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Siss! Boom! Ah!

Keep sane and play safe.

It was just 123 years ago that they did the daring which we celebrate.

The car and the base ball umpire appear to be in the same class—no body loves them.

Cuba must be getting back to the Spanish idea. A bill has been passed legalizing cock fighting and the lottery measure is well on the way.

The camping season is on in full blast and the man with a sure dandelion exterminator has given way to the man with a mosquito bite cure.

The sugar trust prosecutions are very disappointing to the democrats, who have been clamoring loudly for them, but hoping they would not materialize.

Another Texas man has been drowned in a bathtub, but if those Texans will persevere they will in time learn how to use these modern-day appliances.

President Hadley's doctrine of having faith in humanity is all right, but be careful, just the same, about loaning a friend your umbrella for a few minutes on a rainy day.

Mark Twain has abandoned the role of theatrical angel. As the project did not pay, he could see no humor in it. Mark is displaying sense as well as nonsense in his old age.

Just because the suffragettes are going to move their headquarters from Washington to New York the congressmen are not at liberty to imagine that they are to be immune on that account.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt said, "I don't care what anyone says," which is a more polished way of putting it, but it means the same as the famous remark of his more brusque ancestor.

It is authoritatively announced that John D. Rockefeller has gone to Cleveland for the summer, but it is not stated whether he will try to arbitrate the differences between his Cleveland pastor and his New York pastor.

Former Sultan Abdul Hamid has given the government of Turkey another check for \$5,000,000. How nice it is to have a lemon like that to squeeze whenever the treasury runs low.

Count Zeppelin is the latest to declare his intention to reach the North Pole by means of a dirigible balloon. The count's previous achievements with dirigibles, however, give his talk some sound.

Speaker Cannon has promised to sit on the house appropriation lid at the next session. With Taft, Cannon and Aldrich located on the treasury cover it is a fair guess that it will take something of a pry to lift it.

The exclusively-for-women cars in the New York subway have been abandoned because the women refused to patronize them. No reason, for their refusal has been figured out, but in all probability it is "because."

The German kaiser has sworn to maintain peace, "with God's help." The fact that the kaiser recognizes the need of assistance would lead to suspicion that the situation is more serious than generally supposed.

Lincoln and the Declaration.

An army of Fourth of July orators will expound the Declaration of Independence from many points of view, but none of them will approach the simple statement of the immortal Lincoln, expressing his view of its meaning. In the speech delivered at Springfield, June 26, 1857, occasioned by the Dred Scott decision, Lincoln said:

I think that the authors of that notable instrument intended to include all men, but they did not intend to declare all men equal in all respects. They did not mean to say all were equal in color, size, intellect, moral development or social capacity. They defined with tolerable distinctness in what respects they did consider all men created equal—equal with 'certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.' This they said, and this they meant. They did not mean to assert the obvious truism that all were then actually enjoying that equality, nor yet that they were about to confer it immediately upon them. In fact, they had no power to confer such a boon. They meant simply to declare the right, so that the enforcement of it might follow as fast as circumstances permit. They meant to set up a standard maxim for free society, which should be familiar to all, and revered by all; constantly looked to, constantly labored for, and even though never perfectly attained, constantly approximated, and thereby constantly spreading and deepening its influence and augmenting the happiness and value of life to all people of all colors everywhere. The assertion that 'all men are created equal' was of no practical use in effecting our separation from Great Britain, and it was placed in the Declaration, not for that, but for future use. Its authors meant to be as thank God, it is now proving itself, a stumbling block to all those who in after times might seek to turn a free people back into the hateful paths of despotism. They knew the proneness of prosperity to breed tyrants, and they meant when such should appear in this fair land and commence their vocation they should find left for them at least one hard nut to crack.

These words of Lincoln should help us to comprehend the meaning of the Declaration of Independence, whose signing is annually commemorated by our Fourth of July celebrations, and they will repay reading and re-reading by every one who enjoys the blessings of American liberty and the priceless privileges of our free institutions.

Responsibility.

A recent colloquy in the United States senate, in which the senator from Rhode Island asked the senator from Missouri for his authority for certain statements, elicited this response: It is rather an impertinence on the part of the senator from Rhode Island to call my statement in question and ask me to furnish him the proofs. I assume responsibility for my statement, not to the senator from Rhode Island, but to my constituents in Missouri.

Here we have a new sidelight on senatorial courtesy, which has previously passed almost unnoticed. According to this code the only persons interested in the truthfulness of a senator are his constituents at home, and if they do not see fit to complain it is no one's business. A senator may make a false statement, wilfully or accidentally, and it must go unchallenged if his constituents have no fault to find with it.

Military Training.

Accepting as settled the propositions that an effective army cannot be improvised, and that under existing conditions of world unrest an army may be needed at any time, inquiry turns to how best to supply the possible want. Any plan that will provide the United States with a larger number of trained men at no greater expense than is borne for the support of the standing army is entitled to consideration. Colonel Glassford, who is in charge of the signal corps post at Fort Omaha, has a plan which he supports with arguments derived from his experience as a soldier and student of military problems.

The chief difficulty that confronts the American nation in event of war is an insufficient number of properly trained men. No one doubts the ability of the United States to put into the field any number of men at the first call to arms. But a very large percentage of these men are either raw recruits or only partially trained national guardsmen. Unfamiliar with camp routine, extensively ignorant of the arms with which they are equipped and totally unprepared for the serious business of an army, these volunteers fall entirely short of the requirements of a modern army, and many months are needed to lick them into shape for real work. This has always been the experience of the American people in the wars they have fought, and the victory that has come to American arms has been purchased at a tremendous cost in life that might have been avoided if the volunteers had been properly fitted for the duties of a soldier. And nowadays warfare is projected, if at all, on a scale so widely different from any in which American soldiers have ever been engaged that the volunteers would be helpless at the outset.

No manufacturer would think of installing raw and unskilled workmen in his shops, entrusting to their awkward hands the care of delicate machinery, and expect finished product from them. Yet this is in effect what the American people has come to expect of its army. Men unused to firearms, even, are expected to give over life in comfortable homes for existence on the tented field, to take hold of the complicated machinery with which an up-to-date army is outfitted and produce finished work. It was this indifference to proper preparation that warranted the military experts of Europe in predicting success for the Spaniards in 1898, and it is similar in

Political Assassinations.

Great Britain is wrought up over the assassination of a high Indian office employe by a fanatical Parsee, and well it may be. While other European nations, and even the United States, have been the theater for such crimes, Great Britain has been long immune. India itself has witnessed several such outbreaks, but this is the first time in recent years that the propounds of violence has been carried home to England in spite of the fact that it has furnished a refuge for foreign agitators.

Whether the deed is the impulse of one man or a part of a general plan is what most concerns Great Britain. If the former, there is no more cause for alarm than over any other violent crime, but if the latter there would be no telling where the next blow will fall. Great Britain contains a large number of East Indians and there is no denying there is great dissatisfaction with British rule in their country. The character of the Hindoo makes him particularly dangerous should he once decide upon such a campaign. He is fanatical to a degree and utterly indifferent to his personal fate. Such conspirators would be dangerous at all times and particularly when urged on by a consistent propagandist. The Sepoy rebellion recalls the terrible lengths to which he is capable of going, and if the East Indians have really started on a terrorist campaign it is likely to be a nerve-racking affair. So far, fortunately, there is no evidence to show that the London episode is more than an individual act and all will hope that proves to be the case.

An Important Legal Decision.

The decree of the Iowa supreme court that lake beds and the beds of non-navigable rivers belong to the state constitutes a decision destined to have a far-reaching effect on drainage projects. While the decision is binding in no state except Iowa, the precedent set is likely to be followed in other states where drainage projects are undertaken. Northern Iowa, particularly, contains a large number of shallow lakes which can be drained and converted into agricultural land at comparatively small outlay, and the tendency to do so has led to much litigation to preserve lakes which the common good demands should be retained. Whatever other effects the law has, it will tend to stop the drainage of real lakes, since the direct financial benefit is not so likely to tempt the state as it would a private individual.

Cutting a Big Melon.

The commodities clause decision by the United States supreme court has forced the cutting of the richest melon ever carved for the stockholders of an American railroad. Of the so-called coal roads, the Lackawanna held its coal lands directly and operated the mines. Because the supreme court held this illegal, the forced disposition of this property will bring the stockholders a dividend of 150 per cent. This amount, of course, does not represent current earnings, but is the accumulation of years, in addition to the regular dividends.

Incidentally the Lackawanna is regarded as a model of railroad financing and stands in a class by itself. Its total stock issue is only \$31,000,000 and it has no bonded indebtedness, the last of its bonds having recently been retired. In addition to the coal property it has \$32,000,000 cash and quick assets and no debts of any kind except bills in course of current business. It shows what honest capitalization will do for a railroad. Its rates necessarily are the same as those of other roads operating in the same territory and yet its regular dividends are 20 per cent, one-fifth of which has come from the coal companies. In addition to this large dividend and the distribution of the coal company assets there is more than enough cash in the treasury to pay an additional 100 per cent dividend on the stock should the directors desire to do so.

Jeffersonian Simplicity in Georgia.

Governor Joe Brown of Georgia has evidently started in to rival a former noted chief executive of Indiana. Governor Brown has adopted blue jeans as the sartorial standard and has banished the ice cooler from the executive office. In its stead he has resorted to the old-fashioned water bucket and the gourd dipper. Governor Brown is new yet and what other peculiarities he will develop during his term is uncertain, but it would not be strange to see a well digger at work on the state house grounds any day and the old oaken bucket, with its moss-covered brim, supplanting the hydrant.

If it is Governor Brown's purpose in all things to revert to Jeffersonian simplicity, the news correspondents have been usefully remiss in furnishing detailed information. They failed to tell us whether the governor wore knit galluses, cowhide boots and a straw hat gone to seed. They also failed to record whether the executive bedchamber was equipped with a hunk mattress and an old roped bedstead and such other luxuries as our forefathers used to enjoy. In the absence of detailed information on these points we refrain from passing judgment whether Georgia's governor is the real brand of Jeffersonian simplicity.

Mr. Carnegie is going to write a magazine story and tell us how much he spent for libraries, and how much he made out of it. He should follow up this story by another one confessing just how he made it—Mr. Bryan's Comptroller.

Yes, and include in the story how Mr. Bryan successfully solicited the money for the Carnegie library at Lincoln and rushed into the newspapers to make sure that no one else should have the credit for standing in so closely with Mr. Carnegie.

Beneficial, Though Groundless.

Harmful investigation of charges made by former Inspector Harms of East St. Louis against the meat inspection service there has resulted in a clean bill for the inspectors and a sweeping refutation of the charges. The government cannot afford to ignore such charges, because inefficient inspection strikes at the healthfulness of the nation's food supply, but such flimsy disclosures are calculated to do an irreparable injury to a great industry.

difference that leaves the nation continually liable to tremendous unnecessary loss of life in case a war should arise. A big man may gain respect for his size, but he ought also to be familiar with the rudiments at least of the science of self-defense if he wants to be certain of success in case he is suddenly attacked; and size does not carry with it immunity from attack.

Colonel Glassford proposes a plan that has the attraction at least of practicality. It will not increase the size or expense of the army, but it will increase its effectiveness by returning each year to civil life a number of highly trained men, each capable of serving at a maximum of efficiency when called upon. Each of these men would become a more or less active agent in his immediate circle for the propagation of military knowledge, and thus, without in any way adding to the militant spirit of the people, creates a much better condition, because of the extension of military preparedness, which, after all, is the basis for the maintenance of a standing army.

Death of Young Ministers.

Protestant church organizations complain of a scarcity of candidates for the ministry. In the United States it is estimated that while 3,500 recruits are required each year to supply the demand for extension of service and retirements, the seminaries will graduate only 3,000 this year. The same condition has prevailed for some time past, although in the various colleges interest in religious work and bible class attendance has increased. Increasing facilities are being provided and more scholarships founded for educating men for the ministry, but even this does not seem to remedy the evils complained of.

As one reason, it is suggested that to apply the monetary standard to religious endeavor is not idealistic, but it applies itself just the same. The minister owes the same duty to his family that other men do and the ministerial profession does not as a rule afford the means to meet it. The city pulpits, especially in larger churches, pay good salaries, but the great mass of ministers live and always will serve pulpits in small towns and in outside suburban or rural districts. The compensation of these men is often pitifully small in proportion to the demands upon them and their position in the community lacking in that independence which is essential to self-respect. It requires either courage of a high type or optimism unbounded to choose deliberately the ministry as a life work, and that accounts for the fowness of those graduating from theological seminaries as compared with the multitudes turned out by other professional schools.

Comparative Happiness.

It is estimated that 200,000 Americans will buy autos during the coming year. But that is not a circumstance to the number who will continue to ride on street cars and be happy.

Millions in Sunshine.

Don't make yourself better by complaining about the weather. Every day it adds \$1,000,000 at least to the value of the corn crop. Prosperity for the farmer means prosperity for the whole country. Let it sizzle!

Sculptor of the Lincoln Statue.

One of the most interesting art matters of the day is that Daniel Chester French is to do the Abraham Lincoln statue for the Nebraska state house grounds at Lincoln. Mr. French thus succeeds, with just credit, to the honor of St. Gaudens, as Elsie to the mantle of Elijah.

Cost of Armed Peace.

There probably has never been in the past history of civilized nations such amazing expenditure in the preparation for war. Yet there is no war in sight. The tremendous drain upon the resources of the powers may soon reach a point where actual fighting, the pretext of arming to keep the peace may break down of its own weight, bring on war as the lesser evil.

Calculation of Losses Well Up in Nine Figures.

An expert of the geological survey has made the estimate that the damage inflicted by smoke in the United States every year amounts to more than \$60,000,000 in the destruction of merchandise, the injury of buildings and exposed metals, the damage done to plant and animal life, and in the greatly increased cost of housekeeping.

Heartrending Fate of Colonel Bryan's Prize Jackass.

It is not necessary to recall to the enlightened political economists of this nation how important was the part played in the last national campaign by the jackass given to Hon. William Jennings Bryan of Lincoln, Neb., by the Minnesota state fair. It is fresh in mind that the jack was welcomed at Fairview with enthusiasm and gratitude; that a vainglorious newspaper correspondent undertook to ride it; that this man was thrown ignominiously by the symbolical representative of democracy; that Colonel Bryan, eager to compliment the bestowers of the gift, immortalized the name of the beast, named it Major Minnamacot; and that in a moment of prodigal generosity or enlightened self-interest the colonel offered to give it to the voting precinct which showed the largest percentage of gain in democratic ballots cast at the election.

Major Minnamacot became an institution as a navigator, gruntingly admitted that he knew when to get in out of a rain. General Prosperity pulled off a rare stunt in Malden Lane, New York, last week. An expert jester paid \$5.00 for forty-four pounds of brass filings represented as gold.

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any one of them. Anything that looks like an income tax looks good to Mr. Bryan.

The senate is in a quandary over which of two busts of Roosevelt to accept. One represents him in thoughtful repose and the other in a strenuous pose. Before passing judgment they should try to find someone who can vouch that the pose of thoughtful repose is really true to life.

The sultan of Morocco is certainly a brave man. When he could not defeat the forces of the pretender to the throne he took the pretender's mother out and had her publicly whipped. That must have made her presumptuous son feel hurt.

According to press report, the suffrage convention at Seattle admitted the Spokane delegates without giving them the right to vote in the convention. A mere man is led to inquire where the equal suffrage principle comes in.

Sir Thomas Lipton is again talking of challenging for the America's cup. Like the case of the bull who fought the locomotive, people cannot help admiring Sir Thomas' courage, even if they cannot praise his discretion.

Secular Shots at the Pulpit.

Boston Transcript: Just as the discussion of his strictures on American colleges becomes heated Bishop McPaul comes to the relief of the situation with the assertion that he has been misquoted.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: It is a Missouri preacher who is just now retiring from a ministry of half a century in which he never received a cent of pay in cash. Such men have saved Missouri from the worst effects of Bourbonism, even while many of them were voting for Bourbonism.

Philadelphia Record: The pope in refusing to ride in the new automobile sent him by American Catholics gave as a reason for his abstention that he was setting a good example to Catholics. He had, however, a still better reason. His journeying is confined within the limits of the Vatican. The chief value of the automobile is in its extension of the area of swift and comfortable movement.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Chicago pilled up a total of 3,366 June tickets without drawing upon the overflow hitlist at St. Joe.

Diligent reading of the Congressional Record is warranted to put asleep the liveliest member of the Gincer club.

Reports of the fighting of London suffragettes tends to discredit the assertion that Englishmen seek American helpmates for their money.

Foreign doctors give mystic names to Mr. Harrison's ailment, but the probabilities are some indigestible securities got stuck in his system.

The marine engineers who refused honorary membership to Noah and flouted his ability as a navigator, gruntingly admitted that he knew when to get in out of a rain.

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An income of \$5,000 a month helps to prove that a matrimonial investment, wisely made, beats a stage career to a frazzle. It's different for the fellow who tows the bill.

Somewhere over 8,000 Manhattan policemen who have felt the pressure of General Bryan's leather shoes, gruntingly admitted the general's flight over the transom. There always is enough sugar in revenge to soothe an aching outsole.

The cruel war on Crazy Snake has been transferred from the haunts of the redskins to the Oklahoma treasury. The gallant colonels of Governor Haskell's staff actually insist on pay for the spring excursion into the bad lands. But an empty treasury mocks their demands.

A chauffeur, testifying as a character witness in a Philadelphia court, described his mistress as "a perfect lady," adding by way of proof that she can swear fluently in three languages, but "her best work, of course, is done in English." The Philadelphia idea of what constitutes "a perfect lady" contributes a mite to the knowledge of the world.

A Man with a Record.

Buffalo Express.

Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson is an inspiration to old men. He has served under three presidents, and all of them faithfully; but the remarkable fact is he made his enviable reputation after his 60th birthday.

Vacation Time advertisement for Hartford Fire Insurance Co. featuring B. L. Baldwin & Co. as agents.

SERMONS BOILED DOWN. Domestic Pleasantries. A collection of humorous snippets.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Humorous commentary on religious and social topics.

SMOKE DAMAGE. Calculation of Losses Well Up in Nine Figures.

HEARTRENDING FATE OF COLONEL BRYAN'S PRIZE JACKASS.

JEFFERSONIAN SIMPLICITY IN GEORGIA.

CUTTING A BIG MELON.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

OCCASIONALLY YOU BREAK YOUR GLASSES.

Huteson Optical Co. advertisement with an illustration of a hand holding a glass.

SALT SULPHUR WATER advertisement for Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Sherman & McConnell Drug Co. advertisement listing various medicines.

Owl Drug Co. advertisement.