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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.

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The two perils just now are "predatory wealth" and "predatory politicians."

Kentucky is the first state to prove that tobacco is worse than whisky as a crime breeder.

It may help if Mr. Maxim's invention of a noiseless explosive is used in the Fourth of July fireworks.

A French woman has come to this country to urge "corsets for men." Most men are rather fond of them already.

The democratic statesman from Hall and the republican statesman from Lancaster might hold a consolation party.

The navy may not be in the best condition possible, but it is believed that it will withstand any bombardment of paper bullets.

Those New York to Paris autoists probably never stop to think that this Iowa and Nebraska mud is just what is needed for the wheat crop.

A New York anarchist asserts that self-preservation is the first law of nature. That is one excuse for the elimination of the anarchists.

The United States is negotiating an arbitration treaty with Switzerland. Boston may quit losing sleep over fear of an attack by the Swiss navy.

Japan has sent a commissioner to learn how the city of New York is governed. If he finds out, he will be doing a favor by telling the taxpayers of New York.

The Atlanta Constitution is urging the holding of a national farmers' fair. It will be held in Omaha next December and Georgia farmers are cordially invited.

If coming events cast their shadows before, the democratic national platform to be promulgated at Denver next July will fill nearly two newspaper columns set in small type.

Guess the money panic is over all right. A Chicago bank has refused to accept a pall of pennies for deposit unless the patron first wrapped them in packages of twenty-five each.

Now, don't all speak at once. Which one of the Nebraska delegation is to be cast in the role that is to present the name of the Nebraska candidate to the Denver convention?

The czar of Russia says he would spend \$1,000,000,000 on a navy if he could get the money. It is one of the joys of the day dreamer to figure on what he would do if he had the money.

Senator Bourne has offered to bet \$10,000 that "President Roosevelt will be named at the Chicago convention." Senator Bourne is determined to get his share of attention; let it cost him what it may.

A witness before a senate committee has testified that the American navy was woefully inefficient in the war with Spain. It is interesting to note that the inefficiency was not discovered by Spain.

If anarchists must carry on their work of attempted assassination, let us hope they follow the example of that Chicago "Red" and attack none but men who are well armed and know how to shoot.

SAME OLD DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

It was to have been expected that the democrats of Nebraska in promulgating a platform should make it embody the well known views of Mr. Bryan so as to furnish a guide to the platform makers in the Denver convention, where his third nomination for the presidency is assured.

Comparison of the platform just put out by the democratic state convention with that put out a year ago by the Nebraska democrats shows that this year's platform is mere repetition without change of substance or phraseology in nearly every plank and that the new material in it consists only of those pronouncements grounded upon the recent panic and the conditions growing out of it.

In many of his positions on public questions Mr. Bryan is not at variance with the republicans, but on others, such as the tariff, the management of our island possessions, the annihilation of industrial combinations rather than their regulation, he is in direct variance with the republican position.

It is on these variations that the issues of the coming national campaign will be made up and they will furnish the theme for most of the campaign discussion.

CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.

The demand for stricter enforcement of the laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons, emphasized by the recent anarchistic outbreaks, has a champion in Brigadier General F. D. Grant, who has gone on record in official condemnation of the practice of allowing soldiers to carry concealed weapons when off duty.

In approving the sentence of the court-martial, General Grant reviewed the facts, which showed that the trouble started "in a public dive maintained in violation of the law in the city of Portland, Me. a prohibition state," and that when the soldiers adjourned to an alley to settle their dispute, the accused man drew a revolver and shot his comrade in the leg.

The practice of carrying concealed weapons is without any justification, is reprehensible, and when resorted to unnecessarily leads to a deadly weapon, endangering the life of a comrade, much more punishment should be awarded than was done in this case.

If the professional soldier, trained in the use of firearms and fully instructed as to the right to use them, is not to be allowed to carry concealed weapons when off duty, as General Grant insists he is not, it is difficult to understand how any ordinary circumstances would justify a private citizen in totting a gun.

PREPARING TO FROD CONGRESS.

According to reliable information from Washington, President Roosevelt has determined to interfere with the plans of certain leaders, in both parties, of reactionary tendencies who have been figuring on rushing the big appropriation bills through and greasing the way for an early adjournment, leaving many of his more important recommendations to come up at the short session under the head of "unfinished business."

President Roosevelt is much in earnest in desiring the legislation be urged upon congress in his annual message. Regardless of the coming campaign, he holds that the administration work, already so well begun in the railway rate law and other measures of that character, cannot be considered complete without this supplemental legislation.

The president believes that the people are back of him in his advocacy of the enactment of these measures by congress. The whole course of congress has furnished an intimation of intention to defer action. Unlimited time has been allowed for discussion of bills that have not involved any great principle or held any particular

interest for the whole people. The president's plan for compelling action has not been revealed, but there is no one who knows more than the president about spurring congress on. He demonstrated his ability in that line when, by messages to congress and open letters to the public, he aroused a sentiment which forced an unwilling congress to take prompt action on the beef scandal, on Cuban reciprocity and on the railway rate act.

HOW MUCH LOSER?

At a meeting of the populist state committee held at Lincoln last January a motion to dissolve the party organization was voted down and a call for "a state convention" ordered in which 512 delegates would be entitled to seats. The state convention has been duly held. State Chairman Manuel publicly proclaims that "in a private meeting" there were 123 delegates present, while in the public meeting it was plain that not even that number held up hands.

Taking Mr. Manuel at his word and accepting his count of noses, the question propounds itself. How much longer is the fusion farce to be kept up in Nebraska? The populist party once mustered 80,000 votes for John H. Powers, running for governor in 1890 against nominees of both the old parties. In three elections it won out with its candidate for governor and once had possession of all the offices in the state house and both branches of the legislature.

Since 1900 the populist organization has been nothing more than a pig-tail to the democrats, kept up by a small group of professional politicians using it as trading stock for nominations or promises of appointive places. The vast majority of the rank and file of high privates who embraced populism with honesty of purpose have gone back to their former party affiliations. The so-called leaders, however, continue their masquerade, deducing themselves with the idea that they are fooling somebody.

PAYING DIVIDENDS WITH SCRIP.

The Public Service commission of the state of New York, which has very large powers over the management of railway and other corporations, has just rendered an important decision by refusing to allow the Erie railroad permission to issue scrip, representing a dividend of 4 per cent on its second preferred stock, to be paid on November 1, 1917.

The proposition of the Erie is not a new one, having been frequently adopted throughout the country. It has been one of the factors entering into the general overcapitalization of the big corporations. It has become almost a common practice for railroads and other corporations to declare fancy dividends, in some cases issuing additional stock and apportioning it in lieu of cash.

Had this rule been in effect for the last half-dozen years, there would have been no such marked inability of railway managers to secure funds for needed betterments and extensions. Under the "high finance" methods of railway operation, the practice has grown of distributing surplus earnings down to the last cent in dividends, thus making the stocks look highly attractive to investors and speculators, while funds for improvements and extensions have been secured by issuing new stock or new mortgage bonds, all of which placed an additional tax on the future earning capacity of the roads.

It takes cleverness to make a good liar. While the World-Herald boasts that "every county but three" was represented in the democratic state convention, its own roll call shows nine absentee counties and the counties that were fully represented by complete delegations could be counted on the fingers.

Colonel Bryan throws a special bouquet at the World-Herald for remaining steadfast and true during the dark days of 1896, when so many democratic dallies fell before the blandishments of the "money power."

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and the other silver mine bullionaires who wanted an organ and were willing to pay for it.

City Electrician Michaelson insists that it does not do Omaha any good to be represented as suffering from a handicap in the cost of power for factories, especially when it is not strictly true. The way to get new enterprises for Omaha is to proclaim the advantages we offer to show that the proposed factory or jobbing house can be made more profitable here than at some other competing location.

The four democrats in the Kentucky legislature who voted for Bradley for senator have been denounced by Mr. Bryan as "embezzlers of power" have been burned in effigy at Frankfort and have been lauded at democratic mass meetings in other counties as patriots and saviours of the state.

The Omaha Commercial club wants the freight houses of Omaha kept open long enough to accommodate all business which may be offered by the shippers. This seems to be a reasonable request, and if the railroads are on the square in their professed desire to co-operate with their patrons they will make more satisfactory arrangements.

Two or three of the presidential electors endorsed by the democrats are still masquerading under the name of populist. What will they do if the St. Louis convention puts a dyed-in-the-wool populist ticket in the field without waiting for the aid or consent of any democrat on earth?

Omaha postoffice receipts continue to show up better this year even than last year, which was high water mark. It is safe to say that in any comparative table showing the business of all the postoffices of the country Omaha would hold its own against any other city of its class.

Kansas City is doubtless glad that Wu Ting-fang did not go through that town on his way to Washington. He would have been certain to have asked some embarrassing questions about the new union depot that was started about the time Confucius died.

Prof. Starr of the University of Chicago has gone to the wilds of Africa to search for a lost tribe of cannibals. It is a risky job, of course, but the professor prefers it to staying at home and listening to the campaign hell-benders.

Of course, it will be merely coincidence that the effier service to be presented to the battleship Nebraska and the fleet that has been rounding the Horn will arrive at San Francisco about the same time.

Mr. Taft is very anxious to break up the conditions which keep the south solid in the democratic ranks. He ought to encourage Mr. Bryan to attempt to dictate to a few more southern legislatures.

Chance for the Experts. Detroit Free Press. If it should cost a corporation \$500 for killing a Pomeranian dog, what would be the remunerative figures for wiping out a reputable American citizen?

Spread of Liberty. Philadelphia Inquirer. The shah now denies his boy's birth with almost as much regularity as he boils his breakfasts. The descendants of Uaruz and Xerxes want their liberties.

Coppering the Colonel. Cleveland Leader. Kentucky is always interested in what Colonel Watterson has to say, but let it put a large copper on anything he offers in the nature of political advice.

Impossible Mixture. Philadelphia Inquirer. Nineteen Brooklyn automobiles recently made an "economy test." The effort to make an automobile and economy mix is a fool stunt, but it's just like Brooklyn to try it.

"Jealous of Honor." New York World. The committee of Washington correspondents has found guilty of indiscretion two of their number who did press agent work for the Electric Boat company in the recess. Their action has been prompt, as it should be. The Washington correspondents are properly jealous of their reputation.

Practical Christianity. Springfield Republican. Secretary Taft is a direct and sensible speaker, conveying the idea of solidity and poise, and if the effect of his Sunday talk in Springfield is not to add to the financial support of the Young Men's Christian association, our people will be at fault. His address was not a lay sermon, after the fashion of William J. Bryan, but was admirably adapted to the occasion, and of especial value as giving a new sense of the dependence of the federal government upon the helping hand of this practical Christian organization in dealing with our foreign possessions and undertakings.

Doesn't Mean Cigarettes. Kansas City Star. The physical director of Columbia university finds that among the students smokers are healthier than those who do not use tobacco. Columbia is going to be responsible for some more of these sprightly aged people who on their 101st birthday anniversary attribute their longevity to the fact that they have always drunk three cups of strong coffee, smoked seven pipes and used snuff thirteen times a day.

Severity of the Stragglers. Washington Herald. Who can doubt that hard times are upon us, when the wife of a waiter in a well-known New York restaurant complains that she is having to practice the most rigid economy in order to keep within her weekly allowance of \$50 for clothes?

Kinetic Energy

Kinetic is a good word. It means "power to make things go." A fat bank account, a rock on the edge of a hill, a barrel of gunpowder, and SCOTT'S EMULSION all contain "kinetic energy," so the professor tells us.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Indications are that rough sledding is ahead for two projects in the English liberal program—religious teaching in the elementary schools and the liquor business. Former Premier Balfour, leader of the minority in the House of Commons, has bitterly assailed the liberals for both proposals and the debate promises to wage hotly.

The suffragettes found rather cold comfort in the adoption by the British House of Commons in allowing the equal suffrage bill to pass the first reading by an overwhelming vote. It looked like a victory for the measure paled to a defeat when without opposition, the measure was quietly referred to a committee of the whole house, which simply means that it has been shelved for the present session.

Diplomatic circles throughout the world are deeply interested in the recent magazine article from the pen of Baron Speck von Sternberg, the German ambassador at Washington, in which he explains that Germany has no design or desire to acquire by conquest, annexation or absorption either Holland or Belgium and he also intimates that Germany is not going to be aggressive in forcing its interests in Morocco or other countries.

Consul Julian H. Arnold of Tamsui writes as follows regarding the feasibility of shipping American lumber into Formosa: "As for the market in Formosa, I am able to state, as the result of an interview with one of the largest dealers here, that there is considerable American lumber in use in harbor and railroad works. At present this lumber comes via Japan."

Old Lady (who had given the tramp a nickel): "Now, what will you do with it?" Hungry Hobo—Waal, yo see, mum, ef I buy an auto, there ain't enough left to hire a chauffeur. So I guess I'll get a schooner. I kin handle that meself.—Bohemian.

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POLITICAL DRIFT. The Knox presidential boom is not entirely dead: It is still sending out circulars. In the event that Uncle Joe Cannon misses it this year there will be other years—and Uncle Joe is still young. Governor Hughes, his friends figure now, will have at least 146 votes on the first ballot in the Chicago convention. Necessary to a choice, 497.

Speaker Cannon has been elected a member of the Society for the Suppression of Involuntary Noise. This, perhaps, will enable "Uncle Joe" to handle Mr. John Wesley Gaites even more effectively than usual. Colonel Goethals announces that the Panama canal will be open for business January 1, 1915. Hence it will appear to Ohio republicans that even if the colonel misses it by a few months the opening is likely to occur during Taft's second term.

WEEK-END SMILES. "You never can tell," observed Uncle Alton Sparks, "what lasting results may be accomplished by an earnest work stroke at the right time. Many a man has had the shape of his nose changed for life by calling another man a liar."—Chicago Tribune.

"Did you get any of that bargain ribbon?" "Yes," answered the athletic girl proudly. "I bucked the line for seventeen yards."—Washington Herald.

"They say wages are going to be reduced all along the line." "That's too bad. Pretty soon our plumbers' helpers won't be making any more than a regular army officer."—Life.

"He is of the romantic school of poets." "What are you talking about?" "The kind that think they have no troubles as long as they can have groceries charged."—Nashville American.

"Why are you clapping your hands, me good man?" "I asked the cook." "I was trying, madam," answered Yorlock Handout, "to give that cup of coffee an encore."—Washington Herald.

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