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It is astonishing how busy congress can get in keeping from getting busy.

A postal savings system would furnish the best guarantee of bank deposits.

"Tim" Woodruff seems to think he has a "vested" right to the vice presidential nomination.

Hall Mual Hafid, having been declared Sultan of Morocco, Abdul Aziz is now Abdul as was.

A Michigan judge has formally ruled that "sausage is sausage." It is, no doubt, but what's the answer?

What has become of that "People's Lobby" which was going to shape congressional legislation, this winter?

A Japanese firm has bid for the job of constructing the United States coast defenses at Hawaii. The Japs are great jobbers.

Just at this moment a winter garden would be calculated to start up more excitement in Omaha than a plan for another summer park.

Miss Money of Montana has married Mr. Spender of New York. Trouble may be expected, as a Spender and his Money are soon parted.

The Washington Herald wants Mr. Taft to make peace with Senator Foraker. The Herald is doing everything possible to discourage the Taft boom.

Owing to a war among rival manufacturers, the price of wooden legs has been greatly reduced. Now is the time to lay in your supply of wooden legs.

"What Lobsters Eat," is the title of a scientific treatise in a current magazine. Observation indicates that they eat about everything on the bill of fare.

Former Governor Douglas of Massachusetts suggests a democratic platform. He will learn a little later that the platform has already been made and is not subject to change or amendment.

"Unless something unforeseen happens," says the Washing Post, "it will be a Bryan convention, a Bryan platform, a Bryan ticket and a Bryan campaign." Why not add, "and a Bryan defeat."

"There is a general movement for a declaration of independence," says Senator Foraker. In that case, Senator Foraker and Senator Dick are going to experience some pretty hard political sliddings.

A bill has been introduced giving a seat in congress to the president after the expiration of his term in office. The disposition of the people, however, is to reward ex-presidents, not to punish them.

"Denver has the purest drinking water of any city in the nation," says the Denver News. Perhaps, but that had nothing to do with the decision of the democrats to hold their national convention there.

"The world cannot believe," says the New York World, "that the democratic party is going to make itself a mere machine for recording the personal desires of Mr. Bryan." The World's protest comes too late.

THE OHIO FIGHT.

The political situation in Ohio is showing new developments daily and the coming contest over the selection of delegates to the national convention will rivet the attention of everyone deeply interested in national politics. Senator Foraker has declared that he will make no compact and listen to no peace overtures from the Taft forces.

In this connection, a little review of Senator Foraker's political history is interesting. In 1895, when Mr. McKinley was governor of Ohio, Foraker took issue with him on every conceivable point and had to be placated in order to give Mr. McKinley the solid delegation from Ohio to the national convention in 1896.

Late reports from Ohio indicate that many of the men who have stood by Senator Foraker loyally in former fights are now either lukewarm or openly opposing him. He is compelled to admit that he is making a fight really without an issue, his talk of the Brownsville incident and his attempt to revive opposition to the federal rate law being mere subterfuges, poorly calculated, to appeal to the voters of the state.

With the death of Isaac S. Hascall a stormy petrel of local politics has passed away. Judge Hascall had many good traits and some not so good, but the latter need not now be dwelt upon.

In the actual recording of political history in Omaha it will be found that Judge Hascall had more to do in determining what was to be written than many more pretentious men figuring in higher official positions.

Consul General Mason, writing from Paris, furnishes a detailed report of the operations of the postal savings system in France, which is timely and interesting and is attracting considerable attention in congress, in spite of the fact that Speaker Cannon has declared that there will be no legislation at this session along this line recommended by the president and the postmaster general.

According to Mr. Mason, the stability of the French monetary system is due largely to the operation of the postal savings banks, a fact clearly demonstrated during the recent financial flurry that upset affairs both in this country and throughout Europe.

The report of the consul general explodes one argument against the adoption of the system in this country—the fear that the postal bank would interfere with the standing or success of other savings banks.

vate savings banks of France amount to \$660,000,000, or nearly three times as much as the deposits in the postal banks.

The story of the experience in France sustains the contention of Postmaster General Meyer that the adoption of the postal savings bank in this country would draw depositors from the class of persons who do not patronize banking institutions and would, in the end, add to the available supply of money and encourage the business of existing banks.

COLONEL BRYAN'S WARNING. Eastern democrats who may have been cherishing a delusion that their voice and influence might be felt in the democratic convention at Denver and in the future councils of the party which they have been seeking to rescue from the slough of defeat, may as well take notice that they have been reckoning without their host.

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Omaha Commercial club to jump in and take the lead.

Congress is planning to get away from Washington early in June. There is little pleasure in staying in Washington after the Washington ball team gets warmed up for its annual slide.

The eagerness of the local democratic organ to give advice to republicans with a view to improving democratic prospects in Nebraska should be thoroughly appreciated.

Lawyer Whedon is now a member of the Taft league, organized at Lincoln, which would indicate that he now knows where he is at. Congratulations.

For a forty-year-old the Omaha Young Men's Christian association is a pretty lusty and vigorous infant.

Consolation of Chop. Indianapolis, Neb. Dec. 19. The ordinary variety of home maintenance, however, will be able to take comparatively scant interest in the serious depression of the diamond market as long as the price of pork chops remains what it is.

Cheer Up and Dig. Baltimore American. When you suffer financial loss and political defeat, look at the situation in the face, laugh at misfortune and go to work immediately to clear away the ashes, cinders and wrecks and dig a deeper foundation for future success.

The Return Call. Philadelphia Press. The fuss that is being made by the safe and sane democrats over the next presidential nomination is amusing.

A Solemn Warning. Philadelphia Press. As the long procession of funerals winds through Boyertown, the least that can be done to display grief elsewhere and the best monument that can be raised to this terrible tally of dead, slain by the sword, is to get the rural roads and relaxation, is to set these rural roads and opera houses in order, to reduce the risk of fire and increase the chance of escape.

Flight of the Army. Springfield Republican. That the condition of the United States army should command the most intelligent attention that congress can give to it at this session is entirely beyond controversy.

Peculiarities of Song Making. James R. Randall, who died last Tuesday at Augusta, Ga., in his seventieth year, sprang into fame through a single lyric, "Maryland, My Maryland," which he produced in the stress of excitement caused by reading about the Baltimore riot of April, 1861, when a Massachusetts regiment on its way to Washington was attacked by an anti-union mob.

GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS. Suggestion that Banks Pay Interest on Monthly Balances. Wall Street Journal. The principle of government deposits in the banks is sound, but the application of that principle certain difficulties arise, some of which have developed in a striking manner during the recent crisis.

Issues in Cold Storage. Wall Street Journal (ind.). William Jennings Bryan accuses Secretary Taft of being "the Great Postponer."

Will He "Come Hearing?" Cincinnati Enquirer (ind. dem.). An "intimate friend" of Charles E. Hughes says the governor would not walk across the street to get the nomination for president.

All Over But the Shouting. Brooklyn Eagle (dem.). To all intents and purposes, Bryan is already in the saddle.

A Conditional Bet. Louisville Courier-Journal (dem.). The Courier-Journal bets half a dollar Bryan will be the next president of the United States, in case the crops are bad and the banks continue to hoard their cash.

ON PRESIDENTIAL FIRING LINE.

"Taft an Astonishingly Good Fellow for a Republican." Philadelphia Record (dem.).

If there were ever a man born with a silver spoon in his mouth it was William H. Taft, and the best of it is that his temper has never been spoiled by an extraordinary run of success.

Let it be remembered, too, to the eternal honor of this man that with an ambition for a seat upon the supreme bench usually strong even for a lawyer in love with his profession, and never concealed by any false modesty, he has twice declined the opportunity of the federal bench as he felt it was his duty to remain where he could advance the interests of our wards in our conquered islands.

John Sharp Williams is said to have explained to Speaker Reed that his partisanship was due to the fact that he never saw the president until he was in the White House, somehow he never could get used to one. But the good humor and the common sense and the public spirit of the secretary of war are such that even a democratic warrior ought soon to get over shying at him.

Taft His Own Man. Washington Star (rep.). It is hardly correct to say that in his Boston speech "Secretary Taft put himself squarely on the Roosevelt platform."

But the new days will bring new issues, and new duties toward some of the old issues. The Philippine question will remain. Would the advice of any other man from the White House carry the weight with congress and the country that Judge Taft's would?

In all domestic matters Judge Taft is well versed, and his grasp is that of a well trained lawyer and his temperament that of a judge.

Taft's Strength. New York World (dem.). The world doubts if Mr. Roosevelt shot so very wide of the mark when he predicted the nomination of Judge Taft on the first ballot.

Since the secretary of war returned from the orient his candidacy has shown a remarkable gain in strength. This gain is likely to be continuous.

Moreover, he has the whole strength of the Roosevelt administration behind him; and in the national banks there are policies against the government and can with difficulty be withdrawn and only under such conditions as exist when the money market is favorable to the operation.

It may be well to consider whether the system of government deposits might not be changed so as to make them either a definite loan by the government of money at a certain rate of interest, with a check at a certain time, or else a deposit subject to withdrawal by check, the same as any commercial deposits received by the bank.

It is not for any one man or set of men to say who shall represent Nebraska republicans at the Chicago convention, but neither is it for any one man or set of men to say who shall not represent Nebraska republicans at Chicago.

Another Nebraska law that is being constantly vindicated is that which provides that all legal executions shall take place within the prison walls of the state penitentiary.

The first act of Treasurer Furay in his capacity as custodian of city money is to secure permission to invest sinking fund resources in interest-bearing warrants which shall produce a revenue to the city of several thousand dollars.

As far as anyone can judge from the exhibit of resources and liabilities made by Nebraska banks, the necessity of an extra session of the legislature to enforce deposit guaranty is not seriously demanded by present conditions in this state.

The Council Bluffs Commercial club has indicated its readiness to cooperate in the plan to bring the National Corn show to Omaha. It is up to the

"RESPECTABLE" LAND THIEVES.

Colorado's Plea for the Public Domain Looters. St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Congressman George W. Cook of Colorado is the latest to step into the limelight as a defender of the organized, systematic and shameless exploitation of the public domain through the fraudulent use of the land laws.

For the main plea of Congressman Cook is that the men whom the government is prosecuting for land frauds include—God save the mark!—a number of Colorado's honorable, upright and law-abiding business men, miners, agriculturalists, etc., "unnecessarily branded as criminals."

The public opinion of the nation, outside the "infected districts," will support the president and the Department of Justice in their determination to continue the prosecutions, and meanwhile to carry the cases wherein the indictments have been granted by Judge Lewis to the supreme court for review.

More than a month ago the steamship companies were started by a sudden and unprecedented rush of applications for steamer transportation back to Europe.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872, all records of immigration were broken; total arrivals, 459,808, rising 55,000 above 1871, which itself surpassed every precedent.

Immigrant arrivals of the fiscal year 1880 were 505,917. Panic was followed by a drop to 414,467, in 1881, and to 273,428 in 1882. On this occasion emigration out much such a figure as it is doing now.

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One of the most significant indications of Taft's strength is the favorable result of the poll of the republican members of the national house of representatives. It is well known that Speaker Cannon dominates the house on many points outside of parliamentary rulings.

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BANKING SITUATION NORMAL.

A Few Remarks on the Clearing Financial N.Y.

A surplus surplus in which the New York banks had not only for three months until the last week. They are now back in about their normal condition again after going through the worst money panic in fourteen years.

The return of this stream has been far less swift than was the outward flow in October. As the sequel to recall work in a few of them, a dozen banks failed in one week.

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