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It takes a long time to get through crowning King George... As the evangelist says, "Now is the accepted time" to shop.

Begin to get the Christmas spirit by shopping before Christmas eve... Mr. Carnegie says he does not care what folks think about him. He can afford it.

It might be remarked, though, that there were no Carnegie pension funds in 1896... The old political game over pensions is one of the most ancient in the history of congress.

Where would "Omaha the Convention City" be without an Auditorium? New York proposes to have a prison for flirts. That big city will look queer behind the bars.

The Hyde defense taught other great defenses a new one when that juror escaped over the transom... Thus far that Hyde juror has not jumped back through the transom over which he left.

The prosecution in the Hyde case should remember that one of its duties was to keep the jurors from escaping... The gathering of the Anti-Saloon league delegates at Washington probably will have a sobering effect on congress.

The St. Louis police evidently do not know art when they see it. They made Gertrude Hoffmann cover her legs when she danced... If one American can make so much trouble for the whole Russian empire as our Mr. Shuster has, what would an army of Americans do?

Link Steffens intimates that the whole country is falling down. Strange, too, with the strong hand of Link to support it... It is obviously a misconception to believe that, because she was the first woman, Eve instituted the custom of hanging up the stocking at Christmas time.

Perhaps Mr. Rockefeller resigned to avoid being subpoenaed as a witness. Still that seems to have been unnecessary, for he never had any trouble avoiding subpoenas... To say that "The women of California voted with intelligence at the recent election," is only another way of asserting that they voted with the men.—Who threw that brick?

Clarence E. Harman is so well pleased with his exercise gallop last month, that he is going to try it all over again in 1912. Will "Mike" Harrington please take note? The Chicago papers are proposing the confoundum. "Why is a police inspector?" Omaha must have known that was an unsovereign riddle when "inspectors"...

While the city council is appointing special committees of inquiry, it might as well give a little attention to the paving situation. Where there has been so much smoke, there must be a little fire... John "Optimistic" Yeiser is not willing to admit that the action of the republican national committee in Washington seriously affects the chance of re-nominating Roosevelt. As a hopeful person, Colonel Yeiser has Mark Tapley beaten by many paragraphs.

The Farmer's Share.

Quite a little has been heard during the last few months, in connection with the discussion of the high cost of living, of the farmer's share in the prosperity that has come with the general uplift in prices. Figures just sent out from the census bureau may be interesting in this connection.

The comparisons used by the census bureau are for the years 1899 and 1909. The crop of corn in the latter year was 4.3 per cent less than in 1899, and yet it sold on the market at a price increase of 73.7 per cent. The wheat crop was 3.8 per cent greater in 1909 than in 1899, and the selling price was 77.8 per cent greater. Of potatoes, the crop in 1909 was 42.4 per cent greater than in 1899, and the selling price was 65.2 per cent greater. Hay and forage crops show similar increases in price. These figures would seem to indicate that the farmer has shared fully in the general advance in price for produce, the prices quoted being farm prices.

It is interesting also to note that Nebraska takes a very high rank among the states of the union. In corn acreage Nebraska was fifth in 1899, and fourth in 1909, while in corn production, Nebraska's rank was fourth in 1899, and fifth in 1909. In wheat acreage, Nebraska was eighth in 1899, and fifth in 1909. In total yield of wheat for the year 1899, Nebraska held eighth place, and in 1909 had moved up to fourth place. The Nebraska corn yield was 14.6 per cent less in 1909 than it was in 1899, yet the farmer received a price 72.2 per cent greater for his 1909 crop. Nebraska's wheat yield for 1909 was 91.3 per cent greater than in 1899, and the return to the farmer was 272.4 per cent greater. Of potatoes, Nebraska showed in 1909 an increase of 2.8 per cent over 1899, and an increase in the farmer's price received of 118.2 per cent. These authoritative figures tell a story that is far more eloquent than words concerning the prosperity of Nebraska.

Western Governors in the East.

Judging from the tone of newspaper editorials, the western governors have made a decided hit with their private train excursion in the east and are being most cordially received. This marks a wholesome change in view and sentiment of the east toward the west. Nobody seems to be laughing at the project or regarding it as undignified for governors to go forth as the official publicity agents of their respective states and their resources, but on the other hand, many newspapers think it invites a return visit from eastern governors. On this point the Washington Star says:

It would be by no means profitable for the eastern governors to return the call. Perhaps a series of sectional excursions of this character might be organized for the purpose of making all parts of the country mutually acquainted.

Mutual acquaintance certainly is desired between the various sections of this great country. Doubtless easterners were just as ignorant as the westerners obviously were of the fact that western coaches were too big to travel in eastern tunnels, as a result of which the governors' special show train could not get into the national capital. But, as the Washington Star observes, "Even this compulsory stoppage of the train at Baltimore has its suggestive aspect."

"Entitled to Hearty Applause," is the caption over a Brooklyn Eagle editorial on the governors' visit to New York. "They deserve the hospitality of our people," the Eagle remarks. And the dignified old New York Tribune declares:

New York City welcomes the visiting governors out of the west. It is heartily glad to greet them and cherishes no doubt that it can make this official visit as pleasant and interesting and instructive as the unofficial visits they may have made here individually. This country is all too much of a land of sectional feeling. New York welcomes the visiting governors because their visit and every such interchange of courtesies between representatives of different sections of the land help to better understanding of the problems of our common country.

"Welcome to Governors," is the way the Baltimore American introduces a column-long editorial, in which it says:

This visiting of the governors of some sections in the domains of others is one of the best expressions of the fraternity of the states, and is one of the features of the latter day movement for the heads of the state governments to get together for exchange of ideas and the formation of policies of common interest to the states as such. This movement is as yet in its infancy, but the maturing process is being watched with wide interest in its bearing upon the conservation of the prerogatives of the states in exact conformity with the enlarging scope of federal control.

These expressions are but typical of others all along the trip. They show that the project has struck the conservative, thoughtful east as worth while. Undoubtedly it is a good thing and it will produce better results if it leads to a mutual exchange of visits from east and west.

Chamber of Foreign Commerce.

It may be too much to expect congress at this session to get around to the president's recommendation for a chamber of foreign commerce, but it would be a good thing if it did. Our foreign trade needs nothing quite so much as more systematic management. Such a department

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Army Gossip

Matters of Interest On and Back of Firing Line Gleaned from Army and Navy Register.

Cost of Army Equipment. An interesting statement has been prepared showing the cost of completely equipping for field service 1,000 infantry, 1,000 cavalry and one three-inch field battery. The total cost of infantry is \$1,855, that of cavalry \$2,373,400 and that of the field battery \$493,800. On the basis of four guns per 1,000 rifles the cost of artillery is practically twice that of infantry and one-half that of cavalry. For two guns per 1,000 the cost of artillery is the same as that of infantry and approximately one-fourth that of cavalry. It is asserted that in order to obtain equal results for each dollar expended on the three arms the effectiveness of the cavalry must, in the first case, be considered as four times that of the infantry and twice that of the artillery; in the second case, as four times that of either infantry or artillery.

Second Lieutenancies. Announcement is made of the new appointments from civil life to the grade of second lieutenant in the army as a result of examinations recently held there. There were about seventy vacancies in the grade, to which will be appointed those civilian candidates who qualify in the examination to be held beginning January 12. There may be some opposition on the part of congressional friends of members of the next graduating class at West Point, to any more appointments being made as an additional batch of appointees from civil life, say thirty or more, would seriously affect the standing of the military academy graduates of next year. It promises to be an interesting situation, at all events. In the end and in either event, there will be enough vacancies, for, with those remaining and the 10 original vacancies coming along in 1912, there will be no more than 20 commissions to be filled out, and about one-half of which will be needed for the West Pointers in the class of 1912.

Mysterious Requirement. The War department has sent some extraordinary instructions by telegraph to every department and division commander in the United States and by cable to the military authorities in the Philippines to have submitted at the earliest practicable date reports from every officer of the active list. It is evidently desired to obtain definite information concerning the physical condition of every field service; at least, it is so intimated, and that seems to be the purpose of those responsible for the telegraphic instructions, although no very satisfactory explanation is vouchsafed at the department. These reports are evidently to come from the post surgeons, who, it is assumed, will conduct individual examinations, on occasions considerable remark, and it is not surprising to find army officers expressing their curiosity concerning the reason for this requirement, which comes on the heels of the annual physical and physical examinations of officers. Indeed, the War department has not yet received all the reports from these recently conducted tests, which were supposed to be sufficient in furnishing the military authorities in Washington with all the information they required concerning the physical fitness of army officers. No information concerning the incident is given at the War department. It is just one of those inexplicable occurrences which occasionally distinguish army administration.

Canned Vegetables. The commissary general of the army has developed a new feature in subsistence supply. His experiments with the canning of tomatoes, peas and corn has met with so much success that it has been extended to include apricots, peaches and pears. Arrangements have been made by which there is official inspection of the material from the time it is received at the canning factory. The vegetables and fruits are purchased while there is an ample supply in the market to select from and the prices are the lowest because of the large quantities purchased, either direct from the factories or in large commercial lots. Preference is given in the advertisement to vegetables packed in sanitary enameled-lined cans, but proposals are invited for them packed in three styles of cans—the sanitary enameled-lined can, the enamel-lined can, and the ordinary can—as experience has shown that sanitary enameled-lined cans are best suited for the purposes of the government, and an effort is being made in this way to educate the bidders to follow the preference of the commissary. The sanitary enameled-lined can adds little to the expense, while it helps to insure the purity of the contents and saves considerable loss, especially in the case of tomatoes, which show a marked reduction in loss when packed in this can, so that, owing to the season when the vegetables are procured, the ample stock from which selected, large purchases, thorough inspection, and a style of can, the choicest and most satisfactory vegetables are procured at the lowest price.

White Civilization and Trimmings. Boston Transcript. Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, promises to add something to the world's knowledge of the Eskimo, his latest contribution being an account of meeting several hundred tribesmen who, though they had never seen a white man, were "more exemplary in character and in deportment than civilized people generally are." There is not much reason to question this statement, but large-minded people may balk at the implication of it, which is that native races become civilized only by contact with white. We are shipping many Bibles to Africa, for instance; but we continue to ballast the cargo with rum.

Vents for Hot Blood. Philadelphia Record. While the season lasts the foot ball killings almost keep pace with the slaughter of the autos. It is said, it is serious; but if foot ball were abolished and all the autos piled up for burning in a final auto-jaco there would be no let up of the strenuous life. The hot blood finds vent, if not in one way in another.

Grouping for Economy. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It is said that \$30,000,000 a year might be saved in the fuel bill of American locomotives. That is a small item, compared with the economy that would result from a better heating system for American homes.

REMEMBER THE MAINE!

Baltimore American: The Maine was blown up by an outside explosion, by a mine placed by Spaniards, and it was one of the most despicable deeds ever committed. Spain paid the penalty and deserved to pay even a heavier one.

New York Tribune: The real cause of the external explosion remains undisclosed. The secret of the Maine remains hid, and probably always will be retained, unless the seal of secrecy is broken by a voluntary confession or by an accidental discovery, which there is no reason to expect. Perhaps it is best so.

Springfield Republican: The Spanish government declined an invitation to be represented at Havana in this latest investigation, and the declination was evidently wise. It is possible that Spanish and American experts would not have agreed at all points in their conclusions. Americans, however, are likely to be very few who will now doubt that the Maine was blown up from the outside.

St. Louis Republic: While the final American report confirms the original theory that the Maine was destroyed by a mine, it is to be remembered that in Spain the historians have already made up the record that the ship was sacrificed to the ignorance and lack of discipline of its officers. This is why Joseph H. Choate once remarked that some history is true.

New York Sun: As the world will always believe that the destruction of the battleship Maine caused the Spanish-American war, and as the same opinion prevails generally among our own people, and with warrant, it is a great relief to feel that so far as expert knowledge can determine from an inspection of the entire wreck as it lies hauled in the sky, the United States navy is not responsible for the disaster that was fraught with such dire consequences.

Indignation at the Till. Chicago Record-Herald. Dr. Wiley says people who adulterate food are murderers. They will naturally be indignant, since their only desire is to increase their profits, always regarding the deaths of consumers as being merely incidental.

The Merger of Gabfests. Philadelphia Bulletin. The proposal that Roosevelt address fifty dinners in Nebraska simultaneously, either by telephone or by phonograph, suggests a way for President Taft to avoid long-distance gabfests on the rail.

LAUGHING GAS.

Customer—Why do you call this a common-sense diary? Stationer—After the first few pages it's ruled like a memorandum book.—Judge.

"They say when you are operated on once you are apt to be again." "That's quite true; I know by my own experience. Why, I have been operated on for appendicitis a number of times."—Baltimore American.

Teacher—What did the Philistines say after David had slain Goliath? Willie—Oh, I suppose they said, "Never mind. The season's young yet. Wait till David hits a slump."—Flick.

"Yes, we paper-bagged the turkey at our boarding house." "Well, it came on the table four times, and the fifth time we ate the bag."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"You have a favorable report on these samples of beer you sent to the chemist?" "Yes." "That test did he use?" "He drank them."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Clerk—I'm afraid I can't let you have that drug, sir. Customer—Why not? Do I look like a man who would kill himself? Clerk—Well, I wouldn't go so far as to say that, sir; but if I looked like you I should be tempted.—Washington Star.

Jack equated at the beanstalk and then began to climb it. "What for?" queried the bystanders. "I am after the big chaps higher up," he explained.

In the chronicles of that day it is recorded that he finally landed them.—Chicago Tribune.

"Mr. Ribbles, was that a Christmas present you were taking home last night?" "Yes." "I wasn't taking anything home last night, Willie. What do you mean?" "Why, pa told me this morning he saw you come home last night with a large-sized package on."—Baltimore American.

YE EARLY SHOPPER.

She did her Christmas shopping early. Selecting gifts with zeal and care. She arrived before the hurlyburly. She was the earliest shopper there.

She had sent home the many parcels. Examined them—she read the books—She looked the articles all over. And this did not improve their looks.

She thought she had considered duly. "Why, pa told me this morning he saw you come home last night with a large-sized package on."—Baltimore American.

She did her Xmas shopping early. Thus helping girls who long must wait. But I saw her a little later—She was talking to the exchange clerk. Omaha. BAYOLL NE TRELE.



Advertisement for Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater. "In the New Home You want the best when starting in the new home. Above all, you want that home to be snug and warm and comfortable. You are sure of warmth and comfort with a Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater. The Perfection is the best and most reliable heater made. It is a sort of portable fireplace. It is ready night and day. Just strike a match and light the wick. The Perfection is all aglow in a minute. The Perfection Oil Heater does not smell nor smoke—a patent automatic device prevents that. It can be carried easily from room to room and is equally suitable for any room in the house. Handomely finished, with nickel trimmings; drums of either turquoise-blue enamel or plain steel. Ask your dealer to show you a Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater, or write for descriptive circular direct to any agency of Standard Oil Company (Incorporated).

Advertisement for Winter Trips. "Chicago and North Western Railway. Round Trip Excursion Tickets Are Now on Sale Daily via the C. & N. W. Ry. to Florida, Cuba, New Orleans, Mobile and the Gulf Coast. The splendid trains of the Fourteen Fast Trains Daily between Omaha and Chicago connect at the latter city with all lines to the South and Southeast, forming a passenger service that cannot be surpassed. Through railway and steamship tickets are also on sale to the Mediterranean, the Holy Land and to all European cities. Sleeping car reservations and reservations of space on steamships to points named above given prompt and careful attention. Trains leave Omaha for Chicago: 7:40 a.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:50 p.m. 12:05 p.m. 6:35 p.m. 12:40 a.m. 5:10 p.m. 7:55 p.m. Ticket Offices 1401-1403 Farnam Street Omaha, Neb. THE NORTH WESTERN LINE

People Talked About

One of the melancholy features of the ruction in China is the disappearance of the royal yellow jacket from the decorative scheme of the empire.

In the ten days of the deer hunting season in Vermont, 2,44 bucks were killed. The number of hunters and guides bucked out is not included in the mortality record.

Owing to the growing rarity of such events the arrival of the stork at the home of a married woman lawyer in Paris prompted adjournment of court for an appropriate celebration.

In memory of Ida Lewis, heroine of Edme Rock light, the first baby ever born on the little rock was christened with her name. The child is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hansen, keepers of the light.

Postmaster Dutton of North Hartland, Conn., has resigned because the job was too dull for a live man. With only two families to serve from his office there wasn't enough stick-whittling on the premises to exchange the time of day.

The unlucky excursion boat General Slocum, which was burned to the water's edge in New York, causing a loss of 1,000 lives, has gone to the bottom to stay. What was left of the boat after the fire was converted into a coal barge and a gale off Sandy Hook last week blew it into Davy Jones' locker.

Cause and Effect.

Louisville Courier-Journal. Statistics show that France exports champagne to America and makes money while importing 147,000,000 gallons of wine to drink. This throws a little light upon the question of why there are so many full savings banks in France as well as too many full Americans in America.