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George B. Tschuck, Notary Public. Chicago is wrestling with the garbage problem and Omaha will have to follow suit before the end of the present year.

Adjournment of the Japanese Diet does not seem to have disturbed the international equilibrium to any alarming extent.

We note that in the latest issue of the Tammany Times the advertisements are nearly all of fire water, fire works or fire hose. It's a good combination.

Having nothing else to fight over, the Iowa democrats will try to take another fall out of the question of reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform vagaries.

Governor Cummins of Iowa is having things all his own way in the county conventions this year. It was different two years ago when he was first nominated.

If King Peter is so disposed he can appropriate our Fourth of July for his triumphal entry into Belgrade and his assumption of the reins of Servian government.

Attorneys who are paid by the year for knocking down corporation assessments will bear watching, even when they have their abode in the rural suburb of Dundee.

A man has been driven insane over in England by imagining he is the king. Several people have reached the verge of insanity on this side by imagining they held all the kings.

It is hard to make people believe that an Ohio man has not designs upon the White House. That is why Senator Hanna finds it necessary at every opportunity to deny harboring presidential ambitions.

The clean bill of health presented by Cuba in its complete freedom from yellow fever and smallpox testifies to the thorough job which the American fumigating brigade did when it was in charge down there.

Why shouldn't those Jackson jail boarders have an allowance of whiskey daily in addition to their meals? Isn't the Jackson jail in Kentucky and does not the constitution expressly prohibit cruel and unusual punishments?

The South Omaha Board of Review should heed to the lins, let the chips fall where they may. In the assessment of property they should be governed by the principle of equal justice to all and special privileges for none.

An amiable contemporary in a languid mood tells us that "man's inventions are clever and unique, but they remind us with the passing centuries of the limits as well as the possibilities of human kind." If that is not as clear as mud an explanatory diagram will be furnished free.

In allowing the Jews of London without molestation not only to resolve in sympathy with their persecuted brethren, but to denounce the Russian government as responsible for the outrages, the British government serves notice that it has no close alliance with Russia which would lead it to shield the czar's officials. If it were some other country, the British government might act differently.

Major J. B. Pond, the noted lecture manager who has just died, was responsible probably for launching more people of varying degree of prominence upon the lecture platform than any other one man. Major Pond's wide reputation as a successful impresario of oratorical talent made it easy for him to prevail upon men of fame to turn their names into gate receipts. His place will not be easily filled.

NORTHWEST AND RECIPROCITY.

There is no question that in the northwestern states there is a strong sentiment favorable to reciprocal commercial relations with Canada and it is very likely to increase. The development of this sentiment has been particularly marked in Minnesota, where a league of business interests to further the cause of reciprocity with our northern neighbor has been organized and entered upon its campaign.

While a generation ago Minnesota was exclusively a wheat producer outside of the lumbering interests, now there is diversified farming and Mr. Bede expressed the opinion that in twenty-five years from now Minnesota will not produce a bushel of wheat for export, because other crops are more profitable, and in half that time the great exporting flouring mills of Minneapolis and Duluth will shut down unless they can grind the Canadian crop.

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While this information is very gratifying to everybody interested in the progress of Omaha, there is a general desire for more definite information than we have yet been able to obtain. In other words, the people of Omaha are extremely anxious for more light on the power canal project than they have yet been able to obtain from parties who claim to be on the inside.

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Still the manufacturers who have thus far considered the plan seem generally to regard it with favor, although it really does not look like a desirable thing for the future of a substantial cotton manufacturing industry in the south. It would manifestly be wiser to depend upon a healthy growth, such as the industry has been having, and keep out of the clutches of eastern promoters.

MORE LIGHT WANTED.

There is no divergence of opinion in this community with regard to the desirability of the projected Platte river power canal. It does not require an argument to convince our business men that a power canal would prove of incalculable advantage to the industries already established and would, moreover, stimulate the investment in new manufacturing enterprises. Up to date, however, the power canal remains a paper project. To be sure, the promoters of two rival canal projects—one at Fremont and one at Columbus—have periodically claimed to have secured financial backing that will enable them to proceed with the work of construction without delay, but as yet promise has not been supplemented by performance.

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Friday. Thus do we see that they were real snakes, and not the imaginary kind so prevalent where they throw themselves away on old Monongahela.

In the Matter of Grace. Philadelphia Record. Peter Karagorevitch, too, calls himself "By grace of God." But the assassin of Alexander Knov better by the assasin Peter now reigns over the Servians.

Protest of Patriotism. New York Tribune. The old Liberty Bell is an interesting object, and it is to be wished that every American might see it. But it ought not to be carted around the country as though it were the hand wagon of a circus. Its place is in Independence hall, and there it should be kept for all time.

"How Soon We Are Forgotten." Philadelphia Press. Shortly after the death of Captain Gridley, who commanded the flagship in the battle of Manila bay, there was an enthusiastic movement among the people of Erie—the late captain's city—to raise a fund for a suitable monument. That was not so very long ago, but apparently it is long enough for the project to be lost to view, since the newspapers are now asking what has become of it. It is not a new experience.

Schooling Per Capita. Cleveland Plain Dealer. Statistics show that the average amount of public schooling per capita in this country is 988 days. That is, there would be for each inhabitant if it were distributed equally, fifty years of schooling.

England's Attitude Toward the Servian Butchers. Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune. In sharp contrast with the hypocritical Russian note congratulating King Peter's "accession" is the direction of Prime Minister Balfour to the British minister at Belgrade to withdraw from the coronation ceremonies and to absent himself during the coronation ceremonies and until further orders. The direction was brought about by the intense horror which pervaded England. Fifty years ago the rest of the world, over the slaughter of Alexander and his queen, and though the British minister will, in time, again take up his duties at Belgrade, the insult has been given directly by the Lion to the Bear.

TRUST IN PRESIDENT. Roosevelt Will Do His Duty in Present Postoffice Muddle. New York Sun. The most confident and circumstantial statements alleging the president's intention to mitigate the penalty in certain directions in the matter of public postoffice in the Postoffice department—if such be proven—fall to shake to the extent of the thousandth part of a hairbreadth of vibration our belief that he will let no guilty man escape.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL. Charles M. Schwab appears to be resigned, notwithstanding he refuses to do it. The Carnegie libraries throughout the country are full of Fourth of July orators just now.

Example of the Army Good Enough to Spread. Cleveland Plain Dealer. The act creating a general staff for the army does not become operative until some time in August, but so much is expected of it in the way of military administration methods that the navy is prepared to adopt a similar system, and Secretary Moody is reported to have given the plan his approval.

Evidence of Activity. Boston Globe. Thirteen votes already are sufficient evidence that the government of Massachusetts is not merely an ornamental official.

Not the Boose Brand. Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. Two rattlers and three large blacksnakes were killed by policemen in Pittsburg last

BRIBERY IN POLITICS.

Meaneat, Most Despicable Crime in the Calendar. Boston Transcript. The current number of the Christian Endeavor World gives prominence to a contribution by Governor Garvin of Rhode Island concerning "The Evils of Bribery." The first thought that such a title must convey to a mind regulated by a normal conscience is that a discussion of that subject is entirely unnecessary. Why not discuss the evils of theft, of highway robbery, of murder? Because the evils are universally acknowledged. They are self-evident. Yet there is many a legislator who is less dishonorable than the act of either giving or taking a bribe. Men have even committed murder under great provocation and the impulse of sudden and violent passion, and paid the penalty for their rash violence, who would have scorned to offer or receive a bribe. Bribery is a thing that is all evil. It has no redeeming feature and, in the great majority of instances, no extenuating circumstances can be urged in its behalf. There is perhaps no meaner, more despicable or more vulgar crime in the whole calendar than that of bribery.

Still, so perverted are men's minds and distorted their standards with respect to the distinctions between right and wrong, honor and dishonor, that it is sometimes possible to do wrong in the name of right and start with the ethical rudiments, as we would to effect an entrance for knowledge into a dense or clouded mind, so perhaps Governor Garvin has not undertaken to discharge an entirely unnecessary office. His opportunity of showing what bribery does to debase men in public service and demoralize public administration has been exceptional. He has been a public servant himself for many years and has had a wide field of observation with respect to the methods of men in political management. Moreover, he has had object lessons and intensive demonstrations, for there is probably no state in the union that in the amount of bribery to the square inch surpasses the boss-governed and boss-surgated state of Rhode Island.

"Bribery in elections," he says, "is condoned by not a few citizens." Probably these men would not steal unless the temptation was very large or the pressure very great. They would not pick a man's pocket, but they would let his independence and debase his manhood without a qualm of conscience. They rob him of what should be of more value than anything he can get into his pocketbook, no matter how capacious. "Readiness to buy votes," he continues, "is almost always accompanied by a readiness to change the result of an election by other means. In the beginning estimable gentlemen who supply the election funds 'x' would refuse to contribute if they knew the fund was to be used to bribe men to commit perjury and falsify election returns. And yet they have little excuse for ignorance. Year after year the state boss of Rhode Island publicly exhorts the city and town committees of his party, by whom superintending and other officers are nominated, to select their smartest young men for those positions, the purpose evidently being to cheat the other side in either the casting or the counting of the ballots."

It is perhaps easier to understand and to believe in the real pessimistic doubts of the Providence Journal as to the efficacy of a democratic form of government, after reading some extracts from Governor Garvin's paper, for instance this one: "When members of any legislative body, be it municipal, state or national, secure their elections, not by a free vote, but through purchased majorities, and when such members, either because of their numbers or by successful leadership, can shape legislation, as is frequently the case, it is not surprising that the people has in the locality already ceased to be. \* \* \* The agents of the state, not being responsible to the community over which they exercise authority, and whose taxes they expend, will eventually be controlled in their action by private or personal considerations. That is to say, they will exercise their powers viciously and to the detriment of the inhabitants of the municipality. The hope that he suggests are none too hopeful. He states education, the primary and then general discussion of the integrity of the practice; also prompt publicity by un-bought citizens when they have knowledge of it in a particular instance. But it is the conscience that needs educating. It is not a question of reason but of character, and to the extent that a city, state or the nation is controlled by bribery to that extent is it degenerate and characterless."

Two policemen, one wearing the uniform of the bicycle squad, stood on the corner of Thirty-eighth street and Fifth avenue and exchanged professional views on life as they found it.

"You bet this is a great old town," said one, reflectively. "Full of ups and downs for a good many. I just saw a fellow goin' down the avenue in one of them big red automobiles, with a nice girl sittin' beside of him. Both of 'em talkin' and smilin'."

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"If anything were needed to prove that mankind are like sheep," said the short man with the bitter smile, "the doubter ought to go to one of the elevated stations where the company has installed two ticket sellers. If half the people would go to one window and half to the other, nobody would be delayed and all would walk splendidly. But nobody ever saw this happen. Suppose the place is empty at some particular moment and that twenty-two men then file in at regular intervals of four feet. The first man sees the nearest window and makes for it. Eight men follow him, without looking to right or left, and there is congestion there and some cursing of the company. All of a sudden the ninth man gets to the top of the stairs and sees the vacant window. It is an inspiration, and he rushes over to it. Numbers 10 to 19 follow him, and they pile up there and fidget while the first window is deserted. The last three men finally jump for it and almost fight to see which gets his ticket first. It is often pointed out as an example of masculine superiority that men know how to form in line and wait for their goods. Aware that music will attract a crowd quicker than almost anything else, these phonograph dealers have removed the glass from parts of their show windows, through which project the large ends of the brass horns attached to the instruments inside. These phonograph records seem to be endowed with perpetual motion, grinding out with ceaseless regularity ragtime, operas and xylophone solos. The sound of

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Hipples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. What Magistrate Zeller termed "the most dastardly piece of work" in his recollection was the alleged slashing with a razor the Friday night of John Shannon by Joseph Ferlanto, a barber, just because the former refused him a "tip" when he asked for one.

According to Shannon's story, as told to Magistrate Zeller, he went into Ferlanto's shop to get a shave. He was a patron of the long standing and rarely ever forgot to "tip" the barber. After he was shaved Shannon forgot to "tip" Ferlanto, and the latter did not waste time in calling his attention to the fact.

"Since you've reminded me," said Shannon, "I have no intention of giving it." "I'll teach you not to forget to tip me in the future," Ferlanto is alleged to have retorted, "and I'm going to do it right now." Ferlanto opened a razor and jumped at Shannon. He slashed Shannon's lips and cut them completely open. Ferlanto was held in \$500 for examination.

Magistrate Henry J. Furlong, in the Gates Avenue police court, Brooklyn, decided it was a misdemeanor to call a woman an "old maid."

Miss Mary L. Story had Mrs. Lizzie Fitzpatrick summoned to court. They have been living at 722 Gates avenue, and trouble arose between them. Miss Story complained that Mrs. Fitzpatrick had annoyed her.

"Did you call her names?" asked Magistrate Furlong of Mrs. Fitzpatrick. "Yes, I did," was the reply. "When she annoyed me I told her she was an old maid. I also told her she was jealous because she didn't have a man, as I have."

"You have admitted enough to prove the plaintiff's case," said the magistrate. "When one woman calls another woman who happens to be over 30 years of age and unmarried an old maid, the first woman is guilty of disorderly conduct, which is a misdemeanor. I shall therefore hold you for the court of special sessions."

"This is only a trivial matter," pleaded the defendant's counsel. "On the contrary, it is a very serious matter," returned the court.

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Denistery and vaudeville seem to be a strange combination, but a metropolitan dentist has taken this plan to make himself popular and to amuse the public at the same time. His stock in trade consists of a large canvas tent, at one end of which a large stage is erected with gaudy red wings and a drop curtain of the same hue. Gasoline lamps light up the interior. Singers, comedians and "funny men" constitute the long standing and rarely ever forgot to "tip" the barber. After he was shaved Shannon forgot to "tip" Ferlanto, and the latter did not waste time in calling his attention to the fact.

"Mrs. Struck affects the antique in her house decorations," but at first we thought he was dreadfully mean; you know he refused to give a single cent for the children's "trickery." Miss Callery—But how was he generous? Cousin Clara—He was generous in his plaster and bandages—Harper's Bazar.

"How did old Harfax enjoy his trip through the Thousand Islands?" "Not very well." "Not very well?" "He got into a quarrel with a woman." "Chicago Tribune."

The next morning he read in the papers that his wife's feet champagne beggared description. "Then I am not alone in being beggared by champagne," he exclaimed, and a strange comfort crept into his desolate heart—Puck.

"I suppose," said the visitor to police headquarters, "that every officer knows a rogue when he sees him." "Sure," replied the desk sergeant, "but every officer doesn't know when he knows him."—Chicago Daily News.

He—Look, look! I think that man out in the breakers is drowning! She—Oh, heavens! and I have left my camera at home!—Judge.

Loara—Your name's so curious. Azile—Yes, I'm named for my rich aunt, Eliza; but I turn it hide and behind.—Detroit Free Press.

Didn't Take the Cars. I saw a drove of hogs one day Go walking down the streets; No doubt they walked because they could Not find enough to eat!—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

MY VACATION MECCA. Lawrence Poreher Hext, in Leslie's Weekly. I will not spend vacation's days Beside a summer sea. Nor will I seek the pleasant ways Upon no mountain's rugged crest Will I unfold my peaceful rest But in a place of peaceful rest My moments will be spent.

I'll journey to a quiet spot, Beyond a shady lawn. The freshening of a moss grown out My feet will cross again, press, And love that never dies My form will I embrace; I'll look upon the loveliness Of her angelic face.

Well stroll together, side by side, And, gazing in her eyes, My heart will thrill with manly pride And love that never dies For in that out of humble charms Abides my purest joy. My mother sits with open arms To welcome home her boy.

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