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The hobble skirt goeth before a fall.

Swat the fly and make the world healthier.

It will soon be open season for dandelions.

What Mexico needs is not more revolutions but more schoolhouses.

It is said that fishes yawn. Is it any wonder, when they look at the fishermen?

Spain and France are to co-operate in Morocco. Goodbye, Morocco, your time has come.

The baseball umpire's troubles have once more commenced, and they are not imaginary ones, either.

The plague in China is increasing in its power and extent. Bodies are being burned by the thousand.

About every man in Mexico appears to be an insurgent against the idea of having anyone else run things.

Jack Johnson has bought an aeroplane, and now we will see if the police can stop those black rockets.

Poet Laureate Austin is having trouble finding anything to rhyme with George the Fifth. He might try Smith.

Fisher's appointment to the cabinet was not due wholly to his interest in conservation. He is a golf enthusiast, also.

Some men who are as deaf as a post when spoken to about charity could hear a whisper if asked to take a drink.

One of the Camorristas on trial picked out his glass eye and threw it on the floor. This must have been an eye-opener.

If the democrats have put the products of democratic districts on their farmers' free list, we have yet to find out about it.

The senate will get around to vote on reciprocity by the time it is too hot in Washington to attend the ball games in comfort.

It is said the acts of congress on March 4 may be illegal. But the supreme court says most of their acts are illegal, anyway.

The Illinois house increase their pay from \$2,000 to \$3,500. They have got to have some way of living between senatorial elections.

About 12,000 people attended the first league ball games. Our people are still firmly supporting the bulwarks of national greatness.

Reciprocity seems likely to pass, and business men along the border can deliver goods by train instead of through the woods on dark nights.

A news item says the elk have suffered from the frosts of winter. The elk that we are acquainted with seem to have come through in fine shape.

You can not found an enduring republic among an ignorant and indifferent people. Seventeen only out of every 100 Mexicans can read or write.

The airship Parseval landed in a swamp over in Germany, Friday, and the passengers must have been glad for a good squishy place to jump into.

New York City has finally decided to tear up all its horse-car lines. Maybe the old town will be having electric lights and telephones one of these days.

Second impressions are very likely to be more correct and just than first ones. Considering this fact, wouldn't it be safer to have only second impressions?

It takes a brave man to meet an increasing waist line without a protest, and one must cultivate christian resignation to accept gray hairs in a proper spirit.

The amount of land which is being drained and reclaimed in Florida under the Broward plan is equal in area to Rhode Island, Connecticut and Delaware combined.

The trade reports say the volume of business is below producing capacity. Like the rest of us, Uncle Sam hates to dig in the garden when the fish begin to bite.

Carter Harrison's boom for the presidency is the smallest one to be found on the political horizon with the exception of the one launched by Vice President Sherman.

Everyone is asking why Amba-

sador Hill resigned. Perhaps he is tired of having American tourists ask him to go down to the station and help get their luggage off.

Secretary Hitchcock is beginning to discover that the statesmen of this country are in favor of economy in the postoffice department but radically opposed to its enforcement.

Champ Clark has no time for the automobile. Nothing like being one of the common people. The trouble with the most of them is that they have neither time or money for one.

Nine hundred thousand books are being moved into New York's new library, and April breezes may remove the dust which Manhattan's citizens allow to gather on the classics.

A St. Louis judge decides a woman has a right to hang a cowbell on the door to toll when her husband gets in. It would be a good thing for some men to have it hung around their neck.

Pittsburg again appears in the same old role but with a brand new scandal. Once more the smoky city is hunting out the grafters—for which due honor ought to be given to it.

Someone having forgotten to get a supply of tobacco for a Norwegian ship just arrived at Boston, the crew chewed leather. These men now know what boarding house life is.

Just as the small boy likes to get behind a sedate citizen before firing rocks, so the Mexican insurgents are careful to back up to the United States line before letting off their guns.

A New York Central train made three miles in a minute and fifty-one seconds the other day. Some of our automobiles will feel badly under the disgrace of being left a notch or two behind.

They are separating church and state in Portugal. As the minister can no longer be policeman, the tendency of the American boy to stand on his head in Sunday school will soon be observed.

Mexican investments looked golden a few years ago. But under present circumstances, we'd rather have our money in the old country savings bank with its antique ledgers and obsolete furniture and single clerk.

If the Sanborn decision is upheld by the United States supreme court it will be found that the authority of the interstate commission has been formally extended over practically all the railroad rates of the country.

If it took thirty women eighteen hours to count 1,100 ballots cast by the Daughters of the American Revolution, how much before July 4 will we get the result of presidential election when women hold the offices?

Professor Aitken of Lick observatory says the canals on Mars are nothing but earthquake fissures. It would be mighty disappointing to wake up some morning and find the sweet peas had dropped down to the center of the planet.

A fad prevails among the fashionable women of Berlin for having their portraits painted while they sleep. Most of us look stupid enough awake, let alone our sleeping expression, or lack of it. Besides, what if a snore should be transferred to the canvas?

The American boys who have been brought up on Patrick Henry's patriotic speeches will be interested to learn that a bronze tablet in memory of the eloquent orator has been placed in St. John's church, Richmond, where his famous "Liberty or Death" speech was delivered.

A pretty custom has long prevailed at Vassar of selecting twenty-four of the prettiest girls in the college to carry the long daisy chain in the commencement festivities. This year's selection of bearers shows that no state or section has a monopoly of feminine beauty. The students chosen represent ten different states scattered from Connecticut to California and also the Philippine Islands.

Seattle has a council of nine members, men who must devote their entire time to the affairs of that city, and they are paid a good salary—\$3,000 each. This isn't a commission form of government, but a modification or a compromise between the commission and the old form of government. The idea of reducing the number of aldermen is one of sense and economy. It is becoming apparent to the people that it is not necessary to have a large board of aldermen to conduct the affairs of a city.

Within the past few weeks two young physicians gave up their lives as a result of contracting diseases which they were trying to investigate and discover the cause and cure. The world holds no greater heroes than these conscientious medical men who in laboratory or sick room often lose their lives in an effort to enlarge the boundaries of medical science and deliver their fellowmen from the fear of death. The world does not fully appreciate the heroic sacrifice of a Reed, a Breakerhoff or an Ashley, but they have the quiet approval of their professional brothers and the conscious-

ness of having done their utmost for humanity.

Thirty long term prisoners in the Kansas City, Kan., workhouse are to be given garden lots this spring in a four-acre tract adjoining the workhouse, says the Kansas City Star. They will be allowed to work in the gardens after working a certain number of hours each day on the stone pile. The prisoners will be allowed to choose the vegetables and the products will be served in the prisoners' diningroom. Gardening will not be compulsory, but the prisoners who do not work in their gardens will spend that time breaking stone.

Under the present conditions there is no question but that the opening of the Panama canal means a larger increase of commerce for Japan than it does for the United States. It will afford the subsidized steamships of Japan easy access to the Atlantic and a shorter route to the eastern coast of South America. Even if our commerce is increased in Asia the interchange would be very largely carried in Japanese bottoms. Japan is destined to wax fat off the trade across the Pacific just as England has acquired riches and honor from monopolizing the trade of the Atlantic.

M'NAMARA'S KIDNAPING. A new sensation has developed in the dynamiting case, in the sending to jail of three men at Indianapolis charged with kidnaping McNamara and taking him out of the state without due process of law. This action, however, was hardly as unfair as the method by which McNamara was arrested and spirited out of Indiana, without opportunity to employ counsel or resist requisition. Such unfairness on the part of the men who arrested the union leader, could only work against their case and as a means of creating sympathy for McNamara.

The readiness of Mr. Moyer and some other labor leaders to declare the entire arrest a frame-up, including the planting of dynamite in McNamara's headquarters, is as unreasonable as it would be to declare that, because the men have been arrested, they are guilty. It is a good time to keep calm and wait for the real evidence in the case before venturing cocksure opinions either way.

THE TIMES CASE. If the detectives have the guilty parties under arrest in connection with the Los Angeles Times dynamite outrage, which cost the lives of twenty-one men, the people of the United States may well draw a sigh of relief, and at the same time join in the hope that speedy and sure justice may be meted out.

Details of the conspiracy which is alleged to have been carried out by members of a structural builders' labor union, make it one of the most appalling crimes in the history of this nation, if the accusations advanced are correct.

It was vigorously denied by officials of the American Federation of Labor, at the time of the explosion, that union labor was in any way responsible for the outrage at Los Angeles and the officers and members of labor unions in general will undoubtedly be as much surprised and shocked by the startling disclosures recently made, as other private citizens. Most of them will realize that if the men under arrest are really guilty, a serious blow to the cause of union labor has been dealt by the murderous wretches who have wrecked property worth millions of dollars and taken many lives, in their unfair methods of warfare.

The accused men should have every chance to prove their innocence. The size of the reward makes it necessary to take extra precaution to make sure that evidence submitted, is trustworthy. If they are guilty, their punishment should be so severe as to stand out as a warning that civilized society won't stand for dynamite in political or economical arguments.

POPULARIZING THE RECORD. A determined effort is being made by some of the congressmen to make the Congressional Record a real newspaper. They have the idea that a periodical that purports to be a record should not be a work of fiction.

They think it should no longer look like any other old government report, those funeral black bound documents that scare away readers by a forbidding impenetrability. Rather they would like to have it a real story of actual debates.

Almost any visitor to Washington feels he is repaid by spending considerable time in congress. But few people feel that they are repaid for time over reports padded with dead wood, which are circulated as a supposed record of these discussions and doings.

When congress lets a member print in the Record a speech that it is not willing to spend time to hear, it is hardly likely that the public will spend time in perusing it. And worst of all the limitless freedom given members to print long extracts from favorite books scares away the public, which does not want to have its reading selected by the political fads of congressmen.

The real debates in congress are full of human interest. They ring with the clash of personal, political, sectional forces. They are a thrilling and often dramatic epitome of the

progress of political thought. To get people interested in them, it is merely necessary to have it a real and not a fake report.

The more people read about congressional doings, the more intelligent verdict we get on public matters. The improvement of the Record consequently is a question where the public interest is sharply offset against the vanity of members, and against their desire to get long-winded illustrations of their oratory in the hands of the voters under a government frank.

AN AMERICAN CATHEDRAL. The fourth largest cathedral of the world was consecrated Wednesday at Morningside Heights, in upper Manhattan.

Much of the spirit of self sacrifice with which the medieval cathedrals of Europe were built has appeared in connection with this church of St. John the Divine. One poor seamstress gives \$5 a year to it, and a dozen old men in a church home earned \$250 by making nets and hammocks.

People sometimes wonder why hundreds of thousands of Americans go to Europe every year, while outside of business men and immigrants, only hundreds come this way.

The answer is that every sizable town in Europe has been trying for 1,000 years to secure and preserve fine buildings, which while not rivaling New York's magnificent new church in size, may equal it in point of beauty.

The question is often asked why the old workmen of Europe were superior to our craftsmen. We build better locomotives, can't we make as good buildings?

In the old days in Europe apprentices used to work seven years learning every part of their art. They were kicked and cuffed about the shops until they did good work. No man became a master workman until he submitted a piece of work artistic enough to get by the head men.

The modern workman seeks first for better hours and pay, and fine work is secondary. He is to be commended for bettering his condition, and he is not to blame for the modern method that hampers him.

Our modern system of industry reduces him to a machine by limiting him to the performing of some one little function. In the old days there was no such subdivision of labor, and the artisan's intelligence was developed by doing all parts. Our modern method is as if a man tried to develop his physique by exercising one arm.

It is time to think more about harmonious and beautiful public buildings.

THE D A R T E R S. The stirrings of martial ancestry and traditional scrappiness of the Daughters of the American Revolution have again been manifested this week at the continental congress at Washington.

A verbal harpoon was thrown into the ranks of the so-called "insurgents" when Mrs. Mathew Scott, president-general, described the campaign for a rival candidate as "paltry, pitiful and personal."

The president tried in vain to pour the "Taft smile" over the troubled waters. His prediction that the peace movement would succeed in influencing the councils of the Daughters was received with laughter. It evidently looked to them as if it would be easier to wash the war paint off the fighting chieftains of Europe.

In the seclusion of their home circles, the Daughters are very calm and self contained persons. They give scrumptious social functions, at which graceful women distribute refreshments in bedrooms of colonial china, with the staidness of an old time minuet. They read papers of literary distinction about the second cousins of George Washington's great aunts.

They may rarely be persons of great wealth. There is not much blue blood in the insurgent democracy of modern industrialism, in which the prizes are apt to be won by raw sons of the soil who have had to climb by their own original powers, rather than by the virtues of their predecessors. But the Daughters have been all the more attractive, on account of a certain aloofness from the new rich crowd. In their circles, standards other than dollars have taken command, an isolation from the drift of the times that is thrice-welcome.

They have also done fine work for patriotic instruction. They have sought to develop no indiscriminate adoration of flags and symbols, but have tried for practical ends like teaching newly arrived aliens the fundamental principles of good citizenship.

Serving so useful a function in our society, we all readily forgive them any little pet follies. If they get their fun by bellicose conventions, if the spirit of belligerent civilities is incarnated in their scrappy meetings, who can deny them their favorite recreation?

AN ARBOR DAY SUGGESTION. Now that tree planting time has come, let those who have planted or are about to plant, give more time and attention to the new trees than merely setting them out. Much of our tree energy in this country is wasted because it all is spent in the one act of setting out the new tree, without ever giving further care and attention

to tree development. Many of the trees set out are carelessly selected and give poor results.

From the oak, walnut, elm, maple, ash, birch and a few others, splendid choice of trees for this climate and soil is to be had. Care should be taken that the trees be set out not too close together and where grown ones already stand too close together, they should be thinned out in order to give best results.

Trees with plenty of little roots should be selected for planting; and foliage up on the trunk should be cut off, so that the roots may get the benefit of all the nourishment the ground gives, without having to divide with the foliage. And plenty of water should be given the roots.

Farmers in this climate must begin to raise trees with which to provide their own fence posts, as is done in European countries. The scarcity of lumber might even make it profitable for them to plant forests for the use of their children and their grandchildren, in building homes and barns.

Nothing is more desolate looking than a farm without a tree upon it, and those trees that are on the farm should be given care and attention in order to allow them to attain their maximum value in strength and beauty. It is not enough merely to set them out and trust to nature for the rest.

And speaking of trees, one Newsy Reader has suggested that sandy, waste land, not now good for raising any crops, might very readily be put to real use if planted to fir trees. On the stretches of waste sandy land, now called blowouts, valuable fir forests could be produced, it is pointed out, in the course of a comparatively few years.

AROUND TOWN. You can plant us. That c— is still hanging around. And the only way to get rid of a cold is to kill the patient.

No, hold on. Twenty-four more hours is granted before the planting, in order to give one more chance for surrender. (We'd like just one more golf game—one more chance to come back.)

A golf stick is better medicine for a cold than a typewriter, anyhow.

How's the new tree doing? Another sign that spring is here: Mr. Brown has left the automatic telephone company's employ and Mr. Violet has taken his place. When brown goes and violet comes, it's a sign that simply cannot be overlooked.

Got your May baskets ready? Please put candy in ours.

This notice is given far enough in advance that there need be no misunderstanding.

We'll never forget the one we got a year ago—and NEVER, NEVER will forget the candy that was in it. We tried for six months afterward to forget it; but failed.

Norfolk is getting to be some convention burg. With 400 threshermen from all over Nebraska and 125 Women's club women from this district, there'll be things doing during the coming week. In fact, hardly a week goes by nowadays but that there's some convention in town, and we're getting more and more all the while.

WHEN:—will the Union Pacific keep its promise to build that new Norfolk depot?—will Norfolk get a hospital?—will Mrs. Hoxsey arrive at Atkinson?—will the supreme court hand down the sugar and tobacco trust decisions?—will Mellette county open?—will we get more paving?—a bogey score be made?—that grass seed come up?

But what's the use of making a bogey score this year, anyhow? There's no \$10 hung up.

If you ever have had a cold sore the size of a nickel on your chin, you know that it requires skill to a fine degree, to shave around it.

And incidentally, can you tell what happens to the whiskers underneath, while the cold sore holds the fort?

Another sign of spring: The summer parasol has appeared.

What's become of the old fashioned girl who stuck gum under the dining room table during meal time?

And what's become of the o. f. man who used to put curling wax on his moustache?

In fact, what's become of the o. f. moustache that was long enough to reach clear to the bottom of a cup of coffee?

There's this advantage about living in the same town with one's father: When your supply of six dozen handkerchiefs is exhausted in six days, you can fall back on father's supply for the seventh day, until your own have gone through the wash tub.

Won't there ever be opportunity to bring this confounded Furnace Golf season to a formal close?

A year ago now we were all dippy over what was going to happen, and what wasn't going to happen, at Reno. All wrong, too.

We don't see how eye doctors ever get at the true condition of people's

eyes. It is so natural to exaggerate one's ailments that the average person, having his eyes tested, tells the doctor that he can't see letters on the chart which, in reality, he can see as plain as day. Maybe the eye doctors are on, and allow for that.

What has become of the o. f. collar that used to invite a man's necktie to ride up to the top, all the way around his neck?

Not many more days for you, Oh you oyster.

At least one woman had a burning desire to attend the Woman's club convention.

If your neighbors got up extra early yesterday morning, it was because those fifteen threshers engines blew their whistles at 7 a. m.

Personally, we had been up so long by that time that we thought it must be the signal for dinner.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS. There are plenty of good stepmothers, but can they prove it?

Most men who have made failures were failures before they started.

Soda water fusses around a good deal without accomplishing much.

If a friend does you a favor get out of his debt just as soon as possible.

An old-fashioned woman's idea of shiftlessness is to buy canned soup.

Some men always know what to do a few minutes after it is too late to do it.

A boy is not necessarily in deep thought because he scratches his head.

So many schemes that look all right when they are new, don't wear very well.

If a healthy boy walks down stairs, it is a sign that the stairs have no banister.

Girls don't want a home of their own as much as they want to get married.

Considering the amount of noise it makes a gasoline engine accomplishes a good deal.

And there are men who don't go ahead very fast, even after they are sure they are right.

When a boy gets his first sweater, he can't help feeling that he is a good deal of an athlete.

You are a sure enough good fellow if you can enthuse when there isn't anything in it for you.

When a man needs a shave, he seems to need it more than he ever needed anything else.

Who started the cry that country-cured ham is so much superior to the packing house product?

A man buys a patent cigar lighter to show his superiority, rather than to save time or matches.

The sort of fame which is thrust upon a man, is usually recognized at about its actual value.

Men who have escaped being caught are always a little cheery in the matter of assumed morals.

On the other hand, Lent won't help you much if you try to make up for lost time after it is over.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who had never known a "sick day" in his life? The drummer may get a good musician, but he can't expect people to ask him to play solos.

so much more pleasant than childhood was when you lived it at close range.

As a satirical suggestion, it may be said that the derby hat was never intended to be worn with overalls.

A big man driving a Shetland pony may be very kind to the animal but he always looks like he is imposing on it.

If you don't deliberately do a lot of things you know you will be sorry for afterward, you are a most unusual person.

Why wasn't the human animal constructed with a disposition to go to bed early and get up early, as he should?

Some men go to extremes; not content with making a pimple seem a boil, they figure out that it must be a cancer.

According to a farm boy, if there were some way of dodging the chores, the rest of the work wouldn't amount to much.

What has become of the old-fashioned mother who worried a good deal for fear gypsies would kidnap her children?

You can't blame the dogs for going to a dog show, but it would seem that people could find something more amusing.

While we sigh for excitement occasionally, news of a new straight away record in an automobile can't satisfy the craving.

A man who usually is late getting to work in the morning is the employe most likely to watch the clock for quitting time.

Regardless of the regulations of the pure food law, one continues to get about the usual amount of strawberries for a quarter.

A woman's idea of a real drouth sufferer is herself when the cistern goes dry on the day she has planned to wash her head.

Another advantage the woman possesses is that she doesn't have to join the Uniform Rank to get a license to wear a willow plume.

However there is less wear and tear in keeping your nose on the grindstone than in pressing the panels of the primrose bath.

Every salesman, who works on a salary, likes to impress you with the notion that he could do much better on a commission basis.

A man who marries one girl simply because another girl of his choice refused him, certainly believes in getting revenge—on himself.

While a barber charges a good deal for shaving a corpse, one must consider the fact that he can't carry on a conversation with such a customer.

While it is difficult to beat the law of gravity, you may have observed that the cost of live hogs falls a good deal faster than the cost of breakfast bacon.

A dead hero may not appreciate your devotion at his shrine, but he has the advantage over the live one in that there is less likelihood of the tune changing.

When children are willing father should marry again after mother dies, it is a sign they don't like to have him around, and think he needs someone to take care of him.

If might prevailed as they say it used to in the world, and as some insist it does now, it would be impossible for a hundred-pound woman to boss a two hundred-pound man.

A man isn't necessarily disagreeable just because he doesn't happen to agree with you; it is when he insists on dwelling on that fact that the new spring styles in fits are thrown.

If you are feeling down-hearted, tell your sad story to a fat man, and get him to crying about it. If the tears rolling down his vast expanse of cheek fall to "make you laugh, you know where the river is.

There is also the fool who thinks he can get across a grade crossing eighteen inches ahead of a locomotive; and he frequently stays there, distributed in wild profusion up and down the right-of-way.

TO WORK ON MADERO. Spiritualistic Society is to Send Embassy to Rebel Leader.

Mexico City, Mex., April 26.—Notwithstanding officials continued mute as to formal acceptance of the armistice proposals, news that the war department had issued orders to commanders in the armistice zone to cease hostilities, has practically official sanction. Formal instructions were said to have been sent to all commanders in the affected territory to observe the requirements of the armistice signed Sunday.