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OPPOSITION TO RURAL DELIVERY.

It appears that a considerable opposition has developed to the rural free postal delivery service. The statement is made that organizations of business men and merchants all over the country are preparing to inaugurate a vigorous agitation against the extension of the service...

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY THAN FOR A YEAR OR MORE.

All this certainly points to a resumption of prosperity which will perhaps be equal to the highest the country has had. The chief danger is in a wild speculative boom, the effect of which might be to set the period of recovery back...

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. New York is a great, expansive, ambitious, prosperous city, and costs a large bunch of money annually to run it. According to Mayor McClellan's first budget...

Highly Satisfactory Record and Situation for the Party.

The congressional district elections, so far as determined, indicate the choice of 247 republican members of the house of representatives and 129 democrats...

PERSONAL NOTES.

Captain J. R. Eggleston, the sole surviving officer of the confederate ironclad frigate Merrimack, is a cotton planter on a farm near Jackson, Miss.

RECREATIONAL FOR WIVES.

W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Tribune. "Remember that you are only your husband's helpmeet. Do not forget that you were created for your husband."

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Circulation figures. Includes entries for 1904 and 1903.

SEEKING ORIENTAL TRADE.

A unique method of seeking Oriental trade has just been inaugurated in the form of a floating exposition. Last Tuesday the steamship Ohio left Seattle with a cargo of American manufactured goods...

THE REASON WHY.

"Mr. Councilman, why should Omaha pay twice as much for water as other cities?" asks the red-headed junior yellow in tones of campaign thunder. This recalls again the adage that a fool can ask questions that might puzzle even an Omaha councilman.

Saving Grace.

Chicago Record-Herald. General Miles announces that he has faith in the American people and is full of hope for the future. Evidently the general didn't bet as he voted.

Safety Postal Cars.

Philadelphia Press. Railway postal cars built entirely of steel are now offered to the railroads. It is said that the railroads are engaged in it, the railroads ought to provide such cars in future.

Talking Through His Hat.

Says Count Cassini: "Russia will pursue the war in the far east to the bitter end—that is, until Russia has conquered." Possibly these terms are synonymous, but incidentally it is to be noted that thus far instead of Russia pursuing the war, the contrary has been the case.

Shortage of Men for Navy.

A curious commentary on the zeal with which the United States has gone into the business of building cruisers and battleships is furnished by the fact that in order to man new war vessels now awaiting commission it has been found necessary to put three other war vessels out of commission. There are not men enough to go around, and there is not inducement enough in sea-faring life and the chances of promotion to secure the necessary recruits.

Mysteries of the Electorate.

Springfield Republican. The fact that Indiana's plurality for Roosevelt in the county is almost 100,000 proves beyond a possible doubt that not even those republican managers who knew most about the campaign expected, in the week before election, such a convulsion as was already in the air. For it was half expected by republican leaders only a day before the voting that Indiana would go to Parker. There are more things concealed in the great American electorate just before election day than in the deep sea.

INCREASE IN GOLD SUPPLY.

Four Hundred Millions a Year May Be the Output of the Output of Gold. The statement published by our government that English enthusiasts are looking for a future output of gold in the Transvaal of from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year is stimulating to the imagination, just as the realization of this prediction would be stimulating to the speculation and business of the world. In the first six months of this year the output of gold in the Transvaal amounted to about \$8,000,000. This is at the rate of about \$16,000,000 for the year. Last year's production amounted to over \$6,000,000. The largest production was in 1898, being \$75,213,000.

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Philadelphia Record. It is announced that the heads of the great railroad corporations think the time has come for executing the long cherished plan of combining all the railroads of the country under one trust. Probably these railroad magnates have not yet heard of President Roosevelt's counter plan of providing against such corporations as have violated the Sherman anti-trust law and the interstate commerce law. At any rate, such a railroad trust, if it could be created, would afford great encouragement to the state socialists, who propose to put to rest the transportation under control of the federal government.

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With Lee and Davis counties in Iowa going republican this fall, an indignant Southland will surely demand that their names be changed.

If Governor Mickey is really looking over state institutions with the intention of reducing the number of employes, he has begun at the right end of the financial problem.

The German Foreign office has denied published reports of the illness of the emperor. It is to be hoped this is not a Tautouian way of preparing the public for the physician's bulletins.

The speakership plum will not be plucked until the legislature meets in January. Before the entries are closed the chances are good that there will be at least a dozen in the race.

At last accounts the debate on the question whether or not the champions of fusion are responsible for the ruin of the democratic party in Nebraska was left in a very unconvincing condition.

Governor LaFollette's real strength in the Wisconsin legislature will be tested when the members come up against the lobby. No political leader can be certain of his men until after they have been under fire.

Despite the testimony of railroad men that each company has to compete with itself in making live stock rates, none of the roads have been known to go into the hands of receivers by losses from this source of competition.

Recent developments in Alaska federal officialdom give promise of a cleaner sweep in other directions and a number of people who have considered their jobs held by the power of political pull and not by merit may be surprised.

All the members-elect of the legislature from Douglas county profess to be eager only to carry out the wishes of their constituents in the matter of legislation. It behooves the constituents, therefore, to get busy and study out what they want.

The most reasonable explanation of the big vote in favor of the biennial election amendment in Iowa is that every friend of every office holder voted for it, as it will give each man in office one year longer to serve, and incidentally reduce the ratio of campaign expenses.

Actress Nan Patterson has the satisfaction of knowing that if she is not found guilty she will be one of the most widely advertised women in the United States and her drawing power has been little weakened by her experience to judge by the crowds turned away from the court room.

With Austria announcing that it will have representatives at the second Hague conference and Italy stating that it will make known its intention after learning the intention of the "triple alliance," Emperor William must feel flattered, as Germany is the only member of that alliance still to report.

It is probable that W. L. Douglas's outlay of \$34,000 was the maximum amount spent by any candidate for governor this fall, although the tenure of the Massachusetts office is but one year, against two years or more in other states. But Mr. Douglas may feel that he got his money's worth when the result in the nation is considered.

The democrats will probably be given an opportunity to make political medicine when the "stand-patters" and the "tariff rippers" meet at Washington with a large enough republican majority to permit both sides to do foolish things. The fight has already begun in Iowa and Massachusetts and will reach the other states in course of time.

DANGER OF OVER-SPECULATING.

Warning to the tendency toward a revival of heavy speculation, which has been manifested since the presidential election, a leading financial paper cautions the public against the danger of over-speculating. It remarks that there is no ground for haste in buying because prices are on the rise, as the result of speculation upon anticipated values. There is danger of this going too far. It argues that a potent cause of reaction from former activity has been the pushing of cost of wages and prices, too high, and the adjustment needed to awaken and sustain demands commensurate with supply in many lines of production has not been effected. Until it has been there will be a clog upon the activity of industry and trade to prevent their normal operation. It therefore concludes that it is not a time for eager investment at advancing prices, but for caution and conservative calculation. "There is danger in the hasty speculation that has begun and is supported rather by anticipations and an easy money market than by substantial results already achieved in productive industry and profitable trade. It is a time for keeping the head."

Among the subjects under discussion before the Real Estate exchange is the propriety of the exchange taking action with reference to existing conditions under the present revenue law, under which resident owners of mortgages must pay taxes on them, while non-resident owners of Nebraska mortgage loans are relieved of that burden. In what respect the present revenue law differs with regard to the assessment of realty mortgages, whose owners reside in Nebraska, from the law that has prevailed for the preceding half a century is not discernible. There never was a time in Nebraska when a resident owner of a mortgage loan was exempt from taxation, unless he deliberately perjured himself by making no return of the loan, as an asset, and there has never been a time when the owner of a mortgage lying outside of this state could be assessed in Nebraska on a mortgage loan on real estate in Nebraska. In this respect the owner of a real estate mortgage living in Nebraska does not differ from the owner of a chattel mortgage or any other class of securities on property located in Nebraska, living in Nebraska.

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