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As we understand it, Champ Clark is to be only a limited czar.

Visit the Land show before it closes or you will regret it afterward.

That mild weather ought to have thawed out a few of those senatorial deadlocks.

Thus far the president has not acceded to the democratic squall for an extra session.

The membership roll of the Commercial club is close to the 1,000 mark. A good push should put it over.

Never mind, the capital removal advocates will have their inning under initiative and referendum, if not sooner.

That Boston newspaper that is upbraiding Montana for re-electing W. A. Clark senator should at least wait until it has.

It transpires that Dr. Herman C. Bumpus has been bumped out of the directory of the American Museum of Natural History.

It is reliably rumored that Governor Foss of Massachusetts is a very mad man since the senatorial vote was announced in his state.

Mr. Bryan might be politically interested to know that an Illinois man given up for dead came to life in a morgue the other day.

Our new democratic senator-elect is billed to orate in Baltimore. The next thing we know he will be performing for Tammany Hall in New York.

Continuing our search for former first-lige celebrities, what has become of Dowdy, Jr., the great unknissed?—Exchange.

Kissed into the discard long ago. For some unaccountable reason we have had no eruption from Jasper L. McBrien for several weeks. Such quiescence is altogether abnormal.

The gay life has a few friends left in Kansas. The legislature defeated that bill that prevented women from appearing in public in tight or knee skirts.

The Iowa senatorial contest should not be allowed to come to a close for some time yet, for several citizens of the state have not been entered as candidates.

If Mr. Rockefeller does not hurry he will have, in addition to the horror of dying rich, the pang of being outdone by Mr. Carnegie to haunt him in his last days.

It is going to take a lot of oil to smooth those troubled democratic waters, and "Joe" Bailey's stand-in with certain party interests may yet serve his party well.

The people who rail loudest against the unreliability of the press are usually the first to mislead and deceive newspapers when it will serve their personal interests.

Richard Olney and others who signed their names to a statement of six reasons why the Panama canal should not be fortified forgot to name sixty or more reasons why it should be fortified.

Harmon, Wilson and Clark.

Before the Harmon faction of democracy loses itself in rapture over Governor Woodrow Wilson's alienation of the old guard behind former Senator, James Smith, Jr., in New Jersey it had better take an inventory of stock in Ohio. Governor Harmon, we are told, is too adroit a politician ever to make the mistake that Wilson made of dabbling in the senatorial fight.

Thus we see the Ohio governor heir to a united and harmonious following in his own state as an asset in his presidential candidacy, while Wilson has split his party in New Jersey at the outset, offending powers whose support he will need in his effort to land the democratic presidential nomination next year.

But is this a true picture of the situation? Did Harmon keep his hands off of the senatorial fight in Ohio, and if he did, did he not thereby offend John R. McLean, who had decided that he should have the toga that fell from the shoulders of Senator Dick? As a matter of fact this is just what happened, and today there is a wide gulf fixed between Harmon and John R. McLean, owner of the Cincinnati Enquirer and leader of a very considerable faction of the democracy, a man who always stood on close terms with the same interests which Wilson is said to have alienated in New Jersey.

Where, of course, Harmon may have an advantage over Wilson on this one point is that he may be able to claim quite as large a following with the interests as McLean could wean away from him, and perhaps larger, for not only has he always been allied with that element in politics and business, but, being in office, he may have more to offer for the support of these interests than McLean would have. That is a question to be determined.

The man who really is keeping to the middle of the road, offending no one just at present, is the suave and genial Champ Clark, the third big figure in the democratic presidential free-for-all.

When it comes to adroitness and practical politics, the Missourian is there and he will have to be reckoned with from now on. To be sure, his time for making mistakes will come when he takes up the duties of speaker next December, but in the meantime both Harmon and Wilson will not be denied any such chances.

The Sulloway Pension Bill.

It is a matter of some doubt if most of the veterans of the civil war would not oppose the Sulloway pension bill if they thoroughly understood its provisions. Under this bill every man who served ninety days in the civil war or sixty days in the Mexican war is eligible alike to its benefits with the man who actually gave his time to the defense of his country and became a real soldier.

It is not opposition to pensions, or to acknowledging the nation's debt to its defenders who offered their lives for their flag, that prompts disapproval of this particular bill, but rather it is a firm conviction in the justice and equity of pensions that inspires careful scrutiny. It is opposition to fraud, not to pensions, that impels so many real friends of the real soldier to hope for the defeat of the measure in the senate. Heretofore in the whole history of pensions and pension legislation positive proof of merit and service has been required, but under this bill the undeserving would share benefits equal to those which go to the most deserving.

who at first exulted in righteous contempt for unclean politics when this courageous judge issued his war orders. But a serious state of affairs is revealed by these inquiries and doubtless some good will come of them. It is a matter of regret that in the Danville investigation, at least, mere politics should have been found to be one of the impelling motives and influences at the bottom of the whole thing.

Not the Right Remedy.

Governor Aldrich's special message to the legislature offering a remedy for election frauds and drawing a vivid picture of alleged corruption in Omaha as an argument in support of his proposal, we fear his wide of the mark. Although repeatedly in various parts of his communication the governor says that everything he charges is notorious and of current knowledge, he relates the story to the legislature as if it were a new and startling discovery.

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Washington Life

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The Bee's Letter Box

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

For Cleaner Streets. OMAHA, Jan. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: If the ultimate authority over Omaha's charter rights lies, as you say, with the legislature, then let some influence be brought to bear upon the legislators that will open their eyes to the imperative need of larger appropriations for keeping Omaha's streets in a cleanly and healthful condition.

PURGENT PLEASANTRIES. "Charlie's perfectly wild over his new motor car," remarked a man to a friend. "Wild over it?" responded the latter. "You should see and hear him when he's under it!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

Waiter (in cheap restaurant)—"Scrambled eggs is 15 cents and omelet is 20 cents." "Great—What is the difference?" "Waiter (staring)—"Five cents."—Boston Globe.

"Won't you try a piece of my wife's angel cake?" "Will it make an angel of me?" "That depends upon the kind of life you have led."—Houston Post.

Manager—I wish we could apply to dead-heads the principle of trolley cars. "Friend—What is that?" "Manager—Pay as you enter.—Baltimore American.

Thomas—Dad, when is the freedom of the city given to a man? "Dad—When his wife goes to the country for the summer."—Harper's Bazar.

"Do you consider these articles humorous?" asked the editor, severely. "No, sir," replied Mrs. Knowlton. "Everybody I have read them to says they can't be taken seriously."—Washington Star.

GUESS AGAIN. Some people think because the air is frigid, and all outdoors is cold as Greenland's ice, that poets, too, are frost-bound, but the fact is that poets are with poets very dry.

If people think because the world is frosty, we poets all must straightway cease to gush. "They've got one guess a-comin', for the Jack Frost has not the power to make a poet hush."

The woods are strangely silent, But, oh, my heart's a-throbbing! For somewhere way, way off, I vow, I almost heard a robin.

The trees are bare, and peevishly The leaf-lorn branches fret; But, surely, oh, somewhere, I know, I smelled a violet.

The little brook obedient, Still holds its tongue—but say— I almost heard a bubble Beneath the ice today.

The earth is cold and frosty, But the blue sky is serene, And on a sun-soaked bank I saw A gentle hint of green.

And one cold evening I saw, Beyond the western hills, Some yellow that I know we'll find E'er long in daffodils.

I went out for a hike today, For I'm a reckless rover, And in a sheltered spot I saw What's gone to be some clover.

And altho' it is midwinter, My mouth doubts this if you please— But I've heard of people herabouts Gettin' stung by bumblebees.

And, oh, you folks who think a poet's life Can't hint of spring because of frosty panes, You're on the wrong car—board an ocean steamer For foreign parts—go tell that to the Danes.

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