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FAVORS BUSINESS METHODS.

President Roosevelt has shown that he has no regard for the "red tape" methods which have long prevailed in the executive departments of the government.

The president appointed what is known as the Keop commission for the purpose of investigating the business methods in the several departments and recommending whatever reforms the commission should deem to be desirable.

The president is looking to a remedy. If the head of a department desires to adopt shortcut methods, such as would be employed by any first-class business house in the country, he finds himself held up by some law that congress has passed.

This is manifestly a condition which needs correction and the effort which the president is making to institute methods in the departments and bureaus which will expedite business and increase efficiency will be approved by the country.

The recommendations of the general board of the navy will be an interesting subject of discussion in congress and should also command public attention, though as a matter of fact popular interest in naval construction is not now so great as it was a few years ago.

The principal recommendation of the board is for the construction of larger warships. It will urge that the two battleships authorized at the second session of the last congress be 18,000 tons, which is the tonnage of some of the warships now being built by Great Britain.

An active struggle for China's trade is being made by European countries, notably Germany, and it appears that the energetic and enterprising merchants of that country are making steady gains in the Chinese markets.

Omaha democrats are decidedly optimistic. They profess to see in the recent landslide a promise of victory in the city election next spring, if good men and a strong platform are selected.

still a fact, however, that the feeling of resentment exists to a considerable extent among the people and as long as this is the case Germany and other commercial competitors will have an advantage over this country in the markets of China.

This is the situation which the authorities at Washington must consider in connection with the negotiation of a new treaty, involving the exclusion question, with the Chinese government.

THE LID MUST BE TAKEN OFF. The election of Charles Leslie to the office of county judge cannot be interpreted as an endorsement of the kept-dark methods that have prevailed for years in the probate branch of the county judge's office.

They will insist and have a right to insist upon full publicity of the amounts of money that have from time to time come into the custody of the county judge and where these moneys have been deposited or loaned.

It is an open secret, as well as a matter of record, that systematic petty graft has been practiced by the subordinates of the county judge under pretext that his clerks were entitled to extra pay for extra services, when, as a matter of fact, the services performed are paid for by the county.

Representatives of the voting machine manufacturers express unbounded satisfaction with the try-out of the voting machines in Douglas county. There are others, also, who express supreme satisfaction.

Former Tax Commissioner Fleming appears to be the most cheerful candidate that was submerged by the Douglas county landslide. "I want it thoroughly understood," says Mr. Fleming, "that there are no sore spots about me.

That cup offered by Prince Louis to prize fighters in the American and British navies comes at an inopportune time. He should have waited until Uncle Sam decides what will be done with the cadets who took part in the fight in which one of their number was killed.

In a long editorial the St. Louis Republic asks what effect woman suffrage would have upon the Mormon question in Utah. As Utah women have been voting ever since the state was admitted

the last election returns from Salt Lake should give the desired information.

Steady Job for Winter. Chicago Record-Herald. President Roosevelt has now settled at the White House for the winter and is in daily training for the set-to he expects to have before long with the most dignified deliberative body on earth.

No Relief in Sight. Minneapolis Journal. Joseph H. Choate tells us we are working too hard and too fast and doing too much. But what are we going to do when the "boss" never gets sick and works a good deal harder than any of the rest of us?

A Deluge to Come. Boston Globe. The national department reports have been cut down so much this fall that the acting public printer is finding it a hard task to provide work enough to keep his big force occupied. However, the Congressional Record will resume publication pretty soon, and congressional eloquence is expected to be upon, as usual, to keep the printers busy.

Building Material in Abundance. Kansas City Journal. Cement construction has come to stay and cement ought to be cheaper. Government geologists have just figured that one county alone in Oklahoma, Greer county, has \$3,000,000,000 tons of cement in the gypsum deposits within her boundaries.

A Roll of Honor. St. Louis Republic. One of the most interesting persons the government at Washington has had to deal with for a long time is a millionaire who recently gave \$100,000 for benevolent uses, and now claims his old age service pension of \$1 to \$2 a month under the executive order of March, 1904.

Making the Streets Attractive. Leslie's Weekly. We shall need to bestir ourselves more than we have done if we ever catch up with the matter of good municipal government, though none the less valuable, particular of municipal advancement.

TO SUPPRESS SLANG. Move to Check the Circulation of a Flavoring Substance. Pittsburgh Gazette. The Anti-Slang society which has been founded by University of Chicago purists has undertaken a big task, but our heartiest wishes go with it.

USEFULNESS OF PADS. Serve to Break the Monotony of the Daily Grind. Medical Talk. One of the professors in the University of Nebraska claims that the American people are running too much to fads.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

It is said that the czar deeply regrets the treatment of Finland, for which he is responsible and that he attributes the misfortunes which he has suffered to the violation of the oath he took upon ascending the throne to preserve the ancient liberties of the Finnish people.

The suggestion that France should enter into friendly relations with Germany finds no favor in the eyes of M. Jaures, the socialist leader. He writes that there are tendencies in German foreign policy with which it is impossible for republican France to associate itself.

Though Bengales will not fight, they are, and are reasonably proud of being the most intellectual race in India. It is useless for any student in any college there to compete with a Bengalee rival.

Perhaps the most illuminating account of the siege of Patna, as seen from within, has come from the pen of a Russian Red Cross nurse, Olga von Baumgarten, who reached the fortress on February 28.

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In one prediction what voting machines were used full returns were reported thirty seconds after the polls closed.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

Philadelphia shows that it can set up and take nourishment. Senator Foraker's throat shows a marked improvement since the returns fell in.

San Francisco has sent its third state senator to the penitentiary for grafting. If the town keeps up the pace the penitentiary will be enlarged.

Chicago Leader: Out of the tangle of election returns received early Tuesday evening one fact stood like a mountain from the first. It was the wreck of bossism.

Minneapolis Journal: All the voters want now is to get a slap at the United States senate!

Chicago Tribune: The lesson of the last election is that the people are tired of the bosses—even when they are "beneficent."

Philadelphia Record: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." For who shall say that those multitudinous prayers which went up from the very hearts of our people found no answer?

Chicago Chronicle: Hearst's mind or lack of mind runs to politics. All sorts of fantastic tricks in the political field are his special delight.

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WHAT THE STATUTES CAN DO.

Everything Depends on the Manner of Enforcement. Memphis Scimitar. Some very learned men argue that business conducted on an enormous scale cannot be made subject to legal process.

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LAUGHING LINES.

"I notice that a blindfolded typewriter did some remarkable writing in New York the other day."

"What makes you think so?" "That ain't my fault; I ain't no hem!"—Philadelphia Press.

"Do you think the Panama canal will be a good thing?" "I don't know," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "There is so much prejudice against graft that good things are getting scarce every year."

"He was arrested for stealing a huckle-berry pie."

"Haven't you often wondered why so many broken-down widowers want to get married again?"

"Reporter—No, I'm sure he had something to do with it. He had nothing to say, if he had nothing to say he wouldn't have said it had nothing to say."—Philadelphia Press.

INDIAN SUMMER.

Margaret Sherwood. Faint blue the distant hills before, Yellow the harvest lands behind; The twilight comes upon the path, The twilight goes out to find.

On naked branch and empty nest, The woodland's blended gold and red, Dim glory lies which autumn shares With fishes of the newly dead.

Tender the moment of the year To eyes that seek and feet that roam; It is the lifting of the latch, A footstep on the stage of home.

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