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INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE

A congress, representing practically every country on the five subdivisions of the globe constituting the Universal Postal Union, began its session in the city of Rome on the 21st day of March.

In the evolution of the international postal service from its crude beginning to its remarkable efficiency wonderful strides have been made. Thirty years ago letters mailed in the United States with Australia as their destination could reach the latter country by five different routes...

A LITTLE MORE LIGHT

A good many people in this city and county are seriously perplexed and badly muddled over the question whether it will be safe and sagacious for them to vote for the county refunding bonds at Tuesday's election.

The proposed bond issue is not designed to create a new debt, but to pay off an old debt at a lower rate of interest than we are now paying.

The floating debt of the county exceeds \$300,000 now and \$105,000 of this amount is represented by warrants bearing 7 per cent interest.

The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will go into the county treasury and not a dollar can be drawn out, excepting for the payment of outstanding warrants or new warrants issued for debts already existing.

It begins to look as if the committee will finally lay the blame for the worst part of the "Bristow" report upon the proofer of the public printing office.

It turns out that Senator Burten's unparadonable sin was his declaration that his colleagues in the senate were more or less engaged in the same sort of business.

THE OYSTER AS AN ISSUE

The people of the state of Maryland are not only divided in regard to the question of negro disfranchisement, but they are even more keenly concerned respecting the question of preserving the oyster industry, which is a matter of very material importance to that commonwealth.

It would seem that in view of the great decline noted in this hitherto valuable industry every Marylander would be more than anxious to have legislation for promoting its restoration, yet there is a determined opposition in the legislature to measures that have been introduced intended to rehabilitate the oyster industry and place it upon the basis it formerly enjoyed.

The house of representatives evidently desires to keep up with the record of Commissioner Ware in swiftness the pension rolls. Evidence its formal approval of 219 private pension bills Saturday.

For some unaccountable reason the name of Adlai Stevenson has not been entered about very lively of late in connection with the democratic nomination for the presidency. We may be sure, none the less, that it is not Adlai's fault.

THE CHICAGO CHRONICLE AND COLONEL BRYAN

The Chicago Chronicle and Colonel Bryan for once appear to be practically agreed that the candidacy of Judge Parker is highly questionable. It would be the joke of the season if they should both finally get together by swallowing the question mark.

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

The citizens of South Omaha should look ahead before taking their political leap next Tuesday. They should ask themselves in all seriousness what they have to gain and what they have to lose by jumping from Koutsky to Hoctor.

REASONABLE WARNING

In round figures there are 30,000,000 microbes in a plate of ice cream, and the name of the microbe would drive the most alphabetically notorious Russian to suicide. We merely mention this as a warning to our women friends, knowing that the imminent heat term has sore temptations.

THE PLEASANT LAND OF THE COUNTERPANE

Men and women who have reached the stage where the doctor's services are needed must be left to his care. It is to those who have not yet reached the border land of nervous prostration that the hint to them to look after the cause of their worry and nervous exhaustion in insufficient sleep is likely to be most beneficial.

HUGE FEES FOR LAWYERS

The fee of a "cool million" which Wall Street guesses that William Nelson Cromwell will get for his services as counsel for the Panama Canal company may not be regarded as exorbitant. The safe guidance of the interests of the Panama company during intricate negotiations called for legal skill of the kind which attains its highest development in corporation practice.

Senator Clark says that the cattlemen of Wyoming want the land laws repealed. Senator Gibson says that the cattlemen of Montana want them to remain as they are. What about the cattlemen whose cattle run in both states?

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN

Jehovah is a judge at every election. Home-made yokes are always heaviest. A money spendthrift is a moral sinner. The blind child can see its father's love. The promises add power to our prayers. Virtue for a wage is first cousin to vice. Leadership does not depend wholly on leg ability.

FAVORITE FRUIT OF ADAM

The apple has figured so long as the original cause of all the ills that humanity is heir to that it is something of an innovation to find it pronounced the best friend of man, and as having not only good physical effects upon him, but also a decided moral purpose for the better.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Sure signs of spring dominate the landscape today. Easter bids to the enchanting aspects of the season. It has been decided to open the St. Louis fair with an ome. Here's hoping it will not close with an ome.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Its worth should be measured by higher standards. The duty of knowing what can and ought to be accomplished in the elementary schools, and of knowing, furthermore, which of the schools are and which are not, doing satisfactory work, devolves, of course, upon the superintendent.

THE SINGING OF THE NUSS

The first faint streaks of morning light had banished visions of the night and awakened me, and all around me, was the sound of a choir singing a hymn. The low, sweet chanting of a prayer, which seemed to come from the upper air, and pierce the barriers of the sky.

TRUTH BOILED DOWN

The man who puts his shoes in trusts appears to be worse off than the one who puts his trust in shoes. It's a fact that below a certain price, the best in quality is impossible.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT

Indiana Journal: Dowie had another pleasant Sunday at Melbourne, being chatted around by the city by "the rougher element." Alexander shouldn't foment such a breaking of the Sabbath day.

Louisville Courier-Journal: A New York minister declares that there are no women angels in heaven. If that is true the earth is not as bad a place as some theologians insist it is; there are a good many women angels here.

Chicago Tribune: Ordinarily, the preacher who speaks against the newspaper for not giving more space to church and religious news is inconsistent. Times beyond count he himself goes to the newspaper for his text. Why else, unless the strict doctrinal topic has pulled upon his hearers? And if it has, pulled upon holders of pews in his church, shall it be made a news feature to the world when a convention of such churches is assembled for doctrinal debate and routine business?

Another flooded pugilist threatens to forsake the arena for the bar. The change involves a restriction on local talents. Shanghai correspondents are painfully remiss in their duty. In all the bombardments yet had no mule has been reported killed.

A man in a Pennsylvania town has taken a pledge against playing poker for ninety-nine years. Men have no business with woman's weapon, anyhow. Five Chicago men came within a scratch of being convicted of murder on the coerced testimony of a 9-year-old girl. The incident illustrates the possibilities of a robust, full grown professional witness.

A test shows that a culture plate can accumulate 1,000 colonies of microbes in a New York street. A South side car in Omaha can show up enough robut colonies to smash the plate and run away with the fragments.

Editor Bok tells in dear little paragraphs how he went to New York city and confounded his reporter and back hoppers. It is gratifying to learn that such high authority that Philadelphia editors cannot be worked successfully when they stray away from home.

Now comes a Milwaukee preacher with the declaration that Noah Raby, the Jersey man who claimed to be 121 years of age, was "the greatest liar that ever lived." He outlasted Munchausen, Mulholland and Colonel Ager. Raby can't deny the allegation. He is dead.

People who think the civilization of Japan is a thing which should revise their notions. Japan has developed a large class of patriots capable of staying at home and making money out of war. The most advanced nations could not make a better showing in the same line.

"A penny for your thoughts," he said. "Oh, they're not worth it," she replied. "I was the owner of you." -Chicago Post.

"And you want to marry this young man, you say?" "Yes, papa." "What do he do for a living?" "Oh, papa, I don't know him well enough to ask him about that." -Yonkers Statesman.

"Mamma, how much alimony did you receive when you got divorced?" "A Bush." "Oh, my dear child, don't you know that it is an indication of very poor taste to talk of financial matters in the presence of formal callers?" -Chicago Record-Herald.

"Your rich brother is in the hospital, isn't he?" "Yes." "How is he progressing?" "Oh, I'm afraid he isn't." "So sorry. Are you afraid he will not recover?" "Oh, no, it isn't that I'm worried about. It's his pretty nurse." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mabel: Why in tears? Doesn't the ring please you? Helen: Oh, it is beautiful, but I fear that the stone is imitation. Why? "Arthur didn't say anything about returning it when I told him not to marry him." -Town Topics.

When a woman of 38 tells you in a burst of frankness that she is just 28, always try to look surprised and say: "Why, I never dreamed you were more than 22." -Somerville Journal.

"Talk about men being lords of creation! Why, I can swear that husband of mine proved my little finger." "Yes, I suppose so. He's rather small, isn't he?" "Small and quite slender." "Small and quite slender? Aren't you such things? There's enough of 'em, let me tell you. I make a million such husbands as yours." -Chicago Tribune.

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