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Col. Watterson is on the firing line.

Oklahoma leads them all when it comes to political vaudeville

No matter what kind of weather has been predicted-we're getting it.

President Taft's threatened spank ing seems to have done Cuba good.

The Philadelphia Ledger maintains that President Taft is the party's best

American-made automobiles are parts of Europe.

Senator Lorimer says he was forced into the United States senate. He may be forced out.

and easy to handle,

The benefactions of American citizens for the year 1911 amounted to more than \$260,000,000. As long as the installment plan of

never be done away with. If things keep on this way, we shall

feel like taking the butter down to the safe deposit vault nights. Senator LaFollette is spoken of by

some of his enthusiastic adherents as "a promoter of political ozone." The St. Louis Globe-Democrat thinks

that if the republicans cannot win with Taft they cannot win without him. In view of the protest from our government, the Cuban congress may not

pass a law giving every Cuban an office. Many people would receive larger

people's business and more about their own. Wilson called Watterson a "nice old gentleman." This would make most

thief. It is one thing for a nation to be large and quite another for it to be really great. Russia is an example of

this truth.

people madder than calling them a

a great many thousand sheep. He has been called "the greatest shepherd since Abraham."

The socialists are strong in Cologne, Germany, and also in the Chicago stock yards district. They are at least getting a smell.

making how useful it would be when prices. We've got 'em, the boys get into jail.

ment know the combination that will unlock their mouths?

is said, and the college graduate who can earn but \$2 a day must feel a sense of failure when he looks at her.

Col. Harvey has put on the soft pedal at Wilson's request, but probably the governor would be willing to lion dollars in South America and Gerlet him do a few five finger exercises.

ble, but almost any Sunday school time that he got into the game. would give him one for nothing if he will attend every Sunday for a year.

the independents have put up the Y. M. C. A. building that has been beprice of oil, too. It is still possible to gun in Norfolk. And it is to be hoped meet and talk over prices after dark. that the effort may meet with success.

of \$4,000,000 by publishing "Truth," boys and young men of the city may but if he printed truth, he must have spend their idle hours pleasantly. A what an article is. needed a good corps of fighting edi- Y. M. C. A. affords such a place, and

As Dr. Wiley is sustained by the congressional committee, it would seem imprudent to put out any more is no place provided for winter exermince meat consisting of cotton wool scaked in brandy.

Canada proposes to take over by the government all the telegraph and telephone lines. The prospect is that it will be done without one's making much fuss about it.

Now there is a movement afoot to divide New York and to make a separate state of New York City, giving it the name of Manhattan. It is being seriously considered.

President Taft surely cannot be charged with wanting to control patronage when he sends a message to congress advising that body to take away most of that which he has.

The National Piano Dealers' asso-

awake equally as well with an unright

As the Washington ladies may get keep on inaugurating presidents in March, the public business should be set aside, and the date put off to April.

The war department has granted permission for an army ball team to go to Japan to play Tokio university. In time, no doubt all international differences will be settled in this man-

It is doubtful if Cuba will ever get a stable government until its climate is reformed. There will always be revolutions in a country where you can always sleep out in the woods nights.

Wall street note: It having been reported that Woodrow Wilson was seen wearing a red necktie, profound definding an increasing market in all pression pervaded the street, and the bottom seemed to have dropped out of the market.

the third year of his administration in ministration, that he would not ac-Some of the democrats are trying to the postoffice department for the first cept another term. "I have honored to him, has been answered at last by find a dark horse that will be gentle time in nearly thirty years. Credit to and trusted him too many years to whom credit is due.

The bath tub trust is ordered to ap- er." pear in court. The trusts must have feet on the mantelpiece as if it was campaign against Taft, particularly in buying things continue slavery will their own living room.

> a hotel window, but if he had sold a million of fake mining stock, no attention would have been paid to anything so commonplace.

If the Duke of Connaught had mereease thus saving thousands of people, world are being shaken, by such laws or had made some great invention reducing the cost of living, the curiosity feeting property rights. They regret

The Pittsburg housewives are boycotting butter for thirty days, but the makers of railroad sandwiches have boycotted butter for many years, and dividends if they knew less of other it did not make the cows feel any beter natured.

> George Bernard Shaw says all decent people are arrested in America. George would not be so bitter if he realized how many worthy persons could not get it any other way.

seem as if Andy could have afforded such mation.

Now that the high cost of living is the one subject uppermost in the public mind it is well to remember that William Jennings Bryan in the campaign of 1896 declared, as one of his If our manual training schools favorite arguments, that what this would only add instruction in broom country needed was an era of rising

Gov. Harmon is telling what he The meat packers have had to open would do were he made president in a padlocked book, but does the govern- enforcing the trust law. This same man was attorney general of the United States at one time and the Sherman law was then in force. What the The \$1,000 cow has come to stay, it people will want to know first is "What did you do about it then?"

> South America presents the greatest trade possibilities in the world. This is recognized by other nations. Great Britain has invested three bilmany more than a billion. Thus far. strange as it may seem. Uncle Sam is

THE Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

A final effort is being made to raise The subsidiary oil companies and enough money to finish the beautiful

Norfolk needs nothing more than it Henry Labouchere made a fortune needs a wholesome place where the more. It offers gymnasium equipment which would mean a very great deal not only to the boys but to business men as well. At present there cise among the business men of the city, and such an establishment would prove of genuine value, in dollars and cents and in longer lives, to the com-

munity. It is said that if those who contributed in small amounts two years ago. would repeat their contributions now, the building could be finished. As it stands now, the building represents some \$25,000 and is doing no good. Another lift of \$10,000 would make it available for use and would get action on the investment already made.

OPENS TAFT CAMPAIGN.

Nebraska should feel honored by the fact that the distinction of open- in all, Wilson stock has gone down. ing the campaign for a renomination for President Taft, should fall to a Nebraskan. United States Senator ciation is to burn 300 square pianos at Norris Brown, at Indianapolis, deliv- the moneyed interests. their coming convention, but we be ered what is regarded as the keynote Folk and Clark are fighting each valued at \$100,000 by these people.

their ball gowns snowed on if they big achievements of the Taft adminis- self when he got between Bryan and life insurance policy, is-Don't buy

government power to look over the him. administration.

would be a candidate for another term. "Every man who doubts that W. J. B. statement now impeaches his integrity." said the senator, referring to Under President Taft's administrathe often-reiterated declaration made

The senator blamed the press of that homey feeling when they get into the country for trying to create sentithe magazine, unquestionably has been responsible for many Americans A Yukon miner shocked New York failing to completely understand a by hanging a red flannel shirt out of great president and a man whose sincere interest in the welfare of the people at large, can not be impeached, even by his enemies.

OLD TIME RADICALISM. Many of our conservative people feel ly discovered the cure for some dis- now-a-days that the foundations of the as the inheritance tax and others af-

> article "Convictions of a Grandfather," in the February Scribner, by Judge Robert Grant, to learn that inheritthe times of Emperor Augustus A. D. 6, and that the Romans borrowed the idea from the Egyptians, who practiced it still earlier.

history is getting a strong foothold on tion should come to him. are thus given a winter's board who our systems of taxation. Many honest his neighbors are lying out of their burdens.

> BUYING SUBSTANTIAL GOODS. One of the principal differences between retail business in such a town as Norfolk, and the business of the great metropolitan department store, is the substantial character of the stock which the home merchant keeps.

> The merchant who depends on the patronage of his townspeople must keep his customers satisfied or lose his trade. He rarely puts an article in his stock unless it will stand the strain of wear

The great metropolitan store, on the contrary, uses an enormous amount of second grade goods. They have to offer an appearance of unusual bargain in order to get people to buy by mail order, or under the inconveniences of a great department store. The margin is not greater than their tremendous expense for rentals, J. P. Morgan paid \$29,000 for a Bi- the laggard in the race. It is high catalogues, and high salaries. Consequently they give orders for a selected class of second grade goods, which can be finished to please the eye, but

have serious defects! The tendency to consider price at the expense of quality has built up the great mail order houses, but the vogue that it has given to shoddy goods is one of the causes of high cost of living. Better buy near home. where the merchant will tell you just

WILL THEY NAME BRYAN. Will the democrats nominate Bryan again? Stranger things have hap-

Woodrow Wilson, who a few months ago seemed to be the strongest candidate in the democratic camp, has virrecord with regard to petitioning for a Carnegie pension and by the Harvey-Watterson incident, in which it was the man who launched his boom and ciers. Certain it is that considerable

country newspapers containing half bourne. page "booms" which unquestionably were bought at so much per inch. All

his own state and in the general impression that he has been allied with

the people of this country to pause Underwood of Alabama is another your home banker says it is all right and reflect over the remarkable man whom Bryan has attacked and achievements of a very large caliber his position as speaker of the house that must be accredited to the presi- may or may not help in, in case there should be an opening for him. It The corporation tax, giving the might make him and it might break

books of gigantic corporations, the But despite all his defeats, and delaw giving the interstate commerce spite what have been termed by cercommission power to prevent an in- tain democrats as his distatorship, crease in railroad rates and the en- William Jennings Bryan still stands forcement of the anti-trust law, which out pre-eminently as the livest possihad lain idle for twenty years, were bility in the democratic field. Every featured by Senator Brown in his re- candidate for the nomination fears view of President Taft's three years' him. None of them has the hold upon for dropping Nebraska from her foot He paid a compliment to Col. Roose- possesses. And with one of his old bor was so badly outplayed at Lincoln, velt and said that he had no faith in fashioned ringing orations in the Bal- that they might naturally not run risk the theory that the former president timore convention, there need be no of defeat next year. Just a bit cowsurprise if the democrats stampede for ardly, though, don't you think?

ROOSEVELT IN THE RACE.

The question as to whether or not tion there is a surplus at the end of by Col. Roosevelt during his last ad-Roosevelt would accept another presidential nomination if it were offered a letter which, while it is not signed insult him now with the thought that by the colonel comes from the Outhe says one thing and means anoth- look offices and was written at the suggestion of the colonel himself, following an interview between him and Ex-Gov. Stokes of New Jersey. Roosecourt now, and no doubt put up their ment against the president. And this velt will run, as this paper declared a week ago he would, if the nomination comes to him. He will not refuse.

The letter, written by Lawrence Abbott, one of the editors of the Outlook, says that Col. Roosevelt would no more decline the nomination if there were popular demand that he make ago. the race, than he would decline to enlist in the service of his country in case of war.

Mr. Stokes held an interview with Col. Roosevelt at the Outlook offices he either write or have written a letter setting forth his attitude as to the seekers would never have blocked the the passage of good old days when our nomination. This letter to Mr. Stokes statesmen all stood without hitching. from a fellow editor of the colonel's, There is interest, therefore, in the is the result. It may therefore be accepted as word direct from Roosevelt himself.

The authoritative or semi-authoritaance taxes were used as far back as tive announcement from the colonel that he would accept, will be no surprise to students of politics. It has been apparent for some days that Roosevelt had no intention of declin-This idea running so far back into ing to make the race if the nomina-

The letter clears the atmosphere of property holders feel that no other the uncertainty that had been noted system of taxation works with such in the political arena. It squarely puts Andrew Carnegie is going to get absolute justice. The tax on the liv- Roosevelt out as a candidate against \$28.70 for testifying before the conling man's stocks and bonds will all President Taft for the Chicago nomigressional committee, and in view of ways be dodged. The honest man nation in June. It may be expected shave our few remaining hairs close to thropy. United States Senator Warren owns this liberal compensation it would would rather pay a heavy impost on that Senator LaFollette will either the head, like Mart Kane used to, or drop out of the race voluntarily, or be to give them a little more real infor- than pay a fair tax by driblets while dropped by circumstances, as a result of this Roosevelt letter.

This letter, too, will mark the be ginning of a sharp fight between Taft's friends and Roosevelt's supporters for delegates. It promises a battle royal in the Chicago convention, bills. without any certain forecast as to the outcome, possible at this time, but with President Taft still the logical candidate.

THE GULLIBLE PUBLIC.

Safe breaking and second story burglary are getting to be an obsolete method of crime. They bear the same relation to twentieth century swindling that old fashioned hand work does to modern labor saving machinery.

The report just presented by R. S. Sharp, chief postoffice inspector, says that the gullible American public gave up \$77,000,000 last year to get rich quick men.

The ease with which these gentlemen work the great American sucker is simply astounding. A Canaan of financial milk and honey lies before the man who possesses nerve, imagination, and a \$5 bill.

One favorite method of making a million on \$5 is to organize a company to promote a summer resort or suburban colony near some large city. You get an option on some abandoned farm. No cash need be paid, the liberal allotment in the stock of the dream company is enough. You get plans of a hotel and cottages. A few shares of stock requites him.

The first expenditure of cash other than a few postage stamps, comes when you walk up to a newpaper office and insert an advertisement in "Business Opportunities." This may cost you the sum of \$1. You advertually been put on the shelf by his tise for some gentleman with \$10,000 to join you in a conservative enterprise paying five hundred per cent. From the many replies you will get shown that Wilson was an ingrate to enough cash to take a suite of rooms in the best hotel in the city, establish that he had authorized Watterson, ac- a fat bank deposit, acquire financial cording to the latter's statement, to testimonials, and incorporate your from Norfolk so quickly, anyhow? solicity funds from certain high finan- company. Fifty per cent of the sale of shares goes to advertising, and money has been spent by Wilson fifty per cent you can salt away in boomers, patent insides of hundreds of some bank in Buenos Ayres or Mel-

The postoffice even more than the newspapers is the means by which this modern safe breaking is per-Then there's trouble for Harmon in formed. Mailing lists, technically known as "sucker lists" consisting of names of people who have money but no financial judgment, have been

The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal lieve you can keep the neighbors of the Taft campaign, and in his ad-other in Missouri, weakening the Some of them send out 250 letters worse than "affinity" but mean about dress be reflected credit upon himself chances of both. At that, though, each to as many as 10,000 persons.

and upon his state. His speech was neither's chances were very strong at. The moral of all this for the farma concise, clear cut statement of the any time, Clark having weakened him-er, the mechanic, the widow with the tration and can hardly fail to cause Underwood on the wool schedule. any kind of stock or bonds unless

AROUND TOWN.

Bryan has been elected president at last-president of the Winona Assembly and Bible conference. All things

We had just about decided to change 'em when the weather man listen while he is talking. came along with that cold wave bulletin. That just shows what a contrary

Perhaps Michigan can't be blamed the masses of democrats that he still ball schedule for next year. Ann Ar-

> We see Abe Martin's back. Mornin', Abe.

It's about time to begin worrying Ax a day, that isn't reform ver spring floods. Also time, with this cold wave on

Back to your nests, little robins. It was all a false alarm.

the wing, to order more coal

"We've been treated royally," said the Duke of Connaught, in leaving How else could a duke be treated?

Why is it that a man always smokes too much on Sunday and feels logey Monday morning as a result?

eral months ahead of the one a year "A handkerchief! A handkerchief!

Our cold this year is starting in sev-

ly automobile for a handkerchief! A Norfolk woman who never did be lieve in 'em any way, and who put 'em on just because her husband made

her, has changed' em without his find-

ing it out, and to that change accredits the fact that she is not suffering from a cold. How long does it take you, after you make up your mind you need a hair-

Same way here. If we were Billy Beck we wouldn't ever want to see a railroad train

The Y. M. C. A .- are they going to put it over? The town needs it badly

enough, that's a cinch. When we at last become really and genuinely bald—and the bald spot's getting balder and balder every min-

grow out long, like Jim Nichols, Hello, here's another first of the month up to bat.

We're for anybody for president who can cut down our January coal

We've served notice enough on coal men, however, so that they ought to be pretty well buffaloed by this time. The first one that shows his head in that door vonder on the morrow, gets a broadside from the gatling that will out him in a place where it's hot enough without burning coal. (At least we suppose that's where all coal dealers go, sooner or later. We know through a hard winter without work? they ought to.)

We aren't so sure, now that the coal bills are about due, but that we'll wear to. those shoes with the hole in the sole another month.

There's one satisfaction in the forthoming month for the man on a salary -it's a short month. to vote.

But not so short, at that, as it ordinarily is.

Confound these presidential years,

But there's the usual silver lining in the cloud. Just beyond the 1st of the month comes the 2nd of the month, and with it the groundhog and t chance to learn whether this is going to keep up six weeks more or whether we're going to be able to go out and bat the little white ball around the some impecunious draftsman to draw pasture right away. So after all, there's nothing in the situation that would justify dropping too darn deep in the slough of despond, or in the pond of deslough, or whatever it is that you're apt to fall into if you don't cheer up.

Can't we do anything without that man Taft imitating us? A few years ago we took to wearing red neckties and as soon as he heard about it, red neckties began to adorn the occupant of the white house and then all Washington fell for 'em. A few days ago we developed a cold. And now, jusas night follows day, the president has a cold. Say, how does he get the word

Well, that's all right, old top. You're welcome to the cold, and here's sneez ing at you.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

The pace that kills is seldom de voted to hard work. Bragging on your friends usually will help you more than praising your-

There are many words which sound

While a sick man may appreciate sympathy, a remedy is what he is looking for.

About the rarest creation is a woman who can use perfume without using it to excess.

If you sign the checks you naturally see things from a different angle than most other people. Even if you don't care much what

the boss says it's a good scheme to

A dog may not reason, but a man would have to do a good deal to get along with as little work. An agent is so well equipped in that

respect that he isn't likely to suffer a

nervous breakdown. Good soup is desirable, but a cook shows poor judgment in making it

the best part of the meal.

When a man swears off from smoking and then chews a pound of Battle

On the other hand, women lead men into a lot of trouble even if they don't have to pull very hard. When we do stay up late at night

than an eclipse of the moon. Most men like to have you ask them questions if they are able to hand

the entertainment is more interesting

down the correct answer. There is a good deal to be said in favor of a country as long as people

prefer abusing it to leaving it. You will observe that man takes more pride in his pioneer ancestors if they got rich selling town lots.

Life in the Open isn't often as satisfactory as it looks on the calendars sent out by the arms companies

In these prosperous times, it is an

unusual girl who hasn't more rings than the greatest show on earth There are many men bores, but women who entertain a good deal, prob-

cut, to go and have the job done? A jealous woman doesn't usually need to employ a detective.

ably pay most for the privilege.

Don't you hate the person who is always trying to catch you in a lie' Anyone who thinks whiskey will

cure a cold is apt to die of pneumonia.

back to work in the shops at Falls might bave such eulogy when I die. Your views are not so important

A good deal of allegiance is given for the purpose of getting the right of suffrage.

Quite a number of people who married for money find they have sold at a low figure.

should carry a mowing machine instead of a scythe. A jackrabbit is as much worse than

a cottontail as it is bigger. If a man has a mean disposition his folks are apt to find it out.

Doubtless one reason so many peo-

ticket.

Some men would do better if they were willing to be a little lonesome occasionally. It costs a lot to fight tuberculosis

but unlike most wars, the fight is make the loudest noise; other sounds

might carry farther. Think how long a girl has to practice on the piano before she can call her playing a recital.

Strange to say, not everyone who bebelieves heaven is right here on earth, is a resident of California.

ooking for a fight is that he is apt to be hard to whip. A country man's idea of hardship is

living in a flat.

One trouble with the man who

An engaged man who is hennecked. ought to run while the track is good. Some men who seem important wouldn't if they didn't have a private

A social favorite must feel tough to hink he has to get to work on time. Remorse so seldom gets busy until

t is in a position to advertise its work. One should quit drinking whiskey before it begins to taste better than the chaser.

Failure to sneeze when one has

hunch in that direction, is a Great Disappointment.



THE LAD WITH THE LUNCH.

Text, "There is a lad here which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes." -John vi. 9.

Sunset and evening star among the hills of Galilee. Tabor is blazing to ward the great sea. Gennesaret in the distance softly heaves and sighs and moans. Mighty multitudes follow Jesus. Oriental crowds are a sad eight even on a gala day. Christ sees them-one vast, pinched, pitiful face of suffering, starving humanity. Night is coming on. Five thousand people are tired, hungry, shelterless. "Send them away," said the disciples. That sounds modern-for education to the state, for healing to hospital, for companionship to club, for entertainment to theater, for religion to Salvation Army. "Give ye them to eat." Christ believed in solving sociological prob lems not by a tract, but by a dinner The disciples look dismayed; only \$35 in treasury. "What have ye? Go and see." 'Twas the first ways and means committee of the church.

The Boy and His Basket.

Andrew went out and found a boy Little Ben Ezra has lunch basket his mother packed for him in the morning. God has strange cupboards bread from heaven, water from a rock. honey from a lion, a raven's beak, a boy's basket. Andrew had brought St mon to the Lord, now this boy. There must have been something congenial between the two Boys don't frater nize with everybody. Perhaps Andrew had made him a boat or showed him how to catch bass. There are more ways than one of winning the heart of a boy. He didn't lecture the lad on the history of fishes or the growth of wheat. He brought him with his bas ket in faith to the Lord. I call that pretty big work. Every boy carries a basket of possibilities and a genuine Andrew will bring basket and boy to God. The boy in that crowd was a needle in a baystack, and Andrew

found him. To be able to see small things and unnoticed things is a sixth sense. The ability to set a small diamond well isn't common. To take child material. to arrange and beautify it, to grasp problems that perplex the boy, to note the day when juvenile literature fails to hold, to answer questions without prejudice, indicates qualities that don't grow on every bush. I stood by a grave in Oakland cemetery and read an epitaph over the headstone of Cali-It is said no men have been put fornia's first kindergartner. I wish i It read, "She loved little children."

Christ's Arithmetic

"How many loaves have you?" He that giving them constitutes philanisn't asking for bread, but for faith Moses' rod, Joshua's trumpet, Gideon's lamp. David's pebble. Mary's vase of spikenard, show not how much but how willing. We frequently have to start to do that for which we have no present ability. The impossible is achieved that way. "Bring them to me." There's a hush. He who placed fish in the sea, gave growth to wheat. Time is such a speedy gent he raised his hand for silence. His eyes are turned heavenward. His auburn locks glint like copper in the setting sun. Every eye is on him. What will he do next? "What is he doing, neighbor?" "I cannot see myself." "Down in front-we want to see too." He breaks. It grows. He who can create from nothing can increase that which is. Earth's arithmetic says. "Give and grow poor." Heaven's says How doth the busy little bee get "Give and grow rich." Strange mathematical Christ adds by subtraction. multiplies by dividing. We think givple like to work is because they have 'ing is subtraction, he says that it is multiplication. Some taste skeptically. "How was it done?" "Is it real Too many people start down on the bread?" Yes, best ever made. Pass theory that they have a round trip it around. They're done. "Are you all fed?" "Aye, aye," answers that first century "bread line." None need The mere fact that a suffragette ever leave God's table hungry. "Gathcan raise a beard doesn't entitle her er the fragments." Twelve baskets over! When each disciple is done serving his basket is still full! Gospel

measure! God's way of giving.

"Greater Things Than These."

gry. Humanity and divinity are still

The world is still pressing and hun-

face to face on life's biliside. Not clad in turban and gabardines, but twentieth century garments. They're hun-Probably a squeaky shoe seems to gry too. God says to you and me, brother, "Give them to eat." "What us!" "Why, we haven't"- Yes, you have! Bring what you have. Every layman cannot be a Moody, every minister a Chapman. Ben Ezra wasn't Andrew, nor was Andrew Christ, yet Andrew and the lad made possible the working of a mighty miracle. God asks for what you have plus your faith. The greatest and most intense game in the world is the bread game. What are you going to be, a bread winner. bread giver or bread wanter? On which side the bread line will you stand? Don't be too finicky explaining about your gospel. It satisfies hunger! In the world's bread line they're not asking about the iron. starch and phosphates in the loaf only "For God's sake, food!" Mean while keep eyes open for boys and their baskets of possibilities. You're dealing in futures. When they're do ing nothing but wearing out church carpet remember that "an inch of boy is worth a million yards of carpet." young woman who had a class of street boys said. "My boys are like

> another an honored Methodist bishop. A want ad campaign will get you acquainted with a lot of people who want to buy homes—and the home you want to sell would surely suit some of

byaciath bulbs, brown and dirty, but

some day beauty will grow forth from

them." One became a state governor,