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Russia is finding that there is enough "glory in defeat" for all its officers.

Nebraska will yield the palm to Minnesota in one thing—the raising of tornadoes.

If Murphy and McCarren keep at it, New York will be as safely republican as Nebraska, and—here's hoping—

That bunch of 20,000 Japs in front of Fort Arthur has now been killed four times—by the war correspondents.

As this is Missouri week at the World's fair people who reach St. Louis during the next six days will no doubt be properly shewn.

Up to date the argument on the matter of telephone competition has only been on one side. The other side has not yet been heard from.

If Parker goes on, characterizing the St. Louis platform, and enlarging Davis' speech, the first thing he knows we will all know which side he is on.

The cause of Tom Watson has been dealt a severe blow that may prove fatal. Hearst has devoted much time and space to him, and his speech at Cooper Union.

Is the opening of the fair at St. Louis on Sundays indicative of a desire to benefit the people by the exhibition of high art on the Pike or a desire to fatten up the gate receipts?

The Sublimated Porte is now trying to squirm out of his promises. Like the ostrich he does not believe in what he cannot see, but those thirteen-inch guns are just around the corner.

The democratic national committee must be waiting to ascertain how high a value Candidate Davis places upon the vice presidential nomination before promulgating its campaign program.

Every candidate on the republican state ticket is sure he will be elected by a rousing majority. It is not a good idea, however, to close the polls before election day. The only way to make safe is to get the vote recorded.

The most likely reason for the speechlessness of Judge Parker is the fact that it is practically impossible for him to take a decided position upon any public question without alienating some faction of his party.

Sir Thomas Lipton has definitely decided to make a fourth attempt upon the America's cup, evidently intending to lose no opportunity to "boom" Crylon tea while the Japanese are temporarily out of the business.

The advice given by the chairman of the democratic state committee to his followers to see that the best men in the various districts are named for the legislature can be followed by all parties without injury to Nebraska.

The sultan may have learned a lesson this time, as Uncle Sam's European squadron has been permitted to reach Gibraltar before the announcement is made that he has changed his mind about the American demands.

Judge Parker has evidently been taking the lesson of the Bryan campaign to heart, as, through a friend, he announces that he thinks talking has little effect in a national campaign. Mr. Bryan surely gave the talk system a fair test.

Remember that to have this district represented in congress by a republican candidate must be nominated who can get all the republican votes. No republican can count on getting any appreciable number of democratic votes away from the democratic nominee this year.

THE POWERS AND NEUTRALITY.

A curious situation exists at Shanghai. Two Russian warships have taken refuge there from the guns of the Japanese fleet, and despite the urgent requests of the Chinese officials, refuse to either disarm or leave the port.

The spectacle presented is not soothing to the dignity of the powers signatory to the joint note presented to the two combatants and to China at the beginning of hostilities regarding the strict observance of Chinese "administrative entity."

The United States, although the originator of the movement which resulted in the note, is no more bound to preserve Chinese neutrality than any of the other signatory powers.

Estimates now being prepared at the Postoffice department, showing the probable cost of maintaining the rural free delivery service during the fiscal year 1905-06, and upon which the appropriations made at the coming session of congress will be based, indicate that the delivery in operation at the end of next June will cost about \$20,000,000 a year to maintain.

The situation is so delicate and critical that no power cares to take the initiative in backing up the weak-kneed demands of China for the disarmament of the vessels or their leaving the port.

In the meantime Japan cannot be expected to be idle. They can easily detail two or three cruisers to watch Shanghai and when the question is settled, it is safe to say that Russia will gain nothing from her defiance of the powers.

A DEMOCRATIC FEUD.

There is a good deal of anxiety felt by the democratic leaders in regard to the Murphy-McCarren feud in New York, which threatens to have a serious effect upon the democratic ticket in the state.

McCarren is chairman of the democratic state executive committee and in that capacity of course exerts a great deal of influence, being indeed virtually the party leader.

McCarren is bitterly opposed to him and demands that McCarren be retired as chairman of the executive committee. It was expected that the national committee would intervene and settle the feud, but it is stated that it will not do so.

Meanwhile it is the understanding that McCarren has the backing of Judge Parker and very likely such is the case, for while Murphy vigorously opposed his nomination, McCarren was one of his most earnest and useful supporters.

A New York paper remarks that it is all well enough for Parker's friends to say that this feud is simply a local fight over patronage, but the fact remains that the fight occurs in the one community which is expected to carry the democratic national ticket to victory in that state and that any division in the democratic ranks there is likely to imperil the chances of such victory.

It points out that although New York City gave the democratic candidate for governor two years ago the phenomenal plurality of 122,000, he was beaten in the state at large by 9,000 plurality and the fact shows how easily Parker might lose the state's electoral vote by a small defection of democrats growing out of the factional fight in the metropolis.

It is not known to what extent the Tammany organization supports the position of its leader, but he probably has a majority with him. At any rate the feud is sufficiently serious to justify the apprehension that if not settled it will endanger democratic success in the Empire state, the outlook for which at best is not particularly favorable.

The worthlessness of political forecasts made by political amateurs is strikingly illustrated by Walter Wellman's table of doubtful states, which he claims to have obtained from "an authoritative source in the republican camp."

Among the twelve states classed as doubtful is Nebraska, and Nebraska's political condition is tersely described as follows: "Republican chances so good that some republicans will not admit that the state is in doubt." This is a revelation, indeed.

Every democrat and populist in Nebraska who has the slightest conception of the political situation admits without reserve that Roosevelt will carry the state by 30,000 to 50,000 plurality, and the chances are that Roosevelt's plurality will exceed 50,000.

Russians who do not know whether the failure to damage Japanese vessels in recent battles is due to the men, the guns or the training will probably find the real reason in the fact that too many bureaucrats have made fortunes out of the naval establishment.

Persons in a position to know declare that Russia is only outdone by China in the ease with which "grafting" is practiced by those in authority.

The facetious editor of one of the local weeklies thinks the exaction of \$150 from the postmaster at Getra for a promise of reappointment O. K'd by a United States senator is cutting prices. That may be so but Getra's present Naaby could hardly be expected to have raised even that amount without assistance from John N. Baldwin, or some one spending money for him.

British newspapers that want the United States to take the lead in forcibly maintaining the neutrality of China should remember that this government has less to lose by a breach of that neutrality than almost any other nation and that it is usually up to the people living nearest the fire to keep the conflagration from spreading.

Cripple Creek, in the state of Colorado, is doing its best to rival Port Arthur as the source of war news in spite of the fact that the governor of the state has officially declared that a state of war no longer exists in the gold camp.

There is apparently a call for the presence of a Russian Major West at Liao Yang, where Red Cross stores have

been found in the possession of a merchant. The former chief commissary officer of the Department of the Missouri had little trouble in running down a somewhat similar conspiracy at Manila.

Munro and Jeffries are butting into the class of English jingoes that Kipling rebuked for "killing Newer with their mouths." They are both busy telling what they will do to each other.

The voting machine makers think Omaha is their meat and they are all hurrying this way to push their particular wares to the front.

President Castro of Venezuela doesn't seem to like the advice of Minister Bowen in the asphalt cases now so much as he did when the American minister was giving advice to other governments who hold claims against the South American republic.

It is just possible that Admiral Togo allowed some of those Russian ships to escape in order to evade responsibility about the division of the credit for the victory.

The habit of leaning at automobilists would never do, for prompt and accurate discrimination would rarely be possible, and the chances are that when an automobilist was bugged it would be the wrong one.

The course of the democrats of Nebraska is open to the strongest censure. It is a sacrifice of national interests to an attempt to carry the state for local candidates.

The aggregate voting population of Omaha is 20,000, and twenty-five voting machines with a capacity of 800 would be ample for our immediate wants.

The aggregate voting population of South Omaha is 4,500, and six voting machines would be ample for that town.

The government should give the question of naturalization a thorough investigation. Last night in maintaining the safeguards against conferring citizenship on unworthy aliens is a serious danger.

The elevator hog is the "elevator hog" who is receiving the attention of the press, that erstwhile was fulminating against his end-seed congener.

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Our population will overtake our agricultural output some day, but the distance of that day is an indeterminate matter. As to some staples it will come earlier than in others.

POLITICAL SNAPSNOTS.

New York World: This would be a dull stage in the campaign if it were not for the wish of the "lifelong democrat" flopping to Roosevelt and the "lifelong republican" flopping to Parker.

Chicago Record-Herald: General Miles says Judge Parker's speech of acceptance is a "bow of promise and a star of hope, but with a powerful effort he restrains himself from going so far as to call it a ray of joy."

Chicago Tribune: When the Nebraska populists nominated for the office of superintendent of public instruction a man of the name of Roffly they knew they were issuing a direct challenge to the entire newspaper fraternity.

New York Tribune: All accounts from the west show that it is preparing to roll up a tremendous majority for Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Taggart does well to come east. There is some fighting ground here, or at least rainbow chasing will not appear quite so ridiculous as it would out on the prairie.

The Parker Constitutional club is a new organization in New York, composed entirely of lawyers, and W. R. Hornblower is chief bugler.

Professor Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago has published from the university press a study of the hairy tribe of Almon, of which Asiatic race he has made a careful study.

Booze with a delicate shade of sanctity continues popular in New York City. Nineteen gallons of beer were required to christen a nineteen-pound baby. Still the celebrants hollered for more.

Colonel Benjamin F. Hawkins, one of the two remaining of the eight men who organized the Grand Army of the Republic, is attending the encampment at Boston this week. The other is Colonel William R. Woods.

Pierpont Morgan smokes rather a good brand of cigars. He has them made especially for himself by a firm in Cuba. They are very large and strong and they cost him 45 cents apiece, even when he buys them by the thousand.

Manager William Cotter of the Missouri Pacific railway has three brothers who are also railway superintendents. Four brothers railway superintendents is probably without a parallel in any family in the United States.

"To be forced to get up early," says an English physician, "grinds the soul, curdles the blood, swells the spleen, destroys all good intentions and disturbs all day the mental activities. Criminals are always recruited from the early-rising class."

A Chicago woman naively informed a divorce court that "old loves are best," and testfully asked that husband No. 2 be set aside so that she might again hitch up with No. 1. The justice celebrated like breeze of Chicago infuses into the blood a riotous thrill for variety.

A Brooklyn man who had unbounced confidence in socks as a safety deposit, is now sweating and shaking and chasing the sneak thief. If people insist on doing their own banking the stove should not be overlooked. It affords the satisfaction of burning the money.

Among the passengers who sailed for New York from Liverpool on board the steamer on Wednesday last were John Redmond, the Irish leader; Captain Anthony J. Donelan and Patrick O'Brien, national league members of Parliament. They will attend the convention of the Irish league which is to be held in New York August 30.

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ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Matters of Interest Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register. The new army uniform regulations will probably provide the picturesque aquiline as a part of the apparel of the members of the general staff of the army.

There is some question whether General Frederick Funston will go to Chicago to take command of the Department of the Lakes. He may prefer to remain at Vancouver barracks. He is now on duty in Alaska, and on his return he is expected to express his preference for station.

Considerable difficulty has been encountered in filling the position of master electrician of the artillery corps, and at the present time something like fourteen vacancies exist. Only two civilians have been appointed to that position and one of them is already a candidate for a commission in the artillery corps.

While the records of the paymaster general of the army are not quite complete as to the number and amount of the deposits received from soldiers during the last fiscal year—there being two paymasters of distant station yet to be heard from—it is quite evident that the sum will be less than it was in the year.

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The neighborhood of the maneuverers is decidedly benefited by the occupation of the country by the troops. Among the advantages gained will be the acquisition of some thirteen wells, driven by the government on private property, the value of which must be enhanced accordingly, inasmuch as one officer remarked, no one has yet found a way to dig up a well and carry it away after the army had used it.

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LAUGHING GAS.

Wise—Before you get into a fight with him you'd better be sure you've taken his measure. Cossure—Oh, I'll let Bertram do that. Wise—Who's Bertram? Cossure—He's an undertaker—Cleveland Leader.

"Going to run a newspaper in Arkansas, is he? Has he got a good outfit?" "Best that money can buy. We got Winchester rifles, two Smith & Wesson revolvers, a bowie knife, slingshot, pair of brass knuckles, a hand press and some type."—Chicago Tribune.

Hicks—I hear you bought a piece of property at Swamphurst. How does your land lie? "Not nearly so well as the agent who sold it to me."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Why is it that when a man once gets to running for office he never gives it up?" "It's human nature," answered Senator Borah. "If you believe the fact that you don't get a bite doesn't deter you from going next day."—Washington Star.

Injurious Housewife—Did you ever do a lick of real work in your life? "Tufford—No, but I must when I fell into a tub of molasses. Hadn't no other clothes. Jest had to do my best. Lickis them, ma'am."—Philadelphia Press.

"Still," said the wife of the ossified man, "there is nothing so humiliating as the appearance of the animal. There is no more reason or justification for docking a horse's tail than there is to cover his body with green paint. The compulsory preservation of the animal sets a good example to those individuals who destroy the natural beauty of the country in order to give a supposedly 'smart' effect to a team."

The army quartermasters have made contracts for the forage necessary during the maneuvers in Virginia. The cost of the material will be about \$2,500. The supply includes 60,000 pounds of hay for Manassas, 20,000 pounds for Leesville and 100,000 pounds at Gainesville and 30,000 pounds of straw. The hay is to be delivered at Manassas has been purchased of farmers in the neighborhood.

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