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The Democrats and Postal Savings.

The earnest advocacy by President Taft of the postal savings bank and the sincere effort which is being made in congress to enact legislation for its establishment is putting the democrats in an awkward position.

When Governor Shallenberger returned from Washington two weeks ago he inadvertently let the cat out of the bag as to the democratic position on the postal savings bank when he referred to that subject in his official statement of reasons why he would not for the present call the legislature in extra session.

The governor said he found a strong sentiment in the east for a postal savings bank law, and that the prospects were that this congress would enact such a measure.

In other words, the democrats, while professing to be friends of the postal savings bank, are sure it will not work out satisfactorily.

Why the Widows Win Out.

"Samvel," said the elder Weller, in the course of one of his numerous hortatory discourses, directed to his aspiring son, "Samvel, beware of widowers."

Replied to a question as to whether a woman is happier when she marries the second time, former Judge A. J. Dittenhofer of New York says:

The local democratic organ hails the election of a democrat in a democratic congressional district in Missouri as fraught with tremendous significance.

The failure of that Mexican meat-packing establishment must also be due to the tariff. If we had only permitted the marketing of Mexican dressed beef, without the payment of import duties, it might have done a flourishing business.

Nearly 500 fatalities in mines in this country in three months is a showing altogether appalling. The conservation of human life should have first call on the talents of our constructive statesmen.

A county treasurer in Cleveland is reported to have an overflowing safe with an accumulation of public money which he dare not deposit in the bank for fear of violating the law which limits him to a certain contract quota.

Forestry Policy.

The sensational features of the change in the national forestry bureau must not be allowed to create the impression that there has been, or is to be, a change in the forestry policy of the government.

The loss in Paris are sure to be very large, but no country in the world is so well able to stand them. There's many a franc stowed away in the French stock.

The depression of 1908 cut heavily into the membership, and the number of organizations has continued to decline.

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TRUSTS ARE TROUBLED.

Had investors and speculators become satisfied that President Taft would immediately order the government to keep them out of the market, they would have been glad to eliminate all the combinations of capital which are somewhat vaguely and now inaccurately called trusts.

And now it is announced that our new minister to China, W. J. Calhoun, who was appointed to succeed Minister Crane, has arranged to sail for Peking from San Francisco March 8.

The Real Estate exchange will be on the right track if it conceives it to be its duty to enlist capital for productive improvements that will earn good returns. Mere trading may yield broker's commissions, but it does not build up the city nor add to real estate values.

A stranger tarrying within our gates declares that Omaha's streets are just now "the roughest, nastiest, filthiest streets in all the west."

The state treasurer of Nebraska has just had his record day for volume of receipts. Put it down as an axiom that unless the people are enjoying a fair degree of prosperity the taxes do not come in.

The demonstration that an airship flight can be made through a snow storm means that the flying machine can be acclimated almost anywhere. The air route to the North Pole may yet be a reality.

Around New York

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

The Interborough Rapid Transit system a few days ago handed up an agreeable surprise to its 6,000 employes on the subway and elevated roads.

The proposed pensioning of employes, it was said, is being carefully considered and a plan is now being formulated by which a pension fund can be started without expense to the employes.

The average earnings for union members during these three months were notably larger than in 1908-1909, as against \$207.19 in 1907-1908 the record figure up to that time—the amount was \$227.

A beautiful, red-haired blonde is missing from an uptown Broadway restaurant.

When asked the reason the manager simply said: "She's fired on account of her looks."

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Our Birthday Book

February 4, 1910. John Mitchell, miner and labor leader, was born February 4, 1870, at Braidwood, Ill. He achieved the height of fame during the anthracite strike. He is now at the head of the industrial bureau of the National Civic Federation.

R. D. Phillips, president of the Phillips Medical company of this city is 44. Mr. Phillips is a native Pennsylvanian, and studied at Doane college.

John Nicholson, deputy clerk of the United States circuit court, was born in Manchester, England, February 4. He came to the United States with his parents and finally located in Grand Island, Neb. When George Thummel became United States marshal, Mr. Nicholson came down to Omaha with him and was his chief office deputy.

When Mr. Thummel became clerk of the circuit court for the Nebraska district, he appointed Mr. Nicholson his deputy and he has been holding down the office since.

A Thought Unexpressed. St. Louis Times. A Nebraska lawyer has declared that the Indians are beggars. The Red Man, being a taciturn fellow, will probably refrain from responding that the white man is a thief.

A Matter of Color. Washington Herald. Peru has presented a gold medal to a certain distinguished Nebraskan. It might more appropriately have been fashioned of silver. Besides, gold is a sort of lemon color.

Just Like Tennessee. Springfield Republican. It is a question whether the imprisonment of former Sheriff Shipp of Chattanooga for contempt of the United States supreme court in permitting the lynching of a negro under his protection has taught

the people of Tennessee the lesson that ought to be learned from the episode. Welcoming home the released sheriff with brass bands and a crowd of 10,000 sympathizers argues an unregenerate public opinion.

The Alternative Spurned. New York World. A Nebraska packing concern has shut down as the result of decreased business due to the meat boycott. It might have tried the alternative of reducing prices, though that plan, of course, would have been contrary to trust principles.

Opening for Federal Taxation. Philadelphia Press. The supreme court at Washington flatly refused, as with the Western Union, to let Kansas tax the Pullman Palace Car company on its capital, because its cars ran through Kansas. The property used over the country should not be exclusively taxed to its origin.

City of the Golden Flood. Springfield Republican. The losses in Paris are sure to be very large, but no country in the world is so well able to stand them.

Time for Interference. Seare Dispatch from Omaha Star in Boston Herald. An Omaha dispatch reports orders sent from the packing headquarters to cattle growers and live stock men throughout the west to defer shipments until further notice.

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PERSONAL NOTES. At a circus sale in Pennsylvania the other day the horses brought more than the camels, although the latter were crid up as being able to go eight days without water.

Madame Thebes, the necromancer of Paris, who sees the United State at war with Japan this year, is no doubt busy pumping the unforeseen Seine flood out of her cellar.

The president of France fell into the flood, and had to go home to change his clothes. Usually a president of France gets into hot water before his term is over, but M. Falliere's experience is new.

A club of beef eaters has devoured 400 pounds of steak at one sitting in spite of the rising market. What will the consumers' boycott amount to with the interference of such lusty strike breakers?

The wife of a New York waiter, who is suing him for alimony, declares that her husband's income from tips is \$100 a week. The contention that the practice of tipping paperizes its beneficiaries is plainly incorrect.

Among the authors who have again been returned to Parliament in England is C. F. G. Masterman, an under secretary in the cabinet. He is one of the promising young men in present day English politics and when his book "In Peril of Change" was brought out it attracted much attention.

J. Kier Hardie is another re-elected member whose name is on many title pages.

TIDE RISES AGAIN. Government figures show that the tide of immigration into the United States is gradually rising again. The influx, increasing steadily year by year for more than a decade, was suddenly checked in 1907. For a time more foreigners left these shores than reached them from abroad.

The fiscal year 1907 saw the immigrant arrivals out from the L. S. S. 208 of the previous twelve months to 78,870. The next year the arrivals fell to 73,787.

An official statement from Washington shows that, if the figure reached during the first six months of the fiscal year 1910 is duplicated between now and June, last year's record will be surpassed; probably the arrivals will be more numerous than during any year since the record of 1907 was established. This turn of the tide in the paralysis which overtook it in the fall of 1907. There is work to be done, and the workers from foreign countries are flocking across the sea to do it.

Immigration statistics have long been considered an industrial barometer registering the condition of the labor market. Unfortunately the prosperity which this influx evidences is not distributed with entire fairness, but so far as it indicates the existence of plenty of work the rise of the tide is a reasonable satisfaction.

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