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Footpads who take a victim's clothing must want to rub it in.

How would half a dozen lumps of anthracite coal be for a Christmas present?

"When is food a luxury?" asks the Denver Republican. When it fills a long-felt want.

Earlier in life Mr. Carnegie was called the "Steel King." Now he is the "Prince of Peace."

Now that California is no longer the thirteenth state in size, it ought to have a better row of luck.

How fortunate that that fire in Tammany hall was extinguished before it reached the "oil" room.

As the "man without a country" ex-President Zelaya is not breaking many hearts by his pathetic plight.

San Francisco ought to be able to win even New Orleans over to its side on that brand it is handing out.

The most unkind cut of all is that Hearst has hired Alfred Henry Lewis to write things about Senator Lodge.

Chicago has reduced water rates in its effort to lower the cost of living. That might be appreciable in Kansas.

Possibly Mr. Carnegie gave that \$10,000,000 to peace to prevent his heirs from fighting over it after he died.

Our Anti-Saloon league chronic license protesters are strangely silent and inactive right now. What's the answer?

Comparative Growth. The table put out by the census bureau showing the percentage of population increase in the various states in the last decade, and the changes in relative rank of the states, affords material for instructive study.

Nebraska in the last census period scored an increase in population of 11.8 per cent and ranks as the twenty-ninth state in number of inhabitants.

As is natural to expect, the states which have shown the greatest percentage of increase are, for the most part, states which previously had the greatest area of unoccupied land and undeveloped resources.

The secretary is right in asserting that the day has passed when semi-public corporations, or the men conducting them, may regard those interests as their own personal property.

When Senator John M. Thurston was the only republican member of the senate from Nebraska he secured three or four federal appointments for which he was held personally responsible.

A down-eastern school board has resolved prohibiting the acceptance of Christmas presents by their school teachers because of the extravagance engendered by competitive efforts of the children to outdo one another.

Our expectant new senator may as congressman have a chance to put himself on record on parcels post before the present session ends.

Of course, if Champ Clark and his democratic friends would put in their time this winter helping the republicans to enact wholesome legislation, the country might be as well off as for them to devote their energies to laying plans for playing politics in the Sixty-second congress, which is still a year off.

So far as we know, Omaha has never furnished a judge to the federal bench. Although the bar here is amply supplied with high legal talent, it has heretofore been passed over in favor of Falls City, Fremont and Lincoln.

Mr. Bryan's Commoner charges the New York World with misrepresenting him. If we recollect aright, Mr. Bryan has laid the same charge against other democratic newspapers, so the World need not feel especially honored.

In prating that the Lord will prevent the democratic party from making a fool of itself the Houston Post and the Richmond Times-Dispatch should remember that the Lord does not often see fit to perform miracles in this age.

"The great trusts," observes Mr. Paul Morton, "should receive justice." Well, if anything has been wrongfully taken from them, perhaps it might be returned in the form of rebates.

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genius was conferred upon all mankind. He was not of those of whom this author says, "It would seem as though the vanity of benevolence were smothered by the sight of degradation, but affronted by that of genius."

The thinker and the doer too long went unrewarded, while even the criminal and the loafer had their friends. Progress waited as a result. Great movements were thereby retarded.

The man in the rear goes forward only when the leader moves up. Drawing the leader on brings up the whole line. Tempt the best there is in the fore-runners and you have appealed in similar fashion to the race at large and given the poorest a fair opportunity.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh suggests to the big corporations that they open their books to the public and cease the star chamber system of doing business.

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Our Letter Box. Contributions on Timely Subjects for Reading and Discussion Are Invited from Our Readers.

The Ship Subsidy Side. To the Editor of The Bee: You are glad to see that in your recent editorial, "Ship Subsidy," you recognize that the New York Journal of Commerce, whose marked editorials against American shipping are sent widely over the west, is really opposed to the subsidy plan alone, but to the possession of a merchant shipping by America.

For remark that "We doubt if this sentiment is quite representative over the country, and yet it comes from a source that demands a serious hearing."

It may be well to say that the Journal of Commerce is controlled by a family of English birth and close English sympathies and affiliations, and that, moreover, its support is derived largely from advertisements of European steamship lines which are bitterly opposed to American shipping.

These are pertinent facts which the west should understand. The Journal of Commerce stands almost alone in commercial circles on this question. The National Association of Manufacturers, the National Board of Trade, the American Bankers' association and the great commercial organizations generally, including the chamber of commerce of New York, have endorsed legislation like that commended by President Taft and now pending in congress.

It is an ocean postal measure providing adequate pay for service rendered. Outside of a few states of the Mississippi valley, where maritime affairs are imperfectly understood, this legislation has the united support of the vast interests of the country. The chief opposition comes from the European ship trusts and combinations.

In closing your editorial you say: "We believe it is possible to carry on a successful maritime trade without large financial help from the government." Will you not kindly indicate how this may be done? J. J. EWELL, Secretary Merchant Marine Committee of One Hundred.

OUTSIDE VIEW OF INSIDE ROW. Spectacular Exhibit of Fighting Bacteria for Control of Human Body. New York Herald.

One of the most interesting and instructive cinematograph shows ever witnessed, in the shape of a fierce battle between an army of phagocytes and several million spherocysts was given in London the other evening by Dr. C. Levaditi of the Pasteur Institute, Paris, before the Royal Institute of Public Health.

The phagocytes which are the defenders of the human body, were seen in the living pictures fighting against the spherocysts, which are the bacteria of a malignant disease. These cinematograph films, which are said to be among the most marvelous ever shown, illustrated the bacterial warfare which takes place inside the human body, and excitement was added to the contest, owing to the fact that the audience knew that victory for the spherocysts meant death to the human victim.

In the first few pictures the phagocytes had rather a bad time if it in their battle with the invaders, and, like a general commanding his forces, Dr. Levaditi cried, "See! They weaken!" following with his pointer the combatants appearing on the screen, like weird creatures conjured up in a nightmare. Again, still more tragically as a phagocyte fell outnumbered before a force of horrid shaped bacteria, he cried, "See! It is dead!"

The defenders, however, put up a grand fight. Dead spherocysts lay all round them, but still the phagocytes were being gradually outnumbered and crushed, till there were signs of reinforcements. The doctor had come to their aid. In the moment of victory the spherocysts received a check. With their vast numbers and the variety of their attack such as sharp, tang-like tongues, they were not much for the phagocytes alone, but with the arrival of medical aid to stimulate the guardians of the patient's body, they were demolished. Slowly at first, the wriggling things wriggled less. They grew tired, they weakened, they strove in vain to release themselves from the grip of the reviving phagocytes, they died.

This is the sort of fight which is going on daily, explained Dr. Levaditi, in the bodies of human beings, the fierceness of the fight depending on the malignity of the opposing bacteria. From a cold in the head upward the various human ailments entail a fight by the phagocytes in defense of their home.

PRECEDENT FOR PROMOTION. Episodes in the History of the Supreme Court. Boston Transcript.

Former Chief Justice Nott of the United States court of claims came to the support of President Taft by citing a precedent for the promotion of an associate justice of the supreme court to the chief justiceship. In a letter to the Springfield Republican Judge Nott cites the appointment of Justice Cushing to be chief justice by Washington, as the precedent. Cushing was appointed and unanimously confirmed, Judge Nott continues.

"It is related that on the day when this occurred there was a large dinner party at the president's, and the new chief justice was one of the guests, though ignorant of his appointment. On entering the room, Washington from the door, was smiling and receiving his look to him, said in an emphatic tone, 'The chief justice of the United States will please take his seat on my right,' and that the judge was much affected at the announcement. His commission as chief justice was made out and sent to him. He held for about a week, and then determined, on the ground of ill-health, to resign."

The appointment, confirmation and dedication of Cushing make up a singular episode in the history of the supreme court. It is matched, perhaps, by the misfortune of John Rutledge, who was sworn in as a mortal misadventure while chief justice. As he had been appointed in the recess, there was no way to remove him from the bench save by the senate rejecting his nomination, which was done. Rutledge had also been an associate justice, but there was an interval between his rejection and his capacity and his appointment as chief justice.

This is Going Some. Indianapolis News. When a man shoots through the air at the rate of a mile and a half a minute and keeps it up for an hour, the world may be excused for indulging in some fond dreams of future happenings. The Atlantic ocean, at its narrowest point, is only about 1,900 miles across. If an average speed of 100 miles could be maintained for this distance, the trip could be made in about sixteen hours. Because of the long twilight at that latitude in midsummer, the aviator, flying from east to west and starting at very early dawn, might travel the whole distance by nightfall.

Our Birthday Book. December 19, 1910. Edwin M. Stanton, President Lincoln's great war secretary, was born December 19, 1815, at Steubenville, O., and died in 1869. It was through an effort to remove Stanton from office that President Andrew Johnson got into trouble that brought on his impeachment proceedings.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT. Happy is the man and woman who heed the modest injunction, "Be quiet shoppers early." There is the kingdom of ease and comfort.

Chief Justice White plays the piano, but only for pleasure. He never allows himself to be governed by unmet or vindictive motives.

From Pittsburg comes the report that a girl richly caught there with a quantity of rich booty will not be punished, her victims being "too prominent to prosecute her." Just what degree of prominence is indicated by this is something for the society editors to figure out.

A rich man's colony at the Fountain of Perpetual Youth will be started soon by Colonel Robert Ammon, well known in New York and Pittsburg. Colonel Ammon bought 1,700 acres of land around the springs at the headquarters of the St. John's river in Florida.

Dr. Wiley, food expert and enthusiastic germ sleuth is about to marry. Doubtless he will continue to lay down rules for the guidance of food in general, but there will be one household in which the best he has to say about the cuisine, except it praise, the better for him.

Discouraged over the fact that all couples, with one exception, whom he had joined together in wedlock had been divorced, David D. Coous, for several years a justice of the peace in Needham town, Indiana, handed in his resignation yesterday. He says, he was a "Jonah of matrimony."

With the filing of the will of George Fox, a wealthy lawyer of Brooklyn, it became known that not only had Mr. Fox left more than \$300,000 to public and charitable institutions, but that he also gave \$50,000 to a woman servant who was employed for thirty-five years in the Fox household.

Captain Bob Bartlett of Arctic fame, and Harry Whitney, Arctic hunter, are to make a try for the South pole. An English expedition is now headed that way and a party of Japanese explorers are booked for the southern ice fields. A third party should make the chase hot enough to melt a few hummocks on the way.

Some fifty men and several unknown Kansas City kids financed a smooth promoter from London in a mining venture that justifies a million of money in dividends in eight years. The bunch put up \$90,000 in real money. All they have to show for it are several holes in the ground in Arizona and receipts enough to decorate the billboards of the town.

In the will of Frans Botor, a rich bachelor, who died recently at Varadin, Austria, Botor explains that he never married because modern women are utterly ignorant of the principles of cooking. He leaves his entire fortune to the municipality for the purpose of establishing a cooking school in order that young girls may be taught to prepare food in a civilized manner.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS. "How did Santa Claus get the reputation of being a myth and a faker?" asked one small boy. "I don't know," replied the other, "unless it was because he got in so much of those North pole stories."—Washington Star.

"How time flies!" exclaimed Miss Thuttyfore. "It doesn't seem possible that four whole years have passed since we had the 'Streets of Paris' here." "Surely it can't be so long ago as that," said Mr. Hatcher. "It is. I remember it because that was when you first began to call at our house."—Chicago Tribune.

Daughter—There is one thing I would not like in business life. Father—What is that? Daughter—Sealed proposals.—Baltimore American.

"So you are going to retire from congress," said the constituent. "My dear sir," replied Senator Sorghum, "I leave congress. I will not retire. On the contrary, I'm coming back and will up the neighborhood."—Washington Star.

Uncle Barn-Haw's your daughter doing in business college. Uncle Eben—Fine. She can't spell very good, and she ain't very fast on the type writer, but she's got a money later when she gets through writing a letter on the machine every "I" is dotted and every "t" crossed.—Puck.

"O, mamma, look!" said Tommy. "Baby" grabbed a piece of raw bacon, and is trying to swallow it. "Save it!" hastily exclaimed the father of the baby, "—it's meant the baby, of course, Marjorie. He's had a money later." "Why are you looking at me in that horrified way?"—Chicago Tribune.

"Mamma, who is 'at funny man'?" "That child, is a politician." "Why does he fret out his tummy?" "Hush, child. He thinks that is his chest."—Judge.

"Yes, he's got together a lot of old rich a-brae of a very curious sort. Among other things he showed me yesterday was a cutter." "Cutter? What's a cutter?" "Oh! Why, a cutter is a sort of sleight dog, but what's a 'bob' for?" "No, I don't." "Well, a cutter is a fancy bob."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A WORD FOR FATHER. Paul West in New York City. And now who gets his meed of praise? Who is it labors all his days? Father. Who always has to josh and strive To keep the family alive? And sheds his hair at thirty-five? Father. Who always home his wages brings? Father. Who sees them buy for clothes and things? Father. Who sees them go for food and rent, And never gets him a cent? Except when he's already spent? Father. Whose hats two dollars cost, no more? Father. Who sees his wad in a score? Father. Who has to wear a saw-toothed shirt, And collar which his throat's hurt? So ma can have her hobby shirt? Father. Who goes to bed a weary wreck? Father. Who pulls the blanket round his neck? Father. Who then is forced, though he may swear To rise and get him a cent? To see if "there's a burglar there"? Father. Who sees the cost of living soar? Father. Who says "Well, well, well, no more"? Father. Who, when the month's first day comes Hair round? And bud to his ears is found In bills that cause him woe profound? Father. But who is happy all the while? Father. Who only asks a pleasant smile? Father. Who only seeks the ample bites Of welcome fare and loving care, And hates such patronage as this? FATHER!

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