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Charley Crow Dog is said to be the first Indian to rob a postoffice. Probably he won't be the last.

There is an available balance of \$3,500 in the Omaha library fund. Here is a chance for a persuasive book agent.

Not until we hear from the high school debater will we know precisely what should have been done about the isthmus.

The city election in South Omaha is still four months ahead of us, but there is already much talk and some speculation as to the probable outcome.

Six weeks hence there will be another opportunity for the Board of County Commissioners to adopt New Year's resolutions to turn over a new leaf.

The morning that the Dreyfus case is reopened is the morning a wearied public would prefer to oversleep, much as it sympathizes with the captain.

If this thing keeps up there will not be enough room in the city hall for Mayor Moore and President of the Council Zimman at the same hour of the day.

The man who writes merely, "Enclosed find check," expresses quite as much sympathy as he who prates of how his heart is wrung by others' misfortunes.

The hand which Serbia's new king is now extending in ostentatious friendship to Uncle Sam is a trifle too freshly stained for the old gentleman to seize it with real comfort.

Some inquisitive people would like to know why Police Commissioner Broatch burned those Via Walker checks instead of depositing them in the archives of the city.

Germany proposes to establish four more consulates in the United States, and it is worth noting that two are to be in the Gulf states, where a few years ago the commodities imported from Germany would not have paid the salaries of the consuls.

Members of the British Parliament, while in Paris, were entertained with Louis XV. dances by ballet girls, and at a luncheon immediately thereafter "expressed desire for closer relation between France and England."

William Jennings Bryan's conference with Croker in London is apt to place Mr. Bryan in the position of one who has gone to England to find out if he had best run for president of the United States. Obviously the doctrine of doing things "without the aid or consent of any other nation on earth" is suffering decline.

General Reyes comes to propose that the United States accept the Panama canal concession from Colombia without paying a cent to the Republic of Colombia. Had Colombia refrained from playing a game of holdup, and accepted the \$20,000,000 bonus offered by Uncle Sam, there would have been no occasion for General Reyes to pay a visit to the United States.

After a thorough investigation of conditions in the Cripple Creek mining district General Bates has advised the War department that in his judgment there is nothing in the situation to warrant the calling out of regulars. The hysterical people that denounced President Roosevelt for refusing to honor a requisition for regulars before the Colorado authorities had made an effort to suppress turbulence with the help of the Colorado National Guard will realize that they have gone off half cocked.

NEW YORK REPUBLICANS

Differences between leading republicans in the Empire state has caused New York to be placed in the doubtful list for next year's national election, but these differences having been adjusted and harmony restored, there is good reason to believe that the state will be republican next November.

There has been talk of a considerable opposition in New York to Mr. Roosevelt and some have ventured to predict that he would not get the delegation from his own state in the republican national convention.

Both declared that the president will be the unqualified endorsement and hearty support of Empire state republicans. Senator Platt is quoted as saying that there will be no contest over control of the state convention and its delegation to the national convention will be sold for Roosevelt.

When it comes to the game of politics, that much caricatured individual, Mark Hanna, is not to be outdone by any man in the land. On Tuesday last President Roosevelt entertained a delegation of labor leaders at luncheon at the White House, and on Thursday morning Senator Hanna entertained the same labor leaders at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in more regal style.

The special representative of Colombia who is in Washington for the purpose of proposing that Panama be restored to Colombia and of offering to our government all the canal concessions asked in the treaty that was rejected free of cost, will find his mission utterly futile.

Colombia, according to the statement of its special envoy, is now willing to give the United States all the concessions asked for in the treaty which its congress rejected without the payment of a cent.

Chicago is now wrestling with the question whether the city has authority without a specific grant of power from the legislature to establish municipal gas and electric lighting plants that will sell light to private consumers.

If Mr. Harriman keeps on building cut-offs and boring tunnels a few years longer Omaha will be absolutely midway between New York and San Francisco and Los Angeles.

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Lord Roberts prefers to resign as commander-in-chief before that office comes to amount to anything; hence his ill-health is not so much of an inconvenience as it would be.

Japan is in danger of being nagged into a war with Russia, as was France into the disastrous war with Germany thirty years or more ago.

LIFE INSURANCE FOR FIREMEN

The calamity that has befallen the families of Omaha's gallant firemen who perished in the Ninth street fire suggests the propriety of life insurance for every member of the fire department, modeled after the compulsory life insurance system that has prevailed in Germany during the past fifteen years.

Under the German system of compulsory life insurance the government pays one-half of the premium and the insured pay the other half. Assume that the average age of insurable firemen is 30 years, policies insuring their lives in standard companies could readily be obtained at a cost of \$30 per \$1,000, or from \$75 to \$80 per annum for a policy of \$2,500.

There is a strong disposition on the part of every democrat in the country to have his exclusive presidential nomination and to repudiate every other democrat's candidate. This is a very satisfactory situation—if it only continues.

This is the day of the present agent. The services of this functionary, formerly confined to theatrical syndicates and corporations, are now in demand in every enterprise.

The heirs of the late William L. Elkins are certainly notable exceptions, as heirs go nowadays. The rule is that a man is not allowed to devise his property to charitable purposes if his widow can prevent it.

The United States Steel corporation was the chief favorite of the new school of finance, and viewed in the light of more recent events, one cannot help admiring the sweep of power which must have been in the minds of its projectors.

UNCLE SAM'S LITTLE JOKE

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY?

Alfred Miles, a famous tailor of Bond street, London, is reported to have a fortune of \$1,000,000. Mr. Miles, who was known to many Americans, was fond of repeating how he started business some sixty years ago with a capital of just \$50.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE

Minor scenes and incidents sketched on the spot. During President Roosevelt's second term and while republican official heads were dropping to the basket, Mark Twain was traveling abroad and became interested in the fate of an American canal located at a German port.

The restoration of the canteen in the congressional committee rooms is proving so satisfactory that it is quite probable the favor will be extended to the army.

Not Worth the Price. Kansas City Journal. The conviction is growing among American cities that national political conventions are not worth the guarantee demanded for them.

A Satisfactory Situation. Philadelphia Press. There is a strong disposition on the part of every democrat in the country to have his exclusive presidential nomination.

"It Pays to Advertise." This is the day of the present agent. The services of this functionary, formerly confined to theatrical syndicates and corporations, are now in demand in every enterprise.

A Refreshing Innovation. Louisville Courier-Journal. The heirs of the late William L. Elkins are certainly notable exceptions, as heirs go nowadays.

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RAIDING THE PUBLIC LAND

Operations in Louisiana Checked by a Grand Jury. New York Mail and Express. It is estimated that the United States government now has left 100,000,000 acres of land on which, with irrigation and other improvements, men might live.

The big companies have by this means taken themselves out of many thousands of acres of valuable timber, and the rearrangement of the kind is unwise, but it is very difficult to prove the rearrangement.

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PROBING TOO DEEP

Cruel Surgery in the Bowels of the Shipbuilding Trust. Philadelphia North American. If the methods of Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the complaining bondholders in the Shipyard trust investigation, are to be tolerated, what in the world is to become of the eminent financiers who wrecked that corporation?

Never in the history of the world has such a vast domain been distributed as this. If the Romans, after conquering Gaul, had divided all the land equally among the inhabitants of the Italian peninsula it would have been a small transaction in real estate compared with this.

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DEMOCRATIC ABERATION

Danger of Opposing the Administration's Panama Policy. Indianapolis News (Ind.). It would not be surprising if the democrats are as rumored from Washington, were to array themselves as a party against the Panama canal.

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