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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.
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THE CLOSE RANGE ISSUE.

The closer we get to the coming election the plainer we can see that the outcome must be a vote of approval or disapproval of the Roosevelt administration.

Here in Nebraska we will have at the same time a vote of approval or disapproval of the splendid record of achievement made by Governor Sheldon and the last republican legislature in redemption of every platform promise upon which they had been elected.

Think for a moment what a vote of disapproval would mean. It would mean popular repudiation of the square deal laws laboriously put through congress by President Roosevelt and his associates over the desperate opposition of the entrenched corporations.

A vote of disapproval of the work of Governor Sheldon and the republican legislature in Nebraska would be taken to mean that the people of this state cared nothing for faithful fulfillment of pledges.

If such a record of achievement and devotion to public duty in state and nation cannot command a vote of approval from the people of Nebraska, then there will be no incentive hereafter for any political party to live up to its pledges or for any well-meaning officer to stand up for the people as against insidious public enemies.

Judge Hiram R. Steele of Brooklyn has raised an interesting question by asking whether he should accept the pension he is drawing from the government when he is not dependent upon the pension for his maintenance.

Judge Steele should return his pension money. * * * Veterans of the war who do not need the pension money the law gives them should return it to the treasury.

The New York Times takes, we are convinced, a narrow and commercial view of the question. In the better sense, the pension is less a pittance for immediate and pressing needs than it is a recognition of service.

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Should Judge Steele or any others of the thousands who are drawing pensions that they do not need for their immediate support feel any qualms of conscience over accepting the money they may still enjoy their pride in being on the nation's honor roll and use the sordid dollars to relieve the pressing needs of their comrades and their dependents who are not so well supplied with this world's goods.

President Roosevelt must have taken real pleasure in reading the report of the proceedings of the convention of the American Meat Packers' association at Chicago the other day when this resolution, recommended by the executive committee, was adopted without a dissenting vote:

That this association should heartily endorse the meat inspection and pure food laws. Any measure which tends to further guarantee the healthfulness of the products, when properly administered, should and does receive our loyal support.

It will be recalled that when the exposure of conditions in some of the packing houses of the country were made the subject of a congressional inquiry a few years ago, President Roosevelt was charged with an attempt to destroy property, confiscate property and injure business because he took a decidedly radical stand on the question.

The democrat who sells his vote or is willing to sell it, is not a good citizen, yet Mr. Bryan says many democrats are getting ready to sell him out.

methods, but all, the packers included, now agree that his action gave stability to legitimate business by stopping abuses that were damaging the reputation of the entire packing interests.

Proof of the beneficial results of the adoption of the pure food and inspection laws by congress has been furnished by foreign authorities, who were loudest in their denunciations of American meats when the expose was made in congress.

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William Menkel has a most interesting article in the current Review of Reviews on "Welfare Work on American Railroads," in which he reviews the advantages of such movements, not only to the men interested in them, but in a financial sense to the railroad corporations.

The Young Men's Christian association is an easy leader in this work among railway men. The association now has 174 branches among railway men, with a membership of 93,000 and buildings valued at 3,500,000.

In addition to the Young Men's Christian association work, some of the railroads have established "night high schools" at division points, where their employes may pursue a course of study. Others have established hospitals, savings and investment concerns for the benefit of employes, reading and rest rooms and other plans for adding to the comfort and advancement of their employes.

While this class of work is not carried on by all railroads, it is developing and all of it tends to a betterment of the service, the promotion of better feelings between employer and employed and general promotion of the public's interest in many ways.

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Just now the board of referee chemists is wrestling with the sulphate of copper question. The experts of the Department of Agriculture have declared that this chemical, used in coloring and preserving certain vegetables and canned goods preparations, is injurious to health.

The danger of loading up this board with appeals, thus delaying the enforcement of the pure food regulations, is apparent. It is important that questions relating to the use of sulphate of copper, borax, benzoate of soda and other colorings or preservatives should be decided, not only for the benefit of the consumers, but also for the benefit of the manufacturers whose plans for next season's packing may be altered very materially by the board's decision.

The North American Civic league has undertaken a highly important work by forming an organization and outlining a systematic plan for the better distribution of immigrants upon their arrival in this country. The purpose of the league is charitable, in a way, but much more important as a patriotic effort for the benefit, not only of aliens, but of the entire public.

According to the league plans, it is proposed to have data collected at a central headquarters from all parts of the country. This information will show the demand for workmen, the class of work to be performed, the preference in nationalities, if any, the school and church facilities and all information obtainable that may be used

for the guidance of the immigrants and those charged with the duties of providing employment for them. It is believed that the proper use of this information will aid materially in the assimilation of these immigrants, distributing them throughout the country and preventing their congestion in the large cities where their presence in such numbers is a constant source of trouble.

The Bureau of Immigration at Washington is aiding in this work and help may be furnished by state officials generally in furnishing the data required by the bureau. The movement merits encouragement, promising, as it does, to do much toward the real solution of the ever-present immigration problem.

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The form of the new constitution, as published by the order of the dowager empress, shows that China, a nation that was old before the birth of any modern nation, has been taking advantage of the experience of all nations in their experiments with constitutional government.

A woman who is unmarried won first choice in the Roosevelt land drawing. It should be unnecessary for her to sing so much longer. Her drawing is said to be very valuable.

The nation as a whole could not be charged with sordidness if it should allow the determining factor of the presidential election to be the promotion of business. There are other considerations, of course, but not one of them operates against Mr. Taft, and certainly the business consideration operates in his favor.

The election of Mr. Taft would mean business revival—an acceleration of the top of the money market.

The country would know exactly what to expect of Mr. Taft. The more he should be, in the largest and most serious sense, an experiment.

Honey on the lips does not cure hatred in the heart. Many think they are shining when they are only glaring. The sins we wink at today are the ones we weep tomorrow.

Tomorrow's burdens always prove too much for today's back. The saddest slavery is that of being ruled by our pleasures. You have no right to set up your fad as another man's faith.

The fool is known by offering his forethought after the event. The secret of success lies somewhere between wishing and willing. If you would be forgiven you must learn to live on the heights.

It's a sad day when a man lets his interests determine his principles. Religion has no home in the man who does not show his religion at home. It's usually the man who opens his mouth widest who drinks in the most scandalous lies.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT
Boston Transcript: The minister who has talked his own funeral service into the phonograph has opened up a new use for the machine. Every man can now be his own posthumous eulogist.

Boston Herald: The death of the Rev. Joseph Leicester Lynch, better known as "Father Ignatius," removes an eloquent but persuasive Anglican preacher, who came to this country a number of years ago and found a somewhat inhospitable welcome in the diocese of Massachusetts.

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The reported shortage of the Christmas tree crop may be true, and again it may be just an advance notice that higher prices are to be demanded for them this year.

Sidney C. Tapp, having been formally notified of his nomination as the presidential candidate of the national liberty party, may now return to his regular job.

An Iowa farmer has just sold his corn crop for \$12,390. He should be interviewed by that commission which is discussing plans for the uplift of the farmer.

Giving His Hopes Away. New York Sun. We judge from Mr. Bryan's "purchase the election" talk that he has already thrown up the sponge.

A Rashish Suggestion. Chicago Tribune. If paper can be made from corn stalks why cannot some use be made of the autumn leaves that you pile up beside your lawn and burn to the street?

In Team Work Probable? Chicago Record-Herald. A woman who is unmarried won first choice in the Roosevelt land drawing. It should be unnecessary for her to sing so much longer. Her drawing is said to be very valuable.

Plunks Better Than Words. St. Louis Times. Ex-Senator Clark of Montana will take the stump for the democrats. Couldn't he manage to hand over a few plunks, instead of the utter verbiage of arguments more needed now and would be more effective for the cause he supports.

Primitive Art in Cuba. Baltimore American. A government employe in Havana stole \$196,000 from the treasury. He simply took out the cash bonds from the safe. The art of abstraction is still crude and primitive in our new dependencies.

Curious Political Apology. Philadelphia Press. The fact that those Cleveland cabinet officers who support Bryan is interesting, of course, but the apology advanced for them, that they expect a republican senate to save the country from anything damaging Bryan may undertake, is more curious than any other political apology I have seen.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Baltimore sent its motor patrol wagon to the junk pile and returned to the horse. A horse on John D.

THE GLAD DAY. Fannie Storms Davis in the Century. I have not thought of sorrow. The whole day long, not now; I wandered out, and oh, what winds Laid kisses on my brow!

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES. "Suppose," said the pretty ribbon saleslady to the energetic dry goods salesman, "the floorwalkers are at the market, ladies must not accept attention from the gentlemen clerks, what shall we do?"

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