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Ice King Morse is a cool fighter.

Some college professors would make ideal yellow journalists.

The custom of kissing the ruler is not observed in Holland.

The colonel's reputation in Holland was a sort of family affair.

And now Mr. Bryan is going to punish those who disagreed with him.

Mr. Hearst loves the spot-light, but not when Mayor Gaynor is working the switch.

The rush act and friendly touch are not affected by the high money rate of interest.

In one respect Lincoln is ahead of Omaha. They have more smallpox down there.

Mr. Bryan says Mr. Roosevelt will come back an insurgent. Did Mr. Roosevelt wire him to that effect?

Omaha will be mighty glad to entertain the West Point cadets during the Ak-Sar-Ben period, or at any other time.

It perhaps does not occur to the committee on speakers after this to invite Mayor Gaynor to "speak plainly."

Dick Croker says, speaking of Paulhan, men have no right to try to master the air. Too much air was not Richard's sin.

Clark Howell of the Atlanta Constitution thinks Georgia would lead a break from the solid south for Roosevelt. Yes, or Taft.

With insurgency among the republicans and revolt among the democrats, Indiana ought to have a rather enjoyable campaign.

Here is where a poet gets it. Sir Alfred Austin has decided to write a few stanzas on "The Man With the Big Stick." We had hoped for better.

The Iowa woman who shot her husband in the neck while aiming at a dog merely illustrates what has been suspected and occasionally expressed.

The colonel may be slowing up, but so long as he can plunge into local elections in France and England as a factor some people will have to be shown.

As a matter of police regulation Omaha ought to have a safe and sane Fourth. If the city council will not take action the police authorities still have the power.

The school board, having adopted a uniform plan for the Omaha public schools, might not go a little farther and adopt a uniform color for the hair and eyes of the children who attend these schools.

The million-dollar rain of Sunday was the best thing that has happened to Nebraska in a long time. In fact, the entire west shares in that benefit, and business will be all the better because the menace to crops has been removed.

The water-logged statesman is again putting himself on record as a prophet. He gives the people of Omaha credit for very little discernment. His prophecies of eight years ago are still too fresh in the public mind for his prophecies to carry much weight.

The Spirit of the West.

In two hours and a half San Francisco supported more than \$4,000,000 in support of the Panama-Pacific exposition, an enterprise projected in celebration of the building of the Panama canal. The money was raised at a mass meeting of citizens on the floor of the Merchants' Exchange. The highest single pledge was \$250,000, there being two such.

What does it mean, this prodigality of giving? It means, it is, the spirit, not alone of San Francisco, of California, but of the west—the spirit that does big things in a big way. It is that same spirit that raised the new San Francisco from the ruins of the mother city, a spirit that laughs at disaster, that hurls defiance in the face of calamity, that will not down even under the ominous might of an earthquake.

New Orleans, Washington, and little San Diego sought to secure this exposition, but while they were extolling their virtues and claims in petitions and their press, this audacious guardian of the Golden Gate was securing the prize. San Francisco forgot to ask the world to give it support; she forgot to solicit outside sentiment, she forgot all except to go straight to the business of getting what she wanted. It looks like she has made some progress.

Americans admire a winner. That is why many cities and states which before may not have felt much concern in this matter, will be for San Francisco. But San Francisco, in this case, means California, for the state is back of the city, and even Los Angeles is contributing heavily toward the ultimate \$5,000,000 which San Francisco has pledged.

Now, having raised this money, San Francisco will send its delegation on to Washington to present its claim for the exposition, which is to be a world's exposition, built on the most elaborate plans.

New Railroad Bed Fellows.

The report that James J. Hill and former Senator W. A. Clark of Montana had formed an alliance for railroad aggression in the Pacific northwest is now accredited in financial circles, which at first discounted the story, and, on the other hand, a combination is reported between President Lovett of the Union Pacific and President Ripley of the Santa Fe.

These forces are undoubtedly arraying themselves in contemplation of the vast increase in traffic which will flow from the interior to the Pacific coast when the Panama canal is opened. Hill and Clark, it is believed, are preparing to criss-cross the Pacific northwest with new lines and finally work down into the old Harriman territory, with an entrance into San Francisco as the ultimate goal, the goal to which Mr. Hill has for years aspired. Lovett and Ripley, with their Southern Pacific and Santa Fe, will then attempt to invade the Hill domain on the north.

This Hill-Clark combination seems all the more plausible in view of the fact that Clark owns the San Pedro from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles and the ocean, which would afford a fine outlet for Hill interests in that direction. The late Mr. Harriman was powerful enough to force Clark to let him in on \$20,000,000 worth of this San Pedro stock, but the deal was always regarded as questionable and subject to attack under the anti-trust prosecution. Clark, therefore, must now realize his ability to make this alliance with Hill and defy the Harriman interests to stop him, knowing that they would not be in a position to enforce an objection.

Omaha's Water Situation.

The situation as regards Omaha's water supply has resolved itself into this condition:

The quality of water now furnished is condemned by medical experts, and the quantity of water furnished is condemned by the users. The demand for water has grown beyond the capacity of the present plant to supply. The Omaha Water board admits that the company made an offer to increase the capacity of the plant, but the board did not deign to notice the offer because it had no faith in the company's integrity. The Water board later approached the company with an offer of compromise, which was rejected because the water company did not believe the Water board was acting in good faith.

Thus it is apparent that neither side trusts the other. The Water board is powerless to enforce its orders and the water company will not grant any favors. If the work of making the needed extensions were begun today the relief desired would not be available before next spring.

The question is, Has not Omaha waited long enough?

Fourth and Firecrackers.

Does the perpetuity of the American institutions depend on the setting off of unlimited fireworks on the Fourth of July? Is our patriotism best expressed by a nerve-racking din and a tumultuous uproar? Do we really show our love of country and our devotion to humanity by blowing out eyes, shooting off fingers and thumbs, planting the germs of tetanus, burning property and otherwise spreading destruction on the nation's birthday?

These questions are respectfully referred to the Omaha city council, which has just by vote declared itself against a "safe and sane" observance of the Fourth.

As a matter of economy it would be saving money for the city to buy all

the fireworks that might be sold in Omaha during the "glad" season and dump them into the river. The risk of one boy's life or limb, or the danger of a general conflagration, is of far greater consideration than the interest manufacturers and vendors of explosives may have in it. Patriotism that can only be vented in a way that is dangerous, not only to the patriot, but to his neighbors, is better suppressed.

Lurton's First Trust Case.

Because of the criticism that followed the president's appointment of Judge Lurton to the supreme court, the latter's first trust case utterance, in the appeal of the Mississippi lumber combine, becomes a matter of common interest. The court decides against the trust and dissolves it. On the same day the court also decides against the Standard Oil company in Tennessee, ousting it from that state. Both cases were appealed by the respective states, whose arms in combating powerful combines are upheld by Judge Lurton and his associates.

The anti-Lurton sentiment had a right to a hearing and was accorded it, though perhaps it went a little too far in its severity. That being true, the decision in hand might without injustice to anyone be regarded as proof of Judge Lurton's fairness and a vindication of the president's choice. It is not to be supposed, however, that Mr. Taft would make an appointment where such vindication was necessary.

The Mississippi lumber case was of far-reaching effect. It extended beyond state boundaries and will have some interest in Nebraska, where many lumbermen go south for their purchases. The combine was particularly arbitrary in its aggression. It coldly forbade any of its members to deal with a manufacturer or wholesaler who sold to consumers in their respective localities under certain conditions. The penalty was a boycott, with all its most obnoxious attributes. The action in both these cases must be accepted as indicating the court's predisposition neither one way or the other in trust litigation, but its complete sympathy with the general movement for a wider scope of justice in dealing with the smaller interests.

A Modest Policeman.

Some people think of policemen as vain and vaunting, eager for a leap into the limelight. That is a sordid view, as unjust as it is untrue. A Pittsburg policeman has proved it by rejecting a proffered privilege which could not fail to give fame, and that, too, without any cost to his personal dignity, a chance to sit with the president of the United States in a box at a base ball game as his guest. The man who declined this remarkable invitation was Police Sergeant T. J. Morley, whose strong resemblance to Mr. Taft has brought him into prominence as his double. When he was asked to occupy a place in the box beside the president he declined in a written statement, saying that while he appreciated the honor and distinction, and while he admired Mr. Taft personally and as president, his natural aversion to notoriety would not permit him to accept the invitation.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Educated mice are not altogether uncommon about the capitol and its office buildings, but Congressman Rodenburg of Illinois says that those that inhabit his room are more learned than any others.

"You know my word is good," said Rodenburg, indicating that the story he was about to tell was a bit fishy. "Well, when my secretary and I were looking over the seeds that came to us from the Agricultural department, we were on the verge of doing some tall cussing at the mice that had gnawed a hole in the corner of nearly every package. Now, you know, the large envelopes contain several smaller seed packages, and I want to tell you our wrath gave place to admiration when, after opening several of the large packages, we found that none of the small packages in any of them had been touched except the packages of lettuce seed. I'll wager something pretty that there isn't another member of congress who has mice in his room that are trained as well as that."

General Kitchener is quoted as saying that "New York City is the prettiest girls he ever saw." The general passed through Omaha at a midnight hour, when the real article was enjoying its beauty sleep.

San Francisco is taking up in earnest the scheme to hold an exposition in 1915 in honor of the completion of the Panama canal. Over \$4,000,000 of the required \$5,000,000 stock was subscribed in two hours last Thursday. Snake.

A parrot at Ellis Island, who called an immigration inspector "a mutt" for refusing to pass his mistress as a virtuous resident on account of her inability to speak English proved her right by its own command of the language.

When the chairman of the San Francisco Police Board took office, he said the law was to be enforced in that city. Nobody believed the statement then, but as it is now under arrest for larceny, there may have been something in it.

Judge R. H. Kinross of Toledo, who is chiefly known to fame as a jurist, who sent the Toledo ice men to jail for forming a trust to boost prices, is now mentioned as a possible candidate for governor of Ohio on the republican ticket.

The reported killing and eating of two missionaries in the South Seas would seem to be a reminder of the good old times in the cannibal islands. Still it is quite possible that this story may have been originally intended for the first of April.

Every senator speaks to blind Senator Gore, no matter where they meet him. So expert is Senator Gore in the matter of sound that he can distinguish every man in the senate by his voice, whether it be in the elevators, the corridors or one of the committee rooms.

Prices on the Tobacco.

Pittsburg Dispatch. Declines in grain, following reports of prospective abundant crops in Europe and the probability of a surplus in this country, are made the basis for predictions of a considerable reduction of the cost of living in the coming twelve months. Farmers will again turn to cattle as a means of disposing of their feed and beef prices are expected to show a corresponding fluctuation. Beef cattle, it is noted, have done no more than maintain the March quotation, hogs are off, and the inference is that the high point has been reached, to be followed by a reaction.

Dr. Roswell Park, the famous surgeon, was born May 4, 1852, at Pomfret, Conn. He will be remembered as having been the surgeon in charge when President McKinley was shot.

Winfield T. Durbin, former governor of Indiana, is 63 years old. He was born in Lawrenceburg, Ind., and served both in the civil war and Spanish-American war. He also added to his fame by refusing to honor the demands of Kentucky for extradition of Governor Taylor.

Horace S. Emory, the photographer, was born May 4, 1863, in Boston. He started out in the photographic business in Boston in 1878, and has been at it successfully in Omaha since 1891.

L. D. Spaulding, secretary of the Omaha Safety Deposit and Loan Company, is 44 years old today. He was born in Morning Sun, Ia., and was for many years with the Omaha National bank.

W. Farnam Smith, the real estate man, is celebrating his 64th birthday today. He came to Omaha from Boston in 1877, and has been actively engaged in the real estate loan and insurance business ever since, now in the name of W. Farnam Smith company.

The president's tribute to Secretary Knox is so well fortified by obvious facts as to be generally appreciated. When he says that there never was a

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An Experiment Worth While.

Chicago Record-Herald. Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, thinks Roosevelt will smash the solid south if he runs for the presidency again. Everyone will admit that it would be an interesting experiment.

Comrades.

Philadelphia Ledger. Anybody perturbed by the belief of certain people that the comet is to smash all things mundane may find comfort in the fact that the same people contend, with equal fervor, that the earth is flat.

Lure of Prosperity.

New York Tribune. The tide of immigration is again running at the 1906-'07 flood. The inflow may not be welcome from every point of view, but it is a sure index of industrial revival. A huge volume of immigration points to the existence of abundant national prosperity.

Generosity with a Sting.

New York World. The ultimate consumer would view with equanimity the prospect of higher commodity prices due to the advance of freight rates made by the railroads to offset their increase in wages if he could receive some guarantee that his own income will be increased to correspond. The spectacle of the railroads enjoying a reputation for liberality in a wage increase which they are merely passing on to the public is calculated to occasion certain ironical reflections.

Franks of Sentiment.

Philadelphia Record. This is no age of commercialism; this is a sentimental age. The other day a burglar was released from the Minnesota penitentiary because he wrote good poetry, nor an incorrigible girl of 15 has been released from the county jail in Fresno, Cal., because her singing moved the heart of the prosecuting officer, who believed that she had the making of a prima donna in her. If she only had the making of a common, everyday sort of a housewife she would have been left in the jail.

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