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THE PRESIDENT AT JAMESTOWN

President Roosevelt's address at the opening of the Jamestown exposition is marked by a keen appreciation of the significance of the event, the celebration of the anniversary of the landing and establishment of the first English colony in America, the primal step toward the winning of the new world for our civilization.

After reviewing the record of the nation's achievements in the past the president reverts to the problems now confronting the people and upon the proper solution of which the future welfare of the citizens of the nation largely depends.

With the Department of Justice at Washington and the machinery of the federal courts in the different states busy in the preparation of pushing prosecutions against corporations charged with infractions of the federal law, the president's utterances at Jamestown will be read with interest, as indicating the attitude of the administration toward corporate wealth.

The president's attitude in this matter will, we believe, meet with general popular approval. While the public has suffered from the extortions and exactions of trusts, railroad syndicates and other forms of combined wealth, the disposition is to forgive, if not to forget, many past offenses, but to insist upon an elimination of present abuses and the adoption of legal safeguards against recurrence.

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is bidding for workmen and the labor demand seems fair to be far in excess of any possible supply. With intelligent enforcement of the laws prohibiting the admission of criminals, diseased and insane persons, the country at large need not worry about the immigration question.

PRACTICAL AID TO TREE CULTURE.

Not only is Nebraska the home of the Arbor day movement, but Nebraska extends practical aid to tree culture in another and substantial way of which few people have cognizance.

The legislature may provide that the increased value of lands by reason of live fences, fruit and forest trees grown and cultivated thereon, shall not be taken into account in the assessment thereof.

The revenue laws of Nebraska enacted pursuant to the authority thus vested in the legislature carry out this idea and make tax free all growing timber, fruit and shade trees, so far as they add to the value of the land upon which they are located.

Probably the real cause of the financial failure of the grand opera in Omaha could be found in the taste of the community. Put a big brass band in one end of the Auditorium and fill the arena with tables and chairs, with a suitable brew on tap, and it would be necessary to call out the police force to line up the crowd seeking admission.

This is characteristic of the small-town newspapers published at the state capital, who proceed constantly on the theory that the only way to build Lincoln up is to pull Omaha down.

The exposition gates are open at Jamestown. The turnstiles will have to revolve fast if the stockholders are to get back half as much as was returned to those who put up the money for the Omaha exposition.

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governor could make a hit by giving notice to the next legislature that he will veto every bill carrying the emergency clause unless it really belongs there.

A local committee is appealing for contributions to help relieve the famine sufferers in China. While China is a long way from home, the character of the committee membership gives ample assurance that any contributions made by our philanthropic citizens will be put in the way of accomplishing the desired object most effectively.

Senator Tillman is asking his audiences to vote on the question as to whether the white people are superior to the negro and the result is invariably in favor of the whites. The senator should test the question in Washington, where a white man, so long as he behaves himself, is considered as good as a negro.

It has been judicially decided by an Omaha judge that the tips given by patrons of a boot-blacking establishment do not belong to the individual who does the work, but to the proprietor of the place.

Thirty-five leading railroads of the country report earnings of \$9,658,620 for the second week in April as compared with \$8,482,629 for the corresponding week of 1906.

The Bureau of Labor at Washington has spent months compiling statistics to prove that the price of living in 1906 was the highest for a period of seventeen years.

Iowa authorities are at a loss to understand how the Union Pacific can return its Iowa mileage as an Iowa while the road's mileage as a whole is earning good profits.

Our Nebraska supreme court has been so accommodating on so many occasions that it is no wonder some of the taxpayers on the state pay roll are tempted to appeal to it to resurrect their benefit all the old appropriations lapsed by limitation.

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The good people of Lincoln are to enjoy the novelty of a grand jury. Here is a chance for the denizens of the state capital to do some moral house cleaning on their own account.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

China presents at the present moment two remarkable contrasts. On one side is the harrowing specter of famine; on the other a tense activity in reorganizing the army of the empire.

In a more or less friendly notice of Senator Beveridge of Indiana a southern paper refers to him as "the oratorical brainstorm of the Hoosier state," adding that he is "the kind of a wise man who would run all around the bases on a foul strike."

One of the officers who had something to do with the furnishing of the Pennsylvania state house admits that several mistakes were made. One of them seems to be that only \$2,000,000 of the \$2,000,000 surplus in the state treasury was thrown to the birds.

In the search for a southern democrat to be nominated for president, or vice president next year, certain democrats have hit upon Governor Edwin Warfield of Maryland. Governor Warfield, his democratic advocates remark, is territorially in an advantageous position, as he could appeal with equal force for northern and southern support.

It is highly probable that one of the first United States senators from the new state of Oklahoma will be an Indian and Colonel Robert L. Owen of Muskogee, is likely to be the man.

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"You can't paint the lily." "Well, woman is beginning to hold office in some states. Can you whitewash the lily?" -Washington Herald.

The hobo had unloaded a wondrous tale of woe upon the man at the street corner. "Take that story to the Sunday editor," said the man, who happened to be a newspaper reporter, "and he'll give you a column rates for it." -Chicago Tribune.

"Did you ever buy a gold brick?" "Yes," answered Farmer Corntossel, "but when I hear those big financiers complaining on how they've been done up in Wall street deals I don't feel worried over a little thing like a gold brick." -Washington Star.

"Wal!" said Farmer Korntop, "that ain't nothing but that Rubie Medders loves more newspaper publicity than she does a gold brick." -Washington Star.

"Life is short," remarked the thin man. "It is so," asserted the fat individual. "That being admitted, how about a little life insurance? I have here, etc., etc., etc." -Washington Herald.

"Prisoner, you are accused of stealing three revolvers and a gun. What have you to say?" "I am a public benefactor, your honor." "How do you make that out?" "I am a self-appointed member of the disarming committee of the International Peace Society, your honor." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Come on down town, Grace." "But I have no money." "What's the diff? Two can shop as cheaply at one." -Washington Herald.

"Father," said the small boy, "what is an optimist?" "An optimist, my son, is a man who believes the weather bureau when his predictions are favorable and who congratulates himself on its unreliability when they are not." -Washington Star.

Who's Afraid of Third Term? Kansas City Star. Governor Cummins wants President Roosevelt to reconsider his determination not to become a candidate for a third term.

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