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South Omaha seems to have no difficulty with competing paving contractors. South Omaha has no Board of Public Works.

Evidence is accumulating that Adick's only had a lease on those Delaware legislators, in place of a vested title, as many imagined.

From the action of Illinois, Texas, Missouri and a number of other states Kansas has apparently found something for which many another has been looking.

Now that former Attorney General Monett of Ohio has gone to Kansas, the center of the fight on the Standard Oil company can be fixed with greater certainty.

The Nebraska bone-setters and bone-shakers have made a truce with the Nebraska saw-bones in the amended medical bill now pending before the legislature.

Now if delegates from the Business Men's association are only given seats in the Central Labor union, all will be peace and harmony on earth as well as in heaven.

If the Filipinos want to keep the affection of the American people they will send few reports of lawn fetes in honor of official dignitaries until the grass sprouts over here at home.

From now until next winter the "soft track" will have to be taken into consideration by railroad operating departments, but this is easy compared with the snowdrift and the chilled rail.

The report comes from Russia that Musselmen have attacked Armenians within the Russian empire. Under present conditions Russian soil offers free fighting ground for all elements.

If the bill prohibiting the sale of patent medicines that contain more than 10 per cent of alcohol passes the Nebraska legislature another bill creating the office of patent medicine taster will be in order.

It is too bad that the report on the Smoot case is to go over until the next session of congress. The people are really becoming anxious to know just what the senators learned from the witnesses.

The Omaha Indian supply depot is safe once more. It has been miraculously saved so many times that its saving at the tail end of every session of congress has become one of the periodic features.

Japanese evidently object to the occasion rather than to the fact that Russians march prisoners of war in parade, evidently thinking that the time is not ripe for triumphal processions in the realm of the czar.

It now transpires that the Department of Justice has been for weeks at work on the "Beef trust" matter while opposition journals have been twitting the administration with inaction. Evidently the "big stick" is not operating with a brass band.

That army officer who has received cumulative sentences of sixty years in the penitentiary for falsifying his accounts must realize that the weight of Uncle Sam's hand loses nothing through distance, even though he was sentenced in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The recurrence of this anniversary, which will be celebrated throughout our country and which is not forgotten in any quarter of the globe, serves only to deepen and intensify the enduring fame of the one figure in all history whose splendor no hostile criticism has ever for a moment dimmed.

George Washington is pre-eminent among the most illustrious of mankind. An eminent English historian has written of him that of all the great men in history he was the most invariably just and there is scarcely a rash word or action or judgment recorded of him.

He never acted on the impulse of an absorbing or uncalculating enthusiasm, and he valued very highly fortune, position and reputation; but at the command of duty he was ready to risk and sacrifice them all. He was in the highest sense of the words a gentleman and a man of honor, and he carried into public life the severest standard of public morals.

Patriotism, in the truest and highest sense, was Washington's most commanding quality and the one which most strongly appeals to the citizens of the republic he founded. His foremost thought was that his country ought to be a nation and not a confederacy and with unselfish devotion he gave all his great ability and energy to making it a nation, pausing at no sacrifice required of him.

It has been very truly said that above all Washington is our great national example and that in this respect he still serves the country he loved more effectively than in any other. No other leader, however rich in great men, can show a man who through the years retains so influential a relation to the moral life of the nation as George Washington.

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REPRESENTATIVE LITTLEFIELD OF MAINE

presented figures showing that naval appropriations for 1898-1905, inclusive, amounted to over \$681,000,000, and he pointed out that in point of tonnage we shall be the third naval power in the world when the vessels now authorized are completed, exceeded only by Great Britain and France, while in the matter of efficiency we shall perhaps be second.

There are some who think that the United States ought to take first place among the naval powers, but it is doubtful if a majority of the people are ready to approve such a policy of expenditure as would be necessary to give us that position. We should not permit the navy to decline and there is no likelihood that this will be permitted at any time in the future.

There seems to be a division of opinion on the board of inquiry as to the justification of the firing upon the British trawlers, but this can hardly mean that there are admirals of other nations who would have followed the same course.

Senator Ellkins has practically declared that no railroad rate regulation will be enacted by the present congress. Hold-over members may as well make arrangements to spend part of their usual vacation at the national capital.

Buffalo Bill's vast experience as a hero of Indian stories ought to have warned him to stay under cover while so many hostile witnesses were lurking in the tall grass.

Officials of the Standard Oil trust refuse to discuss the proposed congressional investigation of their business. They have all they can conveniently do signing receipts for their dividend checks.

It seems that the inventor of the cakewalk, who has just died, was employed by President Roosevelt's parents in his youth. May be that's how the chief executive got his taste for the strenuous life.

The reappearance of one of those historic letters containing the injunction to burn it, and which did not get burned, calls attention to one case in which science and invention have not come up to the needs of progress. Some inventions are wonderful, but the paths of statesmanship will never be easy until a time fuse is perfected which will make sure of burning up the letters to which it is attached.

It has been our belief for a long time that the Spanish Claims commission bid fair to rival the almost incredible story of the French claims, on the score both of delay and injustice. Up to date, it has made awards in but three claims, amounting to \$12,000. Meanwhile, the commission being built by the government, since its creation in March, 1901, only about \$150,000 in salaries and expenses. This is a pretty sad record of inefficiency. At this rate, it will take the commission some 500 years to complete its task.

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MAXIMS OF WASHINGTON.

Rules of Conduct Dressed by the First President When a Boy. (These maxims were written by Washington when a boy of 13 and reflect ideals of Social etiquette in vogue in Virginia in Colonial times.)

Every action in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those present. In presence of others sing not to yourself with a humming noise, nor drum with your fingers or feet.

Be no flatterer; neither play with any one that delights not to be played with. Read no papers, books or papers in company; but when there is a necessity for doing it, you must ask leave. Come not near the books or writings of any one so as to read them, unless directed, nor give your opinion of them unasked; also, look not nigh when another is writing a letter.

When you discuss with men of business be short and comprehensive. Be not inordinate in urging your friend to discover a secret.

Be not curious to know the affairs of others; neither approach to those that speak in private. Make no show of taking great delight in your victories; feed not with greediness; lean not on the table; neither find fault with what you eat.

When you dine with men of business be short and comprehensive. Be not inordinate in urging your friend to discover a secret.

When you speak of God or His attributes, let it be seriously, in reverence. Honor not your natural parents, although they be poor.

In your apparel be modest and endeavor to accommodate nature rather than to procure admiration; keep to the fashion of your equals, such as are civil and orderly in respect to time and place.

Play not the peacock, looking everywhere about you to see if you be well decked, if your shoes fit well, if your stockings sit neatly and clothes handsomely.

Be not angry at table, whatever happens, and if you have reason to be, show it not; put on a cheerful countenance, especially if there be strangers, for good humor makes one dish of meat a feast.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Down in Kansas they call him John D. Robafeller. William H. Taft will be the orator at the Yale law school commencement next June.

After being jilted three times by the same trifler an Illinois woman accepted the wretch when he proposed a fourth time during the trial of her suit for \$25,000.

Captain P. Lehnard of the United States coast guard in the Philippines has reached New York from Russia, on his way to Manila. He was unable to get across Siberia by rail on account of the military operations.

The New York supreme court has established a state record by granting seven divorces in less than the space of one every twelve minutes. That's about as fast as folks can be married, even under New York's simple laws.

Although District Attorney Jerome belongs to one of the oldest and most distinguished families in New York and holds a membership in five of the most fashionable clubs, he prefers to live a little out over on the east side. At home he leads the simple life and in the office he leads the strenuous life.

Governor Brady of Alaska protests against talk of the "vile, dirty Eskimo," saying those who make such remarks are ignorant. "I don't know what he means by like in other districts, but I do know that the Alaskan Indian is as fine a type of his class as can be found anywhere. Take them as a whole, they are sober and industrious, make homes and adopt civilization readily. They are cheerful, honest, hospitable, gentle and kind-hearted."

Colonel "Bill" Sterrett sat in a Washington hotel lobby grumbling about the cold and miserable weather. "Down in my Texas home," he snorted, "the peach trees are probably blooming, the scent of the grass in the air, as I suppose my children are going swimming. Oh, I don't know," said a northern acquaintance. "I have just received a letter from a friend of mine who is down there. He says the Texans are enjoying a fuel famine, while the woods are frozen up. Garden truck is dead, and whiskey and molasses are frozen hard." "Yes, there you are," said Sterrett, "the minute I come up to this country they let things go to rack and ruin."

Brooklyn Eagle Washington Dispatch. A curious situation is presented here in the spectacle of representatives of the private car lines clamoring for the passage of the Townsend-Esch rate bill. This is the measure which its framers claim will wipe out the private car lines, along with other transportation evils. The fact that agents of these independent car companies are no longer opposing the Townsend-Esch bill, but, in fact, are urging its adoption, raises the suspicion that somewhere in its provisions a "joker" is concealed.

There has been a pronounced change of front on the part of the private car interests within the past few days. A month ago they were thoroughly alarmed over the legislative prospect, owing to the fact that the president, both branches of congress, railroads and shippers were all demanding that something be done to check the private car evil. It was described as the powerful right arm of the Standard Oil company.

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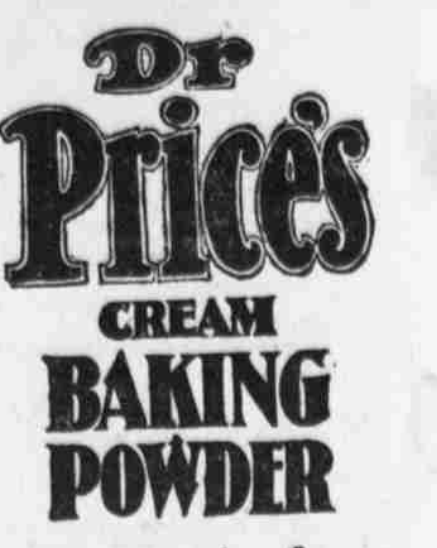
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Yes," said the cheerful idiot, "there is one social chasm that politeness cannot bridge." "What, for instance," asked the Tired Citizen, in the hope that the idiot was threatened with a lucid interval. "Boredom," replied the cheerful idiot, laughing knowingly.—Baltimore American.

"Charles, have you ever considered going into any business?" "Naw. The governor wanted me to last year, but I told him, don't know, it was enough to have one tradesman in the family."—Judge.

Badleigh Middle—Mister, I'm goin' to ask you an unusual question. How do you like Pellaire (formerly Rusty Rufus)? Well, I'm going to give you the usual answer. I don't like him. He's a damn good fellow, but he has no more pride in his calling than to put on the professional wig when he tackles a stranger for the price of a drink. Here's a dollar, though, for old-time's sake. Now get out of my sight, you object old vagabond, or I'll kick you out of it.—Chicago Tribune.



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