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No one but has something to be thankful for. Since the Nourmahal boats it may be considered 99 per cent pure.

Now it is the thread combine that manifests some inclination of unwinding. Still, that peachless peach brandy may have been named because of its after-fruit.

Zelaya's policy toward Americans in Nicaragua must have been that of put up or be shut up. Let us today at least be thankful that things are not yet as hopeless as Jim Hill paints them.

Postponement of the Mabray trial means that the fascinating story of the "Mikes" will be a serial production. With disbarment continuing effective over us, the other members of the city law department will soon be complaining of overwork.

The special rate put in by the railroads for the Corn show at Omaha presages an attendance "bigger, better and grander than ever." Now that Mr. Wellman has endorsed Mr. Peary as the only man who reached the pole, Dr. Cook may consider himself ruled out of the Arctic court.

The policeman who rushed into a theater crying "fire," doubtless had his eye fixed on a Carnegie medal. He might be permitted to squint at one of Leather. Mr. Latham may be skillful enough to go hunting in his aeroplane, but the amateur aviator who tries it will be more apt to find the wild steers making game of him.

In the meantime the unanimity with which consummation of prospective mergers is deferred indicates that the promoters realize that Uncle Sam has the drop on them. The State anti-saloon league resolves approval of the Douglas county anti-saloon league. Seeing that they are one and the same, they certainly ought to approve one another.

Health Commissioner Connell has a new plan for solving the garbage problem. The good doctor solves the garbage problem every year, and each solution different from the last one. The council resolution for an inquiry into the question whether the city should carry insurance on its public buildings will be all the hint to get busy that the fire underwriters need.

Members of the Omaha Real Estate exchange are being instructed how to draw wills. There was a time when it made no difference to an Omaha real estate man whether he knew how to draw a will or not, but happily that time is past. A man has just died who was office boy for Daniel Webster, worked for Presidents Lincoln and Johnson and was a neighbor of Mark Twain. Had not his personality been so constantly obscured by great lights he might have become famous himself.

Abdul Hamid thought he had three millions in the German bank, but the fact that the cashier declines to recognize him without his regal helmet teaches us that when we have a job as king we ought to stick to it. For Abdul's case, it looks like a case of so crown—the double cross.

Scholar and Athlete.

Whether he be considered as the scholarly athlete or the athletic scholar, that individual is getting due recognition from the practical world. Physical prowess enlists admiration at large, as is attested by the acclaim bestowed upon the champion of every contest, whether heavy-brute or agile gentleman. But no one ever expects to see the strictly physical hero occupying high place in affairs. Similarly, the devotee of many sports has not always been regarded seriously, and the question has even been raised whether the collegians were not devoting too much attention to athletics, thereby possibly diverting students from development along useful lines.

The answer to this criticism is met by the recent appointment of a famous halfback and an intercollegiate golf champion to important posts in the government service, where keen mentality is necessary to administer nice points of law, finance and diplomacy. Mr. Taft is a shrewd judge of human values, and he recognizes the worth of a robust brain in a robust body, when both have undergone systematic co-operative training. Hitherto the athletic man of affairs has found his chief field of public recognition in the pages of fiction, where the clergyman with varsity muscles suddenly evolves heroism, but of late even those leaders among men who had no athletic youth are coming to understand the merits of physical exercise.

It is this reawakened general interest in athletics that has led to the placing of emphasis on the usefulness of the athletic scholar. He is hardly a new discovery, for he has had his place, and that a high one, constantly in the work of life. But your true athlete is a modest fellow, and when he finds his field of endeavor he seldom seeks self-exploitation, but carves out his career by the same earnest effort that marked his days with books and apparatus while at school.

An Election Straw.

The congressional by-election in the Sixth Illinois district has been expected at the outset to be a test of the voters' attitude concerning the recent tariff legislation, but such a peculiar campaign developed that it is not easy to read any particular lesson in the returns. Certainly the result cannot be accepted as an exhibit against the new tariff law, for while only half the vote was brought out, the relative normal republican majority was maintained. Mr. Moxley, the successful republican candidate, was Senator Lorimer's personal choice for succession to his seat in the house, and in the face of the bitter hostility of the Chicago republican newspapers because of his deal with the democrats at Springfield, Mr. Lorimer may claim a victory which is largely a personal one. So many conflicting interests were brought into the canvass that it is not safe to draw conclusions, although the fact that speaker Cannon took the stump for Mr. Moxley, and invited any rebuke the voters desired to register against Cannonism, gives some significance to the republican majority maintained against both democratic and independent nominations of considerable strength.

Triumph of the Mind Wave.

When Young America comes to the rescue, we may be sure that it will be by the most approved and up-to-date method, as witness the experience of Father Knickerbocker at the behest of his hopefuls furnishing a startling example of the progress of the rising generation. While the parents of the metropolis had been in wonderment over the spirit rappings of the visiting Italian medium, and had been puzzling their heads over other occult problems of the day, the children, in their straightforward, practical way, have scored a real victory along telepathic lines. It seems that the adults had been unable to convince the Board of Education of the needs of a new high school. Earthly methods failing, the children took up the crusade, and appealed to the higher realms of thought. At a fixed moment, three thousand of them stopped dead in their tracks, with face turned in the direction where the Board of Education was assembled, pointed their forefingers at the recalcitrant budget-spenders, and concentrated their thought on a preconceived prayer designed to compel the erection of the new school. The result was instantaneous, in the adoption of a resolution authorizing construction, and is bound to be heralded as a triumph of the mind sweeping away obstacles. Yet the uninitiated may be pardoned the lingering suspicion that it may have been only a case where the School board had had all the bombardment it could withstand and took the easiest way out of a bad dilemma.

An Echo from the Past.

The death of Solon Chase, farmer orator of Chase's Mills, removes not only a familiar figure from the local life of Maine, but also a landmark of devotion to a lost cause. For years he had been forgotten by the public, yet thirty years ago he was a national figure, and his passing serves to reawaken some of the echoes of the strife of American politics. Solon Chase was a greenbacker of the greenbackers. The west will remember him as the man who drove a yoke of oxen from New England nearly half way across the continent, and stumped the country for the greenback, utilizing his haywagon as a rostrum. At that time he was nearing 60 years, and the homely earnestness of the graybeard had much to do

with the gains made by the doctrine that he preached.

Few of the younger voters of today could give more than a hazy suggestion of what the greenback creed was designed to accomplish, so completely has the party been buried under the successive campaign waves, but to the elders there will come recollections of the zealous attempt to prohibit bank note circulation, the relegation of coin, and the establishment of the greenback as the only currency exchangeable on demand for interest-paying bonds. At the height of their career, the greenbackers controlled a popular vote of more than a million, and had fourteen representatives in congress. But the party went the way of many of its predecessors. Even the names of its leaders have been forgotten, aside from such presidential nominees as Peter Cooper, James B. Weaver and Benjamin F. Butler; and Solon Chase was one of the few backwoodsmen who clung to the spirit of the party until his death.

Billboard Reform.

It is a self-evident fact that the billboard nuisance in Omaha has not only attained gross proportions, but is steadily spreading and becoming more offensive. The so-called regulation of billboards in Omaha is no regulation at all, because it imposes no restrictions that tend seriously to obstruct or prevent the maintenance of this nuisance. Over in Chicago the Municipal Art league has proclaimed a program for billboard reform of which it will be well for other cities to take notice. The Chicago council is asked to take measures covering the following points:

- 1. To require billboard companies to obtain frontage consents as follows: Prohibiting the location of any billboard on property fronting on any boulevard or public park, or in any block of any street, in which two-thirds of the buildings on both sides of the street in the block are devoted to exclusive residence purposes, unless the consent in writing is obtained from the owners or their agents of a majority of the frontage fronting or abutting on both sides of the street of any block in which such billboard or signboard is proposed to be erected, and to file such written consent with the commissioner of buildings before a permit is granted for such erection.

The requirement of the consent of adjacent property owners liable to be affected by the billboard nuisance is a reasonable condition which should apply to billboards wherever they are put, whether in residence or business districts. The roof billboards are likewise more menacing to safety and more conducive to spread of fire even than the street billboard, and should not be tolerated under any terms. The two-story billboard, furthermore, should be high enough without going into the sky-scraper class, and the propriety of limiting the height and distance from the sidewalk is plain. Just because the owners of vacant lots are too devoid of enterprise to improve them with buildings and can get a few dollars rental from the billboard men is no reason why they should be permitted freely to disfigure the whole city, and to the detriment of all the neighbors and public generally.

Our amiable democratic contemporary, the World-Herald, is living on the hope that Nebraska republicans may have a factional cat and dog fight over next year's election, under cover of which the democrats may sneak into office. The World-Herald practically admits that the only chance for the democrats to win in Nebraska lies in republican dissension. But our democratic friends may be disappointed.

The mayor-elect of Indianapolis is facing a complaint before the grand jury charging him with violating the corrupt practices act by promising appointive offices in return for political support. Nebraska has had a corrupt practices law for ten years, yet no one has ever been called to answer under it. The elective officers in Nebraska have been lucky—that's all.

Applications are said to be pouring in from would-be census enumerators who would like to help count the population of Omaha and of this congressional district. The first requisite should be assurance of ability to do a better job than the school census enumerators.

The defeat of the measure before the Chicago Board of Trade intended to prevent corners in foodstuffs shows where that body stands. The professional speculator always has a corner in his heart for a squeeze, provided his yield is headed toward his own purse.

When the national park promoters placard the historic ground at the scene of Washington's crossing of the Delaware will they please erect a tablet setting at rest the popular delusion that the illustrious ferryman stood up in the rowboat all the way?

The present plea of certain railroads that they are carrying the mails at a loss is hardly sustained by the spirit of competition they occasionally display to get the big end of the contracts.

Neck and Neck. Washington Star. The Standard Oil gets a chunk of unpleasant legal lore just in time to save it from being distanced by the Sugar trust in the great unpopularity contest.

Cutting Out "Other Matters." Chicago Record-Herald. Collector Loeb of New York is giving a lot of gentlemanly opportunity to devote their whole time to the interests of the

A Proclamation By George Washington, President of the United States.

When we review the calamities which afflict so many other nations, the present condition of the United States affords much matter of consolation and satisfaction. Our exemption hitherto from foreign war, an increasing prospect of the continuance of that exemption, the great degree of international tranquility we have enjoyed, the recent confirmation of that tranquility by the suppression of an insurrection which so wantonly threatened it, the happy course our public affairs have followed, the unexampled prosperity of our classes, of our citizens—circumstances which peculiarly mark our situation with indications of the divine beneficence toward us. In such a state of things it is in an especial manner our duty as a people, with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God, to implore Him to continue and confirm the blessing we experience. Deeply penetrated with this sentiment, I, George Washington, President of the United States, do recommend to all religious societies and denominations, and to all persons whose hearts are within the United States, to set apart and observe Thursday, the nineteenth day of February next, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer; and on that day to meet together and render their sincere and hearty thanks to the Great Ruler of Nations for the manifold and signal mercies which distinguish our lot as a nation; particularly for the possession of constitutions of government which unite and by their union

Sugar trust. Heretofore it has been necessary for them to occasionally give their attention to other matters, which must have been exceedingly annoying to them.

Dime Novel Gone Wrong.

Philadelphia Ledger. Five train robbers have been sentenced to life imprisonment in Nebraska. Another dime novel gone wrong. That was not the proper climax at all.

Decidedly Unprofitable.

Baltimore Herald. Life imprisonment for five men who held up a railroad train in Nebraska may convince this class of thugs that a less strenuous occupation would prove more profitable.

One Un doubted Fact.

Another foot ball player had his back broken Friday. Of course, it may be argued that "he was not properly trained," was "the victim of brutal playing," and so on. It is not disputed that he is dead, however.

Melons Expressly Made.

Pittsburg Dispatch. The \$4,000,000 watermelon divided by an \$8,000,000 express company is likely to generate a boom for the parcels post measure if the latter is not forestalled by an effective regulative reform of the express business.

Applicants at the Door.

Philadelphia Press. Ex-President Roosevelt will be a busy man when he returns to the United States next year. The waiting list for admission to the Annapolis club is long enough to engage much of his time. Cook and Peary, Ballinger and Pinchet, Parr and Reynolds, Cannon and Ritter have proposed each other for membership.

A Change in Form Only.

Philadelphia Record. The dissolution of the Oil Trust will not necessarily impair the ability of John D. Rockefeller to bestow money on education, and eradication of hookworms and other matters of public beneficence. The corporate ownership remains unchanged, and so long as a half dozen or a dozen individuals remain harmonious the various refineries, which they jointly own, will not compete with each other seriously.

Wait and Saw Wood.

San Francisco Chronicle. It is well enough not to get excited over the case of the two Americans who were executed in Nicaragua until the facts about them are fully developed. Since Pillsbury, Wallace and time Nicaragua governments have been suspicious of Yankee adventurers; and when two of these genies were caught making war with dynamite, one of whom had been in revolutionary movements before, both were given a short shrift. At least such is Nicaragua's explanation, and the fact that the Americans were where they were has been in the justice of a suspension of judgment until the whole story is known.

PREDATORY LAWYERS.

Some Remarks on Those Who Prey on the Unfortunate. Chicago Record-Herald. Every now and then a lawyer is discharged for some serious offense. Sometimes his offense is a crime which can be punished by the courts. At other times it is near to a crime, but unpunishable for technical reasons. Occasionally serious abuse of patrons within the letter of the law also leads to disbarment.

There exists, nevertheless, a large class of predatory lawyers whom disbarment proceedings never reach, but who go forth to prey upon the weak and unprotected as unquestionably as if they operated with a jimmy and a pry bar. The fact that they are tolerated to exist in such large numbers is among the worst of the abuses that are to be charged against the legal fraternity at the present time.

The men are the ones who go forth hunting business in the form of damage suits, and who do not hesitate to stimulate suits of this kind where no good grounds for them exist. They cause continual heavy losses both to the defendants in these cases, who are molested and to the prosecutors who most usually pay their bills exorbitantly heavy fees. The mere items of court costs alone is a constant waste of individual resources, while the accompanying burden upon the courts themselves by the unnecessary business they must handle is an added evil.

Such lawyers have been seen flocking to Chicago to secure damage suits against the mining company. They are the scum of the company, of the ignorant and deluded people who trust their cases to them and of justice itself. Every railroad company has continually to fight fraudulent damage suits, the inception of which is chargeable to predatory lawyers. Most large factories have a similar burden. Our cities are notorious sufferers. In the case of the Chicago sanitary district the law as it exists actually puts a premium on such suits.

It is most difficult to phrase any rule or regulation for the bar which will set lawyers free to do legitimate work and which yet will suppress this evil. To find the proper tests by which the offenders can be disbursed is the task of the bar itself. The public feels the need, but can do no more than call attention to it.

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