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GEORGE B. TSCHUCK, M. H. HUNGATE.

THE PANAMA TREATY.

The prompt negotiation of a canal treaty with the Republic of Panama was expected and the effect is to strengthen the relations between the United States and the new republic.

The minority in the senate, however, is not united as to the course that should be pursued. This was shown in the caucus of democratic senators on Monday, at which Mr. Gorman failed in his effort to line up his political colleagues on a proposition hostile to the action of the administration.

It ought now to be apparent to everybody that the construction of the Panama canal by the United States is a settled fact and therefore it is a senseless waste of time and energy to inveigh against what has been done and attempt to put obstacles in the way of an enterprise which a very great majority of the American people are favorable to.

The movement in Mexico for establishing the gold standard is not making such progress as to warrant the expectation that the desired object will be attained in the very near future.

Without the Mexican plan will go into operation long before the proposed monetary reform in China does. Indeed, the adoption of the gold standard by Mexico, as pointed out in the report of the American commission to promote a new standard of exchange between silver-using and gold standard countries, would be the most powerful influence that could be brought to bear upon China for the establishment of a uniform currency system.

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The Lincoln Journal suggests that there will be no trouble in establishing a grain market in Omaha if the capitalists here will first move ahead with the Platte river canal to furnish the power for some big flouring mills.

rarely fail to control the conduct of a congressman." It has been some time since the democrats had a really able and capable leader on the floor of the house of representatives and if Mr. Williams shall prove to be all that the democratic organs predict the republicans will be well pleased.

A HOME FOR AK-SAR-BEN. The principal point made by President Fry for the Board of Governors of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben in his annual accounting of the stewardship of that organization is that Ak-Sar-Ben is without a home and must have one.

For nine years the old den, into which the Coliseum was transformed, has furnished a shelter, such as it was, for Ak-Sar-Ben and his royal court, serving not only as a hall of initiation and entertainment, but also as the workshop for the preparation of the gorgeous floats that have delighted the eye in the beautiful electrical parades.

Volving the Board of Governors, President Fry has the right idea as to the character and location of this structure. A conveniently accessible site in the downtown district, or immediately adjacent, will be worth to Ak-Sar-Ben all and more than it may cost over and above what would be required for a site on some outlying vacant tract of land.

Our old friend Charley Wooster, although too frequently a mischief maker, deserves the thanks of the public for getting the law settled on two important points with reference to the power of county boards to milk the public treasury. He has secured one decision denying the right of these boards to pay their own members for time and expenses devoted to junketing trips under the pretext of attending meetings of state or other associations, and another prohibiting the payment of bills for bridge work in excess of \$100, without bids and competition, even where performed piecemeal so as to evade the statutory limitation.

The final election figures on the district judges throughout the state show that wherever two judicial candidates were running on the fusion ticket, one of them a democrat and the other a populist, the democrat ran ahead—proof positive that there are a lot of democrats who will not vote for a populist under any consideration.

Colonel Bryan is now having his initial experience abroad with interviews by the reporters of foreign newspapers. It is to be hoped he will not have to take refuge so often behind the explanation that he is misquoted.

Merely Kicking for More. New York Mail and Express. Things have gone pretty well lately with all of Uncle Sam's children, and they know it, even when they grumble most.

WORKING ANOTHER CLAIM.

The average republican plurality in Nebraska this year was 2,482, which probably accounts for the persistency with which Mr. Bryan is pursuing the shadowy Bennett legacy.

WELL HAVE NONE OF IT.

Senator Gorman will have to get out pretty soon and hire a few democrats to stand at his head and trace it. It is being pushed back some from the west, and that part of the country is not to be ignored.

HOT AIR CONGESTED.

Though a regular army of 100,000 men is authorized, the number now in service consists of 5,500 men and 3,500 officers. This is another specimen of the imperialism fervently set forth in the last democratic national platform.

CHARITY DOES NOT BEGIN AT HOME.

Gordon McKay of Boston, a wealthy inventor of shoe machinery, who died recently, left a will by which Harvard university will receive \$1,000,000 for the promotion of applied sciences, and ultimately come into possession of the entire estate, valued at many millions.

TAKING PULLMAN CARE.

The supreme court allows part of the tax the state of Tennessee imposed on the Pullman Car company and disallows the other part. The court concedes the right of the state to tax the cars that run wholly within the state, as the company is not a common carrier under the laws of that state.

CONSUMERS PAY THE FREIGHT.

The recent advances in the price of kerosene oil were said to be due to a declining supply of crude petroleum in the Pennsylvania oil fields. Still it is to be noticed that the Standard Oil monopoly declares an increased dividend for the current quarter of the year—42 a share, or 12 per cent, compared with 39 per cent a year ago.

A DISINTERESTED VIEW.

How the Dietrich indictment looks at long distance to an outsider. Cleveland Leader. If the indictments returned against Senator Dietrich and O'Connell were based upon willful violation of the law, if he really accepted money from an applicant for the postoffice with the understanding that the applicant should be recommended for appointment in consideration of the money paid to the senator, the case would appear to be a simple one.

THOSE HOMESTEAD SCRAMBLES.

A Change Manifestly Needed in Method of Disposal. Chicago News. On various occasions within the last ten years the country has been invited to consider strange spectacles in connection with the opening up an allotment of government lands. The spectacular "rushes" of homestead seekers—usually preceded by operations of nefarious "sooners"—have been among the most picturesque features of western history.

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER.

Representative Williams of Mississippi, the house democratic leader, has already won commendation from organs of his party, although as yet he has had little opportunity to show what his qualifications are for leadership.

WHERE THE PEOPLE BLENDER.

As was suggested, it was the white men who caused the present animosity and the injustice resulting from them. It might be feasible, for instance, to withhold especially valuable lands for school or other communal purposes. A change of some kind is manifestly needed and congress should give the subject consideration.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

Whatever may befall the rest of this glorious country, Washington has reason to rejoice and blow the horn aplenty. Excitement is making the national capital his home. Arkansas—based, ungrateful Arkansas—rolled heavy weighted round cotton bales over him and transformed the cheerless prospect of modern times into a political career.

TO COMPLETE IT WILL TAKE NEARLY TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS.

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PERHAPS THE BEST KNOWN OF WASHINGTON'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS THE FORCE, NAMED AFTER PETER FORCE, A DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE CAPITAL, WHO DIED MANY YEARS AGO.

It is at this famous school that President Roosevelt had his sons educated. When he entered upon the duties of the presidency, it is said that the president chose this public school at which his boys should receive primary instruction for the reason that he desired them to be placed in thoroughly democratic surroundings.

THE LITTLE FELLOW IS IN HIS FIRST YEAR AT THE FORCE, HAVING ATTENDED ANOTHER SCHOOL IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

Whether his confusion was due to the fact that he was a new pupil at the Force, or to the fact that he was seated next to the son of the president of the United States, is not known; at any rate, the little fellow stammered.

REPRESENTATIVE CUSHMAN OF WASHINGTON STATE, GENERALLY CALLED "CUSH," SAYS THE WASHINGTON POST, TELLS A NEW ANECDOTE ON HIMSELF, WHICH INCIDENTALLY ILLUSTRATES HOW BRAVELY HE HAS FOUGHT THE BATTLE OF LIFE.

When he first went west he was seeking his fortune in the new country. Traveling as far as Omaha, with his face still toward the setting sun, he found himself stranded. Although fairly well grounded in the law, it did not suffice to bring him ready money for a living.

THE LATE JOSE CASTRO, THE WEALTHIEST MAN IN YUCATAN, WHOSE WILL HAS JUST BEEN SILED, LEFT AN ESTATE OF \$14,000,000.

Camille Pissarro, the famous French impressionist painter, has just died in Paris. He was one of the pioneers of the impressionist movement in the art world.

CYRUS W. FIELDS' COUNTRY PLACE, ARDLEY, OVERLOOKING THE HUDSON, HAS JUST BEEN SOLD FOR \$75,000.

The marquis of Bute, a bachelor who is said to have \$75,000,000 in coming to America to hunt grizzly bears. This may start another hunt, as Lord Stuart, his next brother, married an actress.

SENATOR SPOONER TELLS WITH MUCH GUSTO OF A SIMON-PURE BOSTON IAD OF TENDER TONGUE WHO HE ENCOUNTERED DURING HIS SUMMER VACATION IN NEW ENGLAND.

"My son, what do you want Santa Claus to bring you for Christmas?" "Please don't talk to me about Santa Claus any more. It is a reflection on my intelligence. I have investigated this Santa Claus business and have found there is nothing in it. Whatever you and mother want to give me, I shall be glad to get, but I don't want to think I believe in Santa Claus any longer."

REPRESENTATIVE LACEY OF IOWA, CLAIMS TO HAVE DISCOVERED THE LONGEST BEARDED JOKE EVER RECORDED, RELAYED BY THE WASHINGTON LAWYERS OF THE COUNTRY THAT THIS BEHOLDERS LINGERER IS THE ONE ABOUT THE ATTORNEY WHO APPEARED IN COURT WITHOUT HIS CHIEF WITNESS.

"Why did you not bring your witness?" demanded the judge sternly. "I have sixteen 'G's' reasons," replied the lawyer. "The first is he is dead."

THE ORIGINAL BRISTOW REPORT ON THE POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION, WITH THE TESTIMONY, COMPRISED NEARLY 700,000 WORDS.

Bristow made a 50,000 word abstract. Then, by order of the president, he was told to cut the 50,000 words to 25,000, and later to 12,500. A short time ago the president called in Mr. Bristow and told him to cut the 12,500 words to 6,000. Bristow threw up his hands.

"I CAN'T, MR. PRESIDENT," HE SAID. "IT IS DOWN TO THE BONE."

"Why not?" asked the president. "You were an editor out in Kansas before you became fourth assistant postmaster general, were you not?" "Yes," said Mr. Bristow, "but even a Kansas editor has to have some leeway with which to express his thoughts."

COST OF PANAMA CANAL.

To Complete It Will Take Nearly Two Hundred Million Dollars.

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WHEN DE LESSEPS ORGANIZED THE FIRST COMPANY IN 1850 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANAL, IT STARTED WORK WITH A PAID UP CAPITAL OF \$60,000,000.

For eight years the company toiled, employing at times as many as 15,000 men. Then came a necessity for changing the plans and the company failed, after having collected in round figures from the sale of stocks and bonds \$300,000,000.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXCAVATION UP TO THE PRESENT HAS BEEN ABOUT \$1,000,000 CUBIC YARDS OF EXCAVATION EACH YEAR.

Unfortunately only about 40,000 cubic yards of this is available for the waterway proposed in 1850-1900 by the Canal commission, of which Rear Admiral Walker was president.

IT WAS THE INTENTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY TO MAKE THE CANAL 26 FEET DEEP.

The increased dimensions of steamers now being built has made it necessary to plan for a much deeper canal, and the Walker commission's plans are for a waterway thirty-six feet deep.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The late Jose Castro, the wealthiest man in Yucatan, whose will has just been filed, left an estate of \$14,000,000. Camille Pissarro, the famous French impressionist painter, has just died in Paris.

THE MARQUIS OF BUTE, A BACHELOR WHO IS SAID TO HAVE \$75,000,000 IN COMING TO AMERICA TO HUNT GRIZZLY BEARS.

This may start another hunt, as Lord Stuart, his next brother, married an actress. Cyrus W. Fields' country place, Ardley, overlooking the Hudson, has just been sold for \$75,000.

EMPEROR WILLIAM HAS FOUR LIGHT BROWN DACHSHUNDS OF WHICH HE IS FOND.

These dogs live in a stone, ivy-covered house in the Park of Monbijou and have their own cook and an open fireplace before which they can dine.

ROBERT WILSON GOELLET, BROTHER OF THE NEWLY WEDDED DUCHESS OF ROXBOROUGH, IS A MANLY, AFFABLE, BUSINESSLIKE YOUNG FELLOW, JUST A YEAR OUT OF HARVARD.

He is reading law in the offices of the De Witte, who manage the immense Goellet estate. "The meanest and wickedest thing a man can do, next to murder, is to lie-treat his wife, whom he has taken a vow to protect," said Judge Strong in his court in Paterson, N. J., the other day, and thereupon he sentenced a husband, who had beaten his wife, to two and a half years' confinement in state prison.

AN OBELISK OF UNPOLISHED GRAY GRANITE HAS BEEN PLACED OVER VIRCHOW'S GRAVE IN THE OLD MATTALIA GARDEN, BERLIN.

It bears on one side a black marble tablet, on which are inscribed "Rudolph Virchow" and the date of his birth and death. A statue of Virchow will also be erected near the place where his scientific work was conducted.

SHORT STORIES FROM THE COUNTRY.

Premont Herald-Leader: There are not less than a thousand young women in Lincoln and Omaha clerking for from \$2.50 to \$5 a week and boarding themselves—God knows how. Yet you can not get a girl to work in a kitchen or as house maid for from \$3 to \$4 a week and board and room, with practically all the privileges of a member of the family.

Geneva Gazette: A family residing on Gilbert's addition were aroused on a recent evening by a noise in the chicken house and on investigation discovered a member of a well known family of thieves with a fat hen under his arm.

Columbus Times: A Columbus girl recently played a cruel joke on her mother, and this is how it happened: She accidentally found a love letter her father had written to her mother in the halcyon days of their courtship.

Hartington Herald: "De gang" sent the Herald editor a bottle of petroleum jelly last Saturday with the admonition to "rub frequently" with the name and brand of her lover.

"They say J. Pierpont Morgan has an intense dislike to newspaper notoriety." "Then he's getting his punishment, as he goes along, all right."—Chicago Tribune.

WHITLED TO A POINT.

"Let's go out and see what's burnt," said Pete Bush, always adding that there is such a day as Sunday. "And some of you holy fellows," replied the other six days.—Philadelphia Catholic Standard.

"What would happen today," said the thoughtful citizen, "if Diogenes were to go through the city with his lantern looking for an honest man?" "Someone would grab his lantern before he had gone three blocks."—Washington Star.

"Almost from his boyhood," said Mr. Upmore, who seldom boasts, "our Johnny has been a miser. He always saves his pennies. My boy used to be troubled a good deal that way when he was little." "Remarkable!" "Well, it always gave him a castor oil for it."—Chicago Tribune.

"But the bloomers," protested the delicate woman, "I'm not sure they would improve my health very." "What for?" "I've adopted the stalwart saleswoman, 'here is a testimonial received this very morning from one of our customers. Since adopting your reform garments, she writes, 'I feel and look like a New Woman.'"—Philadelphia Press.

"I could kill that Harold Quilps," hissed the girl in the new fall coat. "What for?" "I've adopted the stalwart saleswoman, 'here is a testimonial received this very morning from one of our customers. Since adopting your reform garments, she writes, 'I feel and look like a New Woman.'"—Philadelphia Press.

PLAINT OF THE TURKEY.

W. J. Lampton in New York Sun. I'm an unassuming Turkey. And I am not to blame. If I had my way, I'd be a turkey. Upon the earth I came; They never said a word to me. And if I had my way, I should have gone some other place. To spend Thanksgiving day. I'm an unpretentious Turkey. Rich dressing isn't to my taste. I hate all grand display. And I don't like the way at all I'm served Thanksgiving day. I'm a simple minded Turkey. Add much oyster to live In humble circumstance, and have that turkey. Instead of mingling with the great. Who will not heed my 'Nay.' When modestly I seek escape From their Thanksgiving day.

Waltham Watches. Run the railroads. "The Perfected American Watch," an illustrated book of interesting information about watches, will be sent free upon request. American Waltham Watch Company, Waltham, Mass. Some men's shoes are made mostly of wind, others of leather. The DECATUR, being direct From Maker to Wearer. are warranted by the maker through us to be solid leather, and not a machine sewed pair in the store. \$3.50 and \$5 1521 FARNAM \$5 and \$3.50