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Taft on Canal Fortification

President Taft's address before the Pennsylvania Society of New York on the fortification of the canal is the most clear, concise and convincing word that has yet been spoken upon the subject.

Admitting the desirability of peace instead of war, the president wisely cautions the country to remember that universal peace is a long way off, emphasizing his point by saying, "I cannot permit myself in the enthusiastic desire to secure universal peace to blind myself to the possibilities of war."

"We built the canal to help us defend the country, not to help an enemy attack it." That memorable circling of the Horn by Fighting Bob Evans in his Oregon, covering a distance of 12,000 miles, did much to hasten the building of this canal.

That is a cute little trick fashion is about to spring on pater familias. The new season, he is told, will bring back the empire gown to supplant the hobble skirt, the Psyche knot instead of the rat, roll and puff and the health corset instead of—well, what they have now.

When your husband gets to feeling cheery let his wife just take him on a shopping expedition and he will appreciate how really small he is.

Perhaps Champ Clark's declaration that there are now no orators in congress is just a suggestion to the new crop coming on for next winter.

As we have remarked more than once before, Omaha needs a big first-class fireproof hotel commensurate with the size and pretensions of the city.

North Carolina, one of the states in which Bill Nye resided, has designated February 22 as Bill Nye day.

What's the matter with Kansas? Nothing, only it wants more babies for experiment in laboratories to coach motherhood.

Can't it be that Attorney Brandeis is just hinting for one of those magnates to give him a railroad of his own to prove his scientific management theory?

southern bourbon can lead. Beginning next December they will have the reins in their hands immediately preceding a national election and will be unable to dodge what responsibility goes with that leadership.

Parties or Groups?

The first rule which is laid down by Mr. Bryan to govern in the selection of committees in the next house is that each party must choose its own members, presumably through caucus action, yet adds:

In view of the fact that there is a feeling between the standpatners and insurgents, it would be wise to allow the insurgents to decide whether they will take their chances in a republican caucus or be treated as a separate body.

With the next step, also, the house will have to recognize the existence of still a third political party entitled to a part in its organization, because the socialists have elected one member of the coming congress who would doubtless prefer to go into a socialist caucus rather than take his chances with the democrats or republicans.

Apparently, what we are undergoing in our parliamentary procedure is a transition from the party system to the group system.

No Taffy for Taft

The New York Press club probably considers President Taft a very practical sort of man and quite apt in the repertoire of to detect pretense instantly.

That's all right, my friends, but you said the same thing for my friends, Harmon and Champ Clark. Nevertheless, for the time being, I'm glad to have your support.

Certain amenities of politeness and courtesy impose themselves on hosts on such occasions and President Taft has shown more than once that he is generous enough to appreciate that fact and his happy retort here must have made a distinct "hit."

One may easily imagine that President Taft had back of his light words a serious conviction on the point he made of surviving public criticism.

A member of congress from New England, recently discussing the need of enlarged powers for the bureau of education, cited a report by a Massachusetts educator telling of answers by school ma'ams to questions submitted by a board of trustees or examiners, which clearly showed the need of more educative influences in erudite New England.

Army Gossip

Masters of Interest on and Back of the Firing Line Gleaned from the Army and Navy Gazette.

The Ordnance department of the army is continuing the work of developing ordnance suitable for use against air craft. Naturally, every effort is being made to keep the results attained secret.

The death of Bishop Grant of the African Methodist Episcopal church takes the head of that church for this episcopal district. Bishop Grant has been a frequent visitor to Omaha, where he has gained the respect, not only of the colored people, but of all who have come in contact with him.

Perhaps when Colonel Lobeck told that Washington reporter that Mr. Bryan could not carry Nebraska for any office he did not think it would ever reach the ears of the Peoria Leader.

Those Awful Tears

The plea of the oil trust for the "little fellows" is accompanied with the same kind of tears any octopus sheds when his favorite fish is taken away.

Reciprocal Good Will

Railroads are showing considerable zeal to teach the farmers how to farm. Before long the farmers will be undertaking to show the railroads how to run a railroad.

A Peepless Peeler

Imaginative persons think they can see, in the gradual solidifying of the William J. Bryan face, a more or less near approach to the George Washington style of face, but they are broaching the idea with extreme caution.

Notable Absence of Sorrow

Concerning the news that people holding immense stocks of butter and eggs in cold storage have been pinched and forced to throw their stocks on the market at a loss, we observe a notable absence of sorrow on the part of the public.

PAUL MORTON

Pittsburg, Nebr., While yet in the prime of life Mr. Morton had achieved prominence in three distinct fields. The greater part of his career was identified with the railroad world.

People Talked About

Frank J. Allen, a Massachusetts wood-chopper, scores a distinct failure as a trader. He swapped a violin with a neighbor, giving a jack-knife to boot, but the neighbor's wife didn't consider it a square deal.

Conforming to the wishes of her husband, expressed just before his death, Mrs. Annie St. Horton Schae, widow of President Schae, of the defunct Continental Savings bank of Memphis, Tenn., has turned over to the receiver of the bank property valued at little less than \$100,000.

Dr. R. A. Hume, for many years a missionary in India, told the Chicago Congressional club this week that woman suffrage was introduced into India by the English twenty-five years ago, and that not one of a million native women knows that she has the right to vote.

Major Farnham W. Lyon, 83, famous as the personal scout of General Custer, is in a critical condition at Saginaw, Mich., as the result of a general break down in health.

The Bee's Letter Box

Contributions on Timely Subjects Not Exceeding Two Hundred Words Are Invited from Our Readers.

Too Much Leniency to Crooks. OMAHA, Jan. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Why it is in every newspaper reader in Omaha did not read your editorial regarding criminal court matters.

Some Questions Answered. NEWPORT, Neb., Jan. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have got myself into a dispute with a couple of fellows here on the subject of fortifying the Panama canal.

Hot Air After the Fire. OMAHA, Jan. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: I see that Building Inspector Withnell follows up the Millard hotel fire promptly with a promise to prepare another ordinance to stop the building of firetraps.

NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT. McCook Tribune: It is Senator Hitchcock, if Vic Rosewater can stand it, why the rest of us will have to.

Scott's Bluff Star: We have an idea that when the parcels post is established in the United States, as it will be before long, it will make no difference to any town here and there who is obliged to buy the new system to ginger up a little in his notebook.

Large number of details to the duty of professor of military science at military colleges will expire during 1911, and on account of the scarcity of army officers for duty with troops and the desirability, for the sake of discipline and general efficiency, of getting captains back on duty with their organizations.

Promotion of Congressman Smith. Philadelphia Record. Representative Smith of Iowa, who has just been nominated for a federal judgeship by President Taft, is not "a lame duck" at any rate.

Reciprocity With Canada. Springfield Republican. The indications are that the Canadian and American negotiators will whip into shape a reciprocity treaty of some sort for presentation to the United States senate at the session now in being.

Making Ends Meet. Wall Street Journal. As President Farrell of the United States Steel corporation has taste for Monte Carlo, no desire for an imitation chateau on Riverside Drive and belongs to a faith which does not allow divorce it is just possible that he may make ends meet on the reduced salary of fifty thousand a year.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS

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The Nurse—Your husband has appendicitis, but he may get over it. The Patient's Wife—But, anyway it goes now, the doctor's wife will get the spring suit instead of me.—St. Louis Times.

Visitor—The attendants treat you kindly and considerately. I hope. Patient (in hospital)—Yes, the nurses have been very kind, but the surgeons have treated me in the most cutting manner you ever heard of.—Chicago Tribune.

THE QUEUE.

J. M. Lewis in Houston Post. So many years I would confuse A man to count Then Chinese queues Were all the same With the Chinese; A queue which reached the ground, I know Would fill that owner's Soul with pride, And I'd like to hear A smile as wide And snug and sweet As his face would Accommodate; If you suggest He cut his queue A Chinaman Would laugh at you! But since the accidental case For rats has caused All hair to raise In the streets, Old mandarin, The coolie, too, And I'd like to think Have called for Snickerbees and shears And clipped their queues Close to their ears, And with hands stretched across the seas They tell our women: Girls, don't wear 'em! And this truth In our ears is dinned: "Queue 'em! Queue 'em!" Tradition skinned! Two hundred million Queues "Oh, dear!" Think of the rats We'll see this year.

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