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Kentucky is the greatest corn state in the union, that is, liquid corn.

Perhaps the dog catches got the comet and amputated part of the tail.

Those who have faith may yet believe that June means to do the right thing by us.

The no-food fad does not promise to become very popular, regardless of what prices may be.

It is a mistake to say that perpetual motion has never been accomplished. What about congress?

Oh, somewhere in this favored land the comet is shining bright. So why should we worry longer?

Let us pay another tribute to the fast passing veteran tomorrow. He cannot be here for many more of them.

Maryland has organized a Mint Julep league. What is this, simply an attempt to harass Colonel Waterson?

Unmarried women are permitted to vote in Iceland. Yes, but what suffragette cares to go to Iceland or to stay unmarried?

It is beginning to look as if the scales were tipping against the men who fixed them, and there is no steel spring in them now.

The time is drawing near when Little Johnnie must decide whether it will be a toe or a finger. Hurrah for the Glorious Fourth!

The Lincoln school teacher who paid a \$10 fine rather than tell the census man her age shows that she still regards discretion the better part of valor.

Colonel Roosevelt still insists that he enjoyed the sham battle Emperor William pulled off for him, but everybody knows the colonel was never much for sham.

A contemporary raises the pertinent question, "What about the poor man's auto?" That is so, what about it? The poor man of other days is getting into the auto class.

Now they tell us Abraham Lincoln, although born in Kentucky, was a German. Very well, that does not change his place in history one whit. This country has always recognized its debt to the Germans.

The ministry offers the strongest temptations for excessive industry and for excessive idleness alike, according to the temperament of the individual and every day discloses examples of where the temptor has triumphed.

The millennium at last. A Chicago policeman was fined for failing to give up his seat in a car to a woman. But where is that law established by a St. Louis judge, who declared that the seat belongs to the passenger who gets it first? Is this a question of sex equality?

Colonel Bryan's senatorial candidacy is making headway in New York state. The Buffalo Times says his accession to the senate would vastly strengthen the militant force of democracy. Military, all right. Might have to let out the old uniform a little, however.

What the Flag Stands For.

A civil war veteran addressing a school room full of children on the subject of Decoration day was told by the teacher that representatives of twelve nationalities faced him. The women of the Grand Army, preparing for the annual visit to the cemeteries, appointed committees to search out and decorate the graves of the confederate soldiers as well as those of the union veterans.

Here in the concrete we have the symbols of the American flag, enlightenment and protection for the people of all nations who volunteer to march beneath its folds, forgiveness and compassion for those who sought to supplant it with another banner. These principles were enunciated by Lincoln in his second inaugural, "With malice toward none and with charity for all," and by Grant at Appomattox handing back the sword Lee had surrendered with the tribute, "It could not be held by a braver man."

The man, woman or child who in the recurring observances of Memorial day, falls to learn the lesson of broad toleration and deep sympathy, along with that of manhood and patriotism, falls to breathe in the real spirit of the day. The civil war was precipitated as the last and lone recourse in the solution of a problem that not only beset its progress, but blighted the destiny of a race. Human slavery, we may all now admit, could not have been effectually abolished without war, so that no strong American heart will lose time lamenting the fact of the conflict. Rather it will glory in the consequences, in the appreciation of the fact that through the crucible of bloodshed the American people not only destroyed the curse of human bondage, but obliterated lines of sectional discord which imperiled the very life of the nation, and brought back into the union, convinced and contented, millions of people who, before seeking to dissolve the union, had helped to establish it and ever since have remained the steadfast defenders of liberty, truth and justice as typified in the flag.

So when we lay the garland of glory on the grave of him who wore the blue, whether in '61 or '98, we may well afford to heed these lessons of patriotism which are to go down to future generations as their heritage out of this sad page in our history.

Danger in Rapid Growth.

The unprecedented growth and development of the west, involves one danger that must not be lost sight of if we expect to reap the best results from our progress, and that is the peril of insecure building. The National Insurance board in its last report shows the fire hazard greater in certain western cities where the heaviest gains in building have been made. This, of course, entails the disadvantage of higher insurance rates, but that is not to be compared with the more serious risk of the destruction of life and property.

Right now, while we are in the vortex of this expansion, is the time to guard against this danger. If building regulations are not adequate to meet the demands of substantial construction no time should be lost in making them so. Certainly there can be no advantage in building for the present only. The building that we need to do in Los Angeles, Omaha, Denver and other growing western cities is that which will endure. The flimsy wall should not be tolerated, the freestrap should be prohibited even if it is necessary to check the rush of operations until we can correct our faulty laws and ordinances.

The Legacy of Koch's Life.

Professor Koch, the German bacteriologist whose death has occurred, leaves a legacy in which all humanity may share. As an investigator of micro-organisms he gained wide renown, but as the discoverer of the bacilli of tuberculosis and cholera he achieved for himself his greatest fame and for the world its most enduring benefits. To him more than to any other individual is due the present crusade against the great white plague and against the scourge of cholera in those lands where it has thrived.

As far back as 1890 Dr. Koch announced the discovery of a specific for tuberculosis and the skepticism with which the medical fraternity received his claim is indicative of the obstacles his genius had to overcome. The announcement created a sensation, but not of the sort calculated to bring comfort to the patient German scientist. The world had too long dwelt in the gloomy assurance that this was an incurable disease and it could not throw off its lethargy at a moment's notice. Doctors of medicine continued to treat the consumptive as a hopeless case and it is only by comparing conditions then and now that we may get the proper perspective of value of the life Dr. Koch has just rounded out.

Today tuberculosis is not only believed to be curable, but is actually being cured, and this country is simply abuzz with the fire of enthusiasm in the crusade against this disease because of the splendid results being accomplished. But it must be said—and this only serves to enhance the value of the Koch legacy—that once having learned the lesson of the German student, the medical profession and the laity have made great progress in the direction, not alone of treating tuberculosis, but of preventing it. People now know that while it is curable, it is much more easily preventable and that this is accomplished by observing the simplest methods of sanitation.

In this country where cholera is

even extremely sporadic we may not fully appreciate the work Dr. Koch has done toward eradicating this malady, but we have the records of India to prove that it is equal in results to his other achievements this side of the orient.

The Financial Horizon.

Eastern papers, and particularly those devoting special attention to financial topics, are discussing what they profess to regard as financial clouds on the western horizon, insisting that reports from the reserve cities of the interior are showing over-earning and untimely pressure for money. This condition is as a rule charged against excessive speculation in farm lands at highly inflated prices and the intimation is thrown out that the western land boom has been overdone with certainty of a reaction.

On the other side, the general condition of the western banks has never been at a higher level in the matter of volume of deposits and in the amount of banking capital, surplus and undivided profits. It is true that some of the big loan companies which handle life insurance money have raised their rates or stopped doing business altogether in the west, and it is this fall-down of money from accustomed sources on which the people had a right to rely that is leaving the country banks loaded with paper representing temporary loans which the borrowers expected to convert into mortgage obligations. These big life insurance companies through their agents solicited applications knowing full well what their loanable resources would be; in fact, drawing these very resources in large part from this section, and their refusal to perfect the loans now would indicate that perhaps the difficulty is in the east and not in the west.

Western farmers are also accused of buying automobiles and spending their money for other comforts and luxuries. To pay for them will take a lot of money, but it is money which is coming in through the sale of farm products at high prices, and it ought not to interfere seriously with the marketing of next year's crop.

The last financial stringency started, not in the west, but in the east, and was least severe in its effects in the very section now charged with serious over-expansion. We would be the last to incite or defend wild-cat banking, and the first to sound the warning against dangerous speculation in land or any other thing. Land speculation, however, is no worse than stock speculation, and no more dangerous than Wall street gambling, and if the brakes are to be applied they should be put on at the seats of speculation, wherever they may be.

Will He Receive Them?

The two little boys riding horseback from their Oklahoma farm to greet Colonel Roosevelt on his arrival at New York need not concern themselves with the question of his receiving them, nor need they depend on the fact that they are the sons of "Jack Abernathy, the wolf catcher" and friend of the former president to insure them a greeting. No dignity in the vast concourse that is sure to hail Colonel Roosevelt's return will be more genuinely welcomed by him than these two American boys, for they are boys after his own heart, and they will bring to him, fresh from the sun-drenched splendors of monarchial Europe, the exhilarating spirit of free America, of western America, of the range whose care-free, dashing atmosphere helped so largely to mould his own young manhood.

Indeed, one may view this scene now with more than ordinary interest, because it is sure to be one of the features of that notable occasion that will be filled with auspicious features. Boys of the ages of 6 and 9, riding their branded bronchos from the stretches of Oklahoma's ranchland, through the national capital, into the heart of the effete east, will make an impression which hearts far less intrepid than that of Mr. Roosevelt, would find altogether irresistible.

One can almost hear now the "Bully boy," expressive of the former president's delight at this most timely of receptions. Will he receive them? Well, we imagine that he will receive them with much more eagerness, if he gets his eyes on them, than he will some of their more pretentious fellow citizens who will have ridden perhaps in private cars instead of pony saddles. Not even his own "Rough Riders" may expect a more spirited greeting.

The University Church.

The student pastor and the university church at the seats of some of our great institutions of learning are setting up the claim that they have proved their mission. The more aggressive denominations have planted church homes close to several state universities, having progressed further at Ann Arbor in this direction by establishing a school of religion, in which students are given more systematic supervision than they obtain in merely the church home or college Young Men's Christian association.

The success of the university church rests primarily upon the broad principle of three-fold education and contemplates the extension of home and religious influences to the boy or girl going away to college and pre-eminently because it avoids running counter to sectarian beliefs and eschews all thought of coercion. The church argues that the university age is the moulding period of life, the point at which character is ultimately shaped and caps this with the proposition that

no education is complete that does not comprehend spiritual training.

The pastors of these campus churches are selected with great care for their peculiar fitness to reach and reason with young men and women who are doing their own thinking. These ministers, young men themselves of college or university experience, endeavor to enter fully into the student life, make no attempt at incalculating dogmatic theology, seek to become elder brothers of their parishioners and help each in the singular problems of his life.

So long as these churches keep away from mischievous interference in the university's part of the education and from unseemly denominational differences, as they seem to be doing, there appears to be no reason why they should not continue their work, for there is no reason why a boy or girl who leaves home to complete his schooling should not have all the moral influences that it is possible to get by church attendance and religious training the same as he would have if he remained at home.

Wanted—Longer Army Details.

Military men are reaching the conclusion that one of the next steps that should be made for the improvement of army efficiency is the lengthening of the details. Since the war with Spain it has come to be the rule to limit the assignments of officers and men to any one post or field of activity to three years. As a consequence the army is in an almost continuous state of motion and commotion.

The original reason for the three-year detail was supposed to be a humanitarian desire to shield the soldier from the extremes of temperature, particularly in the tropical Philippines and frigid Alaska, by moving him to more temperate zones before the heat or cold should tell upon him too greatly. It has been learned by experience, however, that there is no three-year limit to physical endurance in the tropics, and as a matter of fact, by an occasional change of posts from season to season, the troops in the Philippines can have all the benefits of balmy ocean breezes in winter and cool mountain atmosphere in the summer without traveling any distance. The civil officers in the Philippines, as well as elsewhere, although subject to no three-year rotation, show no effects of hardship, and certainly tropical or Arctic climate can be no worse for soldiers than for civil officers.

If the reason for shortening the army detail has disappeared, or never existed, the reason for longer details are real and pertinent. As it is now an army officer scarcely becomes located before he begins to figure on his next move, and the certainty of his close proximity takes away from him the incentive to get his bearings and settle down as for a steady job. The army under this system, both officers and men, must lack the steadiness that helps toward discipline, to say nothing of the tremendous transportation cost of this almost continuous exchange between widely separated stations.

A powerful plea could also be put in for the wives and families of our military men. With no prospect of abiding in one place longer than three years, the havoc such perpetual motion makes on the family exchequer, the schooling of the children and the integrity of the household furniture is more than serious. Much as our young officers are in demand in the matrimonial market, where brass buttons are supposed to dazzle, the far-sighted young woman must consider thoughtfully the question of "enlisting" when she knows that it means a never-ending game of hide-and-seek halfway around the world.

Surely, unless some other reason not yet advanced exists a strong case can be made for army details of at least five years subject to interruption only by promotion or by call to arms.

Peace Through Faith.

In his opening address as presiding officer of the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university lays special emphasis on the idea that world peace is to be achieved through faith—the faith of each nation—in the good intention and sincere purposes of every other nation. Dr. Butler puts the thought in most attractive form. "The history of civilization might be written," he declares, "in terms of man's progress from fear to faith. As he has ceased to fear his neighbors, and as he has come to have trust in them, he has been able to build up institutions that have lasted. Just as the individual has substituted faith in his fellow men for fear of him, so nations may well divest themselves of fear in favor of faith in the other nations of the world."

That we have made great advances in this direction in recent years, and that the United States has been a leader in educating world opinion toward peace is a further gratifying assurance. The very example of the United States with its popular form of government, covering an area as great as Europe, maintaining its divergent sections and various elements at peace through faith in the triumph of justice and exerting its influence everywhere against war and strife, could not but be most potent factors in the larger movement. The governing power with us is intelligent public opinion. Why not, asks Dr. Butler, expand this power so that the great sovereign nations, like federated states, may live and grow and do business together in harmony and unity through the habit of submitting to judicial determination all questions of

difference as they may arise, the judicial decree to be supported and enforced by intelligent public opinion and by an international and neutral police?

The vision is surely inspiring, and may well encourage peace-lovers to continued effort. To substitute faith and common sense for the big stick and floating arsenals is a goal worth striving for, and we can at least cultivate faith in the expectation that faith will be finally victorious.

If those San Francisco boosters are in Washington then the entire legislature of Louisiana arrives in a body they may wish they had never heard of such a thing as a Panama-Pacific canal.

Somehow being private secretary to the president looks like a more strenuous job than being minister to Morocco. Mr. Carpenter, of course, may, however, prefer the simple life.

A Tragic Blunder.

Wall Street Journal. If only the Sugar trust had taken it all out of the public and let the government alone!

A Pertinent Question.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Western railroad men declare that railroads make no money carrying freight. "Where do you get it, gentlemen?"

Tabloids Passed Up.

Philadelphia Ledger. The army ration is to be changed from tabloid form back to bacon and hard tack, experience having demonstrated that when an American soldier is hungry he wants something to eat, and not a pill.

"Lost, Strayed or Stolen."

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Very curious in connection with the conviction of one of our former "New England governors for smuggling, we have heard of no sarcastic remarks in other parts of the country about the celebrated New England conscience.

Consider the Tree and Be Wise.

Smart Set. The trees are lovely in summer; so are the women. But how different are the women and the trees as to their clothes! To be sure, both are delightfully clothed; yet, with the abundant rainfall with which the trees are supplied, they require but one trunk to hold it all.

What We Are Coming To.

Chicago Record-Herald. Edison has a scheme whereby he proposes to inaugurate the clerkless store. It is his plan to have matters so arranged that a customer may drop his money in a slot and get what he wants neatly done up in a package. One of the advantages of the scheme will lie in the fact that the slot machine will not be able to recommend something else equally as good.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

That San Pedro passenger train 137 days late establishes a record that will not excite envy among competitors.

In justice to so rare a visitor, it must be admitted that Mr. Halley's comet makes an imposing spectacle as a bridegroom in a June wedding.

Those who are dissatisfied with the capricious curves of the comet can bottle up their disappointment and wait for the grand aerial flight of 1885.

"The hand of God blotted out the Indian," says Buffalo Bill. The impression that palefaces sent some lead in the direction is thus officially scouted.

Efforts to force a reduction in the price of gas in Washington look like a winner. Meanwhile the Congressional Record bravely maintains its bargain rate.

Assurances are given to the doubting that the red nose of King George is the outward sign of indigestion. The excuse is accepted pending further investigation.

Owing to an embarrassment of riches in the Carnegie hero fund, the managers have concluded that an imposing hero headquarters building is necessary to shelter their responsibilities.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Baltimore American: It is a hopeful sign when church conventions leave theological dogma alone and turn to live, vital issues affecting health, home and happiness.

Washington Post: A Presbyterian divorce committee finds that the church is to blame. Next thing the probers will be pointing an accusing finger at marriage itself.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: Owing to the increased cost of living the ministers are asking for more pay. The present salary arrangement is almost prohibitive of poultry.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: A Chicago minister says woman's greatest fault is that of telling little white ones. He should understand that many married women have to take drastic measures to preserve the family reputation.

Philadelphia Record: A New York clergyman named MacArthur has several times carried his adulation of Colonel Roosevelt to the very verge of eulogies. He has now gone over the line by speaking of the president as "that king of earthly kings, Theodore Roosevelt." That is a title often given to the deity.

Chicago solos are lost in wonder at the mental dexterity of the local telephone manager, who values the plant for tax purposes at \$12,000,000 and for dividend purposes at \$3,000,000. The manager's name is Sunny, and that's his disposition.

Our Birthday Book

May 29, 1910. Pat'ek Henry, who said "Give me liberty or give me death," was born May 29, 1774, and died in Virginia in 1819, and his orations have been quoted ever since.

Charles R. Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin, was born May 29, 1857, at Fulton, Wis. He was formerly professor of geology in that institution and has done some valuable work in connection with the United States geological survey.

J. W. Newell, auditor of freight and ticket accounts for the Burlington at Omaha, is celebrating his 50th birthday. He was born in Cass county of this state and has gone up in the railroad service from messenger boy, telegraph operator, station agent and clerk to traveling auditor to his present position.

A. H. Benton, president of the Union Loan Investment company, office in the Bee building, was born May 29, 1846, at Guilford, Conn. His earlier business career was in Minnesota until 1906, when he located in Omaha for loan and private banking business.

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

The deeper love's roots the less it runs to flowers of rhetoric. If a man would be himself he must cease to think of himself.

Your hair goes down as the temperature rises in your neck. Too many sermons deal out sugar when the world needs moral sand.

When a man dries up like a mummy he usually thinks he is a saint. The easier the phrase comes to the preacher the emptier they are to the pew.

Some chlores have the artistic temperament so badly they will sing a lullaby just before the sermon. The best way to lead the weak to wrongdoing is to make a mockery of the punishment of the strong.—Chicago Tribune.

The saints will never convert sinners outside as long as they cover up sinners inside. Some good men fear the world will forget they are shining if their lamps do not smoke.

You will not get to heaven any quicker by provoking your neighbors to wishing you were there. Some chlores have the artistic temperament so badly they will sing a lullaby just before the sermon.

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DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Youngleigh—Which is the better way to propose, orally or by letter? Cyneus—By letter, certainly. There's a chance that you might forget to mail it. Boston Transcript.

"He vows that I am the first girl he ever kissed." "Do you think he is not telling the truth?" "I don't know. If he is, he must have practiced on a dummy, that's all."—Houston Post.

He (sighing)—"Would that both our hearts beat as one!" She (unmoved)—"Would that mine beat as won't."—Judge.

"My trouble is this," said the caller, "I want to get married for fun, and now am told that the ceremony was legal and binding. Can I get out of it?" "Nothing simpler," replied the lawyer.

Breath of June, come down the way! Breathe a vision of the day; But the roses to unfold All the glories that they hold. So that we may sit and dream Of the holidays, and the smiles Left in all the other wastes!

Whisper it of summer days and thin. Where the grass is frail and slow—Toss the willows to and fro. Touch the dew and bygone things. Teach the trees its blossom-time. And go singing down the hills Till the mist its scent distills.

Creep amid the forest shade, Wake the May-apples, and wade Through the brook and bid it toss Jewels upon the moss. When the dripping banks are round up Like the border of a cup. Run with ripples tremulous Through the spearlike calamus.

Aye, drift where the grape vine sways, Whisper it of summer days and thin. The tendrils all uncoil With their graceful sweep and whirr And the air, all grape-fragrant, Bears the burden of their bloom. And the breezes dance along Footing to a Bacchus-song!

Come, O breath of June and bring Mystic spells of ever-lasting! Touch the sunset till it glows With a thousand wonder-tints. Charm the dawn until the skies Seem the floor of paradise. And the glimmering of the dew Is a mirror of the blue.

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