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At the Turn of the Road.

Mr. Taft may now be considered as having set forth on the return part of his long journey. To hosts of people in the great west have come for the first time a realization of the president's personality; they have met him, shaken hands with him, studied him while he spoke, and the general verdict has been one of distinct approval.

Expounding his plan of administration, Mr. Taft steadily pursued his journey from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in some cases carrying a particular doctrine directly into unfavorable camps, yet always gaining ground by his plain speech.

And now, after a glimpse at nature's glories in the wonderful Yosemite country, after a rest amid the inspiring silence of the garden of the giant trees, the president has come forth again and is on his homeward way.

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people of Lincoln and their newspapers can keep quite busy sweeping before their own door, particularly in view of the fact that the only liquor dealer convicted in Omaha for selling after 8 o'clock had his license forfeited, and there can be made to go the same way whenever the needed evidence is presented by the anti-saloon sleuths in the proper court.

Mailed Fist for the Moros. According to Colonel Hoyt, who has just resigned as civil governor of Moro province, the mailed fist must continue to be the law of the land among the Moros, where, he reports, the constant activity of troops is necessary to the preservation of peace.

Those stockmen who think the people need to be "educated to use the cheaper cuts of meat," are themselves in need of the object lesson that the average city home affords. High prices some time ago compelled the consumer to welcome to his table the cuts that he once would have scorned, until now such a thing as a cheaper cut no longer remains.

In the meantime, it seems unfortunate that the peaceful territory of the north should suffer the drag of the Moro belligerents. If congress sees fit to make the division of territory proposed, the occupation and development of the northern section of the archipelago outside the Moro group could proceed apace, and the United States would be enabled all the quicker to establish its absolute influence in the Orient.

Encouraging Crop Reports. In spite of the drought from which much of the country suffered during the year, the government's official investigation of the crop situation produces reports which will dispel the extreme concern that was felt toward the close of the summer.

What Omaha's labor organizers need right now is some level-headed leaders who can show them how to make the best of a situation and keep them from going on wild goose chases.

Go Way Back and Sit Down. Charleston News and Courier, (dem.). "The truth of it is that both Mr. Bryan and Mr. Bailey have been talking too much. The best thing that could happen for the party would be for both of them to get out and stay out."

A Point Overlooked. The president says that the Panama canal will enable the efficiency of the water between the two coasts. To cut in two the naval outlay would be still more to the point.

Cheering the Doleful. Indianapolis News. Those numerous reports that are coming in showing the great gains made by railroads during the last fiscal year, must give a great relief to the railroad presidents who have been worrying to their hearts' content to talk at every banquet they attended about what a hard time they were having.

Bills Do Not Touch Him. Washington Post. The fact that the prince of Braganza was sued by a money lender "within a few hours after his wedding to Miss Stewart" is said "in no wise to have disturbed his highest."

Good Reason for a Rear. Pittsburg Dispatch. Oklahoma bankers, who so enthusiastically swallowed Mr. Bryan's bank guaranty plan are beginning to find it indigestible. The banks at Enid are protesting vigorously against their assets.

No Conscription. Buffalo Express. Lieutenant General Adna R. Chaffee, of the United States army, retired, started the military authorities of the country by a speech he made before the National Guard convention at Los Angeles last week.

Watching the Main Chance. Cleveland Plain Dealer. Discoverers of the north pole and fabled naturalists of Central Africa are not held to the main chance. The lecture platform and the magazine afford substantial compensation for the strenuous months in the wilderness.

Such Riffian Sign. Chicago Record-Herald. The Riffians are reported to be suing for peace. When a Riffian sees for peace it is a sign that he is in a small, dark corner, with his neck firmly placed beneath the other fellow's foot.

Washington Life. Eight weeks from today the Sixty-first congress will begin regular business at the old stand. Anticipating the coming of the statesman who control the purse strings, the regular staff of painters, mechanics and scrubs are putting the capitol and the office buildings in order.

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