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It requires organization to make collective work effective.

That New York Thaw is responsible for a great lot of newspaper slush.

It must gall Colorado to be reminded that even New Jersey performed better work.

Now that the pure food law is in force, suppose we get a pure scale law.

Perhaps they call it the "block system" because so many people lose their lives there.

There is one good thing about the work of congress this month—the shortness of the month.

The Standard Oil company seems to have been smutted with the grime from its own burning oil.

The voters of the country should take advantage of the "tip" and send \$7,500 men to congress.

It seems that the last Gridiron banquet was almost as secret as an executive session of the senate.

Captain Hobson says that Japan could whip the United States. So could Spain—before the fight began.

It seems that Senator Dryden's political position lacked a great deal of having the strength of Gibraltar.

Now if the canal managers could only remove dirt as rapidly as canal chiefs remove themselves to better jobs!

This is the season of year when western blizzards rage fiercely in the triple-deck heads of the eastern newspapers.

Pneumatic canal construction is very expensive, and up to date has not resulted in the removal of much dirt.

Those little 40-year-old Japanese boys may now let their mammas wash their faces, and then toddle off to school.

"The government insists on giving us pure food," exclaims a contemporary. Thanks; and to whom shall we write?

The Washington Post declares that Nebraska is raising a fuss over a "girl witch who is fascinating all the men." The Post should make an effort to catch up. Why, the prairies of Nebraska are fairly alive with witches of that kind.

The New York Tribune is now occupying its new home. The Tribune has improved very materially, architecturally.

The people of New Jersey have discovered that they, too, have the strength of Gibraltar when they really desire to exercise it.

If reorganization of the canal commission happened to be dirt throwing, vessels would now be sailing through the canal.

The steel trust's net earnings were \$156,000,000 in 1906, most of it being on its investment in republican tariff schedules.

That Japanese war scare was evidently meant as power for the machine that is expected to grind out big naval appropriations.

Alfred Austin has written an ode on the Jamaica earthquake. Funny how they will rub it in on a victim when he is down.

Those coalless people in the northwest should take courage. Spring will soon be here. The baseball schedules are being framed.

One hundred street cars were burned in Chicago one day last week. All Chicago turned out to see a warm street car in February.

Perhaps the railway managers could find a way to get trains over their roads if they spent less time trying to float improvement bonds.

The newspapers have been telling congressmen how to make laws, and now congress is going to tell newspaper men how to run newspapers.

A Virginia mother handed her baby to a bear, thinking it was her husband. Plenty of women will insist that it was a very natural mistake.

Bishop Hamilton was in both the San Francisco and Kingston earthquakes. We wish Bishop Hamilton would visit both houses of congress.

John D. Rockefeller, jr., is wondering why men do not go to church. They have to hustle the money that your papa grabs as dividends, Johnnie.

Senator Dryden withdrew on account of illness, but the latest reports from New Jersey are to the effect that the state is rapidly convalescing.

A lot of editors are exhibiting great chagrin over the fact that they will not have an opportunity to go out and whip Japan singlehanded and alone.

While humane societies are agitating against the cruel practice of docking horses' tails, why overlook cocker spaniels, rat terriers and bulldogs?

Speaking of war scares, enlightened nations are not going to be in a hurry to pick a quarrel with the nation that furnishes them with food and clothing.

What's the use of a convention to frame a new federal constitution? Shortly after its adoption somebody would take it out and lose it in the jungles.

It was real mean of the Mikado to deny any idea of going to war before President Roosevelt could use his war scare to pry a big naval appropriation loose.

If Secretary Taft is ever appointed to the supreme bench to fill a vacancy the vacancy will have to be enlarged by making the other justices hunch over.

Perhaps the railroads could afford a 2-cent passenger rate if they didn't reduce the number of their patrons so materially by a succession of fatal accidents.

The appointment of a negro to an important federal office at Cincinnati, Ohio, seems to have been something of a Rooseveltian Roland for a Forakerite Oliver.

George B. Nutt left \$35,000 with which to buy toys for poor children. There's a man who will not need a monument of brass or marble to preserve his memory.

Representative Clarke recommends President Roosevelt as manager of the Panama canal work after he leaves the White House. It will be admitted that a "big stick" or a fountain pen would throw about as much dirt as those steam shovels.

A man with a million dollars of Standard Oil stock in his pocket was found dead in South Dakota. Perhaps he was hiding out to keep Mr. Rockefeller from grabbing it.

The proposed changes in the postal law, made by the congressional postal commission, are in effect a press gag law that is quite equal to the censorship laws of Russia.

The president cannot scare those Californians with war talk. They know that the pure food law will prevent them from being fed on embalmed beef after they enlist.

The Missouri legislator who introduced a bill limiting women to two hats a year at a maximum cost of \$1.98 each, knew very well that Missouri women are not allowed to vote.

Mr. Harriman and Mr. Gould have perfected a "friendly arrangement." This means that the shipper will continue to get the lemon regularly, while waiting for his shipment.

One member of the Missouri legislature voted against the 2-cent passenger fare law. He must have labored under the impression that it might cost him 2 cents a mile to travel.

Just as soon as he can think up enough new words Chancellor Day will tell us what he thinks about the interstate commerce commission's report on the Standard Oil company.

New York has just been witnessing an exhibition of safety appliances. It was given under a roof. What the country wants is an exhibition of safety appliances in actual operation.

One thousand Pennsylvania miners lost their lives in mine accidents in 1906. They belong to the class that is drawing sufficient wage, according to the chancellor of Syracuse university.

The proposal to lop off \$10,000,000 a year from the amount paid the railroads for transporting the mails is calculated to make Mr. Harriman talk strenuously about "governmental interference."

If the congressmen are entitled to a 50 per cent increase on account of the work they do, then Speaker Cannon, who is the whole works, ought to be drawing about 'steen millions a year.

"Small bore Missourians sometimes turn up in Washington" remarks the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Quite true, but two years later the democrats usually remedy the matter by electing their men.

Chancellor Day declares that this is the age when "millions and brains will rule." It is pretty generally admitted that Syracuse university is making a very successful bid for the first half of it.

Those discharged negro troopers might try the San Juan "round robin" method of getting their side of the case before the authorities. They have distinguished precedent for that course of action.

President Roosevelt now takes issue with the Encyclopedia Americana and declares that the Japanese are not Mongolians. Are we to have a short presidential stunt of anthropological instruction?

The latest Newport fad is to clip the corners from two-dollar bills, burn them and sprinkle the ashes in the toe of the stockings. Out this way the two-dollar bills are short enough without clipping the corners.

An Italian claims to have invented a process whereby he can photograph a soul. He certainly would have to do a lot of developing to get a negative if he snapped away among the gentlemen who manage our big trusts.

An \$85,000,000 river and harbor bill that appropriates \$250,000 for a "lakes to gulf waterway" and twenty or thirty millions to James Raven creeks and ponds along the Atlantic seaboard may be "pork" all right, but it demands the attention of the pure food commission if it is.

A life insurance senator having been retired let us rejoice, but let the rejoicing be tinged with regret over the election of a powder trust senator and a smelting trust senator, to say nothing of the retention of express trust, railroad trust, oil trust, copper trust and shipping trust senators.