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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.
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Has the new Maxim explosion muf-
fer been placed on Castro?

In the language of the prize fight editor, the blows of the French strik-
ers lacked steam.

The old council has closed its ac-
counts and made ready for the opening of a new set of books.

According to Mr. Bryan three-
fourths of the people are democrats at heart. Still, it's votes that count.

The tariff bill provides for a reduced duty on nails. Keeping in mind the necessity of patching political fences?

A Kansas judge has decided that a charvari is a disorderly assemblage. The name itself is enough to start a disturbance.

A United States naval vessel fired into a school of black fish. The navy should be admonished against drawing the color line?

A phonograph has been invented which can be heard for a distance of four miles. What a pity the inventor did not die young.

The consuming desire of Governor Haskell of Oklahoma to meet the issue without hiding behind technicalities is becoming overpowering.

It is to be hoped Governor Shallenberger played no favorites among the railroads when he bought all those mileage books at state expense.

The world's supply of gold has reached \$11,000,000,000. We are not particular, and if express charges are too high we would just as soon have our share sent along in bills.

A city statistician is the latest pro-
posal for enlarging the pay jobs in the city hall. What's the matter with the city comptroller compiling all the nec-
essary statistics for the conduct of city affairs?

Nebraska now has a state board to examine and license professional nurses. According to best legal authority, however, the new law does not include the nursing of political ambitions.

That Bayou Sara reception commit-
tee deserves a medal for its frankness. Its dictum was hardy up to the Sargeant S. Prentiss standard, but the number took no chances on initiation into the Anasazi club.

It is still snowing up in Canada and Montana. If we can pull through the mayor's inauguration without any serious atmospheric disturbances everything will be set for summer, even if the northern section does continue to show off.

Every truly loyal resident of Great Britain now looks under his bed before retiring for the night to make sure no German spy is concealed there. This scare may be amusing to outsiders, but John Bull threatens to suffer from nervous collapse unless some remedy is soon found.

Mr. Bryan scored congressmen whose votes on the tariff bill are so placed as to foster industries of their own sections. Mr. Bryan remembers that when he was in congress the only "pork" he got for his district was an appropriation for an elevator in the Lincoln postoffice.

The Bleached Flour Ruling.

By an arrangement with the attorney general speedy legal determination of the bleached flour ruling of Secretary Wilson is promised. The question involved is a vital one to Nebraska millers and wheat raisers, Nebraska winter wheat, while making flour of the best quality, unless bleaching or some other process is resorted to, is lacking in that quality of whiteness desired by the housewife, and consequently must sell at a less price.

The point of the litigation is two-fold—whether the introduction of the small quantity of nitrate in the electric bleaching process is harmful to health and also whether the bleaching is such a deception as to come under the inhibition of the pure food law. From obtainable evidence it would scarcely seem as though much hinges on the first proposition. In fact, even Chemist Wiley, a stickler and extremist, does not insist on it strenuously. Whether the bleaching is such a deception of the purchaser as to bring it under the misbranding ban of the law is a subject on which people may differ.

The pure food act was passed with the laudable purpose of protecting the public from harmful adulterations and in that body of its one republican member. In the spring of 1909 Harry B. Zimmerman went into the council, chosen from the Third ward, without experience of any kind in city affairs and with little to command him besides the vigor of youth and a reputation for square dealing. He closes his conciliman career without doubt the best posted man on the practical workings of our city government and with a record of intelligently directed service for the people and successfully withstand the blandishments of selfish interests.

During the last three of his nine years Mr. Zimmerman found himself the only republican in the council, and as a speedy settlement is desirable, if the secretary is right as to the application of the law because the law itself is too broad it can't be changed. If its justice is apparent on a full inquiry the Nebraska and other winter wheat growers must perform submit as graciously as they can.

Worrying About Roosevelt.
Ever since Mr. Roosevelt announced his determination to go on his hunting trip to Africa well meaning friends and others whose business it is to worry for his personal safety have been exercised lest something untoward should happen to him. The sleeping sickness, malaria, the attacks of wild beasts and numerous other calamities have in turn served their day. But Mr. Roosevelt went ahead with his preparations just the same and is simply having a "bully" time. Everybody is "delighted," except the lions and the croakers.

The latest cause of worry is that the Mad Mullah or the Somali natives may fall upon the illustrious hunter and exterminate him. With all due respect to the anxious ones, the record of the ex-president indicates that he is thoroughly well equipped to take care of himself. As a hunter he knows the dangers of the pursuit of large game and has never been guilty of neglecting the precautions experience would dictate. Those who are fearful that he will charge single handed and alone into the band of fanatical natives fail to credit him with the common sense which has always characterized his actions. It would be interesting and picturesque, of course, if he should give the Africans an illustration of how Corporal Peck put down the rebellion, but it is far more likely that if the Mad Mullah or the Somali natives run amuck Mr. Roosevelt would leave that job to the British army and go over into the other pasture to hunt lions.

It is real kind, of course, for all these good people to take the entire worry of this African trip off the mind of Mr. Roosevelt, but it is barely possible after all it may be misdirected and wasted effort.

The German Bugaboo.
It is barely possible that our British friends and the alarmists in this and other countries as well have overlooked some vital facts in conjuring up a German bugaboo. That Germany has a powerful and efficient army is not to be denied. That it is building up a strong and potential navy is also evident, but facts easily within the reach of all demonstrate that it is impossible for Germany to go to the lengths credited to it by the British.

Germany, like other nations, has its limitations, and in the matter of war and preparations for war in these modern days the financial one is not to be overlooked. The German empire came into being in 1871, free from debt and with the immense indemnity paid by France as an asset. Today it has a national debt of \$1,050,000,000, which is constantly increasing. This is the debt of the imperial government and does not include that of its various states and municipalities. Furthermore, its revenues have fallen short of expenditures in every year since 1897, and it has been forced to make good the deficit by means of loans. The result of this has been to force up the interest rate from 3 to 4 per cent on government loans and the price of imperial 3 per cent securities has fallen to from 85 to 95.

To meet these financial burdens the government has been compelled to resort to new sources of revenue, but has not been able to make the annual budget balance even then. The limit of taxation, of course, has not been reached, but it is inconceivable that facing such fiscal problems a people as intelligent and far-seeing as the Germans should be deliberately planning to undertake a war of aggression against any country. It is far more

believable that the geographical location of Germany is forcing upon it a military and naval expenditure from which both its people and its government would gladly escape if they could.

Still another feature points to the improbability of any deliberate intention on the part of Germany to provoke or engage in a war with a first class power. Germany's manufactures and trade are expanding at an enormous rate, its foreign commerce exceeding that of any other country in Europe except Great Britain. This commerce has practically all of it been created since 1871 and not yet firmly enough established to maintain its place in the face of a destructive war.

Those who are worried about German aggression would seem to be needlessly alarmed. The United States and Great Britain might with far more reason wake up to the danger of German trade dominance than of its military and naval supremacy.

Americanizing Overdone.
Boston Transcript.

Some army officers in the Philippines say that in "Americanizing" the Philippine scouts, the government is beginning at the wrong end by compelling them to wear woolen stockings in a country where 70 degrees is a normal temperature. Left to themselves, the scouts would prefer to go barefoot, with grass sandals in reserve for use over very rough ground. Why Americanize them at all, if their efficiency is greater under conditions to which they have been accustomed from childhood?

Amazing Nerve of Graftor.
Philadelphia Record.

One of the convicted members of Pittsburgh's bribed city council, who is out on \$25,000 bail, has invited the Allegheny Bar Association, including the Judge who tried him, to take a junketing trip on his steam yacht. The invitation is amazing and the invited association was duly amazed thereby, of course. But in what other community this side of the Rockies could such a thing have occurred? The unabashed impudence necessary to the making of such a proposal could not have developed in a morally healthy atmosphere.

ONE VIOLATOR PINCHED.

Prison Sentence for Violation of Sherman Anti-Trust Law.
New York World.

At last "the one responsible man" has been sentenced to jail for a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Of the five officers of the American Naval Stores company convicted in the United States court of Savannah of conspiracy in restraint of trade, three escaped with a fine, but in the cases of the chairman of the board of directors and of the vice president, Judge Shepard imposed a fine and three months' imprisonment. As Justice Holmes said in his dissenting opinion in the Northern Securities case, the Sherman law is "a criminal statute." Mr. Roosevelt refused to recognize its criminal provisions, but under the Taft administration the country now has proof that the criminal clause of the law can be enforced if the government is willing to enforce it.

AN AMENDMENT IN ORDER.

Tom Watson's Motion Revived and Improved.
Charleston News and Courier (dem.).

We cannot sympathize with the Hon. Tom Watson, editorialist of the Jeffersonian, in his fierce obloquies against the United States senators because they have provided themselves with bath tubs, one whole, undivided, and exclusive tub for each senator. The Hon. Watson intimates that he can tolerate a man's prejudices against sharing his bed with a fellow man, though he does not participate in them, but sets up that the adoption of separate senatorial tubs smacks of royal and imperial extravagance—in which our brother editor is in error. To the separate senatorial bath tub there is no genuine democratic or Jeffersonian objection, as the use of the bath tub makes altogether for simplicity, but the oath that a senator takes should be so amended so that he would swear not only to support the constitution and obey the laws, but to utilize the bath tub not less than twice a week.

TRIBUTE TO VANISHING RACE.

Proposed Memorial to the American Indian.
Philadelphia Record.

It is a rather curious fact that nowhere in this country has historical thought shaped itself in giving adequate commemorative expression to the assimilation of the American Indian with the early life of our nation. The Indian—the original proprietor of the lordly domain out of which has been carved the greatest republic of the earth—has unquestionably played a more prominent part in the pages of American history than any of the influences that we have signalized in enduring bronze. It is needless to argue his fitness as a subject for sculptural treatment of national import and magnitude. It suffices to note the appropriateness of the suggestion, which originated in the dinner given by Mr. Rodman Wanamaker to Colonel William F. Cody in New York the other day, that the World-Herald labels itself in its own columns "an independent paper," but when it advertises in Mr. Bryan's Commoner, for example, it changes the label to "a democratic paper." This "independent" pretense must be very like the fusion game as it is played here in Nebraska, by which Mr. Bryan's presidential electors are put on the official ballot at both democratic and populist. The World-Herald is either "independent" or "democratic" as it serves its purpose best, and it has even been known to sell editorial space to republican candidates of the corporation brand.

"Billy" Thompson denies that he is hitching up with Bryan and Shallenberger in a political triumvirate. The last experience Mr. Thompson had with the other triumvirs when he wanted to go to the Denver convention last year, as delegate-at-large, resulted disastrously to him. No wonder that he is becoming more particular about picking his political company.

The World-Herald's fear that the franchise corporations might control the new council through the six republican members should now be alleviated. Five of the six hold-over democrats have taken occasion to go on record again exactly as the franchise corporations would like to have them.

One advantage the trade boosters have in going into Iowa is that they are not compelled to bump up against the prejudice against Omaha stimulated by Douglas county's representatives in the late legislature.

Eastern newspapers are having a whole lot of fun over the statement that the governor of Iowa wears celluloid collars. Even if true they are superior to the corporation brand which some governors wear.

A prominent physician advises mothers instead of spanking naughty children to play the piano for them. By what process of reasoning does he justify transferring punishment from the child to the neighbors?

So to Speak.
Washington Herald.

Eighteen democrats voting for a tariff on iron ore was something in the way of ironical democracy, so to speak.

Spiking Guns of the Muse.
Chicago Record-Herald.

Recent improvements in the mechanism for aiming big guns make it possible for an officer in an observation tower to have complete control of the battery of a war ship. The disappearance of the man be-

hind the gun will result in a hardship for the poets when the next big war comes on.

Emphasize the "If."
Boston Herald.

Bryan is reported as writing to a friend in Washington that if he had to choose between Gov. Johnson of Minnesota and Gov. Harmon of Ohio for 1912 he would take Harmon. More luck for the north.

Prophesies that Will Fall.
Springfield Republican.

One of the vice-presidents of the Pennsylvania railroad is predicting that the Interstate Commerce commission will either have its powers reduced or be abolished altogether. A safer prediction is that its powers are more likely to be increased than diminished, and that its abolition, if that ever comes, will follow the substitution of a public ministry of railroads in direct charge of their operation.

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Washington Life.

Short Sketches of Incidents and Episodes that Mark the Progress of Events at the Nation's Capital.

In a recent magazine article Lyman Beecher Stowe describes and discusses the justly celebrated smile of President Taft and his manner of disposing of White House callers. "At 10 o'clock," he says, "the sliding doors rolled back and the great man stepped forth. Every one rose, and a thrill went round the room. The president smiled, and every one smiled back. It is safe to say that the president's smile is more infectious than that of any other member of the Optimists' club of America. It is a big, wholesouled smile, altogether irresistible. It is surprising how little Mr. Taft's photographs prepare one for the man himself. Although weighing over 300 pounds, he does not look like a fat man. While he is good natured and jovial, those terms give an entirely false idea of him. The impression of strength and keenness is much more dominant than these characteristics. He has a clear, ruddy complexion, and a face that is not too heavy to be handsome.

"Unlike most men, the nearer you come to him the better he looks. His eyes are his most remarkable feature