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Taft's Leadership.

President Taft is naturally elated that congress has done in two years almost all the republican party promised the people it would perform in four years.

It is scarcely possible that even his most uncompromising critics will deny the president the credit of having held the various elements of his party in congress down to a common level of business to the extent of securing the fulfillment of this program.

The president has already said that, while he is elated at results, he is not entirely satisfied and hopes in the next congress to be able to complete some work left, either incomplete or temporarily crowded into the background by the big things.

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Mr. Parr's Disappointment.

A lot of maudlin sympathy is being wasted on Richard Parr, the man credited with having discovered the Sugar trust frauds by which the government finally recovered something like \$3,000,000 that had been mulcted by the trust.

It is to be noted in passing that the position which Mr. Reed held so long and so creditably carries with it no salary or other emoluments or perquisites, so that his has been a labor of love and patriotism. He has persistently, and more than once, refused to be tempted by the allurements of other offices in which financial reward would be the attraction.

Causes of High Prices.

The senate committee on the cost of living has made an interesting report as to the causes of high prices and yet revealed little that most people did not already know.

Most of the causes of higher prices mentioned by the report are natural and legitimate, those contributing to the general welfare of all the people, and ought not to be disturbed, while a few are unnatural, the outgrowth of special privilege, which should be abolished or at least so controlled as to work no harm.

We may point out one item in the report of prime importance in every household, for it indicates what we have frequently said, that waste and careless management form large factors in the cost of living.

The World-Herald is not given to predicting—World-Herald. Then why do it? Why not leave that to the "quadrennial prophet," who coins it into cash at the Chautauquo box office?

Brother "Charley" is said to be fixing up dates for the talk-fest circuit promised by the "Peetess" on his return. It's a ten to one shot, though, that he is careful not to hire any brewery-annex halls.

while freight rates have had a vital influence in raising the cost of living, the increase of wages has been an immaterial factor. Wages, it finds, have not as a whole kept pace with the increase in general commodities and salaries have advanced slowly.

In Justice to Latta.

If every man in public office is entitled to full justice Congressman Latta of the Third Nebraska district, the only member of the Nebraska delegation voting against the postal savings bank bill, is, of course, entitled to a square deal.

Representative James P. Latta, the democratic member from the Third Nebraska district, voted against the postal savings bank bill. When reminded by the Washington correspondent for the Lincoln (Nebr.) Journal that postal savings banks were endorsed by the democratic national platform Mr. Latta said:

When the people turn down a platform as they did ours two years ago it's not so binding as if they had endorsed it. Anyhow, the platform does not bind me on this bank proposition.

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A Notable Public Service.

The appointment of a successor marks the retirement from the Omaha Public Library board of Lewis S. Reed, who has been a member of the board from the very beginning of the library, which dates back as a public institution to 1877, and its president and directing force most of that period.

Even in Christian training schools the "ruling" powers sometimes turn a very practical hand at politics. The last example is at the Vanderbilt university, where an attempt is being made to oust the chancellor and nineteen members of the board of trustees for insubordination to the authority of the Southern Methodist church.

Mr. James J. Jeffries shows that he has entirely failed to catch the point. He asks, "Do they call it religion to allow a man to risk his every cent on a business proposition only to grab his game at the eleventh hour?"

This beautiful word picture from our amiable democratic contemporary: Those faithful friends! Zealous, unselfish, devoted and patriotic; watching and working while others sleep; spending their time and money and incurring the dangers of stroke to compel the modest Mr. — to run for office against his will!

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rushes into the public prints to say that he has again been the victim of some "conscientious" conclusions. Better take something for it.

If the weather was like this a hundred years ago, it must have been rather discouraging to the establishment of a fur trading enterprise on the banks of the Pappo unless the pioneers were looking for an early return of the glacial period.

Summer-time Perplexity. Chicago Tribune. We have no wish to criticize or find fault, but does it not seem to be a curious provision on the part of nature that when you need ice the most it melts the fastest?

Doing Good Away Off. Wall Street Journal. Parcel post privileges have been extended by our government to Jerusalem and other oriental cities, but the citizens of the United States are still deprived of similar facilities.

Will Theodore Make Good? Philadelphia Bulletin. Surely, if Mr. Roosevelt makes good his declaration of keeping silent on politics for two months, his worst enemy will have to admit that his will power is as phenomenal as his popularity.

Speed on Home Street. Indianapolis News. The recent industrial work of congress suggests that time trouble and expense might be saved by having the session convene just before spring merges into summer instead of having a whole winter spent in dodging work.

Divisible by Three. Boston Transcript. To have the number of states in the continental republic limited to forty-eight, as they will now be and presumably so to remain for all time, is no small advantage in numerical symmetry. It makes ninety-six senators, or three equally sized classes of thirty-two.

Magnitude of the Business in this Country and Canada. Philadelphia Record. The fact that there are \$10,000,000 a week were paid out by the life insurance companies in this country and Canada last year directs attention to the enormous proportions of the life insurance business, reflecting both the increased means of the people and the very great increase in the provisions made for the welfare of their families.

Industrial insurance has increased nearly seven-fold in twenty years, and the amount of insurance has increased nearly nine-fold. This is gratifying evidence of the increased ability and disposition of the wage earners to make some provision for a family left without a breadwinner, though the average industrial policy is only a little over \$15.

John K. Tener, republican candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, has been a professional ball player, a congressman and grand exalted ruler of the Elks. Governor Hughes slashed nearly \$5,000,000 off the appropriation bills passed by the New York legislature, bringing the total state bill down to \$39,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 over 1909.

Caleb Powers, a Kentuckian of more or less notoriety, has set out on horseback to capture the republican nomination for congress in the Eleventh district. Caleb is a hummer among the mountaineers.

Joseph C. Sibley captured the republican nomination for congress in a Pennsylvania district by an expenditure of \$60,000 in the primary campaign. He received a total of 104 votes, which makes the average cost per vote a little less than \$4.

The presidential election in Mexico takes place tomorrow. It is confidently believed that the administration candidate, Porfirio Diaz, will be elected with a whoop and some to spare. Leaders of the opposition are in jail, and numerous offensive petitions along the Rio Grande have been chased to the American side.

Handsome illuminated prints of the heart-throbbing prayer of the Houston Post, beginning, "Oh, Lord, now that everything is coming our way, purge every democratic soul of hot air and vainglory," are to be distributed at various democratic conventions during the summer and fall.

One Dr. James Ball Naylor or Morgan county, Ohio, a physician and poet of local distinction, who was defeated for the nomination for state representative, has his home of gloom brightened with the wordy bouquet handed out by the Ohio State Journal: "A man who can write poetry like Dr. Naylor has a right to be defeated. Why does he want to bother with politics? His place is by the quiet streams, in the nodding woodland and the sun-kissed fields where the meadow lark sings."

Our Birthright Book. June 25, 1910. R. M. Sadler of S. M. Sadler & Son, abstractors of title, was born June 25, 1841. He is a native of Ohio, and a graduate of Michigan university, and a lawyer by profession. He came to Omaha in 1862 and started his present abstract business in 1867, associating his son with him six years ago.

Railway Valuation and Railway Rates

Proceedings American Economic Association, Annual Meeting at New York, p. 263. Victor Rosewater: While I am not perfectly clear in my own mind as to how effective physical valuation would be for the purpose for which it is advocated, I should like to emphasize two or three important points which have not as yet been given adequate consideration.

First, it should be remembered that the demand for a valuation, which we are now told is unnecessary and inconsequential, originally came from the railroads themselves, and was set up on behalf of the railroads to protect themselves against what they regarded as a threatened confiscatory reduction of their rates.

In what is known as the Nebraska maximum rate cases, it was the railroads which set up the plea that rates should be compensatory to the extent of giving owners a fair return upon the value of their property, and they persuaded the court, to their credit, to grant them an injunction preventing valuation to support their contention, and in securing from the court a decree nullifying the rate law on the ground that it would confiscate their property.

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A Berlin correspondent of a London daily writes: "The Prussian franchise bill has been unannounced. The semi-official writers maintain that the failure to achieve anything is matter for deep regret in the interests of the country, but all, with a sigh of resignation, that questions of such moment have seldom in any country been solved at the first attempt."

While, however, the national liberals are hardly likely to unite in serious attempts to procure a real fusion of the left, the conservatives are disposed to declare open war upon them. The conservative mouthpieces declare, first, that all concessions to the idea of franchises reform, and especially secondly, that all young liberals must be vigorously opposed in their Reichstag candidatures."

The Mad Mullah of Somaliland is likely to rival the negro of Abyssinia in death reports. A week ago it was reported that he had been killed and as yet there has been no denial. This is longer than he

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LAUGHING GAS.

"Why do you call up at that box, my man?" "To learn what new laws have been passed since I went on duty," answered the policeman.—Kansas City Journal.

Next-door Neighbor—Ready soon, old man? Mr. Ozoneheart—Yes; be with you right away. Just as soon as I wash the rest of these dishes and dry them and put them away and make the beds and telephone the grocer and butcher and sweep the porch and tidy up the parlor and dust the dining-room and feed the cat. Wife's gone to the city to get another cook.—Puck.

Doctor (just arrived)—What is the trouble? Officious Person—A woman has swooned. Doctor—Has anything been done? Officious Person—Yes, sir, we've tried our best to unhook her, but without success.—Chicago Tribune.

"Why don't you — one of those old-fashioned knockers outside your door, Mrs. Gowler?" "The door need it. I've got one inside that does all the knocking for this family."—Baltimore American.

"I don't want you to marry him." "Why not, mother?" "You may be able to do much better in the future." "Well, I can cross the bridge when I come to it, can't I?"—Washington Herald.

"Here's a nickel," said a thrifty housewife to a tramp at her door. "Now, what are you going to do with it?" "I'll put it in my pocket, if I please, but I'll get a school and handle it myself."—Everett's Magazine.

"I thought you said the new man in the company was riding on a train for the first time in his life." "That's what he told me." "But just notice how familiar he is with the other side." "I didn't say he had never traveled over the road. The company he was with always wacked."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"We wish to arrange for an exchange of prisoners," announced the South American diplomat. "On what basis?" Inquired the leader of the other side. "The usual basis; inquire general for a good, husky private."—Courier Journal.

Poets are born, not paid. Flour by any other name would cost as much. One swallow may not make a summer, but one grasshopper makes many springs. A bird on the tree is worth two on the ground. Where there's a will there's a way.—Lippincott's.

MEN AND THEIR TRAITS. S. E. Kiser in Record-Herald. Some men have the talent, some men have the gall. Some have too much money, some have none at all. Some men are good looking, many men are not. Every man thinks some man has a happier lot.

Some men work for glory, some for daily bread. Some sleep slapping backward, some men get ahead. Some men drink their honor of all dear things. Some men think the best thing is a constant thirst.

Some men sit in darkness, some achieve the height. Some men's wives are beauties, some men's wives are frights. Some men useful knowledge all their lives pursue. Caring not for riches—they are mighty few.

Some men live to lighten other people's woes. Some men live to plunder, some men live to give. Some men have the talent, some men have the gall. Each man thinks his hardships heaviest of all.

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Advertisement for Northern Pacific Railway. Includes text: "Spend Summer among the Minnesota Lakes", "Northern Pacific Railway", "\$300 will pay for your room and board at beautiful Colfax—the handsomest hotel in the middle west—the best table on the continent—the most beneficial springs and baths in America. The finest scenery in Iowa." and an illustration of a steamship.