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When out of town. The Kaiser has agreed to shut up, but not to stay shut up.

San Francisco probably is not trying to equal Pittsburg's record.

The Sugar trust denies that it gave short weights. Perhaps it lacked the sand.

"Who are the politicians?" asks the Chicago Inter Ocean. Why are the politicians?

Pu Yi is the new emperor of China. It is not stated whether he is related to the well known Ki Yi.

The inventor of the gas meter is dead, but his works live after him and promise to go on forever.

If the weather man dislikes one thing more than another, it is to be "seasonable" with his wares.

The divinity that is supposed to hedge a king appears to have been neglecting its duty at Berlin.

Some folks are still wondering why the Kaiser did not dispose of the case by putting Germany in jail.

Oscar Hammerstein appears to have been trying to equal Senor Platt's record as a writer of love letters.

It will be up to Mr. Bryan to make good as self-appointed guardian of the coming democratic legislature in his home state.

Volunteer cabinet makers seem to be under the impression that the president's cabinet contains 900 members, instead of only nine.

Hotel keepers assert that their patrons like to give tips to the waiters. The patrons have to give tips, whether they like to do so or not.

It is now proposed to increase the tariff on lead. Kentucky and Tennessee would be better off if the tariff on lead were made prohibitive.

In the meantime interest is accumulating against the taxpayers of Omaha day by day at the rate of 7 per cent on all those unpaid hydrant rental bills.

President Nicholas Murray Butler wants \$100,000,000 for the Columbia university, but some people believe that he will be willing to compromise.

An Italian historian declares that Julius Caesar was a democrat. It is a matter of record that he lost out on account of factional fights in his party.

Mrs. Sembrich's announcement of her retirement from the operatic stage carries the comforting assurance that her farewell will not assume the usual serial form.

How will the Omaha city hall get along when its superintendent and general manager, Dave Rowden, goes to Milford to take charge of the Soldiers' home there?

Governor-elect Shallenberger is at least showing due consideration for his predecessor's staff of gold-laced colonels by letting them know the identity of their successors in time to market their uniforms.

According to the public exhibit of the democratic campaign fund, Chairman Mack will not have to pay any deficit. But, of course, that was not the reason he was so prompt in announcing that he would pay the deficit out of his own pocket.

AMENDING THE SHERMAN ACT.

The opinion handed down by the United States circuit court, declaring the American Tobacco company an illegal combination in restraint of trade, contains the comments of two of the judges of the court indicating the necessity of an amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law, such as has been recommended by President Roosevelt in several of his messages to congress.

The Sherman act recognizes no distinction in combinations, but prohibits all of them. The president and many of the leaders of all political parties take the position that some combinations are not only lawful but beneficial, and that the Sherman law should be amended so as to direct the prosecutions under it against only combinations that work to the general detriment.

Judge Noyes, in commenting on the Tobacco trust case, said: It may be that the present anti-trust statute should be amended and made applicable only to those combinations which unreasonably restrain trade—that it should draw a line between those combinations which work for good and those which work for evil.

There is nothing in the amendment itself to say when it shall become operative, the presumption being that it is a part of the constitution from the very moment that a majority of the votes cast at the election are recorded in favor of it.

Judge Lacombe, who delivered the opinion of the court, was even more direct and emphatic. In the course of his remarks he said: The act may be termed revolutionary because, before its passage, the courts had recognized a restraint of trade which was held not to be unfair, but permissible, although it operated in some measure to restrict competition.

Size is not made the test; two individuals who have been driving rural express wagons between villages into contiguous states, who enter into a combination to join forces and operate a single line, restrain an existing competition, and would seem to make little difference whether they make such combination more effective by forming a partnership or not.

These declarations are significant as indicating the view of the courts that the Sherman law, as it now stands, is capable of application that would be unreasonable in its character and injurious to legitimate enterprise.

It is coming generally to be believed that the measure should be amended, although all agree that the greatest care must be exercised in so doing that only combinations which are praiseworthy in their motives and beneficial in their operations are exempt from the prohibitions of the law.

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Tom Taggart says he will be better satisfied to remain in the ranks than to have a place in the United States senate. Taggart does things occasionally that evoke loud applause.

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THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AUTOMOBILES.

The announcement that automobiles will take the place of horses and carriages in the White House stables under the next administration will be cheering news to the Washington correspondents. Automobiles cannot swim the deep places in Rock Creek or Jump hedges in Maryland.

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RISE AND FALL OF A REFORMER.

Populist Leader Edmisten as a Political Romantic. For the ensuing four months the ranks of reform by hot air in Nebraska will be deprived of the services of the distinguished leader and exemplar, James H. Edmisten. In many former states and territories campaigns Mr. Edmisten camped on the firing line, fighting for the plain people with zeal and devotion worthy of the cause. When victory perched on the populist banners and the pie counter was within reach he was Jimmy-on-the-spot also, securing on his reward the post of state oil inspector. The glow of his enthusiasm for the plain people gave out "nary a blink," while the oil can lasted. In the nature of things, coupled with the perversity of voters, the republicans rushed the can out of his grip, some eight years ago, and Mr. Edmisten turned his talents to Nebraska land.

MIRTHFUL MELANGE.

An interview with the Kaiser had been suppressed. "Good," said the yellow correspondents. "Now we can put anything we want into that interview." Immediately they all got busy.—Philadelphia Ledger. Gabriel—Wasn't that spirit satisfied with her halo? St. Peter—No, she said it wasn't nearly as large as her winter hat.—New York Sun. "No, my husband isn't going down town this morning, there's something wrong with his epiglottis." "Make my husband has one that he can lend him, he always keeps extra parts for his auto."—Houston Post. She—I understand that drinking is one of your fallings. He—You have been mistaken. It is one of my pronounced successes.—Chicago Journal. "There is one element we have still left of the days of chivalry," she remarked, cooly, as her erring spouse flushed guiltily under the recollection of the evening before, "out with the boys." "What is it?" he asked, suspiciously. "The night's errand," she replied, sharply.—Baltimore American.

COMPLAINT AND WARRANT.

Complaint and warrant blanks, all ready to be filled in and signed up, fortified the foregoings. Fearing lest the seventh hour scare would not do the job effectively Mr. Edmisten, within twenty-four hours piped word to the advance guard of his anxiety regarding the fate of the state, and the necessity of counteracting the effect of the "bar's of boodle" tapped by the republicans. Letter number two was addressed to precinct committees, for private consumption. It reads: LINCOLN, Neb., November 2, 1908.—My Dear Sir: It is known to you that there are republicans in your precinct who always receive money for their services and for the purpose of distributing on election day for the debauching of voters. I am informed that you are the part of those who have been doing the work heretofore, and you can easily approach such men and ask them if they are getting any more funds that are being distributed, and assure them you know the precinct committee man has a considerable amount in his possession, to prove this produce my letter here attached, to show I have posted you on this matter, and this will help to confirm your statement. You will then suggest to such a republican that he go and call on the committee man to secure his share of this money, and if he does not secure it, he is

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