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It would be just like Colorado to put a man in the office of governor who never expected the place.

The Russian army in Manchuria now knows just what Stoessel was saving it for by holding Fort Arthur.

Having stung the bear out of Manchuria, will the Japanese bees have the foolishness to attack him at the mouth of his den?

The time may come when it will be possible to pay tribute to the unknown genius who presides over the Japanese intelligence bureau.

Why hold a session of the legislature, anyway? Why not let the corporation lobby make our laws and save the expense to the taxpayers?

It will be noticed that it was a democratic senate which killed the folk antibribery bill in Missouri after a republican house had passed it.

Russian peasants appear to be as anxious to obtain land as though they were at the head of some western American land speculating syndicate.

The new fourth assistant postmaster general will have to adopt really strenuous methods if he makes as much noise in the office as his predecessor from Kansas.

It is now proposed by the Spanish government to grant a pension and decoration to General Weyer, but whether staying in Cuba or leaving there is not stated.

Everybody understands now why Mayor Moores sought the salubrious climate of Arizona. He did not propose to apply for a permit and chromo to Judge Vinsonhaler.

Another wreck like that on the New York elevated railroad may change the opinion of the management on the subject of employing men over 45 years old. Veterans seldom try experiments.

The largest item of expenditure in the monthly exhibit of South Omaha municipal finances is interest, and that item will continue to grow if the various schemes for increased bond issues materialize.

Before the Civic Improvement league enters upon its spring and summer campaign it should consult some competent landscape architect and adopt well defined and artistic plans for beautifying the city.

The Standard Oil Company is apparently willing to show Kansas that it can get along without the state better than the state can get along without the company, and the end of the contest is not in sight.

There certainly is no more reason why a building owned by a fraternal insurance company should be exempt from taxation than a building owned by an old life insurance company. Both are organized and conducted on commercial lines.

If the threat of the republican speaker of the Missouri house of representatives is carried into effect and a democrat is elected senator before the adjournment of that legislature next week, it is safe to predict that Missouri will not return another republican legislature for several years to come.

Nominations by direct primaries instead of nominations by conventions is a reform now generally advocated in almost every state of the union, but to be effective in eradicating admitted abuses the direct primary should not be confined to municipal and county officers. It should be extended to the nomination of state officers, members of congress and United States senators.

THE SANTO DOMINGO MATTER.

Whatever the fate of the arrangement by which it is proposed that the United States shall take charge of the custom houses of Santo Domingo, collect the revenue, pay over a fixed proportion for the conduct of the Dominican government and set apart the remainder for the payment of the foreign debt of that republic, the matter has proved more embarrassing to the administration than any other which it has dealt with.

It goes without saying that Omaha could advantageously emulate the example of Duluth and Kansas City, always providing that its citizens could be induced to pull together.

STILL IN RETREAT. The news from the seat of war in the far east is growing monotonous.

The flood of congratulations showered upon Bridge Contractor Drake and the startling address to the people of Nebraska that appears in the local democratic sheet in big, black letters covering half a yard long and three columns wide, is amusing, if not suggestive.

Newspaper men have no ground for complaint against President Roosevelt. More members of the profession have been appointed by him to responsible positions at home and abroad than by any of his predecessors.

NECESSARY TO SOUTHERN TRADE. The question of how to promote our trade with the countries of South America is one of commanding interest.

THE EXAMPLES OF DULUTH AND KANSAS CITY. The March number of "The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science," which deals exclusively with city life and progress in America, contains some very interesting and instructive contributions.

WHAT BECOMES OF UNIFORMITY. One of the cardinal principles for which railroad attorneys who have opposed the assessment of railroad property on a valuation based on their capitalization, namely, the market value of their stocks and bonds, or on a valuation computed by their earnings, has been uniformly, if railroads are to be assessed for taxation on their capitalization or earnings, then they insist all other classes of property must be harmonized and unified on the same basis.

New Record in War Horrors. Portland Oregonian. "Enemy's dead left on the field, twenty-six thousand strong. This is the report of the Japanese field marshal. It indicates a slaughter unknown in historical records. Of course, since the Japanese were the assailants, their losses must have been quite as great, if greater.

Sugar for the Sugar Trust. Philadelphia Press. The Sugar trust will be \$5,000,000 richer if it gets that sum from the government, as decreed by Judge Wheeler, in the United States circuit court of appeals. The trust paid that much in duties on Cuban sugars in 1903, which it claims should not have been paid under the reciprocity treaty.

PERSONAL NOTES. John Philip Sousa, the bandmaster, complains bitterly that the British are pirating his music.

Colonel Max Fleischmann of Cincinnati, a millionaire, will in the summer of 1905 make a dash toward the North Pole with the hope of reaching the furthest point north. He has already chartered a steamer for the purpose.

Good. Only look out for dandruff! It leads straight to baldness. But there's use trying now, for Ayer's Hair Vigor cures dandruff, keeps the scalp clean and healthy, and checks falling hair.

TELEPHONE POSTAL SERVICE.

Significant Hinting Promulgated by the Postoffice Department. New York Tribune. Under a ruling of the authorities in Washington, published in the latest Postal Guide, postmasters are forbidden to answer questions by telephone in regard to mail matter in their offices.

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LAUGHING GAS.

"I want to become a press agent. How would you advise me to make myself efficient?" "Associate with fishermen."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I guess I'll send my boy to college for just a few years." "Why for only one term?" "Well, he's too big for me to handle, an' I'd like to see his 'brass' 'bout now."—Washington Star.

"These political rings," remarked the philosopher of folly, "bring me some of the signs on a shop door. On the outside, 'Push'—and you've got to shove mighty hard; but once you're on the inside, it's all 'Pull.'"—Cleveland Leader.

Rich Uncle-Horace, are you living within your income?" "Spending it." "Practically, Uncle, I'm living just even with it."—Chicago Tribune.

Grace-Edythe was born with a silver spoon in her mouth. Gladys—Judging by the size of the aperture of her mouth, she was a ladle.

Ethel—Charlie Gayboy is a chronic dyspeptic of folly. "I'm getting me some of the signs on a shop door. On the outside, 'Push'—and you've got to shove mighty hard; but once you're on the inside, it's all 'Pull.'"—Cleveland Leader.

"Horace, dear, is there really such a thing as a fool killer?" "Now, if that's not like a silly woman! How should I know? I never saw one." "Oh, that's evident."—Cleveland Leader.

Myrtle—John, I'm sure there's a brighter down in the dining room." "Mr. Brown, would you please get me a glass of water?" "If we keep quiet maybe he'll take away that chafing dish of yours."—Philadelphia Press.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Philadelphia Ledger. Sons of the Gael, by Shannon's wave. By crumpled fans and patriot's grave. By tower, castle, rath and fell.

Sons of the Gael, in England's vale, By Scotch moss and mill and lake, By beaming crags in lovely lakes. And crumpled and woodland wale.

Sons of the Gael—the Macs, the O's, Where Yarra-Yarra proudly grows. From sluggish lake and purling foes—

Sons of the Gael, by placid Seine, By Danube, Guadalquivir, Rhine, By where the moonlight moonlight shines. Reflects Buddhist temple, Moslem shrine.

Sons of the Gael, Columbia through Atlantic's fringe to Golden Gate. By where the green hills are divided, Who helped build a nation great—

Sons of the Gael, the world o'er, North Arctic skies, on tropic sands, Where fountains of billows lash the shore, Where beams the sun on every land.

Join today in kindly greeting, And "hands across the sea" now clasp. Let brother-sister's brother meeting, Forget the past in Friendship's grasp. To the bright hues of the Orange. Let us the Green its emerald lend. And let the banners of your island In one harmonious color blend. To long your hearts have been divided, Too long have passions held their sway. Forget—forget in sacred union, Sons of the Gael, this Patrick's Day!

The souvenir of the dinner and the menu are to be most elaborate. For each person there is to be first a plaque in bas-relief, presenting the heads of Washington and Roosevelt, together with the dates of each man's presidency.

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Fifty Years the Standard.

The President as Guest at a St. Patrick's Day Banquet. A patriotic society whose lines extend unbroken to revolutionary times will have President Roosevelt as guest of honor at a banquet in Delmonico's this evening.

The President (by a Card) having requested the honor of His Excellency's Company, together with the Gentlemen of his Suit, at Dinner at the City Tavern on Tuesday, the 1st Jan'y. He was pleased to accept the invitation and according to the Order of the last meeting the Secretary sent Cards to all the Persons therein specified, requesting the pleasure of their Company at the same place & time, viz., 6 o'clock.

Of all the societies to entertain General Washington, says the New York Herald, none had a better right to act as host during such joyous times than that society known as the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, a patriotic, charitable organization born of the "Irish Club" and fostered by men who claimed either birth on Irish soil or straight descent from Irish ancestors.

The membership embraced men who had won a high rank as commanders of the colonial troops. It is sufficient only to mention Anthony Wayne, John Stark, Richard Montgomery, Sullivan, Moutrie, Morgan, Beatty, Stewart and a score of others.

After 123 years the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick are to entertain another man privileged to be addressed as His Excellency. This time New York City is to be the scene, and Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, is to be the guest.

President Roosevelt is a favorite guest of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. He is an honorary member in which class there are only eight men. He has been a guest on several occasions before, in 1898, when he was police commissioner, and after he had become governor, and his speeches have always delighted the society.

The society itself, as a corporation, is wealthy, and draws a considerable income from its stocks and bonds. Among its 500 members are many of the wealthiest of the city leaders in professions and commerce.

Members and society have combined to transform the banquet room of the restaurant into a room which in every way shed lustre on the day and the society.

Of course, the principal decoration will be entwined Irish and American flags, but in addition there will be oil paintings of Washington and Roosevelt flanking the entrance to the room.

Electricity and flowers will do the rest. Just 589 men will sit down to the dinner, that being the very last one the Delmonicos can figure space for. It is whispered that the waiting list numbers 2,000.

There will be a table on the raised dais where Judge James Fitzgerald, the society's president, will preside, with the president at his right hand. What other men are to be at the main table has not yet been decided, but of course there will be the speakers, W. Bourke Cockran, Judge Martin J. Keogh and others, and surely, if he be able to leave his home, Samuel Sloan, Mr. Sloan is the oldest member of the society, joining sixty-two years ago.

He was, of course, and knew Daniel McCormick, "that estimable citizen who in 1854 died at his home, No. 57 Wall street," and he was the society's first president in 1784.

In front of the main table will be other large ones, each with a waiter, and each of them presided over by a steward or a member of the reception committee. At these will be seated the members and the few guests to be entertained. It is safe to say, however, that every member able will be there.

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