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Mr. Taft's favorite flower is the white carnation. Mr. Bryan's is the forget-me-not.

If Mr. Kitchen is elected governor of North Carolina the patriots will know where to go for their pie.

The farmer who wants to give a dollar to the Bryan fund will not have to give a 50-cent dollar, anyway.

The campaign committees will soon be in position to understand the difference between predatory wealth and dilatory wealth.

Governor Hughes of New York is to open the republican campaign in Ohio. The governor's republicanism is always on straight.

The trouble with the democratic ticket appears to be that Mr. Kern is not well enough known and Mr. Bryan is too well known.

Old King Corn reports that he has had a good time in Nebraska for the last few days and feels much better as the result thereof.

A California man has a scheme for playing base ball on horseback. The old 'Charlie-horse' players will welcome the innovation.

The 'special privilege to none' plank of the democratic platform seems to be a direct thrust at the street fair promoters.

We will have more faith in the boasted progress of aviation when they quit using flat cars to transport airships over the country.

Army officials declare that the automobile is useless for war purposes, but the country constable knows that it is valuable for revenue purposes.

Japan proposes to build a new national capitol at Tokio. The mikado should be careful that the contract does not go to a Pennsylvania firm.

Restaurants at Washington are to be inspected by the government authorities. Washington has a chance to watch the operation of the poor food law.

Mr. Bryan refuses to discuss the Brownsville affair or negro appointments. On some propositions Mr. Bryan is in entire accord with his party.

A traveler reports that there are no funny papers in Japan. The Japanese doubtless get all the fun they want reading the translations of Hobson's speeches.

More than 1,500 cats are being used to move the California cantaloupe crop to the eastern markets. It is too bad they do not pick out the bad ones before shipment.

FOR AN EFFECTIVE NAVY.

President Roosevelt's address to the conference of American naval officers at Newport is well worth the careful reading and serious consideration of the American people, regardless of their political affiliations...

Opponents of the president's naval policy will find it difficult to criticize his logic. He takes the position that the navy must be as large and efficient as that of any other nation...

The address contains but one hint of the source of future trouble and that is in reference to troubles that may arise from the country's exclusion laws. Clearly this has reference to the future relations with Japan...

The republican naval policy has been progressive, although President Roosevelt would have it enlarged and made more effective. The democratic program calls for a navy for coast defense only...

The democrats have made a radical change in their views on the Philippine question since 1900 and 1904. In the 1900 battle Mr. Bryan made an effort to force the Philippine question to the front as a paramount issue...

The reference to our guaranty of independence to Cuba is unfortunate, as our experience with that little island furnishes an illustration of the futility of undertaking to do what Mr. Bryan wants done in the Philippines...

The Omaha charter makers are getting busy early. They should bear in mind during all their deliberations that the most satisfactory plan for disposing of the questions they have under consideration will be the enactment of a law by the legislature...

Omaha is to be asked to entertain the national seafaring festival in 1910. The notice gives plenty of time for preparation, and the German singers may feel sure that they will find everything in readiness when they come here.

The shortage in live stock receipts at the primary markets continues, in spite of the high prices offered by packers. This is the best possible explanation of the high price of meat to consumers...

Brother-in-Law Tom Allen is still the head of the democratic cohorts in the state. Whether this is a tribute to his executive capacity or to his winsome power of touch is not disclosed, but the local democrats know that 'Tom' is a success as a toucher.

'Everybody wants to go hunting with Mr. Roosevelt in Africa,' says a Washington dispatch. Judge Parker and John D. Rockefeller will be granted an opportunity to file their denials.

THE TWO-CENT FARE.

When the legislature of several states two years ago began enacting 2-cent fare laws a great cry went up from the railroad companies about the confiscatory nature of the proceedings. A 33 1/3 per cent reduction in the passenger tariff looked like a tremendous cut in the possible earnings of the railroads...

Experience has justified this conclusion. Comparison of earnings of the passenger departments of twelve of the most important railway lines in the country, operating the 2-cent fare system throughout the greater portion of their lines, shows that the percentage of passenger earnings to the total gross earnings has actually increased under the 2-cent fare. This does not necessarily mean that more people are traveling, but it does mean that more people are paying their fare when they do travel...

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Hippies on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. Four items in New York's bill of fare take on imposing proportions in figures. During the month of June the World computes that the city received and disposed of 34,822 tubs of butter, 19,638,900 dozen eggs, 81,825 barrels of potatoes and 36,194 tons of hay...

Next time you pass by Fleischmann's bakery about midnight, says a New York letter, stop and look at the men in the bread line. These men stand patiently in line for hours on the chance of getting a loaf of bread. Those who are at the tail of the line know that the loaves will likely come by the time they get there, but still they stand. Tempted by the offer of a glass of beer and a sandwich, one dropped out of line the other night. He had been selected because his face gave more promise of intelligence than did the others...

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THE LATEST THING IN INSURANCE.

Baltimore American. A remarkable phase of insurance has been developed in the downtown, or Wall street, section of New York during the present week. A manufacturer who was anxious to run his plants on full time, but who was afraid that Bryan might by some unexpected reaction in popular sentiment be elected and that in consequence there would be another financial and industrial panic, asked an insurance broker to quote him rates against Bryan's election. The broker consulted the New York office of the British Lloyds and finally secured insurance for the manufacturer at 10c per cent. By this arrangement the manufacturer on each \$100,000 of insurance pays down \$10,000. If Bryan is elected his profits will, it is to be assumed, more than compensate him for the insurance outlay. On the other hand, if Bryan wins the insurance company will pay the manufacturer \$90,000 on each \$100,000 policy taken, which, assembled, will counterbalance his loss on accumulated manufactured stock because of the slump which, according to his belief, will follow Bryan's election.

This transaction seems to be nothing more than a wise business precaution. There is no reason to suppose, however, that insurance against Bryan's election bears a close resemblance to the betting schemes which are sometimes operated under the term of bookmaking. As a matter of fact, it seems that some of the sporting fraternity were not slow to realize that the insurance policy method offered pretty good odds on a long-run basis. It also, seemingly, affords the stock market operator a better opportunity for hedging than the buying of 'puts and calls.' For instance, if he believes that when the election returns show that Mr. Taft has been elected there will be a marked advance in the line in stocks he can with less danger risk the margin deal if he is carrying anti-Bryan insurance for, say, three times the sum necessary to margin his deals.

Lloyds issues more different kinds of insurance policies than any other insurance corporation in existence, but this is the first time that this concern has issued policies on the contingency of a presidential election. The rates of anti-Bryan insurance since Tuesday, when the first policy was issued, have fluctuated considerably. The company, of course, disposes of the policy for the best rate obtainable, and there is a minimum rate below which it will not do business. By the terms of the policy which Lloyds is willing to insure against the election of Bryan the policy holders will not be required to prove loss. If Bryan wins, the insurance corporation will accept that as circumstantial proof that he is a loser and will cash the policy. It is worthy of note that no policy has thus far been issued to insure against the election of Mr. Taft.

Chicago papers told the other day in picture and story of a policeman's horse that followed his master into a barber shop, followed the New York Tribune. A Philadelphia police horse, not long ago, caused some excitement by being along behind his rider right into the city hall. But for every yarn about intelligent police mounts in other cities, the average New York traffic 'cop' has one to match. As a Park Row city cavalier remarked, patting the glossy brown neck of his aid and companion, 'It knows a heap more'n a whole lot of mutts 'n' dogs, and if he didn't he wouldn't be fit for his job.' One day recently a patrolman had dismounted at a congested spot to straighten out a tangle of vehicles, leaving his horse, untended and unguarded, near the curb. The soldier at attention, with the odor of a fish basket of peaches, just out of reach across the sidewalk, struck his nostrils. The bait was too tempting even for that well trained horse, and inch by inch he edged up toward the luscious meal. Just as his rider, busy 100 feet up the street, saw him and called 'Hey, you, Bob, turn around there!' And Bob turned around obediently and put temptation behind him.

An unexpected incidental result of the supply of a tremendous water pressure in New York city for fighting fire in high buildings is a six-story fire on the other day the big six inch feed-pipe was burst by the 130-pound pressure, and the resulting delay made the fire rather threatening. When the stream was finally turned on it ripped off big sections of the mansard roof as a hydraulic nozzle tears down a gravel bank, and the elastic water in Brooklyn, came out of the hospital with a full head of hair, more than 100 department store girls each will sacrifice from a quarter to one inch of scalp with long, flowing locks attached.

On May 15 Miss Gorman's hair caught in a case register and she was pulled out by the roots. Physicians at the hospital at first suggested a wig as the best means to cover the bare spot on Miss Gorman's head, but she objected to this and it was finally decided that the grafting process should be tried. Her friends in the store readily consented to supply the necessary pieces of scalp.

Girls with hair as nearly the color of Miss Gorman's will be the first to sacrifice, but the physicians say it will be impossible to get all the hair alike. So far as the new scalp has healed they will dye the hair any color that Miss Gorman may desire. It is expected that it will take practically a year to complete the operation, as only small portions of the new scalp will be put on at a time. As soon as one piece begins to grow another of the same size will be taken from another volunteer and so on until the operation is completed.

There are more curious folk to the square inch in New York than any other city in the world. You can get a bigger crowd in New York to gaze at nothing than you can in any city in the country. Ask any street car and he will tell you the big city is 'easy picking.' All he needs do is select a spot in any street and open his box and the crowd collects.

There are some large profits made on goods sold in New York City, but the greatest percentage goes to the retailer of jewelry that has imitation precious stones in its composition. The profit is often 1,600 times as much as the goods cost. To get \$40 for what cost 25 cents is quite usual.

No other city on the globe has so many inviting resorts for pleasure, rest and coolness within easy reach as New York, but flying machines are required to reach them with any degree of comfort during the hot season.

The latest species of professional beggar in New York City asks for a nickel with which to pay his fare to the nearest hospital.

Courts are a great expense to New York City. The jurors alone last year cost \$14,188. The year before the cost was \$12,259.

There are 70,000 acres of floor space on Manhattan island.

Make It a Family Affair. Washington Post. While the democrats refuse to accept more than \$10,000 from any one contributor, they may be willing to let every member of his family contribute that sum.

OUR FRIENDS, THE RAILROADS.

Threats to Do Things Will Not Allow Irritation. Kansas City Star. To the extent to which they justify that sort of regard-and invite it-we all look upon the railroads as our friends. We find in them instruments of traffic that are indispensable and immeasurably useful. We must have the railroads, and, by the same fundamental token, the railroads must have the people. It is only by a perversion of conditions that are logical and organic that there can be any antagonism between the people and the railroads. Where we find enmity existing on one side or the other-or both-it is due to circumstances that are abnormal and wholly unnecessary.

In the threat of the railroads to advance rates we have an example of the causes which operate to set the people against the railroads. In the purpose of the Interstate Commerce commission to inquire into the cause of such intention on the part of the railroads we certainly witness a legitimate function of that branch of the public service. As long as the railroads continue to combat the doctrine which denies to them the right to conduct their business on a plan which would not be accounted safe, nor sound nor proper in any other business, they will continue to be such tasks for the government through its appointed agents.

In any other line of commerce it would be looked upon as unwise and dangerous to declare dividends for speculative purposes in excess of the earning capacity of the plant or institution; to discount or exhaust what should be held as a precautionary surplus and to exact profits wholly out of proportion to just and reasonable requirements.

It seems to be entirely competent for the Interstate Commerce commission to ascertain and determine whether the railroads can lay claim to such unusual and inequitable privileges. Behind this inquiry there is nothing resembling popular rancor, and none will enter into the work of the commission unless the railroads are determined to set up inflammation of that kind.

Lines to a Laughter. 'You look rather weary, old man.' 'Yes, I've had a trying time this past week.' 'Sick?' 'No, on a jury.' -Baltimore American. 'The servant girl had been arrested with \$50 worth of silverware.' 'Can't one of my kind class have the souvenir habit, too?' she asked, peevishly. -Philadelphia Ledger.

'Wow!' yelled the victim, 'you've cut off part of my ear!' 'Why, so I have,' replied the barber, coolly, 'but you must admit it looks better now than the other one does.' -Philadelphia Press. Knicker-Flanagan made a record throwing the hammer. Mrs. Knicker-Did he hit his thumb? -New York Sun. Flat Hunter-Do you let children in these flats? Janitor-No, we only let the flats-Yonkers Statesmen.

'The professor says my bathing suit is exquisite.' 'Is that a compliment?' 'I don't know, I'm going after the dictionary now.' -Washington Herald. 'Maggie, I want you to incinerate the refuse.' 'All right, ma'am; I'll come and do it as soon as I see the burning of the waste.' -Baltimore American. Dringles-Why do you call Squibs a veteran humorist? He can't be more than 25 years old. Scribbles-Well, his jokes are in the veteran class, just the same. -Chicago News.

The First Chapter. J. W. Foley in New York Times. (President Roosevelt) will get a dollar a word for African hunt stories. -News Item. We saw (two plunks) a buck (that's four) And then (six dollars, please). I fired (that's eight) a shot (two more) And brought him to his knees. The hunting (that makes nineteen) Is something really fine. The jungle's all a vivid green, I think (that's twenty-nine).

Tonight we lie beneath the sky. (One, two, three, four, five, six.) It's great, (seven, eight), the moon is high. The woods full of big sticks! So what we do (that's twenty-two) Let's do with all our might. (Come, Kermit, count, what'er you do! Yes, twenty-eight is right.)

It is great sport, (my words are short. But why should I care?) I thought I heard a rind snort In coming down to look. I'm on his track, (Kermit, go back And count these words again!) The night is still and raven black! (Loeb, come and hold my pen.) Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! (They'll hate to pay For four bangs in a row, A dollar each, but that's the way The contract reads, I know!) Loeb, kick the rhino while I add These words (What twenty-breezes! We're off to bed! (And Kermit, lad, Mail this first chapter, please!)

From the airy, sunshine, million dollar bakery—baked in white tile ovens on the TOP Floor, Ha-Ha Snaps a delicious ginger snap—with a delightful flavor and taste. Kept fresh and crisp in the thrice-sealed, moisture-proof package. At your grocer's—5c. LOOSE-WILES OMAHA, NEB.

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