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It was bound to come. The chauffeurs of Florence have struck for more speed.

High water in the streets is putting some of the mining towns in low spirits.

When the wireless comes into its own, what will the birds have left to roost on?

Standard Oil is now backing a gas combine. Getting ready for the grand ascension?

Britannia must look to her laurels. Recent events indicate that Mercury rules the wave.

European scenery is fast getting to be a bore. A tunnel under Mount Blanc is the latest.

In carrying out his promise to a mob a Kentucky Judge has let the undertaker carry out the victim.

Shovel—an obsolete implement, used by good citizens in the days of "such winters as we used to have."

Sluggard Nevada courts, to occupy a whole hour granting a divorce. No wonder Reno colonists are provoked.

At that, the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy is likely to be terminated before we hear the last of Brownsville.

The death of a Hoosier from using a new handkerchief shows how man must sacrifice himself to the advance of civilization.

Maurice Hewlett has carried his novel idea into the budget campaign, probably counting on a "Yea-and-Nay" vote of the Richards.

The leaves of the forestry letters are getting as numerous as the leaves of the forest trees, and some of them are more highly colored.

Commerce and Combines.

President Taft's message to congress dealing with the allied subjects of interstate commerce and industrial combinations brings definitely before the national legislature a plan for action which has been clearly understood as a part of the Taft policies.

The message is characteristic of the judicial mind accustomed to weigh fully the evidence on all sides, and yet it is as firm for the right as it is fair to the rights of all the interests involved.

The fact that the attorney general has approved the form of bill providing for such federal incorporation indicates that the administration has looked thoroughly into the criticism that such a law would be unconstitutional, and to those who claim that it is an invasion of state rights the answer is ready that any state has always the same privilege of regulating operations within its borders.

But these and other objections to the measure, Mr. Taft expects, will be voiced on the floor of congress, for his own language is that he wishes his message to "bring clearly to the consideration and discussion of congress the proposition outlined, and he is very specific in his purpose to hedge such federal corporations about with every proviso for prosecution in case the anti-trust laws should be violated.

The chief features of the proposed amendments to the interstate commerce law include his original commerce court, distinctly a Taft idea, regulation of stock control and the safeguarding of competing lines.

These suggestions are identically the same as had been outlined early in his term, and it is apparent that the pleadings of railroad officials for modifications of his essential program had absolutely no effect.

Mr. Taft has done well to present these vital matters in a message unencumbered by other topics. He has stated to congress clearly and fully the views of the administration as to what is essential for the correction of existing weaknesses in federal control of corporations and commerce, and the legislative body ought to be able from such a judicial crystallization of the needs of the case to formulate appropriate legislation without undue delay.

ger of tainted supplies, familiar in the old days before refrigeration had been perfected, yet the latest facilities unquestionably enable indefinite preservation of food, a fact which might readily be turned to the advantage of the unscrupulous.

Statisticians in various journals have demonstrated that the cry concerning the cost of living has been greatly exaggerated, and that while some prices have steadily advanced, natural reasons therefor can be definitely traced.

Life Saving at Mines.

Despairing of interesting the federal government in the plan of establishing life-saving stations at mines, the Illinois legislature is considering the enactment of state laws to provide for the maintenance of rescue crews and equipment.

Yet the question arises of what worth is such service as Illinois proposes, compared with the real reforms that might be inaugurated. A system of surface stations seems hardly to meet the requirements, for the experience at Cherry was not that the work of attempting rescue was delayed, so much as that the provisions for safety underground had not been sufficient.

Those who have been rescued from burial alive in mines have been, as a rule, sustained by the passing of supplies through tubes. Would it not be a practical safeguard to establish pipe lines from surface to underground workings that should convey air, water and food to those imprisoned?

But why should the state be put to the expense of providing and sustaining safety and rescue devices for the miners? The companies exact toll enough from the consumer to enable them to equip their workings with these humane and essential provisions at their own expense.

Ak-Sar-Ben now owns property worth very close to \$50,000 or \$60,000 clear of incumbrance, which is a splendid evidence of the care with which the business affairs of organization have been managed.

The discovery that the phraseology of the primary law intended to fasten the Oregon plan for selecting United States senators on Nebraska is so ambiguous as to defeat the intent of the law reflects merely on the democratic majority in the last legislature.

The dropping of nineteen students from the University of Nebraska rolls because of delinquency in studies is not a dangerous symptom, but rather indicates that the faculty expects the young people to work, even when surrounded by the manifold temptations of a large city.

The Wright brothers appear determined to govern the air by injunction. If forbidden fruit is sweetest, the Wrights are on the right track to make aviation popular. As man finds his flight prohibited, the more determined will he be to put on wings.

In Other Lands

Novel and impressive features of the campaign that is now drawing to a close in Great Britain.

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mounting the stump. The countess of Warwick, for example, is a noted political speaker. Mrs. George Cornwallis West, who was Lady Randolph Churchill, frequently sits on the platform near her distinguished son. Mrs. Chamberlain attends meetings which Austin Chamberlain addresses, having, of course, a place of honor on the platform.

Political Drift. Bouquet Hall is getting most of the tagmets from Mayor Gaynor, the other fellows are getting the pie. Kentucky is going into the hole financially, and an issue of bonds is necessary to keep the ship of state afloat.

GET TO WORK. Paul West in New York World. Now the new year's started in. Get to work! Things are waiting, so begin—Get to work! Don't proceed to fume and stew! Over the tasks awaiting you, What you've got to do is do—Get to work!

Right at the Start. Without the adventitious aid of "Half Price" and "Slaughter Sales" the Browning, King & Co. stock of clothing was sold out during the past season with practical completeness. And for the reason, of course, that the prices were right at the start. They are always right. You are not asked at the beginning of the season to pay, in whole or in part, for the clothes that someone else may buy at half-price at the end of the season.