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China not only wants an open door in Manchuria, but wants Japan prevented from standing behind it.

Admiral Evans is complaining about being compelled to take mud baths. The admiral has never been in politics.

The president of Hayti has agreed to quit shooting rebels. He will probably be content with hanging them.

That power canal has been built so many times on paper that Omaha people are now all from Missouri on that subject.

"What can you tell me about William the Silent?" asks a correspondent. Nothing, except that he was not a Nebraskan.

George Bernard Shaw says he is willing to stand for Parliament. It remains to be seen if Parliament will stand for Shaw.

Governor Johnson says the office should seek the man. Perhaps, but Mr. Bryan will not allow the nomination to seek the man.

Is it not about time that a reward was offered for anyone who will locate the William Stuyvesant Chanler democratic presidential boom?

"Lawn mowers are generally sharpened with a fine file," says the Indianapolis News. On the contrary, lawn mowers are generally not sharpened.

To the assertion that, in the meanwhile Omaha is "a competent water board composed of representative citizens," there are liable to be several disents.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has decided to go abroad to live. We have felt confident all along that Evelyn would finally do something to meet popular approval.

Washington has a report that Senator Aldrich is to retire voluntarily to private life. Washington has had similar reports about Senators Platt and Depew.

Mourning postage stamps are to be authorized by the government. They will be appropriate for return postage on several presidential campaign booms a little later.

Judge Munger is without doubt "an able, fair and careful jurist." His only trouble seems to be that all his decisions in the water works cases have been reversed on appeal.

The story about Ethel Roosevelt running an engine at seventy miles an hour is not complete, as it does not state that she shook hands with the engineer at the end of the trip.

Mrs. David Jayne Hill announces that she has quit riding her bicycle to market. If so, the last objection to her husband's appointment as ambassador to Germany has been removed.

When half the towns in Nebraska can go dry and the other half go wet to accord with local sentiment, the local option part of the Slocumb law must be in pretty good working order.

"Bourke Cockran is a very talented man," says Richard Croker, "but he has done more harm to the democratic party than any other man I can think of." Evidently Croker cannot think of either Mr. Bryan or himself.

MR. JOHNSON TO MR. BRYAN.

Governor Johnson of Minnesota insists that he is but a passive candidate for the democratic presidential nomination and that he does not believe any man should openly seek the nomination. The men promoting the candidacy of the Minnesota executive are less modest, however, and are busily engaged in sending out statements, defts and questions calculated to arouse the slumbering host of democrats who have long desired Mr. Bryan's defeat for the nomination, but have felt the hopelessness of attempting to accomplish that result.

Conditions industrially, financially and politically are such that we have this year the opportunity of a generation to win the presidency. Why give it up by apinely acquiescing in any nomination which guarantees defeat? While the Minnesota committee mentions no names, its declaration will be accepted as aimed at Colonel Bryan. It amounts to a notice that the democrats of Minnesota agree with the democrats of the east that the nomination of Mr. Bryan "guarantees defeat." This view is adopted by the New York World, which has been busy for months trying to arouse the democrats to action against Bryan.

The democrats will have no chance at all with Mr. Bryan. They might have a chance with Governor Johnson, who would carry every state that Mr. Bryan could carry, who could probably carry Minnesota and North Dakota, where Mr. Bryan would have no chance whatever, and who would be at least 100,000 votes stronger than Mr. Bryan in the great debatable states of New York and New Jersey.

The Minnesota committee and the World are both going on the theory that the democratic party really wants to win and that "conditions industrially, financially and politically" are such that they can win. This assumption is without warrant in fact, because the report heralded from democratic sources that the republican party is torn by dissensions is not borne out. The rivalry among aspirants for the presidential nomination has been good-natured, however keen it may have been, and all indications are that the nominee will have the hearty and united support of the party.

The contention of the New York World that Johnson could carry every state that Bryan could carry may be correct, but the suggestion that he "could probably carry Minnesota and North Dakota" will not go in face of the election records. Minnesota gave McKinley a plurality of 77,000 in 1900 and Roosevelt 161,464 in 1904. North Dakota gave McKinley over Bryan 15,372 and Roosevelt 38,322 over Parker. Governor Johnson, should he be nominated, would enter both North Dakota and Minnesota with a tremendous handicap.

The World also asserts that Governor Johnson "would be at least 100,000 votes stronger than Mr. Bryan in the great debatable states of New York and New Jersey." McKinley carried New York by 143,000 in 1900 over Bryan and Roosevelt carried it by 175,552 in 1904 over Judge Parker. In state issues since that time the republican lead has been reduced, but the loss has gone to Hearst and not to the democrats. If Mr. Hearst put a national ticket in the field, as he says he will, the democratic party may be third in the race there.

Another important feature of the situation is apparently overlooked in the fact that many of Mr. Bryan's supporters, particularly in the west, openly declare that they would rather follow him to defeat than to follow anybody else to victory. The democratic situation, then, resolves itself into this—that they admit that they can not win with Bryan and know that they can not win without him.

CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT. Congressman Harrison of New York evidently woke up the wrong passenger when he attempted to manufacture some democratic campaign material with a house resolution calling upon President Roosevelt to define the authority by which he assumes to direct the government of the Panama canal zone. In support of his resolution Mr. Harrison asserted that the president had assumed dictatorial powers in the Panama zone and had ruled the territory according to his own notion, although congress had given him but temporary authority. The president's answer, contained in a message to the house, is brief, but to the point. He declares that he is directing the government of the zone.

selected the employer who will be liable for his salary when he retires from congress in September.

We protest that it is not fair for Mr. Bryan to be drawing crowds to be addressed by Candidate Shallenberger. The inference is that Candidate Shallenberger enjoys the particular favor and approval of his chief, as against Mr. Berge in their aspirations for the gubernatorial place on the democratic ticket in Nebraska this fall. In the language of the street, this looks like "playing a favorite."

The local democratic organ says that the defeated democratic nominees in South Omaha are disposed to accept the results of the city election. This is generous, indeed. Had they won out we presume they would have allowed the defeated republicans to accept the results of the election without giving them any particular credit for patriotic submission.

The University of Nebraska will participate in the National Corn show at Omaha with a suitable exhibit illustrating the work it is doing for improvement of farm methods and results. The National Corn show is an educational enterprise and the two can work together with mutual benefit.

According to a British medical journal, persons resembling each other suffer from the same diseases. It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways, yet Taft, Fairbanks, Knox, Hughes and Bryan do not resemble each other a little bit, and still they are suffering from the same disease.

A New York judge has told Alexander Berkman, the anarchist agitator, that he is but little better than a burglar. That judge may count on losing the burglar vote when he comes up for re-election.

Reference is made to the "original" mistake in the water works purchase proceedings. Was there any "original" mistake? Were not the mistakes rather all consecutive and continuous?

Profitable Exercise. Minneapolis Journal. Don't be a knocker; you'll think more of yourself if you boast.

A Curious Mixup. Brooklyn Eagle. The populists decline to consider Mr. Bryan as anything but a democrat. Curious! Many democrats decline to think of him as anything but a populist.

Everything Moves With Jim. St. Paul Pioneer-Press. Omaha's cowboy mayor says that he can carry South Dakota for William J. Bryan and Lee, and proposed to make the effort. Why doesn't he try something easy and useful?

Work Ahead for "Show-Me." St. Louis Republic. The question whether any Missouri candidate this year shall shed his whiskers is cast into the shade by the fact that all of them will have to shed their coats and huffs.

Half a Dozen Dead Ones. Baltimore American. Senator La Follette recently published a monopoly Nebraska, would say something about Mr. Bryan, a well known citizen of that state, the choice of its populists and its democrats for the presidency. While it was only natural for the secretary to discourse on Mr. Bryan's shortcomings, it was unnecessary. The men to whom he spoke knew all about Mr. Bryan. They are familiar with his Philippine policy and detest it.

When Mr. Bryan ran for president the second time and made anti-imperialism his paramount issue the people of Nebraska gave the electoral vote of the state to McKinley. A few years later they refused to elect a legislature that would send Mr. Bryan to the senate. They would not have done either in the White House or of the capitol. So when Mr. Taft criticizes Bryan in Nebraska he is sure of a sympathetic audience.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. Senator Warren of Wyoming sprang a surprise party on his colleagues a few days ago by acting as host in the senate restaurant of a party of Indians belonging to the Arapahoe and Shoshone tribes. The red men were in Washington transacting business with various subordinates of the great father. Before the senator's luncheon the red men attended a meeting of the senate committee on Indian affairs and presented objections to certain measures dealing with their lands in a manner both forceful and clever.

Great was the astonishment of persons who observed them to see that they seemed to be on terms of good acquaintance with the men of the plain face. Little Wolf, the aged chief of the Arapahoes, who is said to be well on toward 300 years old and whose countenance is withered and weakened, wasn't a bit abashed and went through his part of the performance with as much ease and grace as if he had been a debutant from finishing school at a pink tea. Yellow Dog was an old-time diplomat and never once tried to cut his lettuce with his knife. Senator Warren himself was surprised and was obliged to call forth his best Massachusetts avenue manners to keep space with his guests.

A correspondent of the Chicago News, commenting on the havoc wrought in the senate by the grim raper, tells of two well-defined superstitions of congress. One is that a full senate means an early death of a senator. When the late Senator W. J. Bryan of Florida took his seat and the two new senators from Oklahoma had been sworn in and George Peabody Wetmore was finally chosen to succeed himself, thereby completing a full membership of the senate for the first time in many years, the veterans of the senate chamber began to whisper among themselves, "Who will be the first to die?" Senator Latham, who died soon after this tradition began, was whispered about, was one of the men in the senate whose death was the least expected.

There is another common superstition about deaths in congress which usually verifies itself. And that is that not fewer than three members of each congress die before their term expires. Already this number has been exceeded in the Sixtieth congress, although the Sixtieth congress is now only six months old. Technically, Senators Morgan and Pettus should be added to the list because they were, until they died, entitled to sit in a special session of the Sixtieth congress, which really began its existence March 4, last. As no special session was held, however, although the members drew their salaries from March 4, the congress has sat only since the first Monday in last December. Since then Representative George Blain of Illinois and Senators Mallory, Latham, Proctor and Bryan, have died. It is a true saying among the living of the senate that, if they were to choose the time of death, they would almost invariably choose to die a senator of the United States. This is a tradition that reaches over into the other branch of congress, where Speaker Cannon himself recently said at a private dinner party given by one of his colleagues that his sole ambition in life was to die in the public service.

Two letters, without address other than the words "Washington, D. C.," were received in the office of Speaker Cannon, and no mistake was made when they were delivered there. Upon one of the envelopes was a caricature showing the speaker wearing a big slouch hat and holding in his mouth the tilted cigar. Underneath this were the words "Washington, D. C." The second envelope bore a pen and ink sketch of the speaker, with no direction other than the word "Washington."

An idea of the almost limitless variety and volume of publications that are on sale at the shop of the superintendent of documents of congress may be derived from the fact that the catalogue contains works on almost every subject under the sun from bread making to the care of chickens, from the explorations of the Canadian glaciers to the attempts on the life of the cotton boll weevil. Nearly all the farmers' bulletins, which are put out by the Agricultural department for the benefit of those who till the soil, are sold at 5 and 10 cents each. The most expensive publication in the entry list of over 3,000,000 publications is "The History of the Capitol," by Glenn Brown, which sells for \$2. It is a magnificently illustrated work in two volumes.

PERSONAL NOTES. As honorary member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Miss Ethel Roosevelt will "go" to them.

Chancellor Day objects to American girls selling themselves and giving a bonus. A recent bit of railroad regulation in Norway provides that a wife when traveling with her husband need pay only half fare. It is a mean Norwegian now who will not take his wife with him.

Up to date it is estimated that Count Boni de Castellane has set the Gould family back about \$200,000. Considered as an investment, Count Boni is the most unprofitable one the Goulds ever made.

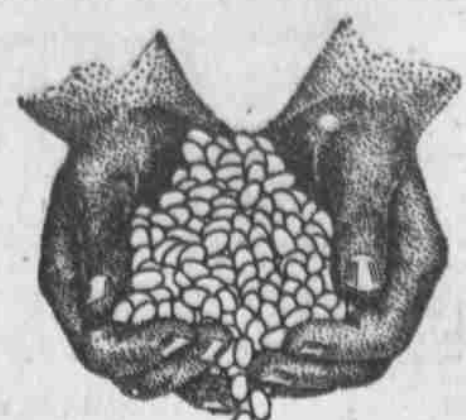
Count Leo Tolstoy has written to the Tolstoy Birthdays committee in St. Petersburg, expressing appreciation for the honors which are being arranged for him, but finally declining to accept them. As a consequence the birthday committee has ceased its preparations to celebrate the event.

James L. Cowan, who has spent nine years at Tokio as manager of the Methoed Publishing house in Japan, arrived in New York on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. He was accompanied by his family. Mr. Cowan spoke in warm terms of courteous and sympathetic treatment by the Japanese government.

Delegates from all over the country will attend the seventeenth annual meeting of the General Society, Daughters of the Revolution, which will begin at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on April 21 and continue one week. More interest than usual attaches to this year's meeting because of the election of officers. Eight amendments to the constitution will also be voted upon.

Harry Burton of Australia has arrived in this country. Mr. Burton is champion in a game that will seem both odd and interesting to Americans. In London recently he broke the clubbing record of the world. His latest feat was the swinging of two three-pound Indian clubs for sixty-one hours and thirty minutes without stopping. While performing this feat he averaged 121 revolutions a minute. The record was made in subtle competition.

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We could buy tomato sauce ready made for one-fifth of our cost to make it. Tomato sauce is often made from tomatoes picked green, and ripened in shipment. Such sauce is flat. Some sauce is made from scraps of a canning factory, but such sauce is not rich.

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10, 15 and 20¢ per can. Van Camp Packing Company, Indianapolis, Ind.

AS PRICE OF MEAT GOES UP. Facts Spoil the Face of a Venerable Theory. New York World.

There used to be a comforting old superstition that hard times bring compensation in the form of a reduced cost of living. The facts just now are flying in the face of a venerable theory. For the prices of meats are raising by bounds, and the cause is declared to lie in the recent panic.

Ordinarily the farmers in the middle west buy range cattle in the fall, fatten them in the winter and sell them in the spring. But last fall, we are told, the banks had no money to loan to the farmers. The farmers could buy no range cattle, there was no great stock of fresh-fattened cattle for the markets of this spring, and here we are with the butchers' bills booming. People who misused the experience of having their bank accounts held up when the panic time was ripe get the opportunity to let their feelings loose now as they pay their reckoning for porterhouse and sirloin. Incidentally lamb and pork are also up.

This rise in meat prices comes at the time of rising temperatures, which is fortunate for those who combine strength of mind with the desire to be thrifty. Warm weather means fresh stuff from the garden; the same season reduces the natural demand for dinner courses producing fat and heat. Families with the will to be as vegetarians as they can for the next four or five months need not be disturbed heavily in purses by the economic laws of the cattle mart.

SMILING LINES. "What do you think of the current statement that the country lacks great men?" The perpetual candidate frowned. "Please do not ask me to discuss personal matters," he said.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Paw, why do we not have to pay for the water we use? We don't have to buy our air." "That only shows, my son, that you have never had to pay a gas bill."—Chicago Tribune.

"What do you think of this bill regulating undertakers and funerals?" "They are running that sort of thing into the ground."—Baltimore American.

"Miss Gotrox," said the foxy fortune-teller, "may I not hope that some day you will love me enough to marry me heavily?" "But, Mr. Hunter," cooly asked the homely heiress, "isn't that a good deal to expect?" "Yes," he replied absently, "it will be a good deal, if it works."—Philadelphia Press.

Dingus—Shadbolt, I haven't asked you for any money for a long time, have I? Shadbolt—No, you never asked me for any money for a long time. You always wanted it for "just a day or two." That's why you're not going to get any this time. Dingus. Air feels a little like soap, doesn't it?—Chicago Tribune.

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