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Universal peace seems impossible. Germany is now making it hot for the Hottentots.

Omaha's school board is discussing two new school buildings. Make them fireproof.

This action of the banks reducing their loans on eggs looks like a financial shell game.

The power canal project has again been referred to a committee. We are sorry for the committee.

The city council is again threatening to throw the city engineer out of office. Two can play at that game.

Farmers are already placing calls for labor. The unemployed, who are not idle from choice, will be good listeners.

Why guarantee bank deposits? Tom Lawson is willing to take the savings of every one who has any doubts about the banks.

"It is easy to be cheerful at all times," says the Richmond Dispatch. Does the home team never lose at Richmond?

"Will we have a new deal from the White House next year?" asks the Boston Globe. Perhaps not a new deal, but surely a new dealer.

That inarticulate statue of Lincoln is said to improve on closer acquaintance. The same thing used to be said about old Abe, himself.

A Berlin banker has just failed with liabilities of \$2,000,000 and assets valued at \$275. He must have been studying Wall street methods.

After the American battleships have visited all the other nations they should be paraded for the special view of the New York Sun, which is still hostile.

The Department of Agriculture reports that there were 56,000,000 hogs in the country on January 1. There will be more than that when the open car season arrives.

As the last formal proof that the campaign is on in earnest the democrats in congress have served notice of their intention to filibuster for the rest of the session.

The supreme court of the United States has given assurance to the railroad lawyers of the country that there will be plenty of work for them at the legislative sessions next winter.

THE NEW RAILROAD DECISIONS. The newly promulgated decisions of the United States supreme court in the Minnesota and North Carolina rate cases clearly uphold the contentions of the railroads and practically nullify the state laws whose enforcement they were combating.

In the first place, the court holds that these cases are not suits against a state such as contemplated in the eleventh amendment exempting states from being sued without their consent, and that the officers charged with the enforcement of these laws are subject to federal court processes individually and officially, notwithstanding their plea that the state is the real party involved.

On this question everyone knows that the supreme court reports are full of numerous and varied precedents, to escape which the attorneys who argued these cases bent much of their energy. They attempted to classify these decisions and to distinguish their application as between prosecuting officers and administrative officers.

The second question decided by the court is that the federal jurisdiction will be maintained to protect property rights under the Fourteenth amendment, irrespective of the method adopted by any state to prevent resort to the federal courts.

The court holds the North Carolina rate law to be unconstitutional because the excessive penalties imposed for its violation would ordinarily prevent a railroad aggrieved by it from enforcing its rights under the Fourteenth amendment.

It is naturally to be expected that certain newspapers will immediately seize upon these cases for the purpose of making political capital out of them. We do not understand that these decisions deny the right of the states to regulate commerce within their borders or to fix railroad rates on intrastate traffic.

DESERVED, BUT DANGEROUS. Perhaps no right-thinking American will protest against the action of Postmaster General Meyer in barring from the United States mails an Italian weekly, Le Questione Sociale, published at Paterson, N. J., on account of its open advocacy of anarchy, assassination of police officers and general denunciation of law and order.

Under the existing laws the postmaster general has authority to bar from the mails any publication or any article "intended or adapted for any indecent or any immoral use."

Le Questione Sociale has been the recognized organ of the Paterson colony of anarchists. It has bitterly and venomously advocated resort to violence in the solution of social problems, has urged the use of dynamite as an argument in quarrels with capital and has advised the open murder of officers and men of the army and the police forces of the country.

It must be remembered that the freedom of the press and the right to use of the mails are two separate and distinct propositions. The freedom of the press is a constitutional right. The use of the mails is partially controlled by law, but largely left to the discretion of the postmaster general.

This could be set down plainly in the statute books and thus forestall abuse of such a wide discretionary power in one man's hands.

CONGRESS AND THE CURRENCY. By expressing his belief that congress will provide for a commission to make a thorough study of the financial system of the country and report recommendations to the next congress, Senator Aldrich practically admits the hopelessness of securing any comprehensive legislation on currency questions at the present session.

The Aldrich bill has been condemned very generally by business men and bankers throughout the country. Many of the ablest members of the senate are opposed to it and yet there is every assurance that it will pass the senate in an amended form, but that the house will unconditionally refuse to give it favorable consideration.

Whatever may be the need of currency reform legislation, the existence of this uncompromising conflict of position between the house and the senate is probably sufficient proof that neither the Fowler bill nor the Aldrich bill fully meets the demands of the country, although they have supplied the basis for a campaign of education on currency and have apparently paved the way for the commission plan now proposed.

DEPOSIT GUARANTY IN OKLAHOMA. In view of the fight that is being made to eliminate from the Fowler currency bill the provision for the guaranty of deposits in national banks, the report of results of one month's operations of the deposit guaranty law in Oklahoma is particularly interesting.

To the extent of allaying uneasiness, the law has unquestionably succeeded. At least Oklahoma banks have had the confidence of their patrons to a degree not known during the few weeks prior to the time the law took effect on February 15.

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had any apparent effect here in Omaha where several lawyers are still offering to take chances with their lucrative practices as against a connection with the congressional payroll at \$7,500 a year and perquisites.

South Omaha's police board has undertaken to stop the practice of supplying free beer to attendants at political meetings. We fail to see how such an order can be made effective except by enforcement of the no-treat law, and if the rule against treating goes up at political meetings it would have to go up at any and every convivial occasion.

There are no country editors anywhere abler and better equipped to conduct an efficient campaign than those at the head of the democratic papers in this state.—World-Herald.

Deposits in Nebraska state banks have decreased only a little over \$300,000 since last November, notwithstanding the business depression. It is a safe assertion that no state in the union has suffered less from the recent panic than Nebraska.

Three years from now, according to the English admiralty, the British navy will be able to whip the combined navies of the world. That is nonsense. The British navy could not whip even the navy of Switzerland.

An Omaha clergyman wants a crematory built here on the "co-operative" plan. Presumably everyone who takes stock will, when his time comes, be entitled to a preferred place at the furnace door.

Richard, Croker says President Roosevelt is "doing God's work in cleaning out the rascals." The president is undoing some things Croker and his clique did when they controlled New York.

Mr. Littlefield of Maine has resigned from congress in order to devote his time to the practice of the law. The report that Samuel Gompers will be one of his clients is probably not true.

The postal authorities of the United States, as well as those of Great Britain, for a great many years experienced great difficulty with the word "only" on postal cards. The effort to avoid clumsiness and ambiguity saved the ingenuity of the post office people to the utmost, relates Harper's Weekly.

"Nothing but the address to be on this side" was more to the point. But as it looked bad to have one side evolved this legend: "Write only the address on this side." This was objected to on the ground that it barred the use of a typewriting machine.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Miser Scenes at Incidents Sketched on the Spot. The mills of both houses of the Sixty-sixth congress have a greater supply of erist in sight than ever before. Measured by the stock of official papers put into the legislative hopper, the members are striving nobly to earn their salaries.

Everybody knows that Mr. La Follette's habit of speaking plainly anything that is on his mind, whether or not it shocks the super-sensitiveness of the senate leaders to criticism, has not endeared the Wisconsin reformer to those leaders, but it was not supposed that they would go so far as to endeavor to make it appear that he was not popular with the people of Washington.

Wonder if the doorkneepers were responsible, after all? One of the finest instances of recent railway progress is the appreciation of the traffic promoting value of beauty furnished by the history of the movement for the embellishment of the national capital, says a writer in the Century.

The chief feature of the plans, a magnificent mall, would have been impossible had the railway line which until lately has had its station on Pennsylvania avenue continued to occupy that location. The enlightened and public-spirited president of the company, however, the late A. J. Casaat, declared himself willing to accept the sacrifice of the project.

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THE WEST HAS GROWN UP.

Eastern People Urged to Wake Up and Look Up. Lewis Howland in Scribner's. It is time for the west to realize that it is grown up, and to submit its work to the judgment of mankind on its merits.

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MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

"Did you see that they had produced an odorless onion?" "Yes, but what is really needed is a smileless between-the-acts drink."—Philadelphia Press.

"I suppose Shakespeare is your favorite author?" "Yes," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, "but I cannot include in pleasure during the Lenten season."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas, when governor, is said to have once released a negro from the Arkansas penitentiary and sentenced him to Boston for life.

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TROUBLES OF CASEY.

J. J. Montague in New York American. When Casey disputed a statement of Clancy.

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