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When in doubt, blame it on Rosewater.

Another new \$20 counterfeit bill is out. Not in our roll.

The barbers are still agitating Sunday closing. Why don't they?

It is snowing near Duluth. Oh, you "zenith city of the unalutted seas!"

Well, in thinking so much about the coronation we had almost forgotten G. Bernard Shaw.

"Our laws are made by the ignorant," bewails Chancellor Day. Ah, there, you congress.

As fast as Ty Cobb is, he has nothing on the slowest water motor when it comes to beating out a butner.

"Why do not the troops leave Texas?" is asked. Probably because they haven't the physical strength by now.

Still, it is a little premature to deliver Nebraska to any candidate for president, either republican or democrat.

A Philadelphia artist has been engaged to paint the coronation. Thought that had been pretty well done.

The dangerous holes in Carter lake are to be charted and marked as a warning to bathers. Better late than never.

Having shown us what a fine drum major he makes on dress parade, now let's see what a king George V can become.

How strange it is that Bailey's fine constitutional sense generally leads him out on the wrong side of every question.

A Philadelphia socialist gives the world a new view of his party, saying its purpose is not "to raise the devil" with established order.

While Silver Dick Bland mowed his hay, young Bryan captured the nomination. But Champ Clark goes right along sowing his seed.

My, but there must have been an awful graft in sight in that \$8,250,000 water bond issue, judging from the way the stock pig squeals.

Now that Governor Aldrich is back at the old stand, we may look for some fireworks from time to time in the vicinity of the state house.

Champ Clark says he will not run after the presidential nomination. Perhaps not, but he will certainly try to head it off if it comes his way.

Which high-priced lawyer is going to get the job of specially representing the city when the case is brought to test out the dollar gas ordinance?

Senator Cummins would not sign the letter petitioning Senator La Follette to run for president. Well, has La Follette signed one for Cummins?

The question is raised by a reader of the Public Ledger: "When are we nearest the sun?" When in Salina, Kan., where the mercury rises to 114.

The coronation was a success. Jack Johnson says it was the "greatest sight I ever saw." And Jack has beheld at least one other very great sight.

With Lillian Russell doing the Beatrice Fairfax act in the newspapers and Mme. Patti talking of going into vaudeville, what is our stage coming to, anyway?

If Sam Blythe were to go to Texas right now he probably would be ridden on a pole for his lambasting—that is, he is telling the plain truth about Bailey. But it would have to be a good, strong pole.

Press-Muzzling Legislation.

The so-called Grady bill before the New York legislature requiring that every editorial appearing in a newspaper shall be signed by its author is the climax of a succession of ridiculous press-muzzling measures, that have found their way into several state legislatures in late years.

Grady, a member of the senate, admits that he was prompted to introduce the bill by an editorial criticism of his official conduct.

The honest man in politics or elsewhere has nothing to fear from an untrammelled press. A free press is one of the rights and blessings of a free government and is needed more today than when the constitution was adopted.

So far as the plan contemplated in this New York bill is concerned, it would come nowhere near meeting the demand which its author has in mind. Nor is it a fair or just proposition.

He seeks to hold the individual writer responsible and to force a comparison between him and the object of his criticism. In the first place, it is the newspaper, the great organ of public expression, that speaks, not any individual.

The individual sinks his identity in the paper, not to escape responsibility, but because of the fact that the impersonal utterance is the more potentially influential. The best way for men in public office to escape unpleasant publicity is simply to be clean and upright in their official life.

Executive Interference.

Senator Cummins and other insurgents criticize President Taft for trying to influence the action of congress on Canadian reciprocity and other tariff legislation, declaring such a course unwarranted interference by the executive.

It seems to make all the difference in the world which side is favored by the executive interference, whether it is fair or not. If it was right for the president to interpose his influence two years ago, it is right for him to do the same thing today.

The Call of Duty.

When Senator O'Gorman of New York resigned his seat upon the supreme bench of the state and accepted one in the United States senate his friends lauded him for answering a call of duty that took him from a position paying \$17,500 a year to one paying only \$7,500.

Mr. Rockefeller Comes Back. John D. Rockefeller, at the age of 72, after ten years of retirement from active business, has come back to take a hand (and doubtless a ruling hand) in the reorganization of the Standard Oil company.

It is superfluous to add that "Mr. Rockefeller took an active part in the conference." No matter what new hands have taken up the lines of control he laid down ten years ago, none knows quite as well as the man who did it, just how the great, supposedly invincible oil trust was organized.

What Hit the Bonds. The Water Board claquers seem to be terribly distressed with their failure to put the \$5,250,000 water bond proposition over. As was predicted, they are now looking for excuses and making all sorts of wild and reckless charges, because the majorities against the bonds were polled in the lower wards.

Around New York

The finest exponent of fraternalism in theory and practice passes off the stage in the death of John H. Thiry at Long Island City. He was the father of the school savings bank system and also the father of five children born after he was 30.

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Beware of the Water.

A house of representatives committee has voted \$10,000 to entertain Admiral Togo of Japan when he comes here. If the doughty Jap suffers from Washington water he will have nobody to blame but himself.

Joe Needed the Sugar.

Joseph Smith, head of the Mormon church, is alleged to be in league with the sugar trust. Mr. Smith is the possessor of several families and can hardly be blamed for entering into almost any kind of a scheme for getting his sugar at reduced rates.

Back to Plain Living.

With the imports of champagne cut in half, the imports of diamonds materially reduced and an increase in the value of imported works of art during seven months of the fiscal year, we rather seem to be getting on a plain-living-and-high-thinking plane.

Uplift of the Safe and Sane.

All the signs are that the annual Fourth of July celebration will make the coronation seem like a fizzle. The sane Fourth people are rapidly capturing the United States and they are bound to justify their idea by the popular success of their style of celebrating.

An Undeniable Right.

The president's special message to congress against patent medicines bearing faked labels will not deprive a man with liver complaint from getting a strong dose put up in an official sanction that will do him just as much good. The constitutional right to dose is not to be denied.

Why Was It Out?

It is now pointed out that in Proctor Knott's Duluth speech, as printed in "The Congressional Record," the words "the zenith city of the unalutted seas" does not occur. That was what especially caught the public fancy in 1871 and Knott must have used it, though it somehow was dropped out later in the revised draft.

Postal Savings Record.

Some Facts Ignored by the Hasty Chicago Writers. Certain opponents of the postal savings bank assert that they see evidences of failure in the fact that during the first five months of operation, with forty-eight banks in operation, the deposits amounted to only \$300,000.

People Talked About

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Washington Times: It is to be observed that the decision by Secretary Fisher points out the need of new coal laws for Alaska. This is now the hope of the Guggenheims. Completely controlling transportation, and having claims plastered on practically the entire Behring river coal field, they expect yet to clinch their grip on the situation.

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Kansas City Times: Consider further the sorrows of Mr. Guggenheim. The head of the smelter trust and of the Alaska syndicate takes a doleful view of business—these things grieve him as going on a vacation trip to Europe.

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