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Is Pilot Nichols in favor of a third term and more federal power?

Pilot Nichols surely has the right to appeal from the "big stick" to the "square deal."

Is it not about time to turn up the blaze in the heater under the immunity bathtub?

The Metropolitan Street Railway of New York seems to have been very effectually Lemuel Eli Quigged.

The Buffalo Times exclaims: "Buffalo will supplant Pittsburg." If the Times is wise it will be more specific.

The question is, will the president call the peace congress before he holds up congress for four more battleships.

Every time Tom Johnson issues a challenge Mr. Burton dodges and tightens up the ropes on his congressional safety net.

The fight several gentlemen are putting up for control of a great railroad is an indication that the pickings are pretty good yet.

The "Milk-sop Class" is the latest presidential organization. Some of these days the "Over Chesties" will be organized with a rush.

Merely that history may be kept straight we stop the press to announce that it was De-Soto who discovered the Mississippi river.

Merely to head off agitation and discussion it is hereby stated that the "oyster cocktail" is not decorated with red cherries and bitters.

Perhaps the president went down to defeat in the tennis match with the Bishop of London because of the clerical handicap on tennis court language.

The Rev. Dr. Day's protracted silence concerning Standard Oil methods is indicative of a lot of thinking on the part of the Syracuse gentleman.

The Boston Globe tells of a teamster whose horse "picked up" a stone in its hoof, and when the horseshoer removed it the stone was a diamond worth \$50. That's another "prosperity story." A fifty dollar diamond wouldn't have much effect on a horse's hoof.

John D. Rockefeller has been drawn on a grand jury in New York. It is safe to say that the jury will not "run amuck" if John is able to hold it back.

The first bear that collided with President Roosevelt doubtless got all that the president would have been pleased to hand to the Oklahoma constitution.

Railroad borrowers are spending so much time mourning over the loss of "borrowing power" that they are neglecting to look after their carrying power.

While Secretary Taft is in Japan talking peace, President Roosevelt is denouncing "milk-sops" and urging a bigger navy and better preparedness for fighting.

Copper has fallen off several cents a pound, and it is easier than ever for some church members to make a noise like a contribution when the basket comes around.

St. Louis is soon to have some balloon races, but it is doubtful if any of the gas bags ever get up in the air as far as that free bridge seems to be at the present moment.

Philadelphia is talking of paving with wood around the new city hall. The election returns in Philadelphia point to an enormous visible supply of blockhead material.

It may yet come to pass that the country will realize the need of a new cabinet official who shall be known as "secretary of the department of sociability and banqueting."

The mere fact that there are no newspaper correspondents with the presidential hunting party does not prevent the newspapers from printing plenty of stuff about the hunt.

Rev. Robert McArthur of New York says of Mr. Rockefeller: "He can calmly wait for the unprejudiced judgment of posterity." Isn't it apt to be a warm and tiresome wait?

Parties or countries desiring visits from cabinet officers would do well to place orders at once. The Washington supply of cabinet and executive officials is already very small.

Senator Platt issues notice that he is better fitted than ever for hard work in Washington. This is notice that the express companies will not lay down to the parcels post advocates.

District Attorney Jerome was very much more active in prosecuting for libel the up-state editor who attacked him, than he has been in prosecuting the insurance thieves and grafters.

The Metropolitan company of New York has gone into bankruptcy, due to "high financing." The managers of the company were great on "preserving the national honor" a few years ago.

"How can I become a vegetarian?" queries an anxious correspondent. You do not need to worry. Just give the beef trust a little more time and you'll be a vegetarian all right all right.

Noting that a Tennessee man named Corn is a candidate for office the Fort Worth Record observes: "He must have had his ear to the ground." Of course; and he certainly is a colonel.

Mississippi river newspapers are de-lighted with the president's remarks in favor of river improvement. But it must be remembered that the president was also going to eat the beef trust blood raw.

October 4 was "Pennsylvania Day" at the Jamestown exposition. However the most prominent industry in Pennsylvania was not on exhibition, being firmly fastened down in the new state house.

There is no truth in the rumor that Mr. Rockefeller is building a yacht to defend the America cup. Mr. Rockefeller is just now seeking to build enough life preservers for his oil company.

Paragraphic Punches

The truth about the famous Indianapolis luncheon seems to be that there never were any cocktails.—New York Sun.

Messrs. Roosevelt, Taft and Root are away. But the country reposes great confidence in Loeb as a lidholder.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The genius who can invent something to perfume the breath of the automobile will make a quick fortune.—Philadelphia Press.

There seems to be an impression that Mr. Burton could put in some of his time to good advantage by locating a soft spot on which to fall.—Washington Post.

Isn't it about time for the authorities of Vancouver, B. C., to prohibit the playing of "The Mikado" as a delicate compliment to "our allies?"—New York World.

Robert Pinkerton, the great detective, left a fortune of \$3,000,000. It would seem that he was able to detect the necessities of life in a most successful manner.—Ohio Sun.

Mr. Roosevelt doubtless recognizes the fact that it is necessary to admit more states into the union in order to be able to give names to the new battle ships.—Chicago Tribune.

Had Mr. Theodore Roosevelt listened to Judge Alton B. Parker in 1904 he would not have been so easily deceived by his most intimate friends.—Charleston News and Courier.

Among the triumphs of medical art to which the next generation will direct the back-pointing finger of pride is the marvelous recovery of the paralyzed Rogers.—St. Louis Times.

Senator Platt says that Root stands a better chance for the presidency than either Roosevelt or Hughes, but everybody knows that the antique Thomas is not the prophet that he used to be.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Secretary Cortelyou promises to stop the needless annoyance of liner passengers by customs inspectors. This will be unjustly called a bid for the favor of predatory wealth. Some critics are unreasonable.—Brooklyn Eagle.

"What has become of that Japanese war cloud?" asks a contemporary. It is being exhibited daily on the western chautauqua circuit, by its custodian and owner, Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson.—Kansas City Journal.

The country seems to be getting along so well with Taft on his travels, Root sick, Cortelyou silent and the Strenuous One taking his vacation, that it may decide some time just to get along without any presidents.—Atlanta Journal.

Did it not border on disrespect we should say that the fluttering and twittering of Mr. Roosevelt over the theories filched from Mr. Bryan resembled the fuss a jaybird makes over a new acquisition from his neighbor's nest.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

A government powder factor would seem to be about the first thing needed if the fight against the combine is to be entirely successful. Until that is built the government will undoubtedly be paying the expenses of all legal battles begun by its attorneys.—Kenosha Evening News.

Rockefeller says he has been hitched to a cart in which the people ride; Harriman says he has been a packhorse all his life; but the other day, when August Belmont declared that he had been a strap-hanger all his days, we strained him to our bosom and said: "Brother."—Detroit News.