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St. Louis Republic: While punching the arbitration treaties with fierce zeal, the most disingenuous of us about "the peace of righteousness." Has anyone forgotten his criticism of the Spanish war? The only trouble with it, he said, was that there wasn't enough to go around.

Chicago Record-Herald: Colonel Roosevelt when present had his troubles with the senate. He knows what his pretensions are and how much he has to do. It is a matter for profound regret that he should find himself on the side of the majority of the senate committee and should re-enforce its demand for emancipation and evicton of the treaties.

Indianapolis News: No one can appreciate the discreditableness of his article on the arbitration treaties unless he reads it in the light of the Panama "revolution." For that was iniquitous from beginning to end. And Mr. Roosevelt was its promoter. Only six months ago he boasted of the part that he played in it. Till treaty breaking becomes a virtue the Roosevelt brand might be taken as a seal of approval for the contentment of men who try to do their duty in the fear of God.

Philadelphia Record: Colonel Roosevelt raises his voice to remark that the greatest objection to the proposed arbitration treaties is the power that would be given to commissions of inquiry, "which might be composed wholly of foreigners." A settlement whether any given difference would be justiciable. On the contrary, these commissions would always be composed of equal numbers of Americans and of "nationals" of the party of the other part, and never of foreigners to the controversy. There should be ten or twenty or more members to a commission, and if more than one of them held to the opinion that the difference pending was not "determinable in accordance with the principles of law and equity," there would be no arbitration. In such event the commission could do no more than recommend a settlement, which the parties would be under no obligation to accept. The commission could no award. One who has consigned so many persons to the Ananias club as the colonel has should cultivate the habit of accurate statement.

POLITICS IN NEBRASKA. Kearney Times: Omaha has captured the republican headquarters from Lincoln. What is the matter with those astute Lincoln politicians, have they lost their cleverness, or are they looking to the democrats to fall on their bosom.

Springfield Monitor: When you consider that 120,000 votes were cast at the primary on August 15, it is plain to see that this method of selecting candidates is far from being a failure and that Nebraskaans take lots of interest as to who shall serve them in official capacities.

Grand Island Independent: The World-Herald reports Governor Aldrich as determined to support La Follette even though it becomes clear that such support is entirely useless and damaging to the republican party's nominee for president. However, it is to be remembered that the reliability of the World-Herald's political reports has recently been questioned rather severely by gentlemen high in the councils of that paper's own party.

Kearney Hub: The Bee remarks very truthfully that insurgent republicans can have all the space they want in democratic newspapers to stir up trouble for President Taft and the administration, but that this "leave to print" privilege would not last twenty-four hours if a democratic president were accidentally find his way into the White House. True enough. And the very fact that they have to use the columns of democratic newspapers is of itself evidence that the republican press of the country does not approve of the insurgent abuse of the president.

Beatrice Express: The World-Herald, which is good at figuring, has figured it out that a vote for Letton or Rose or Hamer or for any other republican this fall is a vote to sustain President Taft in all his acts, and that every La Follette republican in the state should vote for the democratic candidates for that reason. Just why the popularity or unpopularity of a president should affect the political fortunes of candidates for state offices in an "off" year is not explained by the Omaha paper. We don't know whether the republican candidates are Taft republicans or La Follette republicans, and the republicans of the state don't care a rap. They want good men in office, and their friends for either of the republican candidates for the presidency next year does not enter into the matter.

LAUGHING GAS. Mrs. Hasbrough—Some of my boarders make a disturbance when I don't have soup for them. Friend—I notice some of them make a disturbance when you do.—Houston Transcript.

"Don't you enjoy a conversation when it is a verbal fight?" "Can't say I do. When I go to any kind of a fight, I get something else served up besides tongue."—Linn's American.

"Is your new song going to be a success?" "It's sure to make a big hit." "Every musician who has heard it says it's simply rotten."—Toledo Blade.

"Do you believe in the recall of public officials?" "Sure. I can recall all the presidents we have had for forty years. But I can't recall the vice presidents."—Houston Post.

Arctic Hunter—I think if your wife should wear her face, it would improve her appearance. "Eekino-Ugh! You never seen her face!"—Puck.

WHY LAWYERS DON'T GO TO. West Publishing Company's Docket. Knowing that there has been considerable doubt in the minds of laymen at least, as to the future condition of the legal profession, I am herewith repeating to you, as well as I can from memory, a few lines on this very interesting subject, which were composed by an old friend of mine at the time of his admission to the bar in the state of Michigan some forty years ago.—J. A. Markham of the Independence, Wis., Bar.

The devil came to the earth one day. And into a court room took his way. Now a lawyer, with a very grave face, this was proceeding to argue the points in a case.

Now a lawyer his majesty never had seen. For to his dominion none ever had been; "Tis the fault of my agents," his majesty thought. "That none of these lawyers have ever been caught."

And for his own pleasure he had felt a desire To come to the earth and the reason inquire. Now when the first lawyer had come to a close, opposing him fearlessly rose. And heaped such abuse on the head of the first.

That he made him a villain, of all men the worst. Each claimed he was right and the other was wrong. They sparred and contended and argued so long. That concluding he'd heard enough of the fuss. "Old fellow," turned away, and soliloquized thus: "I have puzzled the court with their wisdoms and wiles. And I am free to confess they have puzzled the devil."

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A provisional modification of an arrangement which has existed for many years has been reached between the Western Union Telegraph Company, the Anglo-American Cable Company and the Direct U. S. Cable Company, under which the cable systems of these companies now worked exclusively in business connection with each other, but operated and maintained separately, will be operated in direct physical connection with each other and with the Western Union land system.

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To meet these requirements it is essential not only that there be at all times sufficient cable facilities, under one control, but that they should be operated interchangeably with each other and in close physical connection with land lines as one system. Ample spare facilities are necessary to provide against the very frequent cable interruptions.

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Limited Business Hours and Idle Facilities.

As at present carried on, the trans-Atlantic cable business is practically all flash service, i. e. instantaneous. Owing to the difference in time, there are only a few business hours of the day common to both sides and during these hours at least 75% of the cable business is done. This is demonstrated by the accompanying chart.

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