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John D. Rockefeller will not get a chance to pay himself back that \$67,000 he donated to the University of Nebraska.

Hearst seems as free with his manifestos as if he were preparing to resign office in place of making the fight of his life to get one.

Before making another campaign against Mayor Schmitz, San Francisco people will probably send Herbert George of Denver on a trip around the world.

The insurance investigation has resumed operation in New York, but it might become of secondary importance if Jerome should start to punish the election crooks.

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When looking at that close vote in New York City Grover Cleveland may feel like sending warmer congratulations to Mayor McClellan than he did after the last election.

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No wonder these men went out in Douglas county: HaVerly, Fink, Crawford, LeTou, Solomoa, Ute, Bralley.

THE ELECTION RESULTS.

The results of Tuesday's elections should command the earnest attention of the American people. There is suggested in them lessons which are of the greatest significance and which all who are interested in political affairs ought to study carefully.

Another lesson, though perhaps less significant and impressive, because different conditions obtained there, is seen in the result in Ohio. The democratic victory in that state is to a large extent attributable to popular resentment against a republican boss who for years has dominated the party in Cincinnati and who only a few weeks ago was publicly denounced by Secretary Taft as a man who ought to be repudiated by the party.

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With a solid republican county board, the republican party will justly be held responsible for the economic and business management of the affairs of Douglas county. The people will look to the new board for a thorough house cleaning without whitewash.

DISFRANCHISEMENT DEFEATED.

The defeat of the proposed amendment to the Maryland constitution, providing for the disfranchisement of the colored citizens of the state will be gratifying to all who believe that the negro should be secure in his political rights. So unjustifiable and indefensible was this attempt to deprive the colored citizens of Maryland of the suffrage that some of the most prominent democrats of the state, among them Senator Rayner and Governor Warfield, took an active part in opposition to the amendment and it is needless to say exerted a very great influence. No republican was more vigorous in denouncing the proposition than was Mr. Rayner, who in a most convincing way pointed out the great outrage which it involved not only to the negroes, but as well to all citizens of alien parentage.

The result is a victory for those democrats who opposed the amendment that will give them the leadership of their party and relegate Mr. Gorman and his adherents to the rear. The responsibility for the disfranchisement movement rests wholly with Senator Gorman. Therefore its defeat is a repudiation of him as a leader which probably will terminate his political career. Although he has been regarded as the leader of his party in the national senate, Mr. Gorman has in fact had little influence there and he will now have less. His colleague, Rayner, who was elected to the senate in spite of Gorman's opposition, is likely to exert more influence than the latter. Indeed, it is said that the senate democrats look for great things from him in the next six years.

The verdict of the people of Maryland against disfranchisement of the colored citizens of the state is not the least important and significant of the results of Tuesday's elections.

It will be three years next January since Howell's compulsory water works purchase bill was engineered and railroaded through the state legislature. The avowed object was to expedite the acquisition of the water works by the city of Omaha. The mandate was that the works be acquired immediately, but all that has been acquired up to date is a long drawn suit in the courts, a salaried water board whose members are drawing pay, although the city has no water works to manage, and fat jobs for special attorneys milking the cow, while the board and the water company are pulling at the horns and tail of the animal. That is all that has been done in three years. Without the intrusion of the compulsory bill, the city could have had the works appraised under eminent domain and taken possession of them two years ago, and if the water company had refused to accept the award made by the appraisers it would have had to go to the courts to adjudicate its claims, while the city would have been operating the works. But that would not have given the water spouters an opportunity to fabricate political capital for themselves and tap the city water fund for thousands of dollars, under pretext that they are expediting municipal ownership.

Additional train service is to be installed on several of the railroads between Omaha and Chicago and Omaha and St. Paul, but these additional facilities are of comparatively small importance to Omaha. What Omaha wants is better train facilities on the lines to the west, especially better mail facilities for the newspapers. As it is now, people in Nebraska and South Dakota are obliged to be content with early editions that do not contain the full news of the day or late editions that do not reach them until the next day, while the Chicago dailies, transported by fast mail, reach Nebraska and South Dakota points almost as soon as the Omaha dailies.

The richest of all is the boasting of the Senator Fake over his election night extra which did not give a single figure of the election returns and contained only a few sentences of generalities that afforded no information whatever. Only the poor victims who were deluded into handing over even a cent for this fake sheet will appreciate how smoothly they were bamboozled.

The voting machine saved several republican candidates from being scratched to death, but it will not always work that way. In Milwaukee, for example, only 4 per cent of the votes were deflected from the straight line the first time the voting machine was put in operation, but the second time it was in operation 40 per cent were deflected.

President Roosevelt is said to be the only living president who can boast of having addressed his fellow citizens in every state in the union, and what is more, there are more states in the union now than there were under any but his immediate predecessors.

The bond propositions were mangled by the machines. The next time they are submitted they should be placed on separate paper ballots, so that an expression for or against can be secured from every voter.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. The costliest playground in the country was opened in Harlem last week. It is known as the Thomas Jefferson park, cost \$1,000,000, and is equipped with a variety of buildings and appliances for the amusement of boys and girls.

Perhaps Governor Folk sees where he made his mistake in not going to New York and speaking for Jerome. The vote of New York might come handy in the next national convention and there is no sure evidence now that Tammany will control it.

The Hon. Mr. Dooley has broken loose again with his present day philosophy, basing his discourse upon the insurance graft disclosures. If the investigating committees do not finish the job Mr. Dooley surely will.

The Omaha popocratic organ concedes the election of Letton as judge of the supreme court and Abbott and Lyford as regents of the state university without waiting for the returns from the back counties.

Taking to the Woods. Detroit Free Press. If for no other reason the approach of Thanksgiving is apparent through the announcement that turkeys are scarce.

Oh, Forget It. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It was only a coincidence, of course, that Grover Cleveland and David R. Francis invaded Nebraska while William J. Bryan was away. But people will talk.

Open to Misconstruction. Pittsburgh Dispatch. The information from Manila that a brilliant water pageant consisting of 100 gayly decorated craft cheered Governor Wright when he sailed away might be taken as meaning the people were glad to see him go.

Irresistible Temptation. Chicago Record-Herald. Oregon was undertaking a great investigation for having divided the profit with doctors and ministers who throw business in their way. Of course the doctors and ministers are blameless, seeing that the dignity of their professions made it impossible for them to run from the tempters.

Foreigners in China. Philadelphia Press. Rear Admiral Train is not the first foreigner in China who has suffered from outraging the sensibilities and endangering the safety of the Chinese. If the Prince Louis of Battenberg's squadron were to land in Virginia and begin gunning for game in a crowded district and wind up by "accidentally" shooting a woman, no one would be surprised if a village mob resented the act.

Brutal Customs. Boston Transcript. If the present prejudice against hazing in its steady growth, include a popular objection to the hazing of newly married couples, a good many would be thankful. Kidnaping bridegrooms, scaring the horses attached to the going-away carriage, placarding the just-made-one so that rank outsiders may take a hand in the alleged fun are the chief offenses, while the most heinous is the throwing of the bride and groom into the water or into the sea.

A SIGNIFICANT SPEECH. Senator Knox Lines Up with the President on Rate Regulation. Pittsburgh Dispatch. The speech of Senator Knox at the Chamber of Commerce banquet last night on the subject of railroad rate regulation was national in its scope and significance. It has the greater weight from the memory of the former speech of the senator before the same body, when as attorney general he pointed out how the law can be made effective against combinations in restraint of trade and competition, and the way in which he subsequently demonstrated his view of the law before the courts. When such an authority takes up the rate issue his utterances are of the utmost import.

In his speech the senator punctures the sophistries and misrepresentations by which the railroad interest has attempted to belittle the issue and oppose the policy urged by President Roosevelt. He showed that no railroad has anything to fear from the regulation, it is gratifying to have this open declaration that one of Pennsylvania's senators will stand with the president for the policy of right and justice between the great corporations and the people.

Plans for tapping the Catskill mountains watershed for an increased supply of 500,000,000 gallons daily at an expense of \$181,000,000 to the city of New York have been formally approved by the Board of Estimate. Corporation Counsel Delaney was instructed to petition at once the State Water commission for its consent to the execution of the plans as presented.

Briefly, the plan involves tapping the Esopus, Rondout, Schoharie and Catskill watersheds and bringing the water by aqueduct to New York. A greater reservoir is proposed in the Esopus reservoir, to be known as the Ashokan reservoir, with the two other distributing reservoirs in the present Croton district. One of these will be at Hill View and the other at Keasau. A filtration plant will be installed near Scarsdale. The product will pass under

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The Hudson river near New Hamburg and at their terminus in Staten Island to its source in the Catskills, will be a distance of 140 miles, constituting the longest and largest water conduit ever constructed.

Some New Yorker tried to blow up a tenement house because one family out of the twenty-four there played the piano, not wisely but too much.

Dr. Elger of Warsaw, a Jewish doctor in the Russian army, who is at present a prisoner of war in Japan, has been elected an honorary member of a scientific section of the University of Tokio.

Prof. Sathianadhan, from the Presidency college, Madras, India, delivered five lectures at the Harvard theological seminary. He has had a brilliant career as teacher and author in his native country.

Lawrence H. Grahame of New York City, who has just been appointed commissioner of the interior for Porto Rico, was formerly a newspaper man, and last year was the secretary of the government commission for the Louisiana Purchase expedition.

When King Edward agreed to place the hereditary revenues of the crown at the disposal of the nation he made a bad mistake. Instead of the revenues he agreed to accept a clear yearly sum of \$2,360,000 and the nation is making a profit on the bargain.

The rajah of Kapurthala has been on a visit to Vienna to see his sons, who are studying at the military academy there. Jagjit Singh Ba Hadur, though yet only 33, has held his present ruling position in the little Punjab state since 1877, his father having died when he was a small boy of 2.

Albert Frederick, at one time a famous young man, the celebrated actor gave him this characteristic advice: "Young man, have nothing to do with the stage; it is a bad profession."

"Mad? I should say so! I expected a cup of hot coffee to warm me up, and when I got it it was stone cold. When it returned to produce the desired effect, after all, it made me hot."—Philadelphia Press.

Adam was wrapped in gloom. "I know the cure for snake bite," he complained, "but what do you take for apple bite?"

With a vague sense of being cheated he kicked the lithyosaurus.—New York Tribune.

Talesman—I wish to be excused from serving on the jury. Judge—What is your reason? Talesman—I'm very absent-minded. Judge—Can't excuse you. Talesman—My mind is the best qualification for a jurymen.—Cleveland Leader.

"You say he's a hard loser?" "Well, rather. Why, he'd holler fraud if he were defeated for the presidency on the prohibition ticket!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"How did your wife come to die?" "She was taken suddenly sick." "Yes." "And then the neighbors sent for me and the doctor—well, the doctor got there first."—Houston Post.

Mr. Wooddy Riter—"What does your husband do for a living?" "He's an author." Mr. Wooddy Riter—I know; so is mine. How is what does he do for a living?"—Philadelphia Catholic Standard.

"Why don't you join the procession and come forward as a reformer?" "Because," answered Senator Sorghum, "I am already safely in political life."—

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