

CURRENT ITEMS.

Senator Beveridge, chairman of the senate committee on territories, when asked about the prospects of statehood for Arizona and New Mexico, said: "Unless the two territories agree to joint statehood it may be many years before single statehood for each is brought about. It certainly will not come so long as Roosevelt is President, Cannon speaker, and I, chairman of the senate committee on territories." Had it not been for Senator Foraker, Senator Beveridge's bill for joint statehood would have gone through the senate. The Ohio senator succeeded in amending the Beveridge bill so as to allow the people of the territories to express their wishes on joint statehood. As a result Arizona, by a tremendous majority, refused to accede to joint statehood.

In explanation of the American proposition for joint action between the United States and Great Britain looking to the regulation of the opium traffic it is pointed out at the State department that measures were adopted by the Philippine government calculated to terminate the opium smoking in the archipelago in a short term of years, but it was realized that to become effective regulations for suppression of opium traffic must extend into China. The State department addressed the British government to ascertain how far it would be possible to go in making joint regulations. The British reply suggested the creation of a general international commission to report some plan of combined action. It is believed that Germany and France, and even Portugal and Japan will be invited to appoint commissioners.

Because he was altogether too fresh with William Jennings Bryan when the orator was at Ann Arbor recently to deliver a lecture Guy E. Marshand, of Alliance, Ind., was mercilessly hazed by a party of fifty students. Among other torments meted out to him was the slipping one at a time of half a case of spoiled eggs down the back of his shirt and breaking them against his body. When Bryan lectured it was arranged for him to attend a banquet given by the Ann Arbor Democrats at the armory downtown after the lecture. As Bryan completed his talk, Marshand approached him, seized his arm, and rushed him to his carriage. He opened the door and climbed in after him, closed the door, and ordered the cabman to drive to the banquet hall. At the banquet hall Marshand still maintained his mastery of the situation. He introduced Bryan to all the Ann Arbor leading Democrats and many of his freshman friends.

The house in Rhode Island avenue, Washington, given to Admiral Dewey by the American people in which the admiral and wife have been residing, has been given up by them as a place to live. Mrs. Dewey is said to be responsible for the abandonment of the Rhode Island avenue house as their home. Her K street house is much nearer to the residence of her mother, and she likes that location better than that of the house presented by the American people to her husband. The title to the Rhode Island avenue house is in Mrs. Dewey's name. The admiral said that when he gave the house to his wife he believed that he was doing the most gracious act an American gentleman could do. There was criticism of the admiral's action and he became nettled to the extent of saying that he was sorry he had ever accepted the house. However, Mrs. Dewey retained it.

It is the opinion of the egg dealers who attended the Kansas and Oklahoma Egg Shippers' association convention at Kansas City that the pure food laws will not decrease the number of bad eggs on the market. The delegates to the convention decided that the only way to be rid of bad eggs is to pass them along to the consumers. This puts it up to the public to protect itself against bad eggs. From assertions by the agents of large storage houses it may also be predicted that there will be no cheap eggs next winter. At this time last year egg dealers were paying eleven cents a dozen for eggs to place in storage. The price paid for eggs to place in storage now is from fifteen to nineteen cents a dozen. Even at that price the cold storage men say they can buy only a few eggs.

Politics in Ohio.

Senator Foraker has issued the following letter, which is construed as a means to check the Taft boom for president:

I have been so busily occupied that I have had neither time nor disposition to even think about politics, either state or national; especially politics that belonged to next year.

It seems to me premature to be now discussing what is so far ahead. However, in view of the interviews and announcements of one kind and another that are appearing in the newspapers, I feel that I may with propriety say that I do not want any political honors from the Republicans of Ohio without their hearty approval.

In order that there may be no doubt as to their preference, I shall at the proper time request the Republican state central committee to issue a call for a Republican state convention, to be composed of delegates elected by the Republicans of the state at a duly authorized primary election, for the purpose not only of nominating candidates for state offices to be voted for at our next state election, but also to determine the preference of the Republicans of Ohio as to candidates for the United States Senator and for President.

If this suggestion should meet with favor, it should be provided that the primary elections shall be held at a convenient time long enough after the call therefor has been issued to enable all who are interested in the work of the convention, so to be chosen, to appear before the people and discuss the public questions about which we are all concerned, also that the people who are interested may act intelligently in the selection of their delegates, thus bringing this selection as nearly to a direct popular vote as it is possible under the laws now in force.

I have no opinions to conceal from my constituents, and there is no point in my public record as to which I am not ready to render them a full account.

Hill's Caution.

A good story comes from Montana which shows the cautious business methods of James J. Hill, the great railroad magnate. In the early nineties Hill and Marcus Daly completed the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific railway, from Butte to Anaconda. This little "jerk water" line was an exclusive ore road, and the owners were experimenting to ascertain the best equipment for handling the Anaconda output. At this time the Union Pacific was putting in some brand-new steel gondola hopper cars, which were admirably adapted to this class of traffic on account of their great strength and quick, easy method of unloading. Hill conceived the idea of making a thorough test before buying any of the cars for his own use. He arranged to have a string of them taken up on a hill at Butte, and turned loose down a 15 per cent grade. Part of them were loaded and part empty. The wreck was a success and so were the cars. They stood the shock so well that Hill ordered 250 of the same type, many of which are still in service.



Dress for Little Boy.

A serviceable little dress, suitable for either cloth or linen, is here shown. Ecu linen was used for the model sketched, large metal buttons being used down each side of the front. The neck was finished with a narrow band, with which was worn a detachable white linen collar and black silk bow tie.

Won't Wake the Baby.

Belgian railway engines are fitted with two whistles, one producing a much softer tone than the other. In order to spare residents' nerves the soft whistle is used when the train is passing through towns and railway stations.—Tit-Bits

Making Expert Workers.

Charles M. Schwab's offer to 3,000 boys to go to his Bethlehem steel works prepared to learn and become experts in the steel and iron trade in all its details has been accepted by more than 200 boys to date. These range in age from 16 to 21. Fifty-two per cent of the new apprentices are of German descent, 25 per cent are of Irish descent and 20 per cent are strictly Americans. Three per cent of the boys are Polish.

Many of the newcomers are high school graduates or hail from manual training schools. Nearly all the boys show an aptitude for handling machinery as to astonish the heads of departments to which they are assigned. Not more than 5 per cent of the total number of these who applied failed in their tasks and decided to quit.

A majority of those who responded came from the Lehigh valley. In this district there are thousands of skilled iron workers. In the Schwab offering they saw a chance for their sons to learn the business and become more than mere mechanics. This accounts for the rush from that section. Others came from Virginia, Ohio, Michigan and even from Florida. It is regarded as remarkable that none of the boys came from Pittsburg, but the belief is that every boy in that section is pretty busy in the steel mills.

Brigadier General Theodore J. Wint U. S. A., who died recently at Philadelphia, was 62 years old. He was commander of the department of the Platte, with headquarters at Omaha. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1847 entered the volunteer service in the Civil war as a private and became a lieutenant. After the war he enlisted as a private and was soon appointed second lieutenant. He earned a fine record as an Indian fighter, being active in the capture of the renegade Indian scouts from the San Carlos agency in Arizona in 1867. The Spanish war found Wint a major in the Tenth cavalry. He was among the first of the American troops to go to Cuba. He was wounded in the leg in the battle of Santiago, which made him permanently lame. He was sent to the Philippines and commanded second brigade at San Fernando, Pampagna, in Luzon in 1901 and 1902, the closing days of the Philippine insurrection. Returning to America he became commander of the Department of Missouri with headquarters at Omaha. When the Cuban difficulty arose General Wint was placed in charge of organizing the first expedition. This was managed so admirably as to cause the general staff to record a formal appreciation of his efforts. At Newport News General Wint suffered an attack of what was reported at the time to be ptomaine poisoning and he never regained his health. He was still suffering from the after-effects of this when sent to Havana to relieve General Bell of the command of the American forces in Cuba. Soon afterward his symptoms became acute and he was relieved by General Barry last month and ordered home for treatment.

The United States now ranks third among the world's exporters of manufactures, according to a monograph on "Exports of Manufactures from the United States and the Distribution," issued by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. It is shown that not only do the exports of manufactures now exceed 700 million dollars a year, and have doubled in value in a single decade, but the share which products of the factory form of the total exports is steadily increasing. A comparison shows that in 1880 manufactures formed only 15 per cent of the total exports of domestic products, while in 1900 they formed 40 per cent. With the rapid increase of population in the United States and consumption of natural products the quantity of food and raw materials remaining for distribution to the other parts of the world has not increased proportionately, and with the development of manufacturing facilities and the trend of population to the manufacturing centers, production of manufactures has rapidly increased, and the surplus of these manufactures which may be spared for foreign markets has also increased.

Longfellow's Home.

A visit to Boston is never complete until one has gone to Cambridge to see the former home of Longfellow. It stands on a lot terraced up from the street just as it was built long before the Revolution, when it was the home of the Craights. Later it passed into history as the headquarters of Gen. Washington when he was in Boston, and still later as the house of the most popular of all American poets, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. It is now the property of his unmarried daughter, Miss Alice Longfellow, who is the "grave Alice" of the famous poem, "The Children's Hour." The other daughters, "laughing Allegra and Edith with the golden hair," were married some years ago, and went to live in homes on each side of the old Craight mansion.

The fair chateaine of the famous home has kept it almost the same as it was when her father died. In summertime she may be seen dressed in white, moving slowly over the beautifully kept lawn, or through the great rooms hallowed by the presence of the children's poet. She has kept the old clock on the first landing of the stair, and it recalls the one her father knew when he heard the refrain, "Never, forever, forever, never," and wrote a poem about it. His study she keeps just as he left it, and shows intimate friends the chair that the children of Cambridge gave him, the chair made from the "spreading chestnut tree," under which the "village blacksmith" has his shop and quaint forge.

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Fish Opposes Hampering the Sale of Bonds for Betterments.

Stuyvesant Fish until recently president of the Illinois Central railroad, addressed the students of the Wharton school of finance in Philadelphia on the financial situation.

Speaking on the subject "Faith the Basis of Finance," Mr. Fish said in part:

"Stock robbery can not be stopped by legislation, and the only way it can be stopped is by getting rid of dishonest officials. Laws will never remedy the evil. What is needed is proper enforcement.

"The legitimate rise and fall in railroad securities is a necessity. The railroads need money for improvements and they can only secure it by the legitimate sale of stocks and bonds. To have these sales restricted by law or controlled by government legislation would be rather hard on the corporations and would not be fair, to say the least." Mr. Fish answered such questions as the students put to him. Among them was one as to whether or not the railroads can stand the 2-cent fare throughout the country. His reply was that the railroads need money, and that that must be provided through the collection of fares. He said the demand of the public for fast train service, etc., made an expense upon the various companies that can not be met by payment of the small fare. Of course some of the roads could stand it, while others could not.

The Balance of Power.

"Why is it that Blank, the shirt-maker, and Irons, the laundryman do not speak when they meet?"

"Well you know Blank advertised a new, indestructible shirt?"

"Yes."

"And Irons immediately installed more powerful machinery in his laundry."—Woman's Home Companion.



There is a movement in California to make robbery accompanied by maiming punishable with death. This is to put a stop to the operations of what are called the "gas pipe men."

Simon Guggenheim, the new Senator from Colorado, has given up salaries aggregating \$75,000 a year to accept the salary of United States Senator. But what is this sacrifice in comparison to a life's ambition? Mr. Guggenheim says it has always been his ambition to be a lawmaker.

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