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Welcome Eagles. Make yourselves at home.

Divorce costs in San Francisco from \$12 to \$20. But staying in Frisco is hard on the lady's reputation.

From the price of cattle and hogs one might imagine that the middle-west feeds live stock on orchids.

We are still waiting for a decisive report from Havelock as to whether the State fair at Lincoln was a success.

One honor Mr. Harriman squarely won. The bravest death is that of the man who prepares to die and dies prepared.

Eagles have a reputation of taking things as they come and making the best of them, and they will do so with the weather.

Every additional democratic declaration of principles reads more like Mother Goose. It is familiar always, but never convincing.

Miss Elkins is a woman of talent. She is prolonging her engagement on the principle that one courtship is better than twenty weddings.

Judge Lovett will try to fill Mr. Harriman's shoes, which he will find will be no easy task. Here's hoping that he wears them comfortably.

We know one fact about the North Pole. It is nearly all wind and ice. Anybody seeking to capitalize it would find it a good place for hot air.

The great railroad king is gone, and the railroad business resembles Europe after Napoleon's hands were tied. There are so many little kings.

Two doctors testify that Cook's sincerity is known, while Peary has often deserted the truth for quite a distance. That was Cook's day on the high side.

A mill for vegetable silk is mentioned. What's the use? Silk is like champagne. It is no better than many other things, but only costs more money.

Peary is at the least a humorist. His gigantic boatswain driving the starving Cook away from the latter's stores is equal to the best thing in literature.

Before Christmas, marketmen pre-empt, butter will sell at 50 cents a pound. If so we shall repent all the hard words we have used about good, old, faithful Oleo.

Increases in iron and steel exports will bring James J. Hill to his feet. It is but a year since he told us that selling American manufactures abroad was an idle dream.

It would be interesting to have the real present-day sentiments of "Bill" Oldham on the sidetracking of his candidacy for a nomination on the democratic state ticket.

Of course, we are all glad to know that our democratic congressman from this district has returned home safe and sound, but it is too bad that he did not leave his smutty stories in Europe.

Big bankers at the Chicago meeting are opposed to postal savings banks because they need the money themselves. The reason is no sign that Mr. Taft will not get the law through congress.

The Tour Begins.

President Taft begins his tour at a time when both he and the country will be receptive and absorbent toward the major subjects of government. The president has pleased the south with a remarkably well selected list of local officials and with an equally tactful series of utterances.

It is not a swollen phrase of comparison to say that at this time Mr. Taft and the country are in what can be called a more "chummy" frame of mind than the country and any president have ever been. He will listen while he talks and they will talk while they listen.

Mr. Taft may be more popular or less popular than either of his immediate predecessors. The conditions bring him nearer to the voters in the discussion of the issues foreseen at the moment. The tour is a sort of pageant in which the first executive appears before the people.

Realizing that the Eagles' convention is here for business, as well as pleasure, our people have endeavored to provide all the necessary facilities for the speedy and effective transaction of the business, and also an entertainment program to make the pleasure hours a source of real pleasure.

Mr. Taft is exactly the man to get the most and give the most in such an unprecedented experience. He will touch closely every part of the country and understand every syllable and intonation of what he hears. It is a mighty thing that the president is transparently honest and understood by the people. The tour is not a display, but a grand inquiry on the evolving opinions of this nation.

Irresponsible Atlantic City.

Up and down the Atlantic coast the papers treat Atlantic City as a regular and absorbing topic of discussion. It ranks as one of the non-assimilated facts of the country's scheme of existence. The New York Evening Post, a paper as serious as any we have, calls upon the New Jersey legislature to end a situation that is freshly scandalous every Sunday.

There is nothing unnatural about this situation. Atlantic City differs from other communities in having an insignificant local population. Even that insignificant citizenry reckons little of what happens unless it is on the day 'twixt Saturday and Monday. It is a strip of beach holding a board walk and many hotels of many ranks. In short, it is the greatest Sunday summer resort in eastern America.

With the resolute persistence of a beleaguered Rochelle or Joppa, the people have decided to let anybody sell what anybody else will buy, regardless of the minor subdivision of time. There is no dispute or battle. They just refuse to stop taking good money from the wayfarer. Sheriffs, constables, judges and the governor have notified, lectured, decided and proclaimed. The Evening Post lets Governor Fort take refuge behind a plea that he has exhausted his powers. He has not, for he can call out the militia and put the army of New Jersey in camp. If it is not moosequito time, and a sentinel at every neglected door. At this point the governor dodges, because he knows that he would touch the New Jersey tickle-bone and pocketbook. This is not a fling at Governor Fort, who is a man of dignity and shrewd good sense, unluckily caught in a situation, like tilting at pillows, striding on the edge of the ridiculous. If there were a local population big enough to be responsible or formidable, the governor could act effectively. As it is, weighty organs of thought, like the Evening Post, should not harass the poor governor with appeals to the law. No man takes an oath to make himself look foolish. Atlantic City resembles a run of herring or a flight of snipe. It does not obey the law.

That is the story of Atlantic City. It is not vicious, wicked, immoral or immodest. It is simply irresponsible. Natural laws which are at first obscure often overthrow the cunning and capital of able men. An instance arises in the manufacture of cotton. At one time conservative investors believed that ultimately the south would manufacture all of its own raw cotton, against Lancashire and New England. The southern factories multiplied and enlarged, to be sure, until they learned to use more cotton than New England. The relative gain, however, does not include the finer and more highly finished grades.

If there is an enduring cause which in the future forbids the south to dominate the manufacture, it is the homely one of insufficient water of the proper quality. Persons who ought to know, say that this deficiency is permanent. Large investments have been made in establishing bleacheries, but they have been failures. Few cotton men expect results from artesian wells. Cotton intended for high grade manufacture goes to New England or to England.

Labor is another weakness of the south. The negro is not considered most desirable in highly organized factory work and the white labor from the hill country is as a class not steady and dependable. These labor conditions might be gradually altered for the better, though up to the present the good factory hands come from the old Huguenot, Scotch and German stock which was there before the revolution.

The water problem seems beyond the arts of human ingenuity. It makes a separation which confines the region of raw cotton to the unbleached cloth

and assigns fine cloth to the north. There has been surprise in the public mind that the spindles of New England have been largely increased, even within a year. In ten years, while the number of factories in the south have developed, the spindles of the north have steadily kept its place at the head. The New England trade papers have now settled down to confidence that New England still has its work of finishing cotton cloth and making it into the varied staples generally known as dry good and white goods. It is a valuable lesson in the laws of natural production.

The Eagles' Convention.

Omaha is entertaining the national convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. It goes without saying that the hospitality of the city belongs to all the delegates to this convention, and all the friends who accompany them. The convention is here by invitation extended by our citizens and commercial organizations, and as hosts we wish for our guests the most successful meeting the order has ever held.

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To the Fraternal Order of Eagles Omaha extends greeting and best wishes.

Harriman's Successor.

In an elaborate analysis of Harriman's temperament and methods the Boston Herald judges that speculation as to where the mantle will fall is not settled by picking a natural heir or a personal representative, but by answering the other question. Can the marshals whom he has trained be relied upon to command the confidence of the same men whose vast stores of capital were entrusted to his genius? The question points to the answer. These marshals will have to prove themselves before they wear for a term of years the Harriman crown and are settled on the Harriman throne.

Judge Lovett is a man of strength, versatility and resources, but to handle the routine of property without serious error is widely different from fighting great battles, formulating great policies and encountering great obstacles. He may do all that Harriman did as well or even better than Harriman, but he has to demonstrate his ability to go it alone.

It may be safely predicted that the chief Harriman properties will each be preserved intact, in good order and in profitable condition. How much of the vast mass of capital will be operated and directed as a whole, no man can say with confidence, because not even Mr. Harriman, brought to life again, could tell. Too much depends on intractable factors. Too much hangs on the uncertain factor of what notions other men will take and what is their ability to carry a notion into a policy.

Taking the most optimistic view of the prevision and foresight of Mr. Harriman, the good faith of strong men who will try to uphold the stocks, and the skill of Judge Lovett and his colleagues, there are yet many complex problems yet to be solved. The successor of Harriman must find himself, must fight, strive and acquire, until he justifies leadership and commands submission to the dual language of whip and reins.

Shrewd men will be on the lookout for a successor of the calibre of Harriman among the newly elected board of directors. The law of finance seems to be to throw greater and greater power into the hands of men of the great commander class. It is a one-man age, though people waste a great deal of platitudes on efforts to prove the contrary. Today there is no man on earth who knows how to align all the so-called Harriman properties. Yet alignment is desired by the shareholders. The situation of a group of more or less unarticulated stocks calls for a Harriman to maintain them in an orderly and closely knit working process of operation. It is better to wait for what happens than to nominate the next autocratic ruler. Meanwhile, the people of the Harriman territory have the duty of helping the officers to maintain the credit and develop the facilities of the roads.

Secretary MacVeagh's economy dismissed a clockwork and convenience was constrained to reinstate the public servant to make the clocks run harmoniously. Ours is a great and progressive government.

If the Panama exposition comes in 1915 it is not premature to start the preparations. Still, there is time. Mr. Taft's second term will, at the swiftest, be at an end before the canal is complete.

Julius Chambers writes that Mr. Harriman saw so far ahead that the other brokers used to regard him as a wildcat operator. Men like Harriman usually have some such reputation.

Playing the Stellar Role. Washington Post. The wind gauge seems to be playing a more important part in the discovery of the North pole than either the compass or the sextant.

Politeness as an Asset. Kansas City Star. Dr. Cook's undoubted popularity in the arctic controversy now pending is a noteworthy demonstration that it pays to be polite and civil.

Increasing the Pressure. Cleveland Plain Dealer. It is gravely to be feared that by the time the president has made the round of banquet tables through the west his waist line will indicate the wisdom of his owner beginning again to tee his own ball.

Pass It Up. Philadelphia Record. If the water is 1,500 fathoms deep over the pole how are the United States going to accept Commander Peary's present of sovereignty over the entire region? National jurisdiction extends only a marine league from shore.

Taft as a Phrasemaker. Springfield Republican. Humor is a "shock absorber," says President Taft; and the felicity of the phrase indicates that constant practice in public speaking is developing his powers of expression. Epigrams begin to crop out in his occasional addresses, and, in a short time, he may shine as a phrasemaker in comparison even with his two immediate predecessors.

NEBRASKA POLITICAL COMMENT. Fairbury News: You do not have to be a dog to be a progressive republican, but a good many fail to recognize the difference. Omaha-Herald: Lincoln had a grinch all week. It has been bitterly kicking about exorbitant charges for shoe shines, for for lodging, about signs over the sidewalks, high prices charged for meals, the attendance at the state fair and, lastly, yawning because Douglas county took the main prizes for farm products. It rained nearly all week and it is evident that Lincoln has water on the brain, by not so to a drug store and take sulfur for it?

Kearney Hub: The country newspapers of the state continue to have their say upon the subject of leaders, for which a call has gone forth from some over-excited newspapers at the state capital. The Fairbury News is of the opinion that it is not leaders that we want, but that the demand is for "servants" instead. The News truthfully adds that we have no reason to complain of the men as a whole who are serving us in the national congress or the state capital, and it sums up the whole matter concisely when it declares that "the fact that we are doing away with the leaders' is an compliment to the intelligence of the republicans of the state." So, when the consensus of opinion has been reached it will be found that the people are of a mind to get along without being led by self-styled or conspicuously labeled party leaders.

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