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In the interval General Wood finds it wisest for him to saw wood.

Even Germany is at last becoming interested in the morality and humanity of Germany's army officers.

When the fruit jobbers perfect their proposed combination all things will be considered ripe for a squeeze.

Colonel Bryan admires Lord Rosebery. Lord Rosebery has not stated what he thinks of Colonel Bryan.

As the republicans will open the entries in the presidential race of 1904 and let the democrats follow.

June 21 will be one date when those who enjoy excitement would rather be in Chicago than in St. Louis, fair or no fair.

In arranging your Christmas donations it will be well to remember that little Irish boys don't care for any oranges in theirs.

Senator Foster declares the beet the natural enemy of the refining trust. This trust, Nebraska is distinctly "the enemy's country."

A North Dakota sheriff was fined for "approaching" a juror. Thus we see how prevalent has become the popularity of golf terms.

This is an age of evolution. The twentieth century Santa Claus has unlearned the bulk of his Christmas gifts on the rural delivery carrier.

It is suspected that Miss Nordica's desire for legal separation from her husband is prompted by a prior desire to separate him from her income.

His friends have the consolation of knowing that by this time Herbert Spencer does not care whether his ashes are admitted to Westminster abbey or sent elsewhere.

Senator Hanna's advice to members of the republican national committee to stand "pat" will doubtless be heeded, especially the members whose political ambition leaves nothing more to hope or to pray for.

Colonel Bryan may possibly have already written a book on his observations in England. Distinguished foreigners have frequently undertaken to criticize and criticize American institutions on much briefer acquaintance.

No sooner had the Fifty-eighth congress been formally opened by the reading of the president's message than its overworked and underpaid members began to ponder and wrestle with the question of adjournment for the holidays.

By the way, how do the populists like the idea of the democrats running Parker or Gorman for the presidency? Would they be willing again to be the fall of the democratic life with either of these two great reformers at the head?

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American philanthropists seldom make their endowments anonymously—rather condition them on the perpetuation of their names in the favored institution.

Great national issues are not created by party platforms, but by conditions that force themselves upon the people for solution. The two burning questions that will overshadow all others in the impending national campaign are "trusts" and "labor."

Before the opening of the historic campaign of 1896 predictions were made by prominent republican leaders that with McKinley as the standard-bearer all issues except the tariff would be forced into the background. But that forecast proved itself deceptive.

The over-capitalization of the colossal trusts organized within the past five years, with their natural sequence of reckless speculations and stock gambling, followed by a sharp contraction in the price of over-valued securities.

The magnitude of trust capitalization and the injuries trust inflation has inflicted, not alone upon investors, but upon the entire country, can scarcely be exaggerated. What would have become of the country had the Mississippi and Missouri valleys been afflicted with drought and the cotton states with general crop failure during the present year?

Linked in with the trust problem and even more difficult and delicate to handle is the labor problem. Organized labor in many of its features is a counterpart of the corporate monopolies that dominate nearly all American industries.

It is stated that Secretary Hay is very strongly in favor of the United States paying Colombia \$10,000,000 for its title to the canal route and it is said that the president and secretary of state can readily demonstrate to the national legislature that a much greater sum than that named may be required to aid Panama in maintaining its independence.

Granting the desirability of "healing the wounds in the national honor of Colombia by an application of American gold," it would seem that Panama should be willing to at least divide the \$10,000,000 she is to receive with Colombia and that the latter should be fully satisfied with such an arrangement.

Perhaps \$10,000,000 would not be too much to pay for the preservation of peace. Possibly if Colombia should undertake a guerrilla warfare against Panama our government would be called upon to expend more than that amount in defending the new republic and maintaining its independence.

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early one will have a completely organized government prepared to enter into relations with all countries.

President Roosevelt correctly says that a majority of our people desire that steps be taken in the interests of American shipping, "so that we may once more resume our former position in the ocean-carrying trade."

In his message the president recommends a commission for the purpose of investigating and reporting to congress at its next session what legislation is desirable or necessary for the development of the American merchant marine.

The house committee on civil service reform will have presented to its attention at the present session a number of matters relating to the civil service of the government which, in the judgment of the chairman of the committee, Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts, call for present consideration.

An article in the current number of The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science entitled "Fire Insurance Rates and Methods" presents an analysis of the financial exhibits of our American fire insurance companies that is sure to be an eye-opener to the holders of fire risks and to keep the champions of the underwriters busy with explanations for some time.

The increase of business, comparing 1900 and 1902, was 11 1/2 per cent and the increase of outlay for commissions and brokerage was 20% per cent, so that out of an increased income of about \$29,000,000, \$8,000,000, or over 20 per cent, went to the brokers.

That the payment to the insurance broker has steadily grown from an average of 10.5 cents per \$100 in the years 1890 to 1870 to an average of 17.7 cents per \$100 in the year 1902 and is today greater than at any time since 1850.

That out of the money taken in by the fire companies, while they paid out for losses in 1902 \$98,000,000 of indemnity, they retained \$47,044,000 for themselves, their agents and expenses, or nearly \$48 out of every \$114 entrusted to their care.

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for current business as the annual premium receipts. He insists also that much loss could be obliterated if the companies sought more actively to eliminate the causes of fire and to increase the facilities for extinguishing it.

The thorough ventilation of this important subject cannot fail to work some good and may even bring about what Mr. Betts demands: "More intelligent, more economical, less distasteful and less evident methods of exploitation."

In this age of credulous trustfulness nobody appears to be surprised at the effort now being made by audacious promoters to mortgage the very air we breathe in the shape of Marconi wireless securities. The advertisement that has been inserted extensively in the leading papers of the country announces that the safest and most promising investment before the public of today is the securities of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company of America.

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The world's output of gold for this year is computed at \$300,000,000, in round figures, while the value of this year's crop of corn raised on the farms of the United States is computed at \$1,000,000,000 and the value of the cotton raised on the plantations of the southern states this year will be marketed for another \$1,000,000,000.

The wise soothsayers at Washington seem averse to venturing a prediction as to the time required to ratify the new Panama canal treaty until they get some definite idea of the amount of wind kept in reserve by the redoubtable Senator Morgan.

Prosperity Favors the Brave. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. This country is a great deal bigger than it used to be. It is having hard times in the east and good times in the west.

Magnatism of the Chaperon. Baltimore American. Russia has recognized Panama. It is quite remarkable the notice the new republic has made since her debut in world society with Columbia for her chaperon.

Melancholy Decadence. Minneapolis Times. There is painful evidence of Mr. Bryan's decadence in the fact that he is writing long letters to his Commoner about his tour abroad and unblushingly telling about his merry jousts with dukes and plutocrats.

Wouldn't They Run. Philadelphia Press. It begins to look as if a distinguished citizen of Nebraska now abroad would bring back a ready-made democratic presidential ticket constituted of William J. Bryan for president and Richard Croker for vice president. The platform would be all smiles.

WHAT AMERICANS READ. Mental Pabulum Served in the Form of Fiction. E. D. North in the Outlook. Someone has said that all of us can read and that most of us would rather lie down and die than think. One is reminded of this remark when works on philosophy, metaphysics, psychology and theology are kept completely in the background in the average book store.

PERSONAL NOTES. It is generally believed Mr. Bryan escaped from Ireland without attaching the historic O' to his name.

Occasionally democracy strikes the strenuous pace. Observe how easily the supreme judges of Missouri throw boodlers out of court.

John D. Rockefeller appeared on his private golf links the other day attired in a suit vest of vivid green, gray striped trousers, yellow shoes and a tourist's cap.

The statistician of Harper's Weekly goes to the trouble of showing that the amount of liquor consumed by the American public last year would fill a canal 100 miles long, 100 feet wide and ten feet deep.

George H. Lorimer, author of "Letters of a Self-made Merchant to His Son," in his latest contribution to packing house philosophy, takes a shot at millionaires who make conditional contributions to public institutions.

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SECLAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: A Boston minister is to be tried for his peculiar views on the subject of eschatology.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTIES. "I want a million in my own right, papa," remarked Mrs. Croesus. "Why?" he asked. "So that I'll feel I can afford a husband."—Chicago Post.

"Do you think your father has any idea that I have serious intentions concerning you?" "I heard him telling mother the other day that he didn't think it would cost any more to have you at the table regularly than it does for the feed of your father's pantry shelves every night."—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE CRY OF THE DREAMER. John Boyle O'Reilly. I am tired of planning and toiling. In the crowded hives of men. Heart-wearied of building and spoiling. And spilling and building again.

Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch. If you have not read this delightful little story, you really ought to, it is a perfect gem of humor and natural pathos.

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