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(Seal)

Have you bought your automobile yet?

Move to change the name to the "Square Meal" club.

If editors were pensioned-but why waste space on an iridescent dream? Down in Kansas there is a vast dif-

ference between the drug business and the drug store business The courts have been asked already

tion law will hold water. "Who's a liar?" asks our amiable democratic contemporary. No need

to decide whether the Kansas prohibi-

to go in search of the answer. If those glasticutuses that have been mutely watching over the city hall for nearly twenty years could only speak.

Mr. Taft is committed to the lock type of canal at Panama. That should and probably will end the argument.

A buried forest has been discovered 400 feet under the soil in New Jersey.

The Lumber trust occasionally overlooks a bet. dispatches failed to state

whether Mr. Reuterdahl lifted his ministrations in years. voice in cheering welcome to the returning fleet

The date and the head are to be on the same side of the new 1-cent coins. Looks like a direct blow at the "heads or tails" crowd.

It is announced that the price of steel rails is to be cut. Thrifty housekeepers should lay in their supply at the bargain prices. Wall street is preparing for a mild

celebration when Mr. Roosevelt follows George Washington's example and crosses the Delaware. There is some delay about putting

Henry James' new play on in New York. Chances are that the transla- amendment to that end. tion is not satisfactory.

magazine article criticising Lincoln. to be an approach to it. The plan now the centenary of Watson's birth.

The Arkansas legislature has invited Elihu Root to deliver an address before it. Senator "Jeff" Davis will be classed as a mollycoddle if he does not ular vote in the respective legislative

"Which state has the worst legislature?" asks a New York paper. The question can never be decided, as state pride will compel each state to vote for its own.

John W. Gates is playing in hard luck in Texas. First he was bitten by a dog and now comes the report that he has been seriously bitten by a Texas real estate agent.

"George Cohan's last show is making a mint of money for him," says a theatrical note. Unfortunately, the statement is erroneous. It is Cohan's latest and not last show.

We doubt very much whether President Rooseveit, himself, expected to president receiving the highest popular convert Congressman Walter I. Smith to the support of an unconditional secret service appropriation.

posed for trampling down by those

The New Cabinet.

Veagh of the treasury portfolio gives tively. the public an opportunity to become acquainted with the men who are to form the president's official family.

Of the nine men, seven are lawyers by education, Mr. Meyer and Mr. Wilson being the exceptions. Mr. Mac-Veagh has not practiced his profession for many years, but is admittedly one of the great business men of the country, with vast experience in financial and business affairs, an experience that will serve him well in dealing with the

Six of the nine men have had more public life and therefore are trained Senator Reuben Roddie, author of the in the work that will devolve upon them.

As secretary of state, Philander Chase Knox will have had a more va- law ried experience than any other member of Mr. Taft's cabinet. As attorney general in the cabinet of two presidents and as United States senator he has been actively and intimately assohis work under Mr. Taft.

postmaster general. Jacob M. Dickinson, the new secretary of war, is corin the country, skilled in legal work that has developed in the Department | tional banks within the state. of Justice under President Roosevelt's administration. Charles Nagel of St. Louis will come to the head of the Department of Commerce and Labor enthusiastic and vigorous, with a high reputation at home for ability and integrity. Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, the secretary of the interior, has It is also proposed to allow the state served as commissioner of the general land office and is familiar with the guaranteed banks without offering any land, lumber and mineral business of other security than the deposit guarthe west and northwest, the adminis- anty law. The last proposition is a tration of which is the chief work of clear plan to use the state funds, in an the Interior department.

No change is made in the Depart- fund. ment of Agriculture, Mr. Taft having retained James Wilson of Iowa, whose twelve years' service as secretary of of experimental legislation that is not that department has been marked by increasing development and enlarged ples and might, in case of a general

Frank H. Hitchcock, the postmaster general, is trained in the government service. He played a large part in the organization of the Department of Commerce and Labor and deserves general. With the larger authority of his new position he may be expected to accomplish still greater reforms in this one strictly business and popular branch of the government service.

All the members of the new cabinet have apparently been selected by Mr. Taft without undue pressure from outside sources and can accordingly be expected to act with him with harmony and intelligence in prosecuting to conclusion the policies of what promises to be one of the most important ad-

The Oregon Plan.

Our democratic friends are trying to make much ado over the opposition of intelligent voting republican members of the legislature to the adoption for Nebraska of the Oregon plan of electing United States senators. They are trying to make out that this is a back-sliding from the position which Nebraska republicans have repeatedly taken in favor of the election of United States senators by direct vote. The Nebraska delegation in the Chicago convention last year recorded itself for a platform declaration for direct election of senators and republican legislatures have several Express. times passed resolutions asking congress to set in motion a constitutional

The Oregon plan, however, is not the election of United States senators Tom Watson has written a lengthy by direct vote, although it is supposed near to being a direct choice as does the Oregon plan, because it gives the rank and file of each political party the right to choose the candidate for senator and then leaves it to the popdistricts to say which candidate shall ately, if not sooner" because of the have the election. By the Oregon plan one candidate for senator might carry two-thirds of the legislative districts and still lose out on the total popular vote.

The proposed change can be best understood by applying it to the election of president through the electoral college. Presidential electors are now all chosen by states, although they have been chosen by congressional districts. The successful candidate is the one who gets a majority of the electoral votes in the respective states. although not necessarily a majority of the popular vote. The Oregon plan applied to a presidential election would require every member of the electoral college to vote for the candidate for

vote at the polls. This proposition has never been seriously made in connection with a presi- whisky. They always write it "Spiritus States due to matches is \$2,00,000 and 500 the reason. "We had them once," replied dential election and would, doubtless. Frumenti," or use hieroglyphics mean-Mr. Bryan is taking great chances be most vigorously opposed by the In going east for another lecture tour democrats because it would take away and leaving his Fairview fence ex- from them the advantage they now have in the overweighted representaantamed democratic law-makers at tion of the solid south in the electoral or mechanical engineering in the Uni-

to come to a popular election of presi-The completion of Mr. Taft's cabi- dent would be to have the vote by net, as authoritatively announced after states go to the candidate who receives the acceptance by Franklin Mac- the highest vote in each state respec-

Because the republicans in the Nebraska legislature oppose the Oregon plan does not put them on record against popular choice of United States senators, but rather in favor of the plan of securing a popular choice which has worked out best in practice.

Guaranty Law Defects.

Even the framers of the Oklahoma law guarantying bank deposits are now convinced that the measure affords complex problems of the Treasury de- many dangerous loopholes which might be used by reckless financiers to their own profit and the hurt of the or less varied experience in federal state and the honest bankers. State original law, is now pressing a number of amendments that materially change the scope and details of the original

When the law was first passed it was predicted that banks would spring up in Oklahoma like "drug" stores in a prohibition state, and the prediction has been abundantly fulfilled. Sensclated with the Roosevelt administra- tor Roddie reports that in towns with tion and finely equipped to carry on small population where heretofore one, or at the most two, banks have been George von L. Meyer, who is to be able to handle all the business there secretary of the navy, has made an ex- are now from four to six banks, thus cellent record as a diplomat and as splitting up the town business to an extent that really endangers the existence of all banking institutions. One dially endorsed by the south as a man of the proposed amendments is to place of marked ability and integrity. For the capital stock of a bank at \$15,000. attorney general Mr. Taft has selected in even the smallest towns, and to in-George W. Wickersham of New York, a crease the capital stock in proportion man unknown to public life, but recog- to the growth in population. To stop nized as one of the ablest attorneys the national banks from circumventing the law, state banks are also to be equipped for the wide scope of work per cent of their reserve fund in na-

Another amendment provides that at least two members of the banking board shall be experienced bankers, it having apparently dawned upon the Oklahomans that bankers would be expected to know more about banking business than farmers and cowboys. officers to deposit state funds in the emergeucy, to bolster up the guaranty

All of the amendments furnish evidence that the law itself is a species based on established economic principeriod of depression, accentuate the very evils it was designed to remove.

Stop Lying.

Our contemporary, The Bee, is greatly exercised over the water works issue. It wants the question of municipal ownermore credit than any other person for ship versus an extension of the water the reorganization a few years ago of works franchise left to the judgment of the Postoffice department, in which he the Water board without submitting the erved as first assistant postmaster question to direct vote of the people of sented. maha.-World-Herald

This is a deliberate misrepresentation of The Bee's position. In the only article that has been printed in The Bee discussing the proposed \$6,500,000 water bond issue The Bee

Members of the Water board explain that they want to find out whether the people wish to complete the purchase of the water works or to compromise with a franchise extension on new terms. If this is the purpose the submission of the proposition in that form will not accomplish it. To get such an expression of public opinion the people should be permitted to vote for one of two propositions-either for the bonds or for a compromise and the terms of the comprom ise should be known so as to permit of

The people of Omaha were gotten into their present water works dilemma by systematic lying and falsehood, but it seems to us that they ought to have had their eyes open by this time sufficiently to be suspicious of further imposition on their credulity from the same source.

A family dog whose owners moved from Ohio to Nebraska returned afoot. How long will it take the owners to come to a similar onclusion regarding Nebraska?-Buffalo

The family will probably be autoing back to the east before the Express and other eastern papers awake to the fact that present Nebraskans who left the worn-out farms south of Buffalo and in other sections of the older states visit their old homes about once The reply to it will be withheld until in operation in Nebraska comes as a year just for the satisfaction of congratulating themselves upon having the statement that he is not an out-andmade the change.

> After beating the tom-toms and blowing the horns about the necessity of passing the charter bill "immediimpending city election, its champions have concluded that there is no need of such hurry. A comic paper tells the story of a boy who, when asked why he was running so fast, replied that he was on an errand for his the graft net, warns his colleagues the Paul Kruger to dead, but his spirit is teacher and was running because he wanted to have time to loaf on the way back.

And now we are told by a Water board spokesman that it won't make of money any difference to the people of Omaha July. "whether they pay for their waterservice in the form of bonds or taxes or water rates." If it won't make any difference to those who foot the bills, why all this fuss?

The Kansas legislature has passed a law prohibiting physicians from writing prescriptions for whisky. Even Kansas physicians do not prescribe

There is no question that the teaching of chemistry, or Greek, or German.

much perverted if the instructor looks forward to a Carnegie fund pension.

A San Francisco milliner, who was kept in jail seven hours by mistake, has secured a verdict of \$7,000 damages against the city. With Easter on the way, the milliner naturally values her time at \$1,000 an hour.

Charles Nagel of St. Louis, who is to be secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor in Mr. Taft's cabinet, was born in Texas. There seems to be no other serious fault to find with him.

Mayor Jim is really to have competition for the democratic nomination. after all. This is what the mayor was anticipating when he ran a trial heat for the governorship last fall.

"I was glad to pass through Pennsylvania," said the president in a talk at Harrisburg. Most people are glad to pass through Pennsylvania if the train does not stop too often.

> Raising the Limit. Washington Herald.

Having discovered that the government spends too much money, the present congress has decided to raise the limit and spend a little more than ever.

Rebate Accessories Liable.

Springfield Republican. Very emphatic notice has now been served on railroad and trust rebaters that they need expect no protection or mercy from the United States supreme court. decision in the New York Central case means that secondary participation in rebating is as offensive as any other,

In Other Lands

Side Lights on What is Trans.

piring Among the Mear and

Far Nations of the Earth.

finished stretch lies between Khartoum, in

the British Egyptian Soudan, and Broken

Hill, a point in Rhodesia. This gigantic

undertaking, the most impressive and dar-

and carries civilization into lands inhab-

ited by savages. England is building rail-

roads into remote parts of, India. linking

the coast and interior cities with a chain

of steel highways, designed to serve the

double purpose of military and commercial

needs. Japan has gridironed its Islands

with 5,000 miles of railroads and projecting

as much more. Russia is steadily pushing

a line through Turkestan toward the east-

ern shore of the Caspian sea. Turkey has

cus to the holy city of Mecca, and Ger-

man capital is promoting two roads in

Asia Minor. Although all of these projects

have trade possibilities of great import-

ance. New and old parts of the world will

presently be brought into closer relations

broadening the horizon of the isolated, and

opportunity given room to woo the an-

clents into the stimulating sunshine of

Advancing spring is generating some

of the country, seeing Austria's grip on

Bosnia and Herzegovina riveted and

clinched, are fearful lest they, too, will

be chucked in the Austrian sack while they

sleep. They do not intend to be caught

whetted to a razor edge. The Servians

are the only disturbing element in the

Balkans at present. Bulgaria and Turkey

are on good speaking terms. The Mace-

donian cry is hushed. Promises of home

rule makes the Bosnians fairly contented

with their fate. But the Servians are

spunking up, and threatening dire things

sembles the advance notices a feather-

weight fires at a heavyweight fighter to

attract attention. In this instance the

bluff serves the purpose of reminding Aus-

tria that Servia is on the map, and that

Austria cannot cut its way to Salonica

Irish people in the leadership of John E.

Redmond is amply justified. Being a

there is nothing to be gained by antagon-

izing Ireland's friends in the liberal party.

The Dublin convention with great unanim-

ity refused to sanction obstructive tactics.

and that friendly policy prevails in Parlia-

ment. It was made manifest in the last at-

ment. The nationalists refused the bait

statesmanship may be credited with more

brilliant men than Mr. Redmond, but it

has developed no abler or more sagacious

The question of the location of the capi-

tol of the federation of South African

states has been amicably settled on a com-

promise basis. For a time conflicting

claims, as bitterly contested as a county

seat fight in this country, threatened to

delay indefinitely a union for which a con-

stitution had been drafted. Pretorians in-

sisted on the superior claims of the old

capital of the Transvasi, while the Eng-

lish interests of Cape Town sought to

bluff the Dutch into submission. The set-

tlement arrived at makes Pretoria the seat

of government, while the sessions of Par-

The sacrifices which American heiresses

make in purchasing foreign husbands may

versity. Montreal, expresses the conviction

that Yankee wives will save the so-called

nobility from physical, moral and finan-

cial degeneracy. He believes that as a re-

sult of marriage to American women the

next decade will witness a great improve

ment in the British "upper crust." While

this statement is open to argument, there is no doubt about the financial upilft of

the native, "but your belresses have come

without some lively shooting.

to the peace of Europe. The spectacle re-

have a political motive primarily,

ing enterprise since the building of the

longest railroad in the world. The un- grades consumed at home."

Restoring an Expunsed Record.

St. Louis Times. The president's order to replace on the tablet on the bridge across Cabin John therefrom during the war in perfectly natwas a gallant soldier, a distinguished but kept the fact from this generation. Roosevelt's act furnishes additional proof 2,500 miles of construction to finish the that the war is over.

Strange, but Welcome Spectacle.

Brooklyn Engle. There is an "open market" in steel. In other words, there is competition. If the minor concerns can underbid the giant of the tribe so much the better for the pgymies and so much the worse for the mammoth. Of course, the fittest will survive, which is to say those who are equipped for offering the best inducements will get the business. Those who are not will lose it. Meanwhile all will have a more or less profound respect for the law of supply and

An Admirable Address.

Charleston News and Courier. President Roosevelt's speech to Admiral Sperry and the officers and men of the battle fleet at Hampton Roads Monday was the best thing that he has done. He did not say too much, and what he said could not have been said better. It was digrified, appreciative and patriotic. There was no clap-trap in it, and we congratulate the commander-in-chief that on this one occasion, at least, he measured fully to his opportunity. We also congratulate the American navy upon its splendid performance. It was worthy of the great country which the ships of the battle fleet repre-

Peace Comes High.

Boston Transcript To the \$102,000,000 of the regular army budget, must now be added about \$6,500,000 carried in the general deficiency bill. Then there is the fortification appropriation bill napping and are putting every patriot on carrying nearly \$5,000,000. Put these items guard, with magazine guns and knives together with the cost of the military academy and the upkeep of arsenals, etc., and it is a moderate computation that the expenditures for our "permanent establishment" the coming year will approximate at least \$120,000,000. Peace comes high, but we must have it. There is room, however, for a decided difference of opinion as to the best and least expensive way of having it.

BOBBING UP SERENELY.

A Remark or Two on Democracy's Prizeless Runner. Brooklyn Eagle (dem.).

Bryan says that everybody knows anything, or who has any sense at all, knows where he stands in the matter of being a candidate for president for the fourth time. He is not, he explains, an out-and-out candidate, but if the people want him to run again he does not see now he could refuse. In the interval he has "much important work to do." There is nothing premature in this an

souncement. Other candidates cannot complain that they have been kept in suspense Mr. Bryan tells them what to expect. He warns them to "keep off the grass." In tempt to embarrass the ministry by a mofue course of time the people will file the ustomary demand and the party will com- in effect, was a censure of the govern-

ply with it. Fortunately, Mr. Bryan is hie own jury and stood unitedly with the ministry. Irish and his own judge. He not only deternines what the people want, but decides that they want-and must have-him. Nor there any known reason why his expenses should not be paid out of the republican campaign fund. There is truth in out candidate. He is out and out and out.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

The print shop proofreader is putting the finishing touches on the inaugural address of the president-elect. Charley Magoon, late governor of Cubs,

is resting in Washington, watching the passing and speculating on the coming show. What show has Charley? A Pittaburg councilman who went around flourishing a \$5,990 bill and was caught in limment will be held at Cape Town. Oom

country over to restrict their displays to marching on. small change. It is estimated the inauguration of President Taft will cost the participants \$5,000 .-600 in the aggregate. The information is rot be wholly in vain, so far as the Engas useful as calculations on the amount lish aristocracy is concerned. Prof. Ed-

burned up on the Fourth of ward A. Simmons, formerly of McGill uni-Jacob M. Dickinson, slated to become Mr. Taft's secretary of war, is one of those numerous southern democrats with republican leanings who leaned over so far that he fell into the republican field and

There is a bill before the Massachusetts legislature to prohibit the use of any but much of the decaying nobility. An Amersafety matches in that state. According ican recently traveling in England with a to the estimates of the state fire marshal native for a companion remarked the abin Ohio, the annual loss in the United sence of picturesque old ruins and inquired

A Texas genius has introduced in the over and put them all in good repair. legislature a bill dispensing with tage on obbyists, but requiring them to carry a Everybody works, even father, in Japan. soliceman's whistle and give three sharp The amazing industry and thrift of the blasts when approaching a lawmaker. This people, often remarked in this country, is method gives the lawmaker a chance to displayed at home to an astonishing de college. The nearest they would want versity of Nebraska would be very turn around and see if anyone is looking. gree. An American, writing from Kobe.

says the earnings of an unskilled laborer is about \$20 a year. The pay of a police month, that of a soldier 45 cents per week, while in the government service few heads of department service few heads of departments receive over \$25 per month. Baltimore American But every member of a family works; even the child of 5 takes care of the baby while the elders hystle for a few yen. There Run the name of Jefferson Davis, chiseled the remoter regions of the old world at a of age are to be found learning trades in are no loafers. Boys and girls of 14 years notable pace. By far the greatest as well all the industrial workshops. Those not ural heat, will meet approval. Mr. Davis as the longest road under way is the having such opportunities take part in the Cape-to-Cairo road, penetrating the entire commoner kinds of labor. "But the counstatesman of the union and an efficient length of eastern Africa. Construction is try is poor, miserably poor," says the secretary of war, but his later record all progressing from both ends, nearly 4,000 traveler, "and the struggle for life is so miles have been completed, leaving about close that the best grade of food raised on the land is sent abroad and the poorer

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people possessing a more wholesome regard for truth than the natives of India. Pacific railroads, opens up a new world Allahabad, which is vouched for as a common type. Thirty-five residents of that city described themselves as men who rob with described themselves as men who rob with threats of violence, twenty-nine were howlers at funerals, 284 men said they were flatterers for gain, twenty-five were hereditary tilieves and 145 described themselves as ear cleaners. In addition, the said they were hereditary tilieves and 145 described themselves are cleaners. In addition, the said threat and the said threat are the said threat and the said threat are the said threat and the said threat are the said threat are the said threat are the said threat and the said threat are threat as t as ear cleansers. In addition to this remarkable list there were nine professional false witnesses, fourteen hereditary painters of horses with spots and seventy-six makers of crowns with idols. A truly remarkable showing for a country where the art of jugglery is near perfection and affords occidental people a shining example to follow when the tax assessor calls.

PANIC ROOSEVELT CAUSED.

Lippincott's Magazine,

In the forests Africanic, there's a really dreadful panic, 'Mong the heasts and birds and snakes and reptiles rare,
For a frightful rumor rang, worse than
any boomerang.
That a rosyveld was quickly coming there.
Said the lion sold, "What is it that will make us all a visit?

Is it snake, or beast, or creature of the air?"

Answered back an gray old monkey, who was really not a donkey,
"Why, a rosyveld's a creature very

And it has a pair of eyes of a most tre-And a nose that doesn't look so very not very far beneath is a frightful set of teach, And not That can hurt a creature worse than octopus a-chewing, ives a rosyveld's a wild, fero-cious chap!"

in the forest Africanic, there's a really dreadful panic, In the jungle and the river and the air. And they're hurrying away and they're scurrying away, For they dread the frightful thing that's coming there.

Said the tiger with a smile, "I will hide myself a while In a very safe and distant jungle lair. At every turn of the long road toward home rule, the confidence reposed by the For I think there is more danger in this Than there is in any other beast or man. or man.

For a rosyveld has eyes of a most tremendous size,

And his teeth are built upon a diffrent plan." shrewd politician, Mr. Redmond knows

Then the tiger slunk away, and the beasts in deep dismay Decided that he had very wisely Said the owl, "That tiger's quaking proves he isn't Nature Faking!" So the beasts to farthest jungles all did run. tion attacking the House of Lords, which,

The man who invented the aeroplane."-Slimson-Now, Willie, you know you were lying to me at the time, but evidently you didn't have the moral courage to tell the truth. I want you to tell me just how you

PLEASANTLY POINTED.

felt.
Willie-Well, papa, I guess I felt the way you act toward mother sometimes.-Puck. "This winter resort hotel is almost heav-"Yes," answered her husband; "from the prices they charge I should judge they were preparing to have it paved with gold."

Brooklyn Life. "Hello, old chap: You look as though you had lost your best friend."
"I have. He cloped with my wife last week."—Lippincott's.

"What we want," said the fervid speaker, An example of their amazing qualities in this respect is furnished by the census of at the same time we don't want one who is so fearless that he will eat out of its hand."-Washington Star.

"What's the 'silent vote'!"
"The one that hollers the loudest after election."—Cleveland Leader.

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