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The jokes at the Mark Twain banquet were evidently too much for Tom Reed.

No matter how late the first cold snap comes, it is always too early for improvident people.

In the list of measures that are not likely to get through congress at this session, that subsidy bill can be placed near the top.

Congressman Littlefield has not announced his withdrawal from the speakership contest, but it is not necessary that he should.

Governor Cummins heartily approves the president's message on the tariff question, although he notes that it does not go as far as "some of us have gone."

A point for druggists and liquor dealers: No applicant for a liquor license who has advertised his notice in The Bee has ever been refused a license on account of defective publication.

Governor Mickey has given it out that he will not remove present appointees in state institutions unless there is some good reason for a change.

We thought the World-Herald would finally come to the point of admitting that its chief objection to President Roosevelt's message comes from the fact that the message had elicited favorable comment from The Bee.

Postmaster Hammond of Fremont cannot refrain from throwing himself a few bouquets in his letter of resignation.

And now it is proposed to cut off the graft of the clerk of the district court as member of the insanity board.

Many holes have been found in the South Omaha city charter that want patching by the coming legislature.

On no other point are regular army officers so unanimously agreed as that the abolition of the canteen has been injurious to the military service and to the morals of the men.

Nebraska county commissioners will endeavor to have the legal requirements for full value assessment enforced on all property in the state subject to the jurisdiction of local assessors.

The old line insurance men would like to name the new deputy insurance auditor for Auditor Weston.

RAILROAD PROFITS AND CHARGES.

The only ground alleged on behalf of the transportation companies in justification of a general advance of rates is what a prominent railroad president describes as "the increased cost of living for railroads."

Table with 3 columns: Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, and Net Income. Rows list years from 1897 to 1901.

Thus the net income over and above fixed charges and taxes has increased within five years almost exactly 300 per cent.

The enormous profits demonstrated by the reports of the roads come from general prosperity, from the increased tonnage which active industry has produced, and there should be a fair apportionment of the benefits.

NOT ACCEPTABLE TO GERMANY. The proposition submitted to the German government by President Castro of Venezuela not proving acceptable, it is stated that steps will be immediately taken by Germany to collect the debt claimed to be due German citizens by the southern republic.

Opponents of the power canal project are trying to confuse the public mind by setting up contesting claims to the water rights.

The hotel catastrophe at Chicago was obviously due to criminal disregard of the simplest principles of safety in construction.

Druggists and liquor dealers are discovering that the holdup practices of piratical newspapers have no limits when once encouraged.

EXEMPTION LAWS IN NEBRASKA.

The retail dealers of Omaha and throughout the various Nebraska cities and towns will endeavor to secure from the coming legislature a modification of the present exemption laws in those provisions which they think unfair to them.

The safeguards of the law should be thrown around extreme cases on both sides—the merchant who has been imposed upon should be considered equally with the unfortunate customer who by stress of circumstances is unable to pay his bills promptly.

It is to be hoped that whatever changes may be made in the law as it now stands will look to both parties to the contention and that a solution fair to all may be arrived at.

LABOR WANTS A DIVIDEND. The president said that it is much to be desired that our consular system be established by law on a basis providing for appointment and promotion only in consequence of proved fitness.

Looking for Trouble. The sultan of Bagdad, who calls the American "bogs who eat hogs" and challenges them to fight, is a great man of the island of Negros.

ONE FOR THE BEEF TRUST. Probably no man who pays so much for his breakfast that he feels he is guilty of extravagance every time he buys a porterhouse will admit that the beef trust can give any good reason for existing, except that it persists in doing so.

Downfall of Populism Traced to the Packers. Washington Post. Probably no man who pays so much for his breakfast that he feels he is guilty of extravagance every time he buys a porterhouse will admit that the beef trust can give any good reason for existing, except that it persists in doing so.

Political drift. The prize puzzle in Chicago is to tell whether Mayor Harrison or Bob Burke runs the city machine.

Lines to a laugh. Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Here's more trouble. There's been an overproduction of 7,000,000 barrels of oil."

Washington Star: "Dar is two kin's o' friends," said Uncle Eben: "dem dat wants to do you favors and dem dat expects you to do favors for dem."

Chicago Tribune: "No," said Mr. Wu, as he stopped pacing the deck of the vessel and turned to look at the shores of Ancon.

COMPETITORS, BUT THAT DOES NOT STOP OTHER NEWSPAPERS FROM TRYING TO SHAKE DOWN LICENSE APPLICANTS BY THREATS, SAVORING CLOSELY OF BLACKMAIL.

Instead of one holdup, liquor dealers are now threatened with two holdups. The only thing for them to do is to advertise in The Bee and refuse to be bled by the pretenders. Let them remember that no applicant for a license who has advertised in The Bee has ever been refused a license on account of defective application.

One Wise Kicker. Philadelphia Press. The Pennsylvania railroad management is wise in opposing a general advance in freight rates.

The Slogan of Optimists. Indianapolis Journal. When President Roosevelt wrote of Americans as "men with iron in their blood" he could not have intended to include those little Americans who distrust the ability of the people to solve great and difficult problems.

Buffalo Express. The sultan of Bagdad, who calls the American "bogs who eat hogs" and challenges them to fight, is a great man of the island of Negros.

May Become a Lost Art. Kansas City Star. One of the things in this changing world that ought to be preserved inviolate against the touch of innovation is apple pie.

Detroit Free Press. President Roosevelt is right in refusing to recommend this government mix up in any way with Venezuela and its English, German and other foreign creditors.

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POLITICAL DRIFT. The prize puzzle in Chicago is to tell whether Mayor Harrison or Bob Burke runs the city machine. Philadelphia Press: Casey (the stone-mason)—'Hwa's the row below? Cassidy (the hodcarrier)—Shure, Engilsh Jim just fell from the second flure 't the basement. Casey—That's an Englishman for ye, Shure, it was two hours ago I told him a joke, an 'is took him all this toime to tumble. 'THE TOP OF THE MORNIN'' Chicago Tribune. Oh, Gentle Reader, kind and good. The while you munch your breakfast food— Just when the sun comes to begem The world with joy in the a. m.— While you beguile your appetite By reading who was killed last night, This bard of alabaster oop And streaming locks—he makes his bow And bids you 'The top o' the mornin'.' He takes the strap from off his grip. And shows his line of feet and quip. And bids you 'The top o' the mornin'.' Are said to relish now and then: A song, perchance; and sermons, too; And divers other stunts to do; But first of all, as has been said, He bows his deferential head. And bids you 'The top o' the mornin'.' The morning has a top, you know— 'Tis where the best breakfast grows— Where goldenest of sunbeams flout Across the gorgeous good-luck plant; And if you're at the morning's top Then you may pluck that lucky crop. So, first of all, and from the heart, Permit him, at the very start, To wish you 'The top o' the mornin'.' Oh, Gentle Reader, good and kind, To have an out-breakfast mind— That mind cold, calm, dispassionate, With which you view your cup and plate— Requires a courage without slip; Requires an ceaseless finger tip. Four humble servants hasn't that, But begs you'll note his lifted hat, And bids you 'The top o' the mornin'.'