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Santa Claus is one bill collector you cannot beat.

Battling Nelson is no longer battling in the 300 class.

Even Carrie Nation has never dared tackle those London suffragettes.

Thus far we have heard no concerted plan in congress to abolish the franking privilege.

Now let it be finally determined who saw it coming first, Senator Hale or Senator Aldrich.

You may just as well come to it first as last, for that Christmas shopping has to be done.

President Diaz has not yet given any official indication that he knew Brother Madero was revolting.

They do not "credit census men in Augusta," it is reported. They ought to make them pay cash in Omaha, too.

Pork was so high this last season that Houston folks could not afford bacon rind to rub on their chigre bites.

November was a very mild month, but it will never compare in history with December, which has five pay days.

President Diaz has started out on his second third of a century as Mexico's chief executive in the best of health.

It is getting near that time when you must sit down and figure out the list of those you think will send you presents.

Three women in the Colorado legislature. Now Oregon will have to take a back seat as the "best governed state in the union."

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The government reports increased marketing of cattle and sheep during October and points to this as the reason for lower prices on packing house products.

Mr. Ultimate Consumer is not so deeply concerned in the cause as he is in the effect.

Those Jolly Governors.

It is a good thing that no tangible results depended on the outcome of that governors' conference in Kentucky. As far as can be determined the nearest they came to transacting business was when they listened to Governor Hadley's speech on the employers' liability act.

In Louisville the colonels who had prepared the program did not know anything about the plan of transacting business, so when the ball finally broke up the governors found that speeches on which they had labored for weeks were still tucked away in their grips or pockets undelivered and not one thing that could, by any distorting of the imagination be called business, had been done.

Hereafter governors planning to discuss weighty matters of state will know better than to go to old "Kaintuck." It is the place to go when they want to be entertained in good old southern aristocracy fashion, as, of course, all these governors now know, even to the sedate Dr. Wilson. No wonder that in casting about for the place to hold their next meeting they chose a remote little nook in New Jersey, where pretty women and gallant men could not get at them so easily.

New Mexico's Sane Constitution.

The organic law which the constitutional convention of New Mexico has framed is based in the main on the broad lines of common sense and practical utility, excluding radical and fanatical provisions. This comes of having a constitution drawn by a body of men representative of all legitimate interests in the state and bent on the common purpose of avoiding fads and freaks and sticking to tried-out ideas.

New Mexico's constitution-makers are mostly republicans, and the instrument was drawn under a warning of a republican congress against the blunders of Oklahoma. The convention was in session from October 3 to November 21, transacting its business with all possible dispatch. The proposed constitution will be submitted to the people for their approval January 3, and, if ratified, turned over to congress for its inspection.

The sisterhood of states will have cause to welcome New Mexico, for it comes with rich treasures to add to the national storehouse. It has vast resources discovered and in use, others more vast undeveloped and untold in extent. In the last decade New Mexico has made a population growth of 57 per cent, which is very near a record growth. Yet it should even surpass that, and doubtless will, in the next ten years.

The first Friday in December is Arbor day in Georgia and this year all over the state people planted a tree wherever they could find a place to put it.

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the need and see how simple it may be supplied. Georgia newspapers do well to take up this crusade.

Not an Urban Nation Yet. The census figures show that the total population of all cities in this country of 25,000 or more is about 28,235,000, and that the largest percentage of population increase has been made in cities of less than 100,000.

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"rate war." It was settled, if you notice, by raising those rates that were lower than the maximum.

Several Omaha corporations have failed to get in under the wire with their corporation tax and will now be put to the expense of renewing their charters. It certainly pays to be prompt in settling with the tax collector.

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Everybody will be glad to know that the controversy between the railroads over the New York-Chicago passenger fare was settled without a

In Other Lands

Side Lights on What is Transpiring Among the Near and Far Nations of the Earth.

The campaign in Great Britain is moving with unexampled speed. Three weeks ago the failure of the constitutional conference was announced. A week later Parliament assembled. Dissolution followed on Monday in accordance with the plans previously announced by Prime Minister Asquith. Writs of election issued forthwith, and elections will take place in a score or more divisions today.

The contest is a genuine battle between progressives and standpatters. On the progressive side are ranged the liberal party and its allies, representing 60 per cent of the voters. On the other side is the unionist, or Tory party embracing the so-called conservative element of the country entrenched in the House of Lords.

Three ways of reforming the House of Lords are proposed, two by the lords themselves, the other by the ministry. What the lords promise to do with themselves is outlined in the Rosebery resolutions and the Lansdowne scheme. The latter regarded as a bit of campaign strategy.

The standing of the parties in the House of Commons just dissolved will be of interest for comparison as the results of the election come in. At the election held last January there were chosen 27 unionists, 25 liberals of all shades, forty laborites, seventy-one Irish nationalists, followers of Mr. Redmond, and eleven independent nationalists, followers of O'Brien and Healy.

General Green B. Rain, former commissioner of pensions, was born December 3, 1829, in Glendon, Ill., and died last year. He made a remarkable record in the civil war and was also the author of a number of books.

John Bassett Moore, professor of international law in Columbia university, was born in Smyrna, Del., and was at one time assistant secretary of the United States. He is recognized now as the highest American authority on international diplomacy.

Joseph Cullen Root, founder and sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, with headquarters here in Omaha, was born December 3, 184, in Chester, Mass. He was educated as a lawyer, but he devoted himself chiefly to fraternal insurance. He is also one of the board of Ak-Sar-Bon governors.

Robert E. Lee Herdman, attorney-at-law and democratic politician, is 84. He was born in Jerseyville, Ill., and graduated from the law department of the University of Kansas, locating in Omaha in 1892. He was clerk of the supreme court for four years and also police commissioner for Omaha for a little while.

W. M. McKay, secretary of Cole-McKay company, (coal directors), was born December 3, 1878, in Tipton county, Indiana. He worked his way up in various occupations, learning by night study the profession which he has been pursuing for fifty-six years.

contributed by generous Irish-Americans and Irish-Canadians will be serviceable in offsetting the contributions of Lord Dunraven and other wealthy unionists to the O'Brien eschequer, but it would be like a bucket of water poured upon the ground in England, where election expenses run into the millions."

Official returns of the vote cast in Ohio show a falling off of 24,300 compared with the vote cast two years ago. 20 cents supposed the grog was so extensive.

In Missouri amendments granting pensions to school teachers and policemen, and increasing the pay of members of the legislature, were ruthlessly smothered by the voters of the state. The law makers payroll got the worst beating of all, which is considered a fine exhibit of the sense of discrimination.

The late George Frederick Seward was a strong man, but not as suave as his famous uncle. Having been approached by an intermediary of a New York legislator, who was "willing for \$10,000 to kill a strike insurance bill, he dictated this telegram in reply to the proposition: "Mr. Seward says you can go to—"

Beginning at the east end of the senate press gallery the images of former vice presidents will be ranged in the niches provided for them in the senate chamber. In the order of their seniority, beginning with that of John Adams. After filling all available spaces in the senate chamber in this way it was found to be necessary to provide for the figures of the vice presidents from Levi P. Morton down to the present time in the south senate corridor. In this gallery will be Morton, Stevenson, Hobart, Roosevelt, Fairbanks and Vice President Sherman. Space has been reserved for Vice President Sherman at the east end of the corridor.

With the legislative open season approaching in many states there is sure to be a recrudescence of interest in the income tax amendment to the federal constitution. This amendment has been adopted in eight states thus far, and must be approved by the legislatures of twenty-seven more to become effective.

The effect of the election of democratic legislatures in several states heretofore republican is problematical. The traditional democratic attitude is in favor of the income tax, as one means of escape from a protective tariff. But tradition does not count so heavily with the democracy as it once did. The party has been a party of opposition and opportunism so long that its traditions are largely forgotten.

Minnesota has not yet voted, and the legislature will doubtless be called upon to register this state's vote. Thus far, however, there has been almost no discussion of the question, and very few members appear to have given it any attention.

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Edith—Merry! Here's a telegram from Jack. He's been hurt in the foot ball game. Edith—What does he say? Edith—He says: "Nose broken. How do you prefer it set—Greek or Roman?"—Boston Transcript.

GET BUSY. Oh, say. This very day. Get the hop. For the shop. And don't stop. Till you feel like dropping. Dead in your tracks. And then All the clerks, women and men. Will rise up and call you blessed. And you, with your shopping done. Will sit down and wonder Where in thunder Do people find Christmas fun. —New York Tribune.

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