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OUR FUTURE RESPONSIBILITY.

What is to be the future responsibility of the United States in regard to the conduct of the independent countries of this hemisphere, is a question of no little importance...

That being established, the question of the responsibility of the United States for the conduct, in respect to their international obligations, of the South American republics, becomes one of more than ordinary interest...

In doing this the United States unquestionably assumes a measure of responsibility in regard to the conduct of the independent countries over which it extends protection...

OUR VAST INTERNAL COMMERCE. The American people generally have no conception of the vastness of the internal commerce of the United States.

Yet that is the fact according to official statistics. These place the internal commerce of the country at twenty thousand millions of dollars...

Before Bartley and his associates are released on his official bond the legislature should find out how much has been realized on the contents of that cigar box and assert the claim of the state to the proceeds.

Ex-Mayor Ames' health is in such precarious condition that the requisition for his return to Minneapolis has to be suspended.

The first thing for the Douglas delegation to do to show that they are on the square in the matter of city taxation of railroad property is to have the tax exemption clause struck out of the South Omaha charter amendment bill.

Our modest city comptroller is said to have requested the charter revisers to fix the salary for the office he occupies at \$5,000 a year.

If one of our legislators wants to make a ten-strike with his constituents he will put through a law prohibiting members of the school board from using their positions to secure the appointment or promotion of relatives or dependents on the public school pay roll...

of the state are allowed to control their own fire and police departments through officers selected by their own citizens.

WHERE DO THEY STAND?

The South Omaha charter bill as it comes from the standing committee on cities and towns will contain no provision for taxation of terminals of railroads for municipal purposes.

The information herein contained is decidedly at variance with the professions of members of the Douglas delegation, that they are solidly and earnestly enlisted in the fight for equal taxation of railroad property with other property for municipal purposes.

If the members from Douglas county yield to the railroads without even a protest in the matter of assessment of terminal property in South Omaha for city purposes, how can they make a successful fight for the assessment of railroad property in Omaha locally?

Attorney Baldwin of the Union Pacific now pretends that when experts testified for his company in the maximum rate cases that its terminals here were worth \$15,000,000 he meant not the terminals in the city of Omaha, but in the entire county.

It is reported that the insurance men have hypothesized the joint revenue committee into modifying the section relating to the taxation of insurance companies by reducing the basis of their taxation from the entire gross receipts to 80 per cent of the gross receipts.

We note that former Governor Savage has taken his departure for Seattle to be gone a month or more, ostensibly to look after business interests.

Miss Roosevelt seems to be enjoying hugely the New Orleans Mardi Gras, but if she wants to take in the carnival that tops them all she will come to Omaha to join in the celebration of Ak-Sar-Ben's hosts next fall.

A Tussle for First Place.

Atlanta Constitution. It was indeed said that President Eliot has started in to make Dr. Benjamin Andrews feel that he is not in his class, loquaciously speaking.

Increasing the Load.

Indianapolis News. Its coal freight rates have been advanced. Just as if we didn't have troubles enough! Of course, it doesn't make any difference to the dealers, as it will be the consumer who pays the freight—and then some.

Bootties Rivalry.

Philadelphia Record. What is the use of increasing our navy till it shall be as large as that of Germany, if Germany will not stand still, but is bound to have a bigger navy than we have? Is every nation to have a bigger navy than any other nation?

Carrying Out the Contract.

Cincinnati Enquirer (dem.). The fact that Colonel Bryan now assumes to have taken out a patent on the democratic party indicates that his delivery of the old machine to the populists in 1900 was not a complete and final success.

Progress of the Torrens System.

Philadelphia Ledger. The Chicago real estate board has adopted resolutions declaring for an amendment to the Torrens law, by which it is believed all the real estate in the country will come within the operation of the act within twenty-five years.

describing the operation of the Torrens system, reports that since its installation in 1899 about 9,000 parcels of land, of the value of \$15,000,000, have been registered, and that the system has been sufficiently tested to justify action that will gradually bring all the remaining real estate in the country under it.

A Dangerous Contrivance.

Brooklyn Eagle. To prevent the burial of the living they have, in certain German towns, mortuaries in which a bell rope is placed in the hands of each corpse. It seems like a good idea. Will some kindly disposed person please place a bell rope in David B. Hill's hands? We can be too careful in such cases.

Something Doing.

Indianapolis Journal. A 400-room office building for members of congress, connected with the capitol by a subway, all of which is to cost \$3,800,000, and the enlargement and equipping of the main wing of the capitol at an expense of \$2,500,000, and Cannon, the economical, behind, the movement to do these things? Surely things are doing in Washington!

An Important Amendment.

St. Louis Republic. That Missouri legislature resolution providing for the taxation, branding and licensing of foreign lords and noblemen, both real and genuine, bogus and fraudulent, should be so amended as merely to require that each foreign lord or nobleman, for approval at the secretary of state's office and pay a specified license tax before being permitted to do business in the state.

Water as a Fuel.

Springfield Republican. A Washington inventor of repute claims to have perfected a device by which pure water can be burned and made to yield an intense heat as is wanted in stoves and heating apparatus. The principle is apparently found in the burning of ashes mixed with water which has been resorted to by householders hereabouts during the fuel famine.

"Business Before Pleasure."

Philadelphia Record. John Mitchell dined at the Clover club dinner the other night and was not altogether humorous. Mr. Mitchell looked well in his first suit of evening clothes. He had said that life was a serious problem to him—that he saw little that was not serious.

WARNING BY TWO PRESIDENTS.

Deliverances on the Scriptural Command, "Be Fruitful and Multiply." Washington Post. The president of the United States and the president of Harvard university have, almost simultaneously, made serious and weighty deliverances upon the most important of all questions.

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As it were possible for the Post to be pessimistic as to the republic's future, a cause could be readily found in our social state generally, in the general condition of colleges and universities in every section.

The St. Louis Republic quotes Herbert Spencer in attempted refutation of President Roosevelt's contention in favor of an increased birth rate.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

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All previous records in private pension legislation were broken by the bill at Washington, Saturday, when 221 bills went through in much less time than as many minutes.

A lawmaker in Kansas who is indifferent to the frowns of the powers that be proposes a law imposing a heavy tax on the wool which the railroad lobby pulls over the eyes of his associates.

PROSPERITY STILL AHEAD.

Skies Are Sunny, Prospects Bright, No Discouragement Visible. Baltimore News. Five years of uninterrupted business activity has led many persons to believe that the crest has been reached, and that a recession is due.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The advocates of a large volunteer force in England, for purposes of home defense and a substantial foundation for a comparatively small standing army, are encouraged by the latest statistics of the National Rifle association, which show that the rifle clubs which have been formed all over the country since the South African war have not been created at the expense of the regular volunteer force.

The House of Representatives in Belgium is now engaged in a discussion of the government bill relating to compensation for injuries occurring to working men. The measure applies to all commercial and industrial enterprises which employ motive power by machinery as distinguished from those dependent upon men or animals.

ECLIPSE OF SILVER.

Explains the Phenomenon. Saturday Evening Post. The disappearance of the silver question from politics no longer seems mysterious in the light of the statistics of production of the precious metals furnished by the director of the mints.

California's output of the precious metals is almost entirely gold—\$17,154,941 to \$48,776,000 worth of silver last year. The only states that produced any substantial excess of silver over gold were Idaho, Montana and Utah, and even in these the gold furnished a very respectable proportion of the total output.

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Fifty Years the Standard

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solved that on and after the celebration of the bicentenary the elementary education in all the St. Petersburg common schools shall be gratuitous as well as compulsory.

DOCTOR INVESTIGATES AGAINST THE GENTLE ART OF REMOVING THE APPENDIX.

Chicago Record-Herald. The London Lancet has taken up an article published by Dr. Howard Kelly in the Journal of the American Medical Association on the important question, "Should the Vermiform Appendix Be Removed When the Abdomen is Opened for Disease of Other Organs?"

As Dr. Robert Abbe asserts that the normal appendix never contains faecal concretions, Dr. Kelly advises that if such can be felt the appendix should be removed, even though it appears healthy.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"She—Have you seen the new dance called 'The Automobile'?" "He—No; sort of a breakdown, I suppose?" "Yonkers Statesman."

"I want to see everybody contented," said Senator Sorghum. "Have you found a way to manage it?" "Yes. When discontented people call to see me I send word that I am not in."

"To whom do you attribute the curative powers of your springs?" asked a visitor at a health resort. "Well," answered the proprietor, thoughtfully, "I guess I've never discovered who has had something to do with it."

ACROSS THE STREET.

Dean Rice in Boston Journal. Across the street the bright lights flashed and gleamed. A host of his favored ones were gathered there. The merry music of the dance outstreamed upon the air.

Across the street it seemed so far away, that joyous world, from my unhappy sphere. Made up of weary toil, day after day. I turned me from my window, with a sigh, "Thou mak'st life's differences, Oh, God, I could not conquer that ungrateful cry. 'The hard I tried."

Across the street, next night, across the street. Across the grim insignia from the door was hung. I heard the passer-by, low-voiced, repeat, "So fair, so young."

Across the street—ah, surely 'twas not she. That yonder mansion was a house of woe. Where death held sway? Across the street, beside a single light, A cheerless company a sad watch kept, And she, the homaged one of yesterday, Forever slept.

SPECIAL KNEE PANTS SALE. We have about 250 pairs of child's knee pants that were put and made up from short lengths of suit fabrics in our own factory, and made with that usual elegance that characterizes our clothing. These pants, in the regular way of manufacture, would sell at one dollar and fifty cents—To be had now for 75c a Pair. NO CLOTHING FITS LIKE OURS. Browning, King & Co. R. E. White, Manager.