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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Supervisors Volva stands in danger of contempt of court in attributing his position to a higher power than a federal judge.

That New York man who has solved "the riddle of the sphinx" may in time tell an anxious public who struck Billy Patterson.

Rev. A. S. Crapsey may be the real martyr of the recent trial, since the public was not compelled to read the record of the case.

The situation in Morocco is a certain indication that the Americans failed to destroy all seeds of piracy in their visit to the Mediterranean in the last century.

April rains and May skies in Nebraska may strike visitors as singular, but Nebraskans are accustomed to the most enjoyable fall weather this globe furnishes.

So far as publicly known the late democratic candidate for attorney general has not condoned with John P. Irish over Mr. Bryan's victory at Kansas City.

In deciding to surrender Russian agitators to the czar the Finnish senate has evidently decided that grand duchies as well as republicans can be ungrateful.

Some idea of profits in the ice trade may be gained from the fact that a Des Moines plumber threatens to go into that business and undersell the local "trust."

The capture of a train robber in Missouri by a railroad conductor proves that the bandit has deteriorated or the conductors have improved since the days of Jesse James.

Now that President Roosevelt has broken a precedent by leaving the United States he and his successors will have more difficulty in declining invitations from European rulers.

Pittsburg, Cincinnati and other aspirants for the depravity belt must still admit Kansas City's supremacy. When it comes to genuine pertinacity in crime Kawville beats them all.

Secretary Shaw is evidently opposed to increasing that "elasticity" of currency which permits it to unwittlingly stretch from the United States treasury to the pocket of an employe.

One packer of alleged codfish has decided to defend twenty-three suits brought by the state of Pennsylvania alleging the use of adulterants. Lawyers may find the pure food law a gold mine.

President Roosevelt is back in Washington and ready for the coming of congress. After his experience with the long session the short meeting can scarcely hold either terror or new experience for the president.

Cincinnati negroes who denounced negro soldiers for not revealing the names of persons involved in the Texas murders evidently have a better idea of the situation than that shown by some emotional white men.

Debutant foot ball is pronounced a success, because only eleven young men and boys were killed by the game during the season which closed Saturday. One hesitates to think that the game would have been called if no one had been killed.

PRESIDENT AND THE BANKERS' PLAN.

It is noteworthy that several of the leading financial papers should agree on the point that the plan of emergency bank note issues recommended by the committee of the National Bankers' association lacks popularity. Undoubtedly the great majority of special students and of those who are familiar with banking and finance in this country positively favor a currency system facilitating greater elasticity of circulation volume than is possible under our laws, and our lack of such a system is quite generally regarded as a grave defect by financiers in other countries.

It is undoubtedly in view of this condition that such anxious effort is being made to secure President Roosevelt's endorsement of the banking committee's plan in the forthcoming message and his aid and championship in other ways. But while it is judged by many that he may recommend that plan to the serious attention of congress and induce currency flexibility as a desideratum, it is more doubtful whether he will commit himself to the means proposed, not to speak of taking the laboring oar in pushing the measure to enactment.

The fact appears to be, as many of the advocates of the plan show signs of appreciating, that it was formulated too late to permit such a discussion as would evolve a definite strong public approbation between the meeting of the banking committee and that of congress. Only weeks were allowed where months were needed. The nonexistence of public sentiment might overcome to some extent by the president's championship, but is very likely to have an important deterrent influence on the latter, even supposing him personally to assent to the plan.

ELECTION COSTS. The footing of expenditures in the late New York campaign, as shown by the sworn statements of party committees and candidates, makes a total, in round numbers, of \$2,500,000, or an average expense of about \$2 for each vote cast.

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than to manipulate the throttle of a locomotive, though we still look with complacency on automobiles driven by mere children when the difference in danger is only in degree. Prevention is much better than cure.

HIGH PRICE OF SILVER. The experts generally assent to the view of Director Roberts of the United States mint that the rise of the price of silver is due to world-wide influences and is likely to go higher, or at least to be maintained indefinitely. Since last spring the price has gone up from 66 to nearly 73 cents an ounce, and only three years ago it ruled at about 49 cents.

This notable advance has been made in the face of the annulment of silver as a standard by a number of countries, so that the gold standard is now practically universal. That fact, however, has not prevented, but in some ways has actually enhanced the use of silver as money under the prodigious stimulation of industry and business, the demand for fractional coins in our own country calling for large purchases on government account in the open market. The depreciation of gold, too, because of increased production, reacts in a way that is, in part at least, expressed in the rising silver price.

With the price of silver increased 50 per cent within a few years, and with the prospect of an abiding expanded demand, silver mining in this country is naturally showing unusual activity, since a great many ores can now be profitably worked which were long entirely unavailable.

County Commissioner Ure has a plan for reforming the finances of Douglas county, which merits investigation. Under the law Mr. Ure proposes the financial year of the county will begin on a date when the levy and estimate of expenditure can be made at the same time, thus relieving the county board from the inconvenience it suffers at present. Under the law as it exists, seven months intervene between the date of making the estimate and the date of making the levy, during which time the county legally has no money to pay salaries or current bills.

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They will do as well as any other, though Nobody knows, or can even make a good guess. What difference does it make, anyhow?

A World Movement. Chicago News. Italy is preparing to fight the Standard Oil company, which controls the markets there. In fact, the thing is beginning to look like a world movement.

The Nebraska congressman who returned part of his salary because he did not earn it will have to get used to being pointed out to sightseers in the gallery during the coming session.

Treasury Surplus an Aggravation. According to present indications the democrats will go into the presidential fight with a large treasury surplus as an issue. The wrong inflicted by cash accumulation of this kind is one of the topics on which the democratic party has been most eloquent in language and vigorous in emergency measures.

"Blessings of Poverty" a Myth. Chicago Chronicle. It has become a commonplace that the people who preach the blessings of poverty most loudly have small inclination for enjoying those blessings themselves. Young Mr. Rockefeller exhorting his Bible class to shun riches is not a more incongruous figure than many of his contemporaries except that he has more money than they have.

Less Talk, More Thought. Saturday Evening Post. This is the time of the year when the lecturer begins to pour forth his wisdom into the ears of his audience. It is appalling to think of all the millions of words that are falling literally all over the land in college lecture halls, in rooms of university extension platforms. How many millions of pages they would make if printed and bound! However, they rarely live beyond an evening.

One of the oldest of human delusions is that of a thing known. The things that were even partially true should all be wise by this time, and good, too. Human speech is an imperfect instrument, and human hearing and attention are worse.

The teacher would do well to talk less, and the learner to think more. The idea of the mind—that is, the two elements, and the idea cannot be poured into the mind merely by uttering words.

The Senate and Mr. Moody. Springfield Republican. Reports from Washington now have it that instead of opposing Attorney General Moody's nomination to the supreme court, the senators who are out of sympathy with the administration's policies will be firmly in favor of Mr. Moody's early confirmation.

Through the existence of a permanent census bureau the nation is privileged to excel with greater frequency than formerly upon how very rich and fat it is in property. The census bureau is a department of property throughout the country we now have a quinquennial valuation, and the total for 1905 has just been published. It compares as follows with the two previous decennial results:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Total, and Increase. 1905: \$106,301,453,000; 1900: \$78,000,000,000; 1890: \$65,000,000,000.

These are the valuations, for the respective years, of the country's total possessions in tangible property, which includes real estate and improvements thereon, railroads, mines and tangible personal property, and is of course exclusive of stocks, bonds and other paper evidences of property.

The footing for the 1905 inventory of property shows a striking growth in wealth from five years before. The absolute increase is not far below that for the whole previous decade, and the relative increase is at a materially increased rate. If your Uncle Samuel is not already swollen with the bursting point of self-esteem in the possession of great riches—and it is to be feared that he is—he is on occasion for letting out the belt another notch.

Yet a greatly modifying factor is not to be overlooked. This is a money measure of the country's property possessions, and there has been meaning a great inflation of the money volume and a great measure of the money unit. Property, therefore, which has not been improved or added to a particular amount shows on the average a material enhancement of money value for the five-year period without showing any enhancement in real value in relation to other property and things. Some measure of this inflation entered into the 1905 figures. More of it must have entered into those of 1900. As commodity prices advanced some 15 per cent between 1900 and 1905, it may reasonably be presumed that the general property inflation amounted to some 10 per cent, in which case the actual property increment for the five years would be only about \$8,000,000,000 instead of \$28,000,000,000.

And that is probably closer to the truth. Times of great industrial progress and so-called money making are rather times of prodigality and waste in expenditure than times of economy and saving. Great as may be the increased production of wealth, the consumption and waste of it are apt to be even greater. There are worst times for the upbuilding of the permanent property of modern society than those which are deemed slow and quiet industrially.

Time to Cut It Out. Chicago Record-Herald. Mr. Bryan has become a Presbyterian elder. Honestly, now, is there any reason why he should ever again be referred to as a boy orator?

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ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON. Current Events Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

Brigadier General Charles F. Humphrey, quartermaster general of the army, has decided not to apply for retirement at this time. He will continue on duty as quartermaster general of the army until the expiration of his four-year tour of duty. That period expires next April, when it is likely that General Humphrey will ask to be transferred to the retired list. The continuation of General Humphrey on duty as quartermaster general of the army will be gratifying news to the service at large. It is probable upon the retirement of General Humphrey he will be succeeded by Major C. A. Deva, quartermaster, who last week reported for duty in Washington as a member of the general staff.

The secretary of war has appealed from the decision of the auditor for the War department in disallowing the claim for \$2,000 of Captain Leonard D. Wildman, signal corps, United States army, for personal property destroyed by fire April 18, 1906, at San Francisco. The auditor disallowed the claim because "the loss of private property was not attributable to an exigency of the military service, but resulted from a general disaster, affecting all persons and property in the locality alike, without regard to the fact that whether they were in the military service or not, hence he is not entitled to reimbursement under act of March 3, 1865." The comptroller in reviewing this decision of the auditor holds that the claimant is entitled to recover the value of the personal property lost which the secretary of war has decided to be reasonable, useful and necessary for the officer to have while in quarters, engaged in the public service, in the line of duty, and which loss or destruction appears to have been without fault or negligence on his part. Under this decision Captain Wildman was allowed to recover \$86.25 of the amount claimed.

The Postoffice department has lately had before it the question of the use of penalty envelopes by an army chaplain in sending through the mails a publication containing an appeal for funds with which to enable his work, of unquestionable value and merit, to be carried on. The publication had to be of course, with public business in the sense that the assistance solicited was intended to be used by the chaplain in his duly authorized labors described by law and regulations. It is not a question, however, whether the free use of the mails for even this laudable purpose is not in a measure contrary to law. There is something to be said on each side of such a question, it is observed in the War department, but when all things were considered it was decided that the free circulation of the printed matter through the mails should be discontinued and that postage should be paid. Under those circumstances there could be no further question.

The discharge of the colored troops comprising an entire battalion of the Twenty-fourth infantry, is being discussed, it is understood, in the War department, after a meeting of the War department, after a meeting of the War department, after a meeting of the War department.

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FACE OF LIVING. The Country's Golden Age of Over-Indulgence. St. Louis Republic. The pace of living in the United States seems to be getting faster. That it is the country's golden age of overindulgence has been nowhere better illustrated than in statistics furnished by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

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GORDON FURS

THE locality in which fur-bearing animals are taken, the time of year, the prevailing climatic conditions—all make a quality difference in the skins. This quality-difference is always considered in selecting skins for Gordon Furs. To the broad experience and infinite skill of expert furriers, as well as to the mastery craftsmanship of high-class tailors, is due the supreme goodness of Gordon Fur-Lined Garments.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

General Shafter left an estate of \$15,000, of which \$10,000 is real property and \$5,000 personal. Recent wrecks at sea tend to show the need of additional trackage facilities on the busy deep.

Of the twelve members of the new French cabinet eight have been regular writers for the Paris press. "Oh, for such a senator now," said ex-Ambassador Choate in his tribute to the memory of Carl Schurz at Carnegie hall.

Rival telephone companies want concessions in Chicago, and consequently love the people very dearly for the time being. Notwithstanding the great volume of mail sent to the city, the post office in Kansas City couldn't pipe enough of it to warm his car on a sidewalk. As a radiator of vocal gas the town by the Kaw has the field divided.

By the will of the late Prof. James M. Hoppin of Yale, just filed, he leaves, besides many other bequests to institutions, \$80,000 to the Yale art school, to be used for the establishment of a professorship in architecture.

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Important Role in Health

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Advertisement for Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder. Includes text: 'Give Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder' and 'The trial and you will use no other.'