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The surest way to abate the speed nuisance is to slacken the speed.

To the auto speeder: When tempted to speed up, don't.

The bloodhounds trailing the dynamites furnished good publicity to the Dog show, anyway.

Do not let the weather man fool you into trading your overcoat for a pawn ticket prematurely.

Legislators in several states are demanding bigger salaries. As a rule few of them earn what they get.

President Diaz seems to have all plans. Yes, and he had better watch them, lest they "gang aft aglee."

"Mr. Mellen Speaks His Mind."—Headline. So thoughtful of Charlie not to speak another man's mind.

Are those "Seven Sisters" in the stage play the ones who used to be distinguished for their long hair?

Only 230,000,000 tons of coal were mined in Pennsylvania last year. No wonder prices could not come down.

President Diaz seems to have almost as hard a time to get a cabinet to suit all the people as President Taft.

Champ Clark's idea of being speaker seems to be that a man must talk all the time, without saying much.

Governor Aldrich may put the new Nebraska stock yards law down to his personal credit. He did it with his little veto pen.

We fear the Russian premier, M. Stolypin, has placed himself down in Joe Bailey's class by resigning and then taking it back.

Yellow Journalists define news as "Whatever the people want to read." Sure, even if it has to be dug out of a grave or a cesspool.

There is a deplorable tendency on the part of some humorists to make the president's official bodyguard the butt of their jokes.

Mr. Mumm and Miss Still recently were married in Kansas City. One time when the society editor's "quietly married" platitude really applied.

Hovered over by a war cloud and confronted by an extra session, a president is indeed in an enviable position when he can forget it all on the golf field.

Senator Cullom is said to have a severe cold. The atmosphere around him has proved a complete success. Then helped save Lorimer his seat in the senate.

One of the public champions of the late John Brown declares he was not a "midnight assassin" or a "thief," nor yet a "martyr." Oh, very well, let it go at that.

Democratic lawmakers in Nebraska always renew their faith in the principle of nonpartisanism by going into caucus to make sure of whipping them all into line.

The postmaster general declares his forty-eight experimental savings banks have proved a complete success. Then there need be no hesitation about increasing the number.

The Illinois state senator who introduced the "stork" bill and was so violently opposed to the woman suffrage measure finally voted for the latter. Must have reached a working agreement as between woman suffrage and anti-race suicide.

With a robbery of the Los Angeles Limited near Omaha, the dynamiting of the new \$1,000,000 court house, bank robbery at Hudson, Kan., and train robbery at Coffeyville, all simultaneous, a fairly good night for the Bad Man is recorded.

Two Viewpoints.

At all times people regard established institutions from two viewpoints. One class, disgusted with patent defects and abuses, is led without too great inquiry to take up on faith with nearly every reform or innovation offered as a panacea. They proceed on the theory that conditions are so bad that they cannot be worse, and that any change must be a change for the better.

On the other side may be found that group of people who always want to cling to what they have, and who, while admitting present shortcomings, are sure efforts at improvement are certain to fail. The favorite motto is, "Let well enough alone," and they make no exceptions to it. Answering the constant interrogation of Hamlet, they prefer to bear the ills they know rather than to fly to others they know not of. They fear that if they try to help push the wheels of progress they may become entangled in them and be run down.

These two forces are constantly at work, the one to preserve, and the other to transform. The advances actually made by our social and political institutions are usually compromises between them, and these compromises denote the difference between evolution, which is orderly growth and development, and revolution, which makes destruction the first step in reconstruction.

Corporation Tax and Income Tax.

The decision of the supreme court upholding the constitutionality of the corporation income tax is bound to exert an influence on the pending income tax amendment, and the levy of an income tax under it by congress if it shall be ratified. The Springfield Republican argues sagely that the corporation tax decision has practically made the income tax amendment superfluous for the reason that applying the same logic would uphold a federal tax on incomes if levied by congress under the name of an excise tax. It refers back to the income tax law of 1894 and the decision of the supreme court nullifying it as a direct tax not apportioned to population, and asks us to suppose that congress should enact a law applying to the same persons and should call the tax an excise on the faculty or economic ability of such persons as measured by their income, in which case by analogy the court should hold that it would not be a tax on income or property; that it would not be a tax on persons; that, therefore, it would not be a direct tax at all within the constitutional term, but would be a duty or excise on individual faculty or ability to pay, with the income merely the measure of the tax.

This argument is quite plausible, but so long as the income tax amendment may readily be ratified sooner than a law could be passed and tested out in court the amendment offers the quickest and easiest way to reach the goal. The corporation income tax, it seems to us, must operate as a stimulus toward a general income tax, because no sound reason has been advanced why incomes from holdings of corporation stock should pay a percentage into the national treasury, and incomes from other sources go entirely untaxed. As the law now stands we have as favored classes the men who conduct their business individually instead of through a corporation, those who receive interest on bonds instead of dividends on stock, and the recipients of fees for professional services, all of whom should be under the same obligation to contribute ratably to the support of the government with those whose incomes are subject to the corporation income tax. While economic distinctions may properly be made between incomes from permanent investments and from temporary sources or professional earnings, the only gradations that might be justified on this ground would be in the rate rather than in complete exemption. For these reasons the expectation prevails that the corporation tax decision will hasten the advent of the income tax.

Motorcycles and Missions.

The celerity of modern industrialism has its spiritual side. Commerce and trade are not alone advanced by the acceleration of present-day methods and machinery. The chug-chug of the automobile and motorcycle speeds business to greater bounds, but it also gives wings to mercy and shortens the distance to asylums of refuge for the injured and needy. Like most other modern inventions that have contributed so much to the high tension and velocity of the day, the motor has its mission in the great scheme of ethical evangelization. Over in some of the remote recesses of the orient—Japan, China and Korea—the motorcycle is performing a great service for the missionary. It is carrying the gospel into dark places and multiplying the powers and possibilities of the man. Some two years ago a prominent missionary from China came back to the United States and on his return to his field was presented by friends with a large motorcycle. He said it would enable him to widen his field of service, to annihilate distance. One of the religious journals of the week prints a letter from a missionary in Japan, discussing the difficulties of reaching outlying villages and country. He says: "I think he has solved the problem of method. He has secured a motorcycle with a sledge. He and one worker with tracts and Bibles chug, chug, chug into a village and soon have the whole population around. Tracts are distributed, talks made and Bibles sold. Thus, he says, they are enabled to cover large areas of ground in a day, and he makes an appeal for more motorcycles. It may be that, aside from

the help they are to the missionary in covering his field, these great machines carry their own impression of supremacy to the benighted oriental. Possibly the mystery and mastery of their aid in opening his vision to the very truth the missionaries are attempting to teach him—the truth of the supremacy of the gospel. He may learn to associate in his mind the message and message-bearer as products of the same land, a land that has given allegiance to the religion he is offered. It is a contracted view that cannot discover the kernel of ethics in the modern march of progress.

Crisis in Mexico.

The resignation of the Diaz cabinet cannot fail to give the impression of a vital concession to the sentiment of discontent in Mexico. It seems that the government has been forced to do what it might voluntarily have done some months ago with far better results. Perhaps if President Diaz had sooner arranged his cabinet, supplanting the older men who had become objectionable because of their inactivity by younger men, he might have stopped further hostilities, but it is not certain that belated action alone will now have that effect. The insurgents are represented as demanding the resignation of President Diaz as the condition of their submission. Possibly they may be persuaded to some form of compromise, on that crucial point, but even then they would be requiring, and Diaz would be granting, more than the original demands. It is impossible, especially at long distance, to judge the outcome in Mexico. One thing determined by the events of the last week is that radical changes are sure to come about. Whether they can be accomplished without greater conflict is the question. Every demand of civil government calls for settlement and readjustment, but the demands of civil government do not seem to be uppermost in the minds of some impassioned Mexicans just now. While the insurgents leaders may be anxious for peace, their anxiety, apparently, carries with it the stipulation that it be such a peace as promises their complete triumph. But at all events President Diaz is displaying more mildness toward the rebels than he would naturally have been expected to do.

Senator Limantour still stands as the conspicuous figure of the hour. He is the one identified with the old regime who seems able to command the confidence of the opposition, and for that reason it would be a misfortune for him to remove himself from a position of official influence. Early reports of his mission abroad and his return to Mexico by way of the United States now appear to be fully confirmed. That he came here to get from Senator Madero in New York the best terms of peace his followers had to offer and present them to Diaz and urge conciliation is scarcely to be questioned in the light of what has since occurred.

Hitting the Bull's-Eye.

He excels as the master of simple English, which without any false motions of pretense, finds the bull's eye. This is taken from a criticism in a book review. The author referred to that is happy faculty of saying the thing that needs saying in the most direct, incisive way. He is like the man at the shooting gallery who avoids the fancy flourishes with his gun, takes direct aim and hits the center of the target. He wins the prize money. So the bull's-eye writer impresses the reader forcefully. That is his reward. People who can do things this way are often called geniuses. As a rule, however, they have worked hard for their excellence. They have come by it not in some mysterious way, not by some fancied occult power, but by simple, straightforward and persistent application. Application counts for far more than genius, anyway. Webster defines genius in this relation as "Special taste, inclination, disposition; distinguished mental superiority." There are people who seem to fit into such a definition. As a rule, though, the so-called genius is the hardest kind of a student, whether it be art, science or commerce at which he works. Allowing for degrees of mental caliber, many people of apparent mediocrity could, if they would but apply themselves diligently enough, get into the genius class. That seems perfectly reasonable by supposing the man of "special taste, inclination or disposition" to be indolent and negligent of his natural powers. Such so-called genius uncultivated cannot compare with average talents assiduously applied.

Political Saturation.

So here we are with the primary only four days away, and nobody getting excited and no crowds standing around on the street corners and swinging their arms after the fashion of 1893. It is presumed, however, that they all know how they are going to vote and will be on hand at the primary on Tuesday.—Lincoln Journal. Physics teaches that a porous substance will take up a fluid by saturation until a certain limit is reached, when additional libations will be thrown off. A similar condition may be developed in the body politic, and this may be the explanation of the peculiar phenomenon here described. Man has been dominated a political animal ever since the days of Aristotle, but no doubt a community may be saturated with politics to the point of saturation and refuse to absorb more. Political contention is unquestionably a good thing, and a leaven against stagnation, but like other good things, may be overdone. When a community becomes so immersed in politics that it

shows signs only of indifference and apathy it must need an antidote, and usually gets it in the natural course of events.

Will They Look Ahead?

We wonder if our lawmakers now in session at Lincoln can bring themselves to look ahead twenty-five to fifty years. That is what they have to do to deal intelligently with the biggest question that is before them—that of laying the foundations now for the University of Nebraska of the future by providing for its transfer from its present compressed quarters to what is known as the farm campus further out in the suburbs.

No one who can even faintly picture our state university even twenty-five years hence, with its faculty and students many times multiplied and its varied fields of activity largely extended, can imagine it hemmed in between railroad tracks on the lowlands it now occupies. The vision of the future university rising majestically on a slightly campus overlooking the capital city, with artistically grouped buildings properly constructed for their purpose without overcrowding, must appeal to the broader conception of what the state owes to coming generations as its duty in higher education. Those charged with responsibility for older colleges and universities have learned this lesson, some of them at colossal cost. Our legislature will have to show whether the elements of far-seeing statesmanship are in preponderance or whether short-sighted log-rolling appropriation grabbers occupy the saddle.

The same question, although in different form, is involved in the matter of the medical school. It is agreed that medical instruction must be given where clinical material is available, and that the only point in Nebraska adequately equipped with hospital facilities is Omaha. The small-bore disposition would force the university to withdraw from the field of medical instruction while the bigger minds that look ahead see the necessity of the state doing its share in training a corps of doctors, surgeons and sanitary experts to conserve the health and life of the people whose brains and brawn will make our state great and prosperous in the years to come.

Toronto and the Harem Skirt.

The score is still against the harem skirt, and it continues to look as if the game will go the same way, but that fantastic creation has made at least one safe hit. And, strange to say, it was made in the most unexpected place, sort of a pinch hit, as it were. A Toronto woman attired in one of these skirts appeared recently on the streets without being either mobbed or jeered. In fact, she was not molested in any way. People even failed to pay any special attention to her. They might, of course, have been too thoroughly disgusted. For Toronto is a conservative, sedate old city, a city of great civic pride and moral taste. It is quite possible that it felt far more than it manifested on this occasion.

Lid on Immunity Baths.

Public gratitude is due Judge Carpenter of Chicago for pulling the plug out of the immunity bath.

Peril in Late Hours.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: It is stated that President Diaz frequently works till after midnight. If he's so to bed at a decent time and get up early in the morning maybe he wouldn't be having so much trouble.

Leve of the Millennium.

Baltimore American. What would not be done toward bringing the peoples of the earth together in common effort for common good if the yearly expenditure for war purposes could be applied instead in promoting the arts and sciences, and in the promotion of peace? It would end the traffic of the Jingo. It would hurry forward the day of the millennium.

Yellow Peril on Horseback.

Louisville Courier-Journal. Speaking in Maine against the degenerating rum devil, Richmond Pearson Hobson cried: "Let this generation be sapped and in the second generation we shall hear the hoof of the yellow man's horse and the nation will perish." So the yellow peril is coming on horseback, is it? Instead of the "hoof of the yellow man's horse," why not the hoarse honk of his automobile?

Jobs for Lame Ducks.

Philadelphia Bulletin. As a result of the clamor of the last few years for inquiry into this, that and the other, congress has authorized the appointment of bodies of men to dig, delve and report. All of this is expensive. Moreover, after hiring experts to do their digging for it, congress often neglects their findings entirely and proceeds to legislate on its own hook. There are too many commissions and they cost too much for the little they really do.

The Deed and the Penalty.

Denver Republican. American young men who may be thinking of joining the Mexican insurgents would do well to consider that should they fall into the hands of the Mexican government, they would have no claim to protection from the United States. This country will protect its law-abiding citizens in foreign lands; but it will let those hang who deliberately thrust their own necks into the halter.

The Congressional Pie Counter.

New York Tribune. There are many members of the house of representatives who profess a belief in the merit system of appointments and vote consistently to support that system as it is now applied in the federal civil service. But when it comes to the employees of the house merit and tenure on good behavior become "barren idealities." The incoming democratic majority will make "a clean sweep" of the 600 places on the house payroll. The "snobs" system has not been exterminated in the legislative department, whatever aid that department has given to exterminating it in other fields of governmental activity.

Toll of Life in Coal Mines.

Philadelphia Record. It cost the lives of 1135 men to mine 22,948,070 tons of coal in Pennsylvania last year, according to the annual report of the chief of the State Department of Mines just issued. In proportion to the number of men employed and the amount of coal mined the work in the hard coal mines was more hazardous. The anthracite production was 83,390,294 tons; persons employed 167,827; killed, 338. The bituminous output was 148,696,776 tons; persons employed, 327,111; killed, 827. These figures make it evident that there is either a carelessness or a recklessness of supervision upon the part of the mining corporations that needs immediate remedy.

and their preaching was not the sort that won the approbation of the Great Preacher. But the New York minister protests that it is not vain show, but the opportunity for greater service that moves him. He feels, consequently, that his efforts are "wasted" in New York. What a pity. As if the efforts of any man who sought to do good in any form or any function of righteous effort could be wasted in a city of nearly 5,000,000 population.

The Moody's, the Beechers and the Talmages have not had to complain for larger auditoriums that their greater powers might have free course to run and be glorified. Pulpit power fixes its own limitations. No four walls are strong enough to compress and control its fermentation. If it is greater than they are it will expand in spite of them and find its own outlet. But "the boast of heraldry, the pomp of power," is not the safe gauge of this influence. Dr. Aked came to America, apparently, with mistaken ideas of his relation to the needs of the community he was to serve and the possibilities of his service. This is a land where it is hard to hide lights under a bushel, and generally the man who feels that his is hid there, is blaming on the bushel a defect in his own luminosity.

Our legislative redistricters do not like to give Douglas county the representation it is entitled according to the census because it would constitute one-seventh of the membership of each house. But if Douglas county has one-seventh of the population and one-seventh of the vote, why should it not have a one-seventh voice in law-making? Let the people rule.

It transpires that the political promoters who pulled off that Bryan birthday banquet took the precaution to have all the speeches caught stenographically so they could be embalmed and preserved for future reference. Some of those who were there, however, would prefer to forget it.

Another reason for praying that we may be delivered from war is the prospect that all the aspirants for presidential nominations might want to go to the front as colonels as they did in the war with Spain.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Houston Post: A minister is running for mayor of Dallas, but we believe there are easier and less expensive ways than that to lose one's religion.

Cleveland Leader: A church about to be disbanded in New York has a membership worth about \$750,000,000. The task of getting that treasure laid up in heaven seems to be a difficult one.

Brooklyn Eagle: A Methodist bishop in Boston wants the undraped art of the Boston Museum used in street parades. He probably regards it as a stumbling block where it is. Clothed with mud as with a garment, it would suit him better.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Boston clergymen are protesting against an appropriation for the art museums because there are undraped statues therein. Bad logic. Who needs an appropriation as much as ladies without a thing to wear?

Philadelphia Bulletin: The Women's Union Missionary Society of America for Heather Laidlaw has decided to eliminate all reference to heathens from its comparisons are apt to be undecidable. Heathendom and Christendom alike are without geographical limitations.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Dr. Aked, Rockefeller's retiring pastor, declared in a sermon Sunday that the biblical story of the flood was a myth. Since Rockefeller is an orthodox believer it is no wonder he declined to pour any more oil of endowment on the troubled waters of Dr. Aked's heterodoxy.

THE MESSAGE FROM LINCOLN

Significance of the Output of Oratory at the Birthday Dinner.

New York Sun. Ingratitude is one of the mean vices, and the Hon. John W. Kern is therefore to be commended for praising Mr. Bryan to his face at the dinner in Lincoln on Monday night to celebrate the fifty-first birthday of Mr. Kern's benefactor. It seems only yesterday that Mr. Bryan was 36 and the youngest of the presidential candidates, a slender but stalwart man who traveled light and would rather be orator than president. About that time he consecrated himself to defeat and the education of the republican party in radical principles. We have Mr. Bryan's word for this, for he declares that it has perpetuated itself in power by stealing most of his issues, and the presidency he never really coveted.

Mr. Bryan has always been satisfied to be a moral influence, feeling in every fibre the call of the pulpit. Yet his friends persist in attributing political influence to him in spite of three defeats that ought to stare them out of countenance. In his eulogy the loyal Kern said: "The future of W. J. Bryan is secure." Everybody knows that. Probably the speaker intended to say that the fame of W. J. Bryan as a lecturer is secure. Mr. Kern went on to say: "Whether he shall ever again be called on to lead the democratic hosts is a question of little moment to him, for by reason of his achievements in behalf of the people he has so endeared himself to the great rank and file of the American democracy that wherever Bryan sits in the democratic councils of the future, there will be the head of the table."

It is a question of a great deal of moment to the democratic party, but Mr. Bryan's seat, judging from the rude behavior of the democratic party in Nebraska and Ohio, is nearer the foot than the head of the table. A delicate tactful honest John showed when he exclaimed:

People and Events

The groundhog scored all right without bunting his hits.

The Georgia peach crop has been destroyed early enough in the season to insure a bumper crop at the right time.

There is no accounting for the verdicts of juries. Running down and killing a man with an automobile drew a fine of \$500 from a St. Louis jury.

A nifty promoter who entered the National City bank of New York, and demanded \$100,000, was promptly turned down. He wasn't properly introduced.

The comptroller of the National treasury is not an expert melon cutter, but he managed to plug an override one when he squeezed an express bill of \$32 down to \$10.

Minneapolis is putting out a line of booster dope surpassing the best of St. Paul's epistles. The flirtatious capers of Miss Minnie make increasingly difficult the task of keeping St. Paul's hats on straight.

In the regular course of business considerable brass was removed from the national capital when the "lame ducks" flocked homeward. Name plates of retired congressmen were removed from committee room doors, and others, bearing new names, will take their place.

Miss Tetrazzini, the favorite singer of San Francisco, says "California has sunshine in its valleys, music in its streets, laughter in its life." Truly a handsome compliment. The madame can have whatever she wants any old time by banging her sign on the California box office.

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