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Dams seem inadequate to hold the aerial water courses.

Near beer in Tennessee means close to the Virginia line.

Those nonpartisan candidates for judge will now resume their partisanship.

The numerous Leon Lings seen in various parts of the world have proved to be only yellow mirages.

The Rockefeller laboratory is seeking a cure for the sleeping sickness. Did the investigators ever try a piano or a phonograph?

Now that the Persian insurgents have entered the capital city, the shah is now in a position to send a message of sympathy to Abdul Hamid.

With fifty-four ships participating in the naval maneuvers off the Atlantic coast, Boston feels safe from a foreign invasion for a few days at least.

The chorus of demo-pop organs will now berate the supreme judges for failing to uphold the demo-pop nonpartisan judiciary act. That's part of the play.

When Nebraska gets the figurehead from the battleship named from the state visitors to the state house may see that much of the navy without going to salt water.

If the end of the world comes as predicted, on September 15 next, won't it seem strange to the Angel Gabriel if he should fail to find the Washington team in last place?

Two big banks in Chicago have consolidated with a capital stock of \$7,500,000 and deposits of \$70,000,000. Big business enterprises require big banks to meet their needs.

Convicts from the Missouri penitentiary were taken out to work in the grain fields in order to save the crop, but it is not every state which has enough convicts to go around.

Governor Shallenberger is also acquiring the Chautauqua habit, but hardly gets the percentage of the gate receipts which another distinguished Nebraska democrat commands.

If the Standard Oil company goes into the butter manufacturing business it may be figured as retaliation for the inroads on the axle grease trade by some of the nearbutter makers.

A young aeronaut has made a trip over the tops of New York's skyscrapers with a dirigible balloon, and if he did nothing else, he at least made the people of the metropolises look up to him.

A rain of frogs is said to have delayed trains in New York, but reports do not state whether it was because there was so many of them or because the engineer stopped to collect bait for a fishing trip.

According to outward appearances Bolivia and Peru are going about it in earnest to get up a war. It is as easy to pull off a war in South America as a duel in France, and the one is as serious as the other.

The coming Corn show at Omaha is to have an exhibit of grain from one of Pharaoh's tombs. Even if it failed to germinate and grow in the valley of the Nile, we believe it would produce a good crop if planted in our rich Nebraska soil in the valley of the Platte

Income Tax Amendment.

The house has passed the senate resolution submitting a constitutional amendment permitting an income tax. Whether it is necessary for the president to approve is doubtful, but in any event there is no question about Mr. Taft's acquiescence, as he is already committed to the plan. It will then require the endorsement of the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

The governors of several democratic states are said to be discussing the calling of extra sessions to vote on the amendment, and as the Georgia legislature is now in session, it will doubtless be acted on promptly in that state. There is no necessity for precipitate action, however, as at the best it will be at least two years before enough states can act, and certainly that long before all will vote, owing to biennial sessions in many states. The move for immediate action, therefore, is purely political. Mr. Bryan sounded the democratic keynote when he declared the republican congress had stolen democratic thunder in passing the resolution, and the apparently concerted movement of democratic governors is designed solely for political effect, because not a single state legislature was elected on this issue.

The facts are not encouraging to democratic claims, however. The resolution had the endorsement of a republican president, was introduced by a republican, Senator Brown of Nebraska, and passed by a house and senate overwhelmingly republican. Its only stumbling block was placed by democratic senators, who insisted that it be sidetracked to pass an income tax law, which the supreme court had once declared unconstitutional.

Reducing the Corporation Tax. There is every prospect that the conference committee on the tariff bill will reduce the corporation tax from 2 per cent, as fixed by the senate, to 1 per cent, but will retain the provision in the bill. Some changes in verbiage are also required to meet legal obstacles.

The only significance in the changes is that President Taft and the house and senate leaders must believe that with proposed economies the tariff added will produce enough revenue with a 1 per cent corporation tax to meet governmental needs. The corporation tax provision was inserted as a revenue producer, and the amount of the tax is simply the measure of government needs. The publicity features of the bill will be just as effective with a smaller as with a higher tax, and there is neither justice nor reason for imposing a greater tax burden than financial necessity requires.

With the treasury deficit last year, and a prospective one the current year, it is encouraging that congressional and the treasury experts rely on the pending bill to relieve the situation.

Death of Astronomer Newcomb.

In the death of Simon Newcomb America loses its greatest astronomer. While ranking as admiral in the United States navy Prof. Newcomb was not a sailor, but for seventeen years was professor of mathematics at the naval academy. His first public service was in assisting in compiling the nautical almanac, and from that time on his advancement in his profession was rapid. His tables are still used in the nautical almanac, by which the location of vessels in all parts of the world are told by stellar observations. At the time of his death he easily outranked all American astronomers, living or dead, and was recognized abroad by the French academy, the emperor of Germany and the British Astronomical society. His most notable achievement was computing the orbits of the asteroids.

As a scientist Prof. Newcomb did not attract so much public attention as some others, because he confined his public opinions to well demonstrated facts and theories, and never gave out fanciful and startling interviews. The scientific world owes much, however, to his accurate and careful research in his chosen field. In addition to astronomy, he was also a deep student of political economy.

House Committees.

Speaker Cannon has indicated his intention to complete the organization of the house by announcing committee appointments the last day of the special session, so that everything will be in readiness for regular business in December. Speaker Cannon has in this demonstrated his wisdom, for not only will the early appointment expedite congressional business, but naming them on the last day will permit members to nurse their sore spots during vacation, and reasonable serenity will prevail in December.

Promotions to the senate of several old members and the defeat of others at the last election will necessitate many changes in committees. The greatest interest centers around the banking and currency committee, in view of the revision of the currency laws, which will be undertaken at the coming session. The principal contest is between Mr. Fowler of New Jersey, present chairman, and Mr. Vreeland of New York, representing divergent ideas on currency, and this is further complicated by a personal difference between Mr. Fowler and Speaker Cannon. The speaker has decided views on currency as on other subjects, and in spite of personal inclinations is likely to name the one nearest in harmony with himself.

Much interest also attaches to the committee on rivers and harbors, whose chairman, Mr. Burton, has been promoted to the senate, as has Mr. Lorimer of Illinois, while Mr. Ellis of Missouri was defeated for re-election.

The west would appreciate the chairmanship, but is not likely to secure it. Mr. Acheson of Pennsylvania is the ranking member, and there are three other eastern men who outrank the first westerner, Mr. Davidson of Wisconsin. Illinois will probably be given the Lorimer vacancy, and as Iowa already is represented, Missouri, Nebraska or the Dakotas will make a fight for Missouri valley representation, the Iowa member being from a Mississippi river district.

So-Called Nonpartisan Law Defunct.

The so-called nonpartisan judiciary law, enacted for strictly partisan purposes by the late demo-pop legislature, has met an early death by collision with the constitutional guarantees of free speech, free assembly and free elections. The decision of the supreme court voiding this act will not be surprising to anyone at all familiar with its provisions, not even to its authors or to the law-makers who voted for it under party whip, because on its very face it ran counter to the express provisions of the constitution.

Passing over other questionable features, the rock on which this so-called nonpartisan judiciary act has foundered is its attempt to prevent any political party, committee or convention from "in any manner whatsoever endorsing, recommending, censuring, criticizing or referring to any candidate" for judicial office. This would prohibit any political assemblage from exposing or denouncing the despotism of a modern Jeffries or the corruption of a venal judge. It would also be the bulwark of judicial usurpation and the shield of judicial incompetency. It would prevent concerted action to rid the state of any odious judge who proved himself unworthy, and instead of promoting liberty and equality before the law, it would smooth the way for the judicial tyrant.

There is nothing in the constitution to prevent the legislature from prescribing the form of ballot to be used in all elections. The legislature may, if it wishes, remove the party circle and require every voter to put a cross-mark after the name of each candidate of his choice. It may even go further and remove the party designation from the ballot, so that each voter must find the name of his preferred candidate without any identifying mark of party affiliation. But the legislature has no authority to throttle the right of free assembly and free speech by forbidding endorsement, approval or criticism of public officers or candidates for public office. In this respect there is no difference between the judicial office and other offices, each being legitimate subjects of criticism or approval by individuals, or assemblages of individuals, whether under the name of the republican party, the socialist party, the prohibition party, the Anti-Saloon league, the Christian Endeavor or the State Federation of Labor.

The annulment of the so-called nonpartisan judiciary law throws the election in Nebraska this year back under the system of direct party nomination, which will give the people ample facility to choose between the various aspirants for office. If our democratic friends are really in earnest in their prating about nonpartisanship there is nothing whatever to prevent them from supporting one or two republicans on their ticket. If they are constitutionally opposed to having party designations attached to the names of judicial candidates there is nothing whatever to prevent them from foregoing their party nominations and letting their candidates go on the ticket by petition, and depending upon their own personal merit and popularity to attract support. But, of course, our demo-pop friends will do nothing of the kind. They will come to the front with a full quota of partisan candidates for the nonpartisan office of judge of the supreme court. They have been merely playing a political trick in the hope of catching some wind for the stilled sails of the demo-pop craft, realizing that they had nothing to lose and everything to gain. We do not believe, however, that any number of intelligent voters in Nebraska will be fooled by such transparent deception.

The St. Louis Republic has started in on its second century of existence, though not all of the time under that name. There were not many people west of the Allegheny mountains when the first issue of the paper was printed and the country west and north was almost as little known as central Africa is now. What a story of progress its files could tell.

The internal revenue collections from the beer tax have fallen off in this district, but not enough to affect the salary of the internal collector, who will doubtless continue to do business at the old stand without handing in his resignation on that account.

With federal meat inspection and the state pure food inspection department, it seems to us that Omaha should be able to have its meat come from inspected slaughtering houses without incurring additional expense out of the city treasury.

Numerous complaints are made that the chicken industry is becoming a nuisance in cities because the crowing of roosters wakes people up too early in the morning. Here is a chance for someone to achieve fame by inventing a crowless rooster.

It is up to Governor Shallenberger to say whether the Nebraska legislature shall be convened in extra session to ratify the income tax amendment to the federal constitution. Of course,

It would be mighty nice to have Mr. Bryan's legislature put the first O. K. on it, although it would be a trifle expensive to the taxpayers of Mr. Bryan's home state.

Southern democratic papers are busily discussing the next party platform, but why this violent exercise when we have an eminent Nebraskan who will gladly relieve them of all labor in the premises?

A Good Indication.

Washington Post. The crop reports indicate that few farmers will be found on the bread line next winter.

Surpassing Splendors.

Indianapolis News. On the other hand, supposing the government should furnish quarters for its foreign ambassadors, they would hardly be of magnitude to enable the incumbents to pull off such a function as that with which the Reds entertained the world last evening.

Negligence of a Strict Constructionist.

Washington Herald. Now that it has been demonstrated that the government can make its own ice at a cost of 25 cents a ton, it would seem to be up to some friend of the ice trust to make it plain to the United States Senate that it is unconstitutional for the government to make its own ice.

Livers Out of Whack.

New York World. The activity of bishops in pointing out the evils of modern conceptions in America reveals a remarkable congeniality for the role of devil's advocate. A strong voice raised in some quarter in praise of a single feature of our national life would be refreshing by way of contrast. Is everything rotten in Denmark?

Give the College Boys a Rest.

New York World. Why is it that a young man degenerates within six months after he enters college? Nebraska pedagogues at the Denver convention of the National Education association. Does he? And what proportion of the whole number? Why not let the poor colleges alone for a while, now that commencement is over and the boat races and baseball series are settled?

Bundle of Graft Money Unclaimed.

Philadelphia Record. One hundred thousand dollars of graft money in Indiana is likely to go to charity. In America reveals a remarkable congeniality for the role of devil's advocate. A strong voice raised in some quarter in praise of a single feature of our national life would be refreshing by way of contrast. Is everything rotten in Denmark?

Needed Immigration Restrictions.

Baltimore American. The deportations of undesirable aliens are increasing, and certainly from the records which are being made here other countries cannot reasonably complain that while as a refuge and a home this country, in its vast resources, is ready and willing to accommodate their surplus dumping ground for the paupers, idiots and criminals they wish to be rid of. Especially has the criminal alien class been drawing attention to its own undesirability, as we have enough and to spare of criminals of our own. A stricter watch on the steam-pouring through our gates will benefit all around.

RAILROAD RAIL SUPERVISION.

Brooklyn Eagle. The block signal and control board of the Interstate Commerce Commission has determined that it has power to investigate the composition of steel rails and designate what kind should be used by roads engaged in interstate commerce. All of which means supervision of rail-making and the erection of a standard rail.

UP GO THE PRICES.

American Woolen Combine Reaching for More Profits. Chicago Tribune. Twenty-seven woolen mills, all but one of them in New England, were consolidated to form the American Woolen company. It is the controlling force in a great industry. When it lays down the law as to the price of woolen cloths the clothing manufacturers have to accept the terms. It has sent out notice of an advance in prices of from 12 1/2 to 25 per cent on those of a year ago.

Effective Education.

Brooklyn Eagle. The process of civilizing the Moro goes on apace. We would rather educate this redoubtable heathen in the Philippine schools, but since he declines to be thus improved and insists on shooting holes in our soldiers, nothing remains but to retaliate in kind. Moros thus educated never need postgraduate instruction.

Overreaching Itself.

Wall Street Journal. In discovering a formula whereby the finest of table butter can be made from crude petroleum, the astute chemists of the Standard Oil Co. may have overreached themselves. If the farmer is to be driven out of existence because of this latest by-product, who is to burn kerosene?

Around New York

Snippets on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

Greater New York's police department employs 10,000 men at a cost of nearly \$15,000,000 a year. There are 3,800 active policemen, exclusive of officers and station functionaries, and they are expected to protect the lives and property of 4,000,000 people living on a ground area of 300 square miles, besides watching a water front of 34 miles. These figures help to an understanding of the task of preventing crime and running down and punishing criminals in a great city. For the first six months of the present year there were 112 homicides in the borough of Manhattan alone, and no one of the perpetrators has been apprehended. "To a degree," says the Brooklyn Eagle, "this reflects upon the intelligence of the detective force, yet in justice to the police the difficulties confronting those who set out to trail assassins in a big city should not be overlooked. It is easy to clamor against the police when a murder mystery remains unsolved, but it is well to remember that all great centers of population have their mysterious crimes and their unraveled clues, and that this is as true of European cities, where the science of detection has been brought to its highest state, as it is of cities in the United States.

Early Salute to King Corn.

Boston Transcript. While the country is doubtless deeply interested in the final outcome of the work of tariff revision, it is fully as much interested in the crop prospect. The effect of the former is somewhat speculative. The crops are a practical and definite measure of prosperity, and the report of the crop reporting board of the government to date is highly encouraging. It is, of course, too early to say what the harvest shall be, but in actual condition at the present time there has been a great enrichment of promise over the previous month, as a reference to the statistics will show. The condition of the wheat crop is better than last year, and the same seems to be true of oats, which have been somewhat unsatisfactory in recent years, but the real source of bounty, if present indications are sustained, is going to be the corn crop. In spite of alternations of wet and dry seasons the great staple has not yet failed. The grand average has been one of abundance, and the prediction that this year is to surpass in production all that have preceded is an exceedingly comforting one. What an appeal to the imagination there is in the estimate of three million bushels of golden grain. In condition it is now nearly seven full points ahead of a year ago, and in acreage it shows an increase of 7,218,000. This equals a territory larger than the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined, entirely devoted to corn, in addition to that planted in other crops. The automobile tread among the farmers of the middle west ought to be rushing this year.

Checking Billboard Nuisance.

Philadelphia Ledger. It was Governor Stokes of New Jersey who distinguished himself by proposing to the legislature of his state a practical plan of taxation by which it was hoped to put an end to the hideous disfigurement of the countryside by advertising signs. Nothing of this laudable movement for the preservation of natural scenery, and perhaps the means suggested—the penalization of the landowner by excessive taxation—was not the best way of going about the reform. In any event, a woman's club of Cambridge, Mass., has begun a campaign to bring about a reduction of the billboard nuisance and will give its aid and efficacy of moral suasion. Circular letters have been sent out to leading advertisers, asking their co-operation in the beautification of the city and the preservation of its natural beauties as already exist, and thus far the results have been surprisingly favorable. Many business men have agreed without conditions to clean up the billboard nuisance, and others have agreed to join the movement provided others will do so. It remains to be seen whether persuasion will be more than temporarily effective in accomplishing the desired result.

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