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The March lion seems to have deferred his visit until April. Senator Warner will know the real cost of office holding before he tries for a second term.

Now, if the paving contractors will only be good, our street improvements may soon be under way.

Admiral Togo is keeping so quiet that news of a fight in the Indian ocean should not be surprising at any time.

"Auld Reekie" cares not where London may go for its water so long as it comes to Scotland for its "whuskie."

The principle difficulty in the construction of the Panama canal at this time seems to be in removing "mamma" from the zone.

The newspapers have the "last say" in the argument with the state legislature, and some of the lawmakers may be sorry they spoke.

No one can now deny the influence of the west upon the east. Chinese miners employed in South Africa have gone on a strike, while the police are trying to preserve order.

While enforcing the anti-spitting ordinance the police should not overlook the speed regulations for automobiles. The wonder is that we have not had more bad auto accidents.

Indian Territory people are preparing a wolf hunt for the president, but were they to show him their really "biggest" game it would probably be one where the "kitty" is the hungry.

The next democratic ticket in Douglas county will have to be named by a direct primary under the new primary law. It remained for the republicans to force the democrats to be democratic.

At least the Colorado legislature cannot have been quite so black as it was painted, since it left the Cripple Creek mine owners to carry the expense of the militia in that district for two years longer.

In refusing to pardon a man convicted of violating the anti-trust laws the governor of Kansas referred to the prisoner as an "amateur Rockefeller," and the petitioners saw that further appeal was useless.

The new Omaha charter puts a fixed limit on the expenditure of every branch of municipal government except the school board. It is to be hoped the school board members will realize their responsibility.

The legislature just closed issued fewer bills, but passed more of them than any of its recent predecessors. The fatness or leanness of the bill file does not always determine the size of the volume of session laws.

NOT READY FOR PEACE.

It has been a very general impression that Japan has for months been ready for peace. So far as present indications go this appears to be a mistaken view.

The Japanese are prosecuting the war with unabated vigor. There is no intimation from Tokio of a desire to end hostilities, or that the question has received serious consideration there.

The Japanese armies in northern Manchuria are being steadily strengthened. The government is adding to its financial resources and finding no difficulty in doing so.

The subjects of the minko are as patriotic as at any time since the war began and a force as great as that which has been sent into the field can be dispatched to the scene of conflict when wanted.

In a word, Japan is in splendid condition for continuing the war and her present purpose appears to be to prosecute it until her enemy is compelled to sue for peace, toward which circumstances seem to be irresistibly forcing him.

Japan has already achieved all that she set out to accomplish. It was not her original purpose, as the world understood it, to expel Russia from all of Manchuria.

That seemed too great a task. Her aim was to prevent the foe coming too near to her borders and for this purpose she thought it would be enough to drive Russia from the southern portion of Manchuria.

That having been accomplished Japan is evidently not satisfied to stop there. She means to go on until every Russian soldier is expelled from Chinese territory and she will, as now indicated, accept no terms or conditions of peace that do not provide for peace.

Everything points to the determination of Japan to get possession of Vladivostok and there is every reason to believe that she will be able to accomplish this. She might not be disposed to permanently hold that stronghold, but with it in her possession she could absolutely dictate terms of peace and insist even upon an indemnity, which is the thing to which Russia now most strenuously objects.

THE NEW CANAL COMMISSION.

There has been some doubt expressed as to whether President Roosevelt would be able to secure for the new Isthmian Canal commission men equally as well qualified for the duties as those displaced.

We think it will be acknowledged that he has found such men, although not until the commission has fully settled down to its work will it be known whether its members will get along together more harmoniously or labor more industriously and energetically than did those they succeed.

Unquestionably the president had very substantial reasons for making the changes. While the commission as first constituted appeared to be doing fairly well, it did not show that degree of vigor in its work which the president thought should have been exerted.

Besides there were differences and a lack of harmony which necessarily retarded progress. To have allowed this sort of thing to continue could not have failed to prove a more or less serious drawback to the great enterprise and Mr. Roosevelt very properly decided to make changes in the commission.

The membership remains as prescribed by the act of congress authorizing the body, so that no question can be raised as to the legality of the president's action.

The instructions for the guidance of the commission are comprehensive and will require that the members shall spend a considerable part of the time on the isthmus. The governor of the zone and the chief engineer are to reside on the isthmus and devote their entire time to the service, except when granted leave of absence by the secretary of war.

There will be no delay on the part of the new commission in entering upon its duties and it is expected that from now on work on the canal will be prosecuted with all possible vigor.

PROSPERITY EVERYWHERE. The Philadelphia Public Ledger sent out inquiries to all parts of the country in regard to business conditions and received replies showing that unexampled prosperity exists in every section of the country.

Money is easy and capital seeks investment, the wage earner is better paid than for some years, and there are few idle men in the broad domain of the country. The Ledger notes a number of facts evidencing the general prosperity and remarks that the only dark spots all over the land are in the central Pennsylvania bituminous coal regions and a portion of the northwestern region, where the operators have cut the wages of the miners.

This showing is highly gratifying and encouraging and justifies a feeling of confidence that the American people have before them a period of prosperity which if it shall not prove to be unprecedented will equal any period in the past.

STALE PRESS COMMENT.

Howells State (dem.) Governor Mickey has done one official act of which we most heartily approve. We refer to his veto of the anti-Science bill.

Hastings Tribune: In vetoing the anti-Christian Science bill Governor Mickey used good judgment. The bill was purely class legislation and had it become a law, it would have been a blot upon the statutes of Nebraska.

Neigh Yeoman (dem.) Representative Ernst of the Nebraska legislature has ascertained how difficult and embarrassing and ineffective are the efforts of a legislator against the railroad lobby.

Friend Telegraph: The York Republican resolves that hereafter it will not support any candidate for the senate or house who will not in its columns pledge, over his signature, that he will accept no railroad patronage or other favor from any railroad company.

Asland Gazette: The pass evil, like the red devil, is an evil only evil. There are strong-minded, well-balanced men who, no doubt, can make good their boast that they can drink or let it alone.

Humboldt Leader: The fact remains that the free press is a decided bar to good government. It is by its failure to enact some restrictive measure along this line that the present legislature has not only imposed a serious handicap upon the republican party in the state, but has neglected a golden opportunity of lifting Nebraska to a high government.

Wayne Herald: A few of the illustrious orators in the senatorial constellation favored an amendment to the proposed anti-pass bill, now dead, prohibiting issuance of free passes to newspapers.

Schuyler Free Lance: The populist party was a party of the people and had a right platform, but the populist party failed most miserably when in power to do anything for the relief of the people along the lines it was supposed to advance.

Albion News: Edward Rosewater, talking in Washington, objected to a recent cartoon representing President Roosevelt and Mr. Bryan as occupying the same bed.

Nebraska City Tribune: It is as yet too early to make up a critical review of the doings of our lawmakers, though already some fronted partisan organs have attempted to make out that this session was the "worst ever."

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Matters of interest gleaned from the Army and Navy Register. Army officers who overstay their leave by a few days without authority for the absence and without being able to furnish evidence that the delay in return to duty was unavoidable will suffer a corresponding loss of pay.

Despite the appeals which have been made by the paymaster general of the army, the comptroller of the treasury refuses to change the computation of time governing payments of officers and men under a decision of his office, based on congressional legislation.

Annual compensation of officers, etc., shall be divided into twelve equal installments, one of which shall be the pay for each calendar month's service rendered by the same person without regard to the actual number of days in said month, and in making payment for fractional part of a month one-thirtieth of one such installment shall be the rate to be paid for each day.

Colonel E. H. Crowder of the judge advocate general's department and also of the general staff of the army is not recalled from his tour of observation as a military attaché with the Japanese army in Manchuria at his own request; in fact, it is understood at the War department that he does not desire to return home.

The paymaster general of the army has before him another question relating to the clothing allowance of an enlisted man. A sergeant was discharged by purchase in the first six months of his enlistment.

Paymaster General Dodge quotes paragraph 4, circular No. 10, War department, 1904, which says: "A credit having once been given a soldier in accordance with general orders No. 104, War department, on his closing account, is final for the period covered by that settlement and no deduction is made thereon because of date of subsequent discharge, nor is it considered because of a subject change in the clothing table," and he answers the question in the negative.

The retirement upon his own application of General G. L. Gillespie is expected to take place within a few weeks, certainly before July 1. It is doubtful if there are any brigadier generals on the active list who are made major generals and retired, owing to the fact that most of those who would be regarded as available for promotion are not inclined to take advantage of the situation at least at present.

The appointment of Colonel Wagner as secretary and of the general staff, who will become president of the Army War college about July 1, when General T. H. Bliss goes to the Philippines, is a certain commendation of the appointment of Colonel Wagner, who has served long, faithfully and with ability in the discharge of numerous and important duties.

The appointment of Colonel Wagner as brigadier general and the retirement for age of Lieutenant Colonel John Tweedale, military secretary, will leave two places to be filled in the military secretary's department. The first vacancy will occur by the retirement of Lieutenant Colonel Tweedale's retirement or as the ultimate result of General Gillespie's retirement, it will be filled in all probability by Captain

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Benjamin Alvord, Twenty-fifth Infantry, secretary of the general staff. That officer is highly recommended by Lieutenant General Chaffee and other general officers. He has as well the endorsement of the general staff itself.

"The more I see of these cranks who say they 'live close to nature,'" said Allen Sparks, "the more I admire art."—Chicago Tribune.

"Has this Russian General much of a following?" "If should say so. Fifty thousand Japs are chasing him."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I suppose you will enjoy a rest after your arduous efforts in congress?" "No, answered the candid statesman; "but it will be a relief to get out with the hired men on the farm and do a little real work."—Washington Star.

Patent—But I thought your price for an appendicitis operation was only \$307. Specialist—Oh, that was yesterday's quotation. The market opened this morning at \$55 and advanced briskly to \$75.—Puck.

Cityman—I guess you fellows living in the city are delighted to get a chance to run around in the fresh air these mornings.

Traveler (Just landed)—I learn you have a new government. How does it start out? Native—Splendidly. We owe money to every nation on earth, and they are all afraid to molest us.—Chicago Tribune.

"You are smitten at an early age," remarked the beautiful girl, snapping at the first mosquito of the season. "It's heredity," said the dying insect. "My father was only two days old when he was smitten on a fat girl at a summer resort!"—Cleveland Leader.

WHAT'S IN IT?

Dr. H. W. Wible, Government Chemist. We sit at a table delightfully spread. All covered with good things to eat. And daintily finger the cream-tinted bread. Just needing to make it complete.

And the mustard is cottonseed meal. And the coffee in south of baked chicken smells. And the terrapin tastes roast veal. The wine that you drink never heard of as grapes.

But of tannin and coal tar is made, And you would not be certain except by the shape. That the eggs by a chicken were laid.

And the salad which has such an innocent look. And whippers of fields that are green. Is covered with germs, each armed with a hook.

To graze with liver and spleen. No matter how hungry or tired or dry. The banquet hostess says about which it. Till you've thought of the past and the future and sigh.

I wonder, I wonder what's in it! And the preacher that prates of the glory that waits. On the saints and asks, Have you notes?

And tells you how hot it will be for the "finger." And the sinner at last, Does he mean it? The political boss who solicits your vote. And promises not to forget it.

When landed at last a piece of some note. Do you think you'll surely regret it? And the maid of our choice with the heavenly voice. Whom you've known for a month if not longer.

Perhaps he said "yes" and it's the time to rejoice. And foster the faith that grows stronger. Ah, that true heart so dear, how you tremble with fear. And with hope when you struggle to win it. But now that it's yours, I pray do not. If I ask, Are you certain what's in it?



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