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Afraid the May Queen got her toes nipped a bit.

That Mexican Amazon ought to equip her regiment with hampins.

This "referred-to-a-committee" form of city government probably will not last always.

Mexico ought to be a great place for those simplified spelling reformers to get busy.

Have the people of Tacoma stopped long enough recalling mayors to kill that first fly?

The city council may as well vary the program by trying a wrestling match this time.

No confidence will be violated in figuring Tom Taggart for Kern for the 1912 race track.

The Queen of the May made an egregious mistake if she neglected to bring her furs with her.

That St. Louis ball team owned by a woman is lost in the race. It is a very ungallant set of men.

Suffragists in California have taken to the harem skirts. Bound to have the form, if not the fact.

Now that there is a woman in the case, this Mexican revolution begins to look more like a modern war.

It would have been all too one-sided if they had let J. Ham in on that whiskers-bald head debate at Washington.

Mr. Bryan assures inquirers that when the times come for naming his choice for president, "I will speak out." You bet.

Shame on a white-whiskered old scamp like Father Winter, obtruding himself on a sweet young miss like the Queen of the May!

It must be a great consolation for our latest auto victim to know that the machine that did the damage was not one of those owned by the city.

Now that they are to get \$3 a day instead of \$2 a day, the incentive for the grand jurors to bury up and get through should not be so pressing.

The poor Treasury department at Washington finds itself burdened with a certain \$300,000 past due interest it cannot give away. Oh, yes it can. Where there is a will, there is a way.

If Omaha wants to give away franchises for the sake of it will find plenty of applicants full of plausible promises and willing to take a chance on cashing them in on the stock market.

The New York American says congress is worrying Wall street. Why not? The Texas legislature has been known to do as much—Houston Post.

Was that when it appeared as if it might not re-elect Joe Bailey to the senate?

The negro in the United States who is tempted to complain of his lot might better appreciate his surroundings by looking into the situation of the 200 negroes who migrated to Canada in quest of their Utopia.

Congressman Lobeck is booming Champ Clark for president. Of course, the speaker has been completely shorn of his power to favor members, but our wily congressman thinks he is worth while cultivating; just the same.

If Senator Brown chooses to stand with Taft against a genuine progressive for president, then it will be time enough to throw him down and support a man for senator who stands squarely for real progressives all along the line—Blair Pilot.

The Pilot man is a trifle hard to follow. Senator Brown has already publicly announced himself for Taft against all comers, but perhaps the Pilot man does not place much confidence in the honorable senator's word.

Chilly May Days.

May day, 1911, proves not much unlike May day. The chilly weather this year, coming after a period of beautiful days and helpful spring rains, was by no means unprecedented. May in this valley often loses its sweet tranquility long enough to show us a very ugly disposition. In 1907 the month was more than half gone before it began to justify the happy illusion of its name. On May 1, we had a temperature ranging from 37 to 55 and on May 2, from 41 to 56, while May 3, the temperature went lower and two inches of snow fell here, four inches at Lincoln and more at other points in Nebraska and Kansas. The cold snap was widespread; snow fell again May 4, and the weather continued cool up to the 15th, when another snow fell and in Omaha the temperature ranged from 34 to 51, though at North Platte it was as low as 22.

Yesterday when people awoke on the first May morning and found snow flurries had fallen during the night and the atmosphere was decidedly sharp, many of them naturally jumped to the conclusion that it meant the doom of fruit, but that is not certain, if the experts are dependable. In fact, the fruit has got along so well thus far, the spring has been so much more favorable than usual, that the buds should be able to withstand the rigors of inclement weather. While this cold snap is extensive and more severe at other points carrying possibility of much damage, results may not be serious, at least in this immediate vicinity. Thus far orchardists have found little damage done to fruit, which is in much better condition to escape the frost blight than it was four years ago.

The Kern Boomlet.

And now Mr. Bryan has shoved his friend, Senator Kern, out into the water again and that, too, while the temperature is still very chilly. He has decided to put him in the presidential free-for-all swimming match, though Mr. Bryan takes very good pains to see that he himself does not get in at this prematurely early season, even though Wilson, Harmon and Clark have jumped in. Evidently the Peerless Leader believes in numbers and variety as the spice of life and presidential contests. He may run the number up twice its present size before the real jockeying starts. That will tend to bring out the "favorite-son" vote to its maximum and pave the way to some very profitable scoring when they get down to business at the last heat. Mr. Bryan is something of a David Harum when it comes to making good nomination dickens, though he has not sustained the reputation of David all the way through.

But Mr. Kern has a very fine growth of whiskers. In fact he had been selected, with Uncle Joe Cannon, to lead the whiskers side of the great debate against the bald-heads at Washington, so that his enforced entry into the other race injects into it the spice of variety. Governor Wilson, Speaker Clark and Mr. Bryan are all clean-shaven, and Governor Harmon has only a mustache, though equally bald with the best of them. Mr. Kern announces his inability to carry out his part in the debate, but we observe no such disposition on his part toward this other little controversy. Undoubtedly he will be there at the summing-up with his friend Harmon, to match his good old Indiana whiskers against the Ohioan's slick pate and the smooth faces of the other contestants.

Perhaps Mr. Kern's strength, like that of Samson of old, dwells in the jungles of his beard and, knowing this, Mr. Bryan does not propose that this power shall be dissipated in an inconsequential contest now, but reserved to be used as he sees fit in that later competition, fraught with such meaning to him.

China's Predicament.

Pressed from within and without by political and economical distress, China seems to be in the midst of its busy trouble season. Scarcely had the frontier famine reached its climax than along came the threat of war from Russia and that menace was but lately removed when now occurs the civil uprising at Canton, which has already attained serious proportions. Unless there is a decided change soon China's predicament may get beyond its immediate control.

Evidently something is radically wrong in China, which the empire, itself, could and should correct. Even in the Russo-Chinese controversy, it became apparent that all the blame did not rest upon Russia. But China's irritating evasion and procrastination in diplomacy was characteristically manifest in this case. Just what causes that have provoked the present revolt against the royal army seems obscured at this distance. The reports say the uprising sprang from an anti-Manchu sentiment brought to Canton from Macao and Hongkong, but before that there seems to have been some very deep-seated grievances among the troops. Apparently these were surcharged with the element of danger, for as soon as touched off by the anti-Manchu sentiment the explosion came and came, too, with fatal consequences, for the taotal of Canton lost his life immediately, the yamen was burned and other destruction wrought.

What aggravates the problem at Canton is, evidently, a distrust of the empire's troops. Both Britain and the United States have considered the situation serious enough to send warships to the scene as a measure of protection to their respective citizens.

It devolves upon the men of influence in China to take hold and if they know the secret of this disturbance, they owe it to their country and themselves to apply the remedy without delay.

Increasing Trade Abroad.

The American consul at Frankfurt, Germany reports a steady increase in the volume of American-made goods handled in that city since 1903. Eight years ago, he says, very few of our wares were to be seen on display there, but now they are common. This is gratifying, for the country has been bearing a great deal from these consuls as to the lack of American enterprise and trade in many of the important old world centers. It was to stimulate our business abroad that the government, acting upon the advice of its consuls, organized them into a sort of commercial missionary society to return home at intervals and go among the manufacturers and merchants preaching the needs to be fulfilled and ways to do it.

But this Frankfurt consul has a word to add, which modifies his good report. He finds trade conditions far from satisfactory. While much good has been accomplished by means of the scheme of having American travelers inquire at the shops for American-made goods, greater results are lacking because American tradesmen do not send and maintain their special agents in Frankfurt and other important European cities. It stands to reason that if our commercial representatives resided there, as do the representatives of other countries, our trade would show the effect very soon. When, for instance, a Frankfurt merchant wishes to place an order he is likely to place it with the representative on the ground, instead of taking all the risk of cabling it to a house over the ocean, which does not think enough of his patronage to cultivate it. In this way we are losing trade in all big cities, so our consuls report.

A Moderate Swallow.

As there are fully 1,000 islands in the Philippines, Archipelago the moderation of the Dutch is amazing.

Superfluous Politicians.

It was polite of France to notify the United States, as one of the signatories of the Algerian agreement, that it was about to interfere in a military order in Morocco, but it was superfluous. If France should intervene Morocco out of existence our government would not care so long as our commercial interests were not injured.

Roosevelt is Out of It.

Mr. Roosevelt has announced as positively as it is possible for a man in his position to announce that he will not be a candidate for the presidency next year. It is only fair to say that this assurance should be accepted by the country, no matter how often the canard of his candidacy may be revived. He says he wants to be let alone and his wish should be respected.

Provocation for a Spanking.

Algerian pirates made the mistake of preying on American vessels and everybody knows what happened to them. These pirates are now almost as much of a nuisance and their descent on the wrecked Asia on Finger Rock furnishes sufficient provocation. Decatur and Bainbridge will still be found in sufficient number in the American navy, if Washington only says the word.

WHAT MONEY CANNOT BUY.

Spirit and Spontaneity the Essence of a National Song.

When the school teachers of Chicago propose to collect a cent from every child of school age, to raise \$3,000 as a prize for a "national song," one wonders what kind of education these children are receiving in other respects. If there is one thing which our haphazard civilization should have taught us more clearly than another, it is that the things worth having are precisely those which money cannot buy.

Could all the wealth of Wall Street buy the Austrian national anthem? Have we been obliged to steal the music and even the words of our national songs from other people? And yet the school teachers of Chicago have failed to learn that all our wealth has not been sufficient to buy the thing which their children are taught to believe, is within the reach of a few pence.

When shall we get people to realize that some things are spontaneous, and cannot be bought with gold or stimulated by legislation? Songs are born in the heart, and not in the breeches-pocket. People are good for reasons beyond the reach of legislation; and neither the law-maker nor the money-maker know a reason for a man's worth of the sorrows they endure or of the happiness they enjoy. The greatest works of all time have been done for love and not for money. Plenty of us spend as much for a dinner for a few friends as Milton received for "Paradise Lost," and do not think we are very extravagant, either.

Can Logrolling Be Stopped?

Can logrolling be stopped? Enactment in Wisconsin of a law which has gone to the governor aiming to put an end to this admittedly serious evil will probably help us to the answer, for if this Wisconsin law fails to accomplish the object it will be hard to devise a measure that will.

What Wisconsin proposes to do is to make logrolling a felony by prohibiting any member of the legislature to agree to vote for or against any bill in consideration of some other member agreeing to vote for or against any other bill. It goes further by also prohibiting a member of the legislature to agree to vote for or against a bill in consideration that the governor vetoes or signs any bill or appoints or removes anyone from public office. The penalty for persisting in logrolling or vote trading in violation of the law is a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding three years.

It is easily conceivable that with such a law in force a revolution would ensue in all our legislative bodies, for mighty few measures are written on the statute books except through the agency of vote swapping. No member of a legislature in his right mind would under ordinary circumstances deliberately swap himself into the penitentiary in order to swap a bill through. Unfortunately, it takes two to make a trade, and if both are equally guilty, neither will be likely to furnish the evidence to convict the other. If Wisconsin, therefore, makes headway in stopping logrolling it may expect its example to be quickly followed in other states.

The Lincoln Journal uses sharp words to denounce certain other Lincoln newspapers for holding up to public view for campaign purposes Lincoln's various faults and follies to which its people would rather keep

Army Gossip

Matters of Interest on and Back of the Fighting Line Cleared from the Army and Navy Register

An unaccountable typographical error occurred in the paragraph—No. 100—of the new edition of Army Regulations, which has just appeared from the War department, respecting the allowance per month of wood for each foot of direct radiating service from the September 1 to April 30, "when buildings, except officers' and non-commissioned officers' quarters, for which fuel is furnished by the quartermaster's department, are heated by steam by separate plants." The paragraph as it appeared gave this allowance as one-fourth cord of wood. In the original proof, as it was approved by the military authorities, the allowance was stated, as it should be, as 1-10th cord of wood. The error was obvious on its face to any one perusing the paragraph, but it is necessary to make the correction from the War department, and this will be done by means of a general order.

The president still has under consideration the report of the army retreating board in the case of Major A. S. Bickham of the quartermaster's department. It has been found that his disabilities are not incident to service. The report is that this officer is incapacitated for duty, and this is accompanied by the comment of the Judge Advocate General and the chief of staff. Under the various precedents of record in the War department, an officer thus incapacitated may either be retired with three-quarters of his pay or wholly retired with one year's pay. It is urged in behalf of Major Bickham that he passed his examination for promotion to the grade of major just before he was ordered before the retiring board. It is claimed, therefore, that his qualification for advancement should make it impossible, under the circumstances, to determine that he is incapacitated for active service. The case has attracted much attention because of the time taken by the retiring board in reaching its conclusions.

The haversack ration, which has been tentatively adopted for the use of the army, and the new emergency ration, have been sent in quantities to the so-called maneuver division in Texas and have been elsewhere issued wherever requested for troops which are going on practice marches. It is not intended, in either instance, to have a test of the ration, for the purpose of its trial under service conditions in the field has long ago expired. There are some things about the haversack ration which may be changed, notably in the matter of the envelope of some of the articles, and perhaps in the form of certain of the component articles. The emergency ration is justified in assuming that he is in the field has long ago expired. There are some things about the haversack ration which may be changed, notably in the matter of the envelope of some of the articles, and perhaps in the form of certain of the component articles. The emergency ration is justified in assuming that he is in the field has long ago expired.

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EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS. CHEERY CHAFF. Washington Post: Now that the chaplain's prayers are being printed in the Record, our missionary societies might find it convenient to frank 'em to the heathen. Denver Republican: That American who paid \$50.00 for a Guttenberg Bible would probably just as soon read the kind that the Bible society puts in the hotels for nothing. Kansas City Star: Mr. Tilden, the Chicago packer, has been released on a writ of habeas corpus. The fourteenth amendment, you will remember, specifically provides that millionaire packers need not testify in boodle investigations. Louisville Courier-Journal: Hitchcock has wiped out the Postoffice department deficit, and if he could only cut out the "free dough" in the circulation of speeches supposed to have been delivered in congress, Uncle Sam would be making money hand over fist. Indianapolis News: Whatever the Bostoners congress may decide as to the best method of making bad boys good, there are some eminently respectable men who recall that the way used by their mothers was highly effective, albeit somewhat painful in its application. Minneapolis Journal: Minister Boutell, formerly a congressman from Chicago, went to Portugal to get far, far away from the initiative, referendum and recall, and then the president transferred him to Switzerland, where these children were born and brought up. Maybe this is Mr. Taft's idea of a joke. MANUFACTURING A DOUBT. The Federal Supreme Court and the Trust Cases. New York World. Business that pretends to halt because the supreme court of the United States delays its decision in the trust cases is not impotent. If it did not have this excuse it would present another. The anti-trust law has been passed upon by the courts time and again. It has never been weakened in any respect. There has been no disposition, so far as the judiciary is concerned, to read into it any meaning other than that which its plain words convey. The supreme court has affirmed its constitutionality and accepted its well-known intent. In one case it surprised some people by defining the difference between production and commerce, but it has never given a hint that it would not on all occasions apply the penalties to every offense which it enumerates. We do not presume to anticipate the judgment of the court, but we are sure that reputable business men and good lawyers will agree with us when we remark that Wall street, the trusts and all other interests that thrive on monopoly and lawlessness are even now perfectly well satisfied that they have nothing to hope for in this matter except as they shall obey the law.

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