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DEBANKED POLITICAL ETHICS. There is a code of honor in politics which, although an unwritten law, should be as binding upon honorable politicians as is the military code of honor upon honorable men of arms.

In political as well as in the military campaigns the members who constitute the rank and file are subject to less severe discipline than the regulars on the office holding payroll.

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Net total sales, 339,927. Net average sales, 10,624. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, A. D. 1903.

The labor problem is certainly not a local issue. In the interval, do not overlook the May musical festival in progress in Omaha.

It appears that Postmaster General Payne is another gentleman who can not be stamped. If they will confine themselves to bloodless battles, the big medical men may fight over the merits of bloodless surgery all they please.

Workingmen who are willing to submit their grievances to arbitration are not the kind of workingmen who need to be repressed by military force. After the president completes his excursion, covering nearly 15,000 miles by rail, he ought to be an expert on good roads by simply drawing on his own experience.

In the bout between First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne and Superintendent of Rural Free Delivery Machen, Mr. Wynne has scored the first knockdown. As was to have been expected, the famous interview of General Baldwin is put on to the reporter. That is what always happens when public men say things that ought not to be published.

There are always three parties to a labor dispute that blocks business and menaces public safety—the employer, the employe and the public. The rights of the public are too likely to be ignored by the other two parties. The reelection of Charles M. Schwab as president of the Steel trust must be taken to dispel all doubts that his spectacular trip to Europe restored his health sufficiently to enable him to bear up again under the burden of a \$1,000,000 salary.

By the last two strikes the wages of anthracite coal miners have been raised by about 20 cents a ton. When the ton reaches the consumer the wage increase may be expected to have accumulated at a rate of expansion sure to be impressive. One of Chicago's most successful business men, giving advice to an audience of youths, advised each to be a human steam engine if he wants to be a success in life. He forgot to say that the first requisite of a good steam engine is a perfect working boiler and a plentiful supply of fuel.

will be found contributing, as the German syndicates did, to the reaction? Especially is this likely to be the case with such of them as are greatly over-capitalized. The combinations may have a steady effect under conditions of prosperity, but it is by no means certain they would retain this quality under the pressure of hard times.

NO EMBARGO ON OMAHA JOBBERS. An erroneous impression has been created among country merchants in the territory tributary to Omaha that Omaha is completely tied up by the strike and its jobbers unable to fill orders. This false impression is magnified and taken advantage of by salesmen representing competing houses in rival commercial centers.

ARE THE LAWS ADEQUATE? The question whether existing laws are adequate for regulating and controlling the great combinations is yet to be determined. In the opinion of some who have given careful study to the matter they are not and nothing short of an amendment to the constitution of the United States giving enlarged authority to congress will enable the government to exercise such supervision and regulation of the combinations as is required in the public interests.

EUROPEAN WAR CLOUDS. Conditions in Europe have a very threatening aspect and while war may not be imminent the danger of a conflict is manifestly great. A Berlin dispatch says the German government regards the situation in Bulgaria as very grave, but there is hope that a collision between Turkey and Bulgaria can be averted, though in view of the fact that troops of the two countries are now facing each other a conflict may come at any moment.

Foreign Coal Helps. Philadelphia Record. During the eight months ended in February the imports of bituminous coal amounted to 2,491,612 tons, or more than double the imports for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year.

Flag at Catholic Funerals. San Antonio (Tex.) Express. Monsignor Folcino, the apostolic delegate, left San Antonio Wednesday afternoon for Los Angeles, Cal. While in this city Monsignor Folcino settled the much vexed question respecting the use of national flags in the Catholic church in the burial ceremony. The question has arisen in this city in the past over the regulation of the Grand Army of the Republic and confederate veterans respecting the draping of the casket of a comrade in the flag.

GETTING TOGETHER. Welfare of Labor and Capital Depends on Peaceful Settlements. Chicago Inter Ocean. "I became a member of this organization," said Senator Hanna at the meeting held to form a local branch of the National Civic Federation, "because it represents principles in which I believe. When men with differences have met on a common ground, in spirit of fairness, a peaceful settlement has been the result."

MEXICO AND THE GOLD STANDARD. Important results are predicted if the effort to establish the gold standard in Mexico shall succeed, for which there appears to be favorable promise. The Mexican minister of finance, who has been in conference with eastern bankers, has received much encouragement and it is said that the Mexican government would have no difficulty in securing whatever amount of gold it should deem necessary to maintain parity between silver and gold.

NOT A STEADYING INFLUENCE. It is contended by some that the industrial combinations have a steady effect and tend to mitigate, if not prevent, those disastrous reactions which have hitherto succeeded periods of prosperity. This has not been the experience abroad. A prominent European economist, referring to the claim made in this country respecting the steady influence of the industrial combinations and that they serve to regulate and diminish commercial crises, says that recent experience in Germany "proves that this whole famous guaranty against crises is a mere illusion. The syndicates which in the great outburst of industrial and commercial activity from 1895 to 1900 exploited the country's resources, who laid a heavy burden on buyers, were a distinctly contributory element in the economic reaction when demand began to slacken."

considerable part of Mexico an active and profitable mining camp. The possibility of these benefits appear to be fully appreciated by President Diaz and his able finance minister, who is one of the most progressive men of that republic. They have given the most careful consideration to the financial problem, with the result of being convinced that the future welfare of Mexico depends upon placing her currency on the gold standard.

He was the Ideal Thing. Baltimore American. Now another doubter has thrown reflections upon the existence of Adam. Yet there is the strongest kind of circumstantial evidence that Adam existed and was a real man. As soon as he got into trouble he blamed it all on the woman.

for higher pay than for shorter hours, which is creditable to them. But they are not careless of obtaining both advantages. The reports differ as to the cost of living in this country, though the men all agree that the American is, after all deductions have been made, much better off than the English workman. How much better off causes a difference of opinion. The representative of the lithographic printers says 80 per cent better off, while the representative of the leather working trade says that in his line of business there is not much difference about the standard of living is higher in America all across upon. The American workman is more sober, gambles less and spends more in luxuries.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Chicago Record-Herald: There is a minister in Middletown, N. Y., who claims that he lives comfortably on \$13 a month. We would like to know where he buys his coal and meat.

Perilously Near Treason. Chicago Tribune. The Hon. Charles Towne thinks the democrats "made a gross mistake" in putting a prescription for disease into a statement of it. Further than that the country refused to believe that the democratic doctors knew what ailed it.

Puzzle for Spellbinders. Chicago News. Mr. Roosevelt, in a characteristic maxim has laid down the rule that promises made on the stump should be kept just as much as any other promises. The president should now show how the campaign orator is to observe this rule and remain in the business.

Compliments Multiply. New York Tribune. How acceptable a tribute to the prosperity achieved under the Stars and Stripes is the sending of committees and delegations of experts from Great Britain and the continent to study the conditions of the wonderful development of industries in this republic. Good roads are features of advancing civilization. They are sure to come in sections where the land is rich and the people prosperous. They are a part of the general development, and have been ever since the Apollon Way was constructed in Rome—even longer.

Greeting Joyful News. Cincinnati Enquirer. William Jennings Bryan is in favor of good roads. Glad to hear it. It would be unfortunate if a man who had been the nominee of two parties for the presidency was opposed to that which everybody else in the world is advocating.

Last Refuge of Criminals. Philadelphia Record. The last refuge of convicted criminals is in the higher courts. The supreme court in Missouri has thrown its sheltering arms about some of the worst hoodlums whose misdoings have been lately exposed. No murderer goes to the gallows and no petty plunderer to the penitentiary nowadays if he have money enough to take an appeal from the verdict of a jury to the courts or the pardon boards. These instrumentalities, which are created to correct error, to insure justice and, upon occasion, to temper it with mercy, are too often converted into convenient barriers against the due administration of the law.

AMERICANS IN THE LEAD. Favorable Showing for the United States in Foreign Reports. Philadelphia Press. The Mosely commission, which came to this country from England to inspect American industrial establishments, is still arousing some interest at home. The reports the members have made, there was considerable difference between them, but in the main they agree that American workers are better off than those in England.

REGISTRATION. Henry W. Longfellow. There is no flock, however watch'd and tended, But one dead lamb is there! There is no freeds, howe'er defended, But one who vacates chair!

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Altogether the report is very favorable to the United States, though made by prominent workers in England who did not, and probably do not now, contemplate coming to the United States to live. It bears out our protective tariff policy very well indeed, for without that aid this country could never have reached the proud position it now holds in comparison with other nations.

DESERVED TRIBUTE. Effect of a Free Press on American Life. Associate Justice David J. Brewer of the United States supreme court pays a strong tribute to the free press of America in the twentieth anniversary edition of the New York World. He writes:

First, the effect the press has had on the recent advance in American life has been in realizing the constitutional purpose "to form a more perfect union." Forty years ago a bitter civil war prevailed. North and south were enemies. No sections, and no parties, were common. No sections, and no parties, were common. No sections, and no parties, were common.

Second, in grappling with social conditions and questions. Disease, ignorance, crime, poverty, have always existed. We used to accept of them as inevitable, and thank God we escaped. Now we deny fate and strive to remove or improve. The nation is wrestling with these problems. It is in the throes and sweat of struggle. The press informs of and inspires every effort. Each individual citizen is not working alone, and is given the encouragement and strength of co-operation. Only through such is there possibility of success in the solution of these problems.

Third, in the evolution of the court of public opinion. The public mind is more organized, more united, and more just. The press does not merely collect the universal opinion, announces its conclusions and whips them against all for gloom or glory. The press speaks most for the uplift of the nation, and in each the press has been one, if not the great, factor. May it continue its work, promoting national unity, hastening the solution of the great social problems, and bringing all matters before the court of public opinion, a court of increasing wisdom and power.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTIES. "Did you get home before the storm broke last night?" asked the chief clerkman. "Naturally," replied the other, "the storm never struck until I got home."—Chicago Tribune. "Oh! I could marry 'most any girl you want."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"What did Celia have her hat knocked off?" "Well, she had everything on it but a bunch of young onions."—Detroit Free Press. "Lawson—Does he still love his wife?" "Lawson—Oh, he still wears the ties she gave for his birthday."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Clarence (cautiously)—"Would—er—if I were to ask you to marry me—er—would you be sure to say 'yes'?" "Well, if I were to say 'yes'—er—would you be sure to ask me to 'do—er—marry'?"

Teen—Actually married, is she? When was she married? "The thirteenth." "Teen—The thirteenth? Isn't that unlucky?" "Yes, but she's a good girl, and she's really married."—Philadelphia Press.

"Are you interested in these captains of industry of whom we read so much?" "I don't know," responded Senator Gosch, "but I am interested in the captains of industry of whom we read so much."—Washington Star.

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