henry Wallace of Des Moines. Right you are, and there's where we will have no trouble to prove an alibi.

Said the Right Hon. Winston Churchill a few days ago: "If the German navy does not come out and fight they will be dug out like rats in a hole." But he could hardly have meant to include the little German submarines.

The State Normal board has kindly provided a place for the deputy state superintendent, and is presumably reserving another haven of refuge for the state superintendent to occupy when his term expires. With the school ring there is nothing ahead of "taking care of our friends."

Four hundred people witnessed a splendid game between the Union Pacific and the Evansville, the home team winning by 8 to 3. The batteries were Hallberg and Handie and Saunders and Hiller, and Strook untried.

Mr. John R. Manchester and her sister, Miss Jennie McAusland, left for St. Louis.

Twenty Years of Ak-Sar-Ben.

No period of Nebraska's history has witnessed as large permanent growth and development of its interests and resources as the last twenty years spanned by the reign of King Ak-Sar-Ben.

Now at the end of twenty years those who have followed the course of Ak-Sar-Ben are more than ever impressed with the wisdom and stability of its conception, for it has weathered every adverse wind that has crossed its path and come to its twentieth anniversary with, not only unabated, but, indeed, enlarged zeal and enthusiasm in its existence.

Of local origin, of state-wide construction and influence, Ak-Sar-Ben today has a fame that knows almost no bounds. At its shrines have bowed big men of all the states and some of other lands.

Only a Mare's Nest.

A terrible furor is being raised by the Lincoln Star over what it calls a constitutional "miscue" in requiring 35 per cent of the voters to save a law enacted by the legislature upon which a referendum has been demanded.

But in construing the constitution, as we read it, the Star is inevitably wrong, because the 35 per cent limitation upon the initiative does not apply to the referendum, as must be clear from the wording of the section:

The whole number of votes cast for governor at the regular election last preceding the filing of any initiative or referendum petition shall be the basis on which the number of legal voters required to sign such petition shall be computed.

The Need of Men.

The decadence of the country church and its sorely needed rediviva is a subject that lies heavily on the heart of religious economists as well as others interested in this vital element of our national life.

More than all else just now, we need a few men to achieve great results in the rural parish, to re-establish the leadership of the church. No organization can do it. No layman can do it.

Our Star Spangled Banner anthem is now over a hundred years old, with more people singing it than ever. The modern song writer who can produce something that will survive two seasons considers himself lucky.

Surely no material gain or reward or attraction can be half so alluring to any minister of the gospel with a proper sense of his calling as the opportunities thus set forth, not to speak of the responsibilities. It may seem unfair to expect greater sacrifices by the minister than by others, yet it will be a sacrifice, after all, for the man who goes at the job right?

People and Events

Straw hats are steadily retreating southward. They evacuated Memphis, October 1.

Philadelphia doesn't care a continental where victory may land in the great war. Conny Mack has captured another pennant and the chestnut crop is a bumper one.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT

Detroit Free Press: An Illinois minister refuses to pray for peace, saying let them fight it out. This is carrying neutrality to the limit.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Philadelphia has a new kind of a church. It has no pastor, no enrolled membership and no denomination. The dispatch does not state whether they have also succeeded in eliminating the religion or not.

Houston Post: It is strange how many ministers are now preaching on "Signs of the Times" and prophesying the end of the world. Well, we observe no decline of the tendency of man to skin his neighbor at every opportunity and no rush of tightwads to pay poll taxes.

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SAID IN FUN.

"I'm glad with my bald head I didn't live in the time when men painted their views on bare skulls," said the observant citizen.

"You say you'd probably have painted a cabbage field on yours,"—Baltimore American.

"Some of the smartest people in the world are vegetarians," said the observant citizen.

"Yes, the fact that they are vegetarians shows that they are smart enough to beat the best trait,"—Washington Star.

"Don't you believe every woman should have a vote?" asked the sweet Young Thing.

"No," replied the Young Man. "But I believe every woman should have a voter,"—Pearson's Weekly.

"Did you see where even Queen Mary is going to join the rest of Englishwomen in knitting socks for the British soldiers?"

"Yes, I suppose that announcement is to keep them from getting cold feet,"—Boston Transcript.

"Madge, you shouldn't say he's a confirmed bachelor unless you know."

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"A hand of women has been found out who were engaged in the hold-up business."

"How wicked!"

"Yes, especially. They were children's nurses,"—Baltimore American.

"Well, shall I say that he jumped from the frying pan into the fire?"

"No, this happened in high life. Say rather that he leaped from the chaff-dish into the conflagration,"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Mrs. Firsh—My husband is a perfect brute!"

"Friend—You amaze me!"

"Mrs. Firsh—Yes, he is! Since the baby began teething nothing will quiet the little angel but pulling papa's beard; and —would you believe it?—yesterday he went and had his beard shaved off!"—Philadelphia Record.

Examiner—Now, William, if a man can do one-fourth of a piece of work in two days how long will it take to finish it?

"William—Is it a contract job or is he workin' by the day?"—Life.

THE MEDIATOR.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall inherit the kingdom of heaven,"—Holy Writ.

Minna Irving in Lestlie's.

When warring kings and emperors From battle seek succor, They turn to kindly Uncle Sam Whose middle name is Peace.

He puts aside the apple crop And lets the harvest wait. To listen to their grievances, And try to mediate.

No scepter glitters in his hand. No jewels on his brow. No royal ermine trims his coat. Yet monarch is him how. For in the councils of the world To every creed and clan He stands for peace, and represents The brotherhood of man.

A good old-fashioned brother, he As good as his business goes, And never meddles with the feuds Of either friends or foes. But when they seek his aid to check A carnival of gore, He is the first to help them sheathe Their crimson swords once more.

When future ages weigh the worth Of deeds immortal, lo! To Uncle Sam the palm of peace And strife for peace, and strife will go: For it is not the hand of war From fields of battle gore, But peace that to a nation gives The brightest crown of glory.

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