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Will four public-spirited citizens with \$5,000 apiece for the auditorium fund please step to the front?

Nebraska voters who appreciate the beneficent effects of republican policies are not likely to allow themselves to be sidetracked by side issues.

The Connecticut crop of college degrees this year will be a record-breaker, but great universities do not have bi-centennial celebrations every day.

If you have not already registered for the coming election make an appointment with the registrars of your voting district for Friday next and make sure to keep the appointment.

Periodic spasms on irrigation are of no practical value except as an index of the work done by paid promoters. Irrigation reservoirs and irrigation ditches cannot be built by resolution.

One of the largest felt wants of Omaha is a market house centrally located and constructed on modern lines. The change of market place from one open street to another open street is of comparatively little consequence to the general public.

The Congregational missionary society reports 111 converts in China during the past year as the result of the society's labors. With such results out of a total population of 400,000,000, it requires sublime courage to keep at the work.

Des Moines preachers who complained of the policemen of that city for not suppressing lawlessness and crime were promptly tendered positions on the police force by the mayor. No way of disposing of a four-card flush is so effective as to call it.

Booker T. Washington declines to be interviewed on the subject of his recent dinner with the president. Other people have said so much about it that he doubtless thinks it would be useless to attempt to add anything to current knowledge of the subject.

An express messenger out in Oregon, in combination with a shotgun in a state of active eruption, has stood off a whole band of train robbers. He is still one lap behind the Omaha messenger who added a dead robber to his score.

The local popocratic organ appeals to the voters to throw off machine rule by voting the democratic ticket and submitting to the yoke of the democratic machine. The taste of the people of Omaha and Douglas county have had of the methods of the democratic machine has not cultivated an appetite for more.

August H. Hennings has been city treasurer of Omaha for eighteen months. During that period he has turned over to the credit of the city more than \$100,000 of interest on public funds. Fred Elsas has been county treasurer twenty-one months, but during all that time he has not turned over one penny of interest on county funds.

Hereafter only poetic license will allow the mention of the "white-tented field," in speaking of the United States army. The tents, like tropical uniforms, are to be made of khaki. Modern ordnance has already taken most of the poetry out of warfare and now the utilitarian has knocked over this last remnant. Truly, poetic genius has struck hard lines in this practical, modern world.

Admiral O'Neill of the naval ordnance bureau gives assurance that the guns made for the American navy are the equal in power of any in the world, if not a little better. This country has never been behind in ships, men or guns when the test came, and in the present state of development of American inventive and constructive genius no reason exists why the United States should not stay in the front rank.

CONFERENCE OF THE REPUBLICS.

The conference of the American republics at the City of Mexico may not have all the practical results hoped for, but that some good will come of it is not to be doubted. Although little has been attained of what was sought to be accomplished through the first conference, held eleven years ago, still its labors, as was said by the Mexican minister of foreign relations, have not been lost to the world.

The present conference is as representative as the first one and it should have a clearer and better understanding of the matters which are to receive consideration, most of which have been largely discussed since the first conference. The preservation of peace between the republics, the recognition of the principle of arbitration for the settlement of differences, the adoption of economic policies with a view to mutual benefit and a common understanding for protection against foreign aggression—these are matters which the conference should be able to promote.

The United States has a large interest in this conference. It may mean a great deal respecting our future relations with the sister republics. Notwithstanding the abundant evidence they have of the friendship of this country, in spite of the repeated and earnest assurance given of our desire for their progress and prosperity, there is much distrust of the United States among South Americans. They doubt the sincerity of our expressions of friendship and some of them believe that we contemplate expansion southward.

The demand made in the republican platform for the abolition of the secret ballot in the election of school officers and employees is not in conflict with the law, as is asserted by parties who want to continue the present dark-lantern system of doing business. The corporation laws of Nebraska provide that all stockholders' elections shall be by ballot, but that has not been construed as a provision requiring a secret ballot.

ENGLAND'S MILITARY TROUBLES. The South African war has developed to an extent not before suspected the weakness of England's military establishment, a striking example of which is furnished in the case of Sir Redvers Buller, just relieved of command and retired for indiscreet utterances.

As perpetual toastmaster of the Commercial club Mr. Euclid Martin wants it understood that the club is democratic in its broadest sense. This is true, and therein lies the weakest spot in the make-up of the club. It admits everybody who is willing to pay the admission fee, whether he deals in merchandise or whether he deals in wind.

With supreme self-satisfaction Toastmaster Euclid Martin declares that the Commercial club has no self-appointed secret members. What Toastmaster Martin had in his mind when he delivered this declaration we cannot divine, but we presume he wants it proclaimed from the housetops that the club has soared to the pinnacle of perfection aloft in the rarefied atmosphere of the heavens, where the murmuring and mutterings of the rabble cannot reach it.

CONDITIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Philippine situation is disappointing and although General Chaffee appears not to regard it as particularly serious, it certainly shows a degree of activity on the part of the rebellious natives that was not to have been expected and which threatens to be very troublesome. The outbreak in Samar has been supplemented by an equally grave disturbance in the island of Leyte and it is reported that a province in Luzon has been invaded by bolomen who are inciting the people to rebellion.

the Philippines and the War department is at work on plans for sending more troops there, so that with the expiration of enlistments the force will not be reduced. General Chaffee is doubtless right in the opinion that the present outbreaks will not result in an open fight. That is not the Filipino way, for if it were they would soon be disposed of. But as many troops will be necessary to run down the guerrilla bands as would be required for open fighting and then there is the no less urgent necessity of maintaining efficient garrisons. A Washington dispatch says it is apparent that the plans of Secretary Root for reorganizing the system of military occupation in the Philippines cannot be put into execution with less than the number of troops which General Chaffee in his last official report said were necessary.

PAVING PERPLEXITIES.

Mayor Moore's veto of the Twenty-fourth street paving contract, which the council has overridden by a vote of 8 to 1, calls attention to the menace of another bond issue to fund the debt incurred for public improvements that should be paid for by the owners of property benefited.

The effect of this ruling is to overthrow the assessment of special paving taxes and force the city to assume the payment of the cost of the whole pavement and to relieve the property specially benefited from its just proportion of the expense incurred. It has further transpired that where property recorded as belonging to the parties signing a paving petition has been transferred by an unrecorded deed, the effect is the same as if it had been signed by an unauthorized person, thus imposing the risk upon the city of being compelled eventually to issue general pavement or funding bonds to cover the cost.

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THE GREAT WEST.

To one fresh from a perusal of these graphic papers no climax of national achievement seems difficult of belief. As Major John B. Harlow of St. Louis is a conspicuous demonstrator of the material progress of the west, he is but one more witness in behalf of the boast that the United States is fast developing into the soundest, as well as the most extensive, business nation in the world.

THE DEADLY HANDSHAKE.

No Reason Why Presidents Should Permit It. Baltimore American. It is given out that, in accordance with an arrangement between the reception committee at Yale and the authorities in Washington, there will be no public shaking of the president's hand during his visit to the university. This is a very sensible decision. It should be extended to cover all presidential visits or outings and all receptions in Washington.

British iron and steel manufacturers appear to have seen the combination of interests in this country and gone it one better. They are organizing a combination to embrace all the great producers, but, unlike the American combine, there is to be absolutely no water in the British company. On such a basis they will have an advantage in sharp competition over a company which is expected to pay dividends on millions of stock which represents no capital invested.

American Competition Feit.

Springfield Republican. Demonstrations of British unemployed, complaining of American competition, are something new in modern commercialism.

An Expert in Right-Doing.

Brooklyn Eagle. Folk need not commend doing right to Theodore Roosevelt as if right-doing was a novelty to him or an experiment. He is an expert.

A Grave Aspect.

Washington Post. Colonel Watterston is to use the Kentucky governorship as a stepping stone to the presidency. Of late that office has been a stepping stone to the graveyard.

Time to Go Fishing.

Chicago Tribune. Grover Cleveland thinks it would be better for the world if there were less of this mad fortune-chasing and more fishing. But anybody who has been successful in chasing a fortune as Mr. Cleveland has can afford to go fishing.

Overworking the Nuts.

Kansas City Star. The correspondence of "Pat" Crowe has become so heavy that if conclusions in his celebrated case are not soon reached he may be expected to add a new condition to his proposed surrender—the condition that his postage bills be paid by his prosecutors.

Wonders of Science.

Louisville Courier-Journal. Great is science. A German professor, after long investigation and calculation, has discovered that it takes a person one-fourteenth of a second to wink. Science may yet tell us how long it takes the person who smiles over the realization that he is such a devil of a fellow.

Promoting Civil Service.

Philadelphia Ledger. The tender by President Roosevelt to Mr. William Dudley Fouke of Indiana of the position in the United States civil service commission made vacant by the retirement of Major John B. Harlow of St. Louis is a conspicuous demonstration of the material progress of the west, he is but one more witness in behalf of the boast that the United States is fast developing into the soundest, as well as the most extensive, business nation in the world.

Long Breaths, Long Hair.

New York Tribune. A western investigator who is held in honor as the head of a department in a medical school announces a startling discovery which he thinks he has made. His theory is that baldness, they are, such breathing, and that men who take pains to fill every one of the multitudinous lung cells with fresh air at each inspiration will move slowly down to their graves with pulp almost as thickly covered as was the head of Samson before Delilah betrayed him to the Philistines, or that of Absalom before he was caught up in the branches of the fatal tree. According to this doctor's view long breaths result in long hair.

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OUR MINERAL RESOURCES.

Contributions of Nature's Storehouses to the Country's Wealth. Portland Oregonian. Figures compiled under the direction of Charles D. Walcott, director of the United States Geological survey, showing the mineral products of the United States from 1891 to 1900, inclusive, are published in advance of the full annual report of the mineral resources of the country, which will be ready for distribution about November 1. These figures deal with stupendous facts.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Richard Wagner is to have one of the finest monuments in Berlin. It is to be erected in the Tiergarten, in the park, in an open place, where it can be seen from all sides.

Nicholas Douba, a Cosack, decided nine years ago to walk all over the world. He has arrived in Chicago with three-quarters of his trip over. He was born in Vladikof, Caucasus, thirty-three years ago, and started on his long journey in 1892.

The New and the Old

Chicago Record-Herald. The announcement that the Northwestern and Union Pacific Railroad companies have reduced the running time of their "limited" trains between Chicago and San Francisco by three hours and ten minutes and cut the time of two other trains also is calculated to put the old transcontinental traveler in a ruminative mood. There are still many people living who went overland first on a prairie schooner and in the course of fifty years the change has been made to the modern method.

It is an excellent idea to speak of such things occasionally and especially when the favored soul is embittered by the other and darker thought of corporate greed. Not, of course, that the corporations which have no souls are philanthropic, but because the record shows that modern enterprise is apt to work out pretty well for the public after all, no matter how many private fortunes are won or lost in the experiment.

FEW FAILURES THESE DAYS.

Baltimore American. The financial strength of our business enterprises is growing monthly more stable. This is shown by the record of failures. The percentage of business wrecks is being diminished year by year. This fact of itself is enough to prove the robustness of our resources.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

One man's guess is as good as another's on the outcome of the municipal campaign. Party prophets claim to have an advantage as a result of the completed registration, but those who study the returns without the aid of partisan spectacles fail to find a decided slump for either side. The total registration for the entire city for four days in 1897, as against 60,777 last year, a decrease of 23,718. Three districts in Manhattan and one in Brooklyn each show a gain over last year. The remaining districts in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx show a falling off.

The New York Herald's poll of representative districts last Friday indicated an even chance for the contestants. A later poll by the World indicates the election of Shepard, but the World is not enthusiastic over the showing, as its relations with Tammany hall are not cordial by any means.

AT THE TABLE.

Chicago Record-Herald. The years have sped since first I led you to the table, dear. And you sat over there alone and I sat smiling here.

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Chicago Record-Herald. We've added leaves, one after one, and you are far away. Two rows of hearts from my fond heart stretch down to you, my dear.

here that the case will never be retried, owing to the great expense and the difficulty in getting the evidence together again. Many of the witnesses have left town and several have died. The first trial is said to have cost close to \$250,000 and a retrial would cost at a low estimate half that sum. Prominent lawyers held that without the evidence excluded by the supreme court Molinoux cannot be convicted.

Molinoux is now in the Tombs, but an effort is being made to get him out on bail. General Edward L. Molinoux, his father, does not want his son freed of the charge of murder without perfect vindication. The suggestion that there will not be another trial, it is said, is not pleasing to him or to the family. The crime charged against Roland B. Molinoux was the murder of poison on December 28, 1888, of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, who lived at 41 West Sixty-eighth street.

Various new industries, which have arisen in New York of recent years, have called for the addition of new words to the language. In electricity the result has been bewildering, the new words being hardly adopted as common English. Other trades have been luckier with their vocabularies. One of the finest Anglo-Saxon words among recent new additions is the word "house-smith," which describes the workers on the iron structures used in the building of apartments and large office establishments. The trade which is in some ways the antipodes of the house-smith is that of mechanics who pull down old city buildings to make way for new. It has been hard to give a name for this trade. The latest attempt is "demolition," but it is not very visible with the firm name over many dismantled downtown structures.

BREEZY TRIFLES.

Somerville Journal: Now that the green corn season is over, paucity manage to get through with the husks of their corn growing daughters from at home.

Harper's Bazar: "And this one?" we said, indicating a patient at the insane asylum. "Hopeless case," was the reply. "Thanks he has discovered perpetual motion."

Ohio State Journal: "I smell something burning," said the husband, after he had lighted his pipe and settled back in the easy chair for a comfortable smoke. "Don't it, delicious?" exclaimed his wife lovingly. "I emptied a whole lot of rose leaves in your tobacco tray!"

Chicago Tribune: "Now, then," exclaimed the candidate, in voice of thunder, "I have told you the principles and policies my opponent stands for. You have a right to know the other side! What do I stand for?"

Brooklyn Life: Briggs—They say those India Yogs can keep their minds fixed on vacancy for hours at a time. Griggs—That's nothing. I spent a whole week recently reading the short stories in the magazine.

Boston Transcript: Mr. Greene—You said you never would look that woman in the face again, and yet you say she looked as spiteful as any cat I ever saw. Mr. Greene—Why, you simpleton, I happened to look around after she had passed, don't you see?

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