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THE VENEZUELAN SITUATION
The chief interest of the American people in the Venezuelan situation is in regard to the question whether the blockade is to be maintained during the progress of the arbitration proceedings.

STOP RAINBOW CHASING
In discussing the proposed annexation of territory adjacent to Omaha, a member of the committee of fifteen is quoted as favoring a constitutional convention.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot
*One of the many scientists working wonders in Washington springs another wonder on the newspaper correspondents at the national capital, and the correspondents, with characteristic zeal, pass it off as innocent and defenseless readers.

A Season for Romanticism
Washington Post
This is a beautiful story about Tom Platt refusing a re-election. But, then the political romancers lose no time in getting to work on a new year.

Cuba's Novel Experience
Chicago Chronicle
Cuba has started its minister to Spain. Spain has indicated in advance a determination to receive him cordially. Thus a little land with a long history enters upon the first chapter of its real international career.

Prosperous Home Industry
Louisville Courier-Journal
There has been a great falling off in the French sardine catch, but that will not affect the American sardine eaters. The Maine herring industry, which supplies us our "sardines," is still prosperous under the Dingley tariff on sardines.

Penalty of Being a World Power
San Francisco Call
Under the stress of existing international complications Uncle Sam feels that he ought to own more fighting ships. This dream of an armory in the Pacific has not been abandoned since the late war.

THE ANTHRACITE COAL DUTY
The reassembling of congress was signalized by the introduction of resolutions relating to the duty on anthracite coal. One submitted by Senator Lodge proposed the suspension of the duty for ninety days and another submitted by Senator Culberson provided for the complete removal of the duty, which amounts to only 67 cents a ton.

Pathos of Loneliness
Indianapolis News
Before announcing his court's decision to change from a silver to a gold standard, the Mexican ambassador might at least have waited until Mr. Bryan had returned home. It was no doubt a pleasant trip for the Nebraska man, but as far as tangible results go, his run down to Mexico didn't seem to accomplish any more than his political running in this country.

The Crayfish or Big Navy
Philadelphia Record
Admiral Watson has joined the group of superheated naval officers who are looking for a war with Germany and who demand a lot more battleships. He is worried by Germany's competitive armaments; he is apprehensive of the Naval League of Germany. Not less than ten more battleships in the next five years will make him feel perfectly comfortable.

Between Friends
Chicago Chronicle
Insufficient motive power is the excuse offered by railroad officers for the fact that 150,000 tons of coal are collected in the yards of the various roads entering the city when the dealers are howling for it. Just why motive power was available to haul the coal several hundred miles and then suddenly gave out when only two or three miles remain to complete its delivery is a question that has excited speculation.

Crasiest Scheme of the Year
Louisville Courier-Journal
The crasiest scheme broached for some time is that originated by Albert G. Whitney of Chicago and incorporated in South Dakota for \$54,000,000, with Lawyer George N. Martin as president of the company. Whitney's plan is to stretch a cable 250 miles into etherial space and catch enough electricity to run the industries of all the earth.

ITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE
Wifehood Republican: J. H. Mickey will next Thursday take the oath of office that will make him governor of Nebraska. The Savage man can then take his departure for Washington as soon as he desires. No tears will be shed.

Wifehood Republican: It is about time John N. Baldwin was eliminated from Nebraska politics. Mr. Baldwin may be all right as a politician in his home state, but he is decidedly out of place when he tries to run Nebraska affairs. We have a great many good, level-headed men in our own state who are able to look after our affairs.

Wifehood Republican: The case against Edward Rosewater in the Douglas county district court for unlawful expenditure of money as a candidate for United States senator has been dismissed by the county attorney of that county. Thus falls a prosecution that was begun for political purposes and that every sane person knew had nothing to do with the law.

Wifehood Republican: Governor Mickey is being besieged by office-seekers. He is not acting hastily in any of his appointments, but giving all careful consideration and treating all applicants with respect. Neither is he making a lot of useless pledges. He goes inside of the independent of all and rarely will make a good governor. As a state Nebraska stands high in this country and with a Christian governor surely we will attain additional prominence.

Wifehood Republican: Norfolk Press: Governor Savage probably would not have a record of granting two more pardons, the men released being G. W. Argabright, who was up for life for killing his father-in-law, and Rev. Rowland Hills, who was sentenced to four years for bigamy. That Governor Savage has suggested his prerogative to the limit can hardly be said, but the public will undoubtedly be willing to condone all his acts in that line but one, the pardoning of Joe Bartley. That one act, however, should lead to a reform in this matter and rob the exercise of the pardoning power by the executive of its scandalous features.

Wifehood Republican: Secretary Shaw went over to the Treasury department one morning accompanied by a friend from Iowa. While the pair were seated in Mr. Shaw's private office the secretary found a letter which particularly interested him. Leaning back in his chair, he put one foot on the corner of his desk. In half a minute a man dashed in, revolver in hand, and covering the visitor, said: "Is this man trying to rob you, Mr. Shaw?"

Wifehood Republican: In the rear of representative hall in Washington is probably the most sumptuous smoking room in the world. All the furniture, rugs, pictures, etc., are of the finest, and here the congressmen retire to smoke and gossip, safe from profane eyes, for in the center of the wall hangs the sign "Strangers and cigar smokers not permitted in this room." This rule is religiously obeyed, though no one seems to know who promulgated it. The most atrocious cabbage cigar is permitted to exhaust itself, but the finest Turkish cigarette is not tolerated for an instant.

Wifehood Republican: Captain John Lamb, who represents the Richmond district in congress, delivered a lecture at Williamsburg Monday night on the battle of Manassas. His report to the Washington Post. Captain Lamb has become famous on the subject through his defense of General John Magruder from the charge that he was responsible for the slaughter of the confederate troops in that engagement.

Wifehood Republican: "Uncle Joe" Cannon, the next speaker of the house of representatives, has reversed the natural order of things and is growing older instead of old. Five years ago he was posting himself on the best beds for invalids because he was convinced that the multiplicity of ailments from which he suffered would soon drive him between the blankets. He says that among other things he had rheumatism and dyspepsia "until he was an irritable and fidgety as an old woman." Now "Uncle Joe" is the healthiest man in the house. He can eat apple pie and cheese at midnight and go home and sleep like a log. The change came when he adopted one of those physical culture and hygiene systems which are so generally advertised in the magazines.

Wifehood Republican: Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota is using a queer looking contrivance for a cigar holder. He says in regard to it: "A few years ago I secured a position for a young man in the census office and every one in a while he thinks it is time to remind me that he still appreciates the favor. At first he used to send me cigars, but it makes a fine smoke out of a cheap cigar."

Wifehood Republican: The 300 soldiers who have presented a loving cup to Helena Gould doubtless mean it. It is said that Guam is pressed for money, but so is the rest of the world right after the holidays.

Wifehood Republican: The new president of the celebrated Cobden club of England will, appropriately enough, be Mr. Johann Bull.

Wifehood Republican: The Cleveland boom has assumed surprising proportions in the east. It now looks as if Grover had been rolling in the snow.

Wifehood Republican: The rumor that Senator Quay will soon resign his seat has again been revived, but it is again observed that the senator was not present at the revival.

Wifehood Republican: The suggestion that a fund of \$5,000 be raised for Senator Hawley of Connecticut has aroused some indignation in the state. Some of the senator's close friends declare that he is in no need of relief, being already in comfortable circumstances.

Wifehood Republican: Unless he changes his mind President Roosevelt will not go on a hunting expedition until he leaves the White House. On his recent trip in Mississippi his boats, he says, did not seem to realize that he is an able-bodied man perfectly willing to rough it. They were embarrassingly solicitous about his comfort, but he had a splendid time nevertheless. Mr. Roosevelt looks forward to a hunting trip when he will be absolutely alone.

Wifehood Republican: The children of John C. and Jessie Fremont are three: Isabel, the eldest, an invalid, now living at the home in Los Angeles; John Charles, a commander in the navy, and Captain Fremont of the army, now in the Philippines. Commodore Fremont was born in California and appointed to the naval academy by President Johnson in 1868. In the war with Spain he commanded the torpedo boat Porter, under Sampson in the West Indies. He has a son, John C. Fremont, Jr., a midshipman on the flagship New York, now in Pacific waters, near Seattle. Also he has two daughters, of whom one is named "Jessie Denton."

FLASHES OF FUN
"Ye have kissed me," she exclaimed haughtily. "Ye have kissed me. Never did you look at my face again!"

OUR PRESENT DAY LIVING
Feverish and Selfish Phase of American Life
Springfield Republican
The mass of people in these times either prefer not to commit themselves to the possession of real estate or are unable to acquire such possession. They have rented homes instead of owned homes, commonly take out small life insurances as the normal protection of the family in the future and then proceed to live up to their incomes, saving little or nothing.

Your HAIR IS HUNGRY FEED IT
Ayer's Hair Vigor
If your hair is turning gray or falling out, it is starving. There isn't life enough in the roots. The remedy is simple: Feed your hair. Feed it with Ayer's Hair Vigor.