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The decanter of natural resources is a nonrenewable bottle. At best, China's proposed navy will look like a lot of junk.

For a youth of only 15 years King Ak-Sar-Ben is quite a big boy.

With all its distinguished centennial visitors, St. Louis is quite a mayoral nest.

Those big trees will shrink in girth when they are up against President Taft.

Chicago, having chosen a gilt-edged librarian, is going to rub the gilt off his salary.

Gary has had his garish day and now enlists a special grand jury to scour off the graft tarpatch.

President Hadley urges Yale men to think for themselves. And, he might have added, of others.

Chicago citizens are facing the fatality of opposing a \$300,000,000 merger deal in their public utilities.

Pennsylvania's pure food order prohibiting sausage stuffed with potato knocks the starch out one mean cheat.

The secretary of state, going back to work this week, will have to put in some hard Knox on the open door in Manchuria.

Jim Hill is starting the Santa Claus game early in the season, on the principle that fat pay envelopes make a Merry Christmas.

This is Harvard's day for fitting its new head to its shoulders. The transfusion will take place without the loss of a drop of epinephrine.

The women—bless 'em!—have a new form of coiffure styled "the mop." It is said to give one the expression of household drudgery gone to the head.

Muscle bath charms, but think of a hungry president getting his mouth ready for creole cookery and having his ear filled instead with liquid melody.

Governor Wilson's advice to Kentuckians to organize a liberty league and kill off the Night Riders is the signal for sounds of popping, and it won't be corks.

The Boston physician who decries surgery for appendicitis as a criminal operation can hardly have noticed that in many instances it is already a capital offense.

A democrat who confesses to "corporate affiliations" pretends to be a nonpartisan and takes oath that he affiliates with the populist party more than an inspiring candidate for real reformers.

If Senator Bailey cannot induce Mr. Bryan to debate the tariff with him, there is our own democratic editor-congressman, who thinks he is something of a debater himself and through his paper has been echoing Mr. Bryan on every schedule and item.

Down at Lincoln the water commissioners are up against it and then some between the demand for flat rates and the threat of big consumers to dig wells if concessions are not made to them as wholesalers. Municipal ownership evidently does not solve all the water works problems.

A Nation-Wide Rate War.

Resumption of hearings by the Interstate Commerce Commission in what is known as the Spokane rate case, has stirred up a renewal of expressions of such bitter hostility among trade interests of the Atlantic seaboard, that it is apparent they fear that the decision of the commission will be again in favor of the west.

Spokane originally pleaded that the existing system of transcontinental rates discriminated against that city, as against other interior points, and after investigation the commission decided in favor of a revision granting reductions in favor of Spokane.

In its previous investigation the Interstate Commerce Commission found that western interests were being discriminated against. The resultant action of the western railroads was to fix rates eliminating this discrimination.

Nothing is more pathetic than the wan face of a sick baby or the flutter of a spray of white at the doorknob. Thanks to the progressiveness of modern science, the visitation of the ghostly white hearse is no longer the frequent menace of the home.

The most shining work in reducing infant mortality has been accomplished in those cities which early embarked in school and home medical inspection.

It has been a deplorable fact that under the pressure of household cares in many city homes the health of the child has been allowed to take care of itself until too late for recovery.

Not all of the heroes of life are those periodically labeled by the Carnegie commission, nor is it necessary to do something spectacular or melodramatic to win recognition from judges of many or womanly conduct.

The Navy Department has awarded to John King, a humble water tender, a medal of honor and a gratuity for what it terms extraordinary heroism.

How lush the individual states are to do their share of conservation work is shown by Minnesota, which balks at the state forester's proposal to establish a tax of three-tenths of a mill to restore denuded forests.

Who bears the party label notwithstanding the platform adjuration not to vote for a democrat "merely because he is a democrat." Are platforms binding?

The Navy Department's action in marking this obscure devotee to duty as a distinguished hero is a striking example of the fact that we all love to honor the man who stands firm and faces down every ugly crisis that suddenly rears its head.

What Ak-Sar-Ben Offers. The entertainment program provided for Ak-Sar-Ben week is fully up to the standard which has been set heretofore.

Notwithstanding Mr. Taft's excellent advice on the beauties and virtues of turning the other cheek, President Taft's example that the Hon. Boies Penrose and the Hon. Robert Marion La Follette will continue not to speak as they pass by.

The corporation tax law enacted by the late democratic legislature provides, among other things, that the list of delinquent corporations failing to respond to the invitation to come across should be given publicity by newspaper advertisement.

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It is plain enough now why the democratic World-Herald overflows so continuously with sympathy for "oppressed progressives." It formally invites them now to come over and help the democrats out of the hole by voting the democratic ticket.

Mr. Bryan's Commoner appeals to democrats to vote for every candidate

Around New York

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

The bulletin of the New York State Department of Labor for the first half of 1909 supplements reports from other industrial sources of the onward march of prosperity.

Publication of the autobiography of Henry M. Stanley recalls those polite days of exploration when it was "Dr. Livingston, I believe," with a lifting of the hat.

In publishing a book attacking the brown rat as the worst animal pest in the United States, the Department of Agriculture means nothing personal against those brunettes who wear them in their hair.

Schwab will spend \$6,000,000 to double the capacity of his Bethlehem steel mills for rails and structural shapes, which gives American prosperity another ray of starlight out of the east.

Now for the paving and public works contractors to come a-tearing down the home stretch. It is always part of their game to waste time at the beginning and make it up at the end.

No Harmony There. Washington Herald. Notwithstanding Mr. Taft's excellent advice on the beauties and virtues of turning the other cheek, President Taft's example that the Hon. Boies Penrose and the Hon. Robert Marion La Follette will continue not to speak as they pass by.

Rising Business Tide. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. At the closing of the books for its third quarter the calendar year 1909 does not feel called upon to make any apologies for its business record.

President Taft's modest refusal to compare his own gift of eloquence to that of Mr. Roosevelt does not detract from its real value.

Compulsory Feeding of Martyrs. Springfield Republican. Forcing food into the stomachs of suffragets in jail who desire to starve themselves is a "horrible outrage," says Rep. Hardie.

Contributions Thankfully Received. Chicago Record-Herald. The Order of the United States of America has evolved a plan to buy territory outside of the United States for the occupation of all the colored people of this country.

Prophesies that Failed. New York Tribune. Several days ago Frank A. Perret, an American who has given a little study to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, announced that on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week a powerful tidal strain would be exerted on the earth by the sun, moon, Jupiter and Saturn.

Wrong Construction Placed on Parts of the Winona Address. Minneapolis Journal. No utterances of a public man in recent times has been more persistently misunderstood than the president's address at Winona.

Excelsior Springs Mineral Waters. We are distributing agents in Omaha for the celebrated waters from Excelsior Springs, Mo., and sell at following prices.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A British sailor who trounced three New York policemen was disgraced by the court international amity prevails.

A writer in the New York Sun asserts from practical knowledge, that the three biggest eaters in this country are President Taft, W. J. Bryan and John L. Sullivan.

Judge Ben H. Lindsey of Denver has been asked by Rudolph Spreckels to go to San Francisco and make speeches in behalf of Francis Heney, the reform candidate for district attorney.

Jose M. Herrero, of the class of 180 in the Agricultural college, Amherst, whose name in the "Index" was started, marked deceased, with the explanation "died at the hands of the Spaniards in Cuba," astonished his friends recently by calling on them hale and hearty and very much alive.

A conspicuous trait of the late Col. "Horatio" Bill Morrison, of Illinois was his good will. He was never known to speak ill of any one.

A wager was made that Col. Morrison wouldn't be able to say one good thing about this fellow. Finally a crowd gathered and began to talk about the worthlessness and viciousness of the fellow.

"I can knock his block off," the Yankee declared. "He'd be doin' someth' wile 'e's doing that," declared the Briton.

"You don't want me to run you in," the copper urged. "Go back to your ships."

"I'd go, but I haven't a tuppence in me to travel for the tube," said the Briton.

"And I haven't a nickel in me jeans for carfare, neither," the Yankee said. The copper sighed softly, produced two nickels and gave each sailor one.

"I say, Jack, your hobbles are a proper sight," remarked the Briton. "You bet your life they are," responded the Yankee.

"James Watson Webb, son of W. Seward Webb, and grandson of the late William H. Vanderbilt, who is looked upon as the probable heir to many millions of dollars, is spending his vacation in New York for a year of hard labor in the shops of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad at Milwaukee.

One of the privileges offered visitors during the Hudson-Fulton festivities was the boon of riding for five cents on the midway stairway which leads from the sidewalk to the trains at the downtown entrance of the elevated road at Sixth avenue and Thirty-third street.

Best chance of your life, whispered the sharp-faced man. "Only chance you'll ever have to ride on a moving stairway. Take up and back for five cents. Tell your folks about it when you get home."

He had for sale little printed tickets bearing the line "Good for one Ride" at 5 cents a ticket did not wait till they got home to tell of the financial transaction at the bottom of the moving stairway.

Chopper he after he had notified the police and the sharp-faced man had been chased away. "That census report that gives one a minute as the legal rate doesn't begin to tell the story."

The Absent-Minded Repeater. Baltimore American. A railroad in the west, punished for making, admitted its fault, but pleaded inadvertence. Things will be getting serious if the law intends to take up every case of absent-mindedness on the part of big corporations in this way.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. Makes the finest, most delicious biscuit, cake and pastry; conveys to food the most healthful of fruit properties. Absolutely Pure.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS. "This is a pretty tough town, isn't it?" "Tough? Why, we got up a scheme to hold an 'Old Home Week' here, and had to give it up. No former residents could come back without being arrested the minute they struck the town."—Cleveland Leader.

WORKS BOTH WAYS. A Rule that is Favored Possession of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan, in his present active campaign for rehabilitating the democratic party and saving the nation, is happy in the possession of a rule that works both ways.

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