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Prepare now to hear "how it happened"

The referendum will next undergo a referendum to the courts

The dispatch of pack trains to Cuba must be taken as proof that the army has not seen the end of real work on the islands

Those Cubans who want to fight to secure annexation to the United States should have profited by the history of other filibusters

Our Cuban friends will perhaps notice that the surrender of the Utes immediately followed the first visit of Secretary Taft to Wyoming

If we can now get through without any post-election contests the campaign of 1906 will go down in history as unique in more than one particular

The effort of Texas to reduce Pullman car rates epilides with the cherished idea that residents of the Lone Star state despise all luxuries of the effects east

After election is over perhaps Mayor Dahlman will find time to look into the "holdup insurance" business as operated by subordinates of his administration

As followers of the strenuous life the Utes may expect a warm greeting at the White House, but they may also expect to feel the big stick for their poor judgment

Now that Stensland has taken Hering back with him to the penitentiary he may not be so lonesome, but his course has again given a blow to that ancient fable of honor among thieves

Another thing worthy of note is that we have had an election in Omaha without importing any special detective sleuths from Chicago to confound up stories of wholesale colonization and repeating

Gorky's decision to write a book on his American experiences is doubtless the Russian idea of revenge—but Americans can keep ahead in the game of vengeance by refusing to read his books

Apathy of southern voters is a sure indication of lack of interest in the issues presented, and the result in that section of the country shows at least that democrats must get together before 1908

For six years it has been annually recorded that President Roosevelt voted over a Chinese laundry. The persistency of this celestial in continuing business at the same old stand should be rewarded with a Carnegie hero medal the next time the president votes

If half the campaign roorbacks were founded on the substance of a shadow, the grand jury might put in a profitable two or three weeks longer. Past experience, however, has taught that few of the political yarns spun by the yellow journal fakirs ever pan out when subjected to the test

The figures on the constitutional amendment should give a fairly approximate idea of what proportion of all parties vote straight tickets. It may be taken for granted that 80 per cent of the affirmative vote on the amendment in Nebraska this year will represent straight party ballots

"SMASHING OF PRECEDENTS"

Sensationalists are straining a point in magnifying the president's "smashing of precedents" by visiting Panama. The Panama canal itself and the existence of the zone around the isthmus as a territorial possession of the United States may be equally said to smash precedents. It is true that no president during his term of office has ever set foot on foreign soil, probably for the sufficient reason that none has had real occasion to do so. But if it be conceded that a president as commander-in-chief of the army and navy might properly and even necessarily pursue a foreign enemy across the boundary, he might even more profitably pass it for a friendly visit. At Panama, however, his foot will not press foreign, but American soil. And he was himself a few months ago, on the trip from New Orleans to Washington, beyond our marine jurisdiction continuously for several days, or nearly as long as he will be enroute to the isthmus.

TIMELY TIPS FOR OMAHA

A stranger within our gates in the person of the editor of the Tribune, a paper published in Warren, O., evidently making his observations with some timely tips gathered between trains on how Omaha may be made to look better to outsiders. In an article of friendly criticism he declares that Omaha is admirably placed—that it is the largest city of the state, that it is a great railroad center, with every reason to expect to be a metropolis practically as well as theoretically. "Yet," he declares, "there seems to be something lacking."

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THE JAPS ON THE COAST

Base of the ill-feeling manifested at San Francisco. Hon. Victor H. Metcalf, secretary of commerce and labor, is in San Francisco as a representative of President Roosevelt for the purpose of investigating the action of the school board in excluding Japanese children from the public schools wherein white children are taught. This action caused the Japanese government to lodge a protest in Washington, claiming that its treaty rights were violated. In order to secure first hand information regarding the case Mr. Metcalf, a Californian, was sent to the coast and his faculty he is prosecuting will supply the necessary facts on which the cabinet may base its decision. The significance of the action of the San Francisco school board is not readily understood at a distance because inland cities are not called upon to grapple with the influx of Chinese immigrants that afflict cities on the Pacific coast. In San Francisco the policy of the school board, it is explained, is not exclusion, but segregation. Separate schools are to be provided for Japanese children. The reasons prompting this policy are explained by Ira E. Bennett, a San Francisco correspondent, in a letter to eastern papers.

LEGALIZED LOOTING

Standards of Old-Fashioned Business Honesty Lowered. Northwestern Banker. There is little question that the standards of old-fashioned business honesty and integrity have been lowered during this age of fortune hunting and the ever-growing mania to get rich quick. Industrial conditions have been greatly changed; instead of a multitude of small shops each handling one particular line, there is the modern department store where anything from a pin to a threshing machine may be bought at prices that quickly eliminate the small dealer; instead of a multitude of shoe makers each making shoes and boots complete, there are the great shoe factories employing armies of men, each running a machine or making one particular part of the shoe. The same conditions apply to nearly every manufacturing and commercial industry. What we have gained in cheaper articles we have lost in well balanced men. Formerly there was plenty of opportunity for the investment of small savings in small but prosperous businesses where the small investor would get a good interest on his money and also a growing value in his investment. Now it is a difficult thing for the small investor to so invest his funds and as a consequence he is an easy victim to the alluring enticements of get-rich-quick swindlers who offer enormous (estimated) profits in Mexican plantations, mining schemes, oil wells, real estate, etc. Millions of dollars are thus lost annually, but the crop of suckers constantly grows larger. Flaming advertisements appear in reputable papers and in some financial journals as well, the backers of which know nothing and apparently care less about the reliability of the advertiser so long as he pays the bills promptly and advertises generally. Now are such journals adverse to printing favorable reading notices written by the swindlers themselves, but appearing in the paper not as an advertisement but as written by someone connected with the paper. Such swindling is compared to the numerous medical quacks. That prey upon the bodily infirmities of the ignorant sufferers and speedily grow wealthy and favored of society and the church because of their ill-gotten loot.

PERSONAL NOTES

General Sir Ian Hamilton, who may succeed Lord Kitchener as commander-in-chief in India, has been wounded in almost every action in which he has taken part.

Henry B. MacFarland and Henry L. West, two of the three commissioners who are at the head of the municipal government of Washington, were both newspaper men when they were appointed.

George R. Peck, the general counsel of the St. Paul road, is one of the few men in the United States who refused to go to the United States senate. He was appointed once and would not take the place.

Green Root, a nephew of the secretary of state, who was seventy-one years of age, was recently appointed vice president of the Metropolitan Street Railroad company of New York. Root started at the bottom of the ladder.

A close friend of Senator Lodge is responsible for the statement that the Massachusetts statesman for years has received an income from his literary efforts far in excess of his salary as senator. He has written on more phases of American history than any other man in public life.

Pleasant Porter, chief of the Creek Indians, is president of the Indian Central railroad. It is capitalized at \$15,000 and contemplates the construction of 60 miles of railroad in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma within the next two years. He is the only Indian chief at the head of a railroad.

James J. Hill is to turn literary critic. Recently he offered \$2,000 to farmers writing the best essays on agricultural subjects. The essays have been reviewed by Prof. Thomas Shaw and Prof. Hoovercraft. Mr. Hill, however, requested that prizes be withheld and not finally awarded until he could peruse the essays.

J. Pierpont Morgan's intimate friends declare that he does not look a day older than he did ten years ago. He believes that the annual trips he takes have wonderfully rejuvenating effect on his physical and mental being. "I find," he said recently, "that I can do a year's work in nine months, but that I can't do twelve months' work in a year."

"The time has not arrived when hostile demonstrations are made against the Japanese, but it is said to come, in the opinion of the people of the coast. If the immigration is not lessened, Mutterings against the Japs resemble those which preceded the outbreak against the Chinese years ago. The greatest resentment is expressed by laboring men and those representing them. These people pay no attention to "international courtesy" and "treaty obligations" if they think a foreigner, and particularly an oriental, is working for less wages than themselves they are likely to try to remedy the situation by the most convincing argument known to them, which is corporal punishment and the threat of death. Presumably the feeling is most intense in those laboring people who see themselves recently from foreign lands.

Many of the leading citizens of this coast believe that the time has nearly arrived when the Japanese must be excluded, and for the same reason. They believe that the Japanese are evading the contract labor laws in many cases, and even if the contract laws are strictly enforced, they believe the Japanese will continue to come, under the system of assistance. The Japs, like the Chinaman, will work for wages upon which a white man would starve. It is true that the Japs already here have demanded good wages, nearly as high as those paid to the whites for similar work, but under the competition of their own countrymen they would reduce their demands.

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