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Thanks, Mr. Weatherman, for small favors.

As the tax assessment goes up the tax rate ought to come down.

Congressman Pepper is after the Powder trust. Hot fight, that.

In all probability Judge Budge of Idaho is a confirmed stand-patter.

And now Orozco is chafing under the grind of the Madero steam roller.

It turns out that Colonel Yeiser is something of a steam roller himself.

The independent party movement in Mexico is still encountering obstacles.

Yes, but how Colonel Yeiser let an unknown by the name of Judge Wray beat him to it beats all.

Organized base ball recognizes only two major leagues, and the bull moosers is not one of them.

Old Doc Cook says he will have a book out in a few days that will prove it all. It is not copyrighted in Denmark.

The new solicitor general, Mr. Bullitt of Kentucky, may be expected to do some fast firing on predatory corporations.

Colonel Yeiser invited "republicans" to attend his mass meeting, but it was evidently intended for ex-republicans.

Lorimer says that after the fall campaign he will tell the people the truth. Then what did he tell them in that three-day speech in the senate?

Old Fort McHenry, from which Francis Scott Key saw the "Star-Spangled Banner" in triumph yet wave, is to be demolished. But the old flag will wave on.

In addition to being a very strong man, Samson must have been an extremely patient one to wear all those whiskers both summer and winter.

"Colonel Roosevelt is no longer a republican," says Senator Dixon, his campaign manager. Why, then, should his followers want to dominate republican caucuses, primaries and conventions?

Texas has been held up to contumely by the fact that Andrew Jackson Houston of that state was mentioned in connection with the prohibition presidential nomination. For shame!

The preacher who prays for another Boh Ingersoll to shake the dry bones of his parishioners evidently does not share the view that the world, and not the church, is obstructing churchly progress.

Those old codgers who died seeking the fountain of perpetual youth might have lived forever if they had only wanted to take in the wonderful circus with which King Ak-Sar-Ben is regaling his subjects this year.

Though Phidias cut his name on the shield of Minerva and Byron left his inscription on the shield of Apollo, the ball player who hits the bull sign, not only cops \$50 cash, but puts these other notables out of the running.

John Wesley Gaines, some time congressman from Tennessee, leaped into an auto the other day and walloped the chauffeur, who had nearly run over him. Well, why not, if the chauffeur had succeeded John Wesley Gaines would not have been able to wallop him?

Look to the Levy

The municipal affairs committee of the Commercial club, and the other civic organizations that keep in touch with our local government, will do well to look to the impending tax levy.

Property valuations have been greatly increased under the new assessment and unless the rate is held down the tax burden for the coming year will be heavier than ever.

The tax rate is made up by a combination of levies fixed by the state, school and city authorities.

The county rate, which last year was 17 mills, can, and should, be materially reduced.

The city tax levy is subject to charter limitations, which should make the new rate less than the last one. It would do so more noticeably were it not for the demand of the Water board for \$100,000 to supplement current revenues, from which had been promised a net profit of over \$200,000.

The school levy has been running wild for years owing to what we believe to be an illegal diversion of tax revenue to building and site funds. If the school board would go back to first principles it, too, could reduce its levy, or at least avoid an increase.

If the taxing authorities, however, are permitted to become imbued with the notion that the taxpayers do not care whether the tax rate is high or low there will be no incentive for them to hold the levy down.

Just a Little Oversight.

The member from Nebraska of the committee appointed by the Chicago convention to notify the candidate announces that owing to "conditions" he cannot serve, having been elected as "a Roosevelt delegate" and having answered "present but not voting" on the nomination roll calls.

Our member of the notification committee is evidently the victim of a little oversight on his part. When he sought and accepted this honor from the convention he should have attached a proviso conditional on the nomination of his preferred candidate. Perhaps in future conventions of all parties notification committees will be made up in duplicate or triplicate, or, rather, in as many fold as there are candidates in the field, so that no delegate may be called on to notify anyone except his own personal choice.

Canal Tolls a Hague Question.

Discussing the question of Panama canal tolls in the senate the other day, Senator Root said:

I shall content myself with suggesting to the senate that any legislation which may be enacted ought to be framed with a view to the fact that this is a matter about which we (the senate) cannot finally decide. If the judgment of the senate shall be in favor of the policy of discrimination—and mine is not. I think it is wholly unjustifiable and unnecessary—nevertheless we should exercise our power of legislation with a view to the fact that the question of our right to legislate in such a way as to discriminate is one which may be decided against us by the international tribunal to which we are bound to submit.

Coming from a senator of his standing and experience, who has served as secretary of state, these words of Senator Root's are bound to have an important bearing upon the senate's action. Whether we now exempt our American ships from tolls levied upon ships of other countries or not would be less vital if the question is to revert finally to The Hague for arbitration, and, since there is such sharp difference of opinion, even among good Americans, as to the advisability, to say nothing of validity, of such exemption, nothing is to be gained by urging it as an ultimatum at this time.

Passing of Roomy Hotels.

Roomy hotels, those that furnish a guest with all the space he wants, are fast going out of business. Real estate values cut a big figure these days and the hostelry with spacious halls and large rooms is not the one yielding the richest revenues.

The old Southern hotel of St. Louis is to be abandoned. It was an ideal hotel in many ways, but it covered too much ground space for its altitude to suit these days. It gave the guest too much for his money.

A wonderful history clusters about this old landmark. It has been the headquarters for southerners and politicians for thirty years. Here occurred the famous Maxwell-Preller tragedy in the '80s. Hugh Brooks, alias Hugh Maxwell, an impecunious young Englishman, chloroformed his friend and benefactor, Arthur Preller, and stuck his body in a trunk, which was found by a maid. Here were entertained world-famed visitors to the Louisiana Purchase exposition, and here centered political wires that nominated McKinley in 1896 and Parker in 1904.

The call for a third-party state convention to select delegates to represent Nebraska in the Bull Moose national gathering is accordingly fixed for Lincoln on the day after the republican platform convention, so that the same delegates may participate as republicans in the evening and as bull moosers the next morning. It would not do to have to show third party colors in advance.

"Mrs. H. T. Howe and husband"

Is the inscription on a hotel register, where some suffragettes were stopping. Wonder how Howe likes it?

MERELY A QUESTION OF MORALS

How a Maryland Electoral Nominee Views the Proposition.

Philadelphia Public Ledger. There is at least one ardent supporter of Roosevelt whose moral sense has not been deadened by the example of his idol. Even though the colonel may himself in merely "under no circumstances" to mean merely "until it is to my own advantage to repudiate my pledge," Joseph R. Baldwin, one of the presidential electors of Maryland, takes the honorable view of the question. He says:

No gentleman on the regular republican ticket will vote for Roosevelt; it makes no difference how much he admires Roosevelt. Electors are not under compulsion of any written law to cast their votes, but they are under compulsion of moral law. The candidates for electors were nominated with the understanding that they would support the regular republican candidate. They have no right, in my opinion, to violate this understanding because they are aggrieved, no more than they would have for a bribe. Both parties have safely relied upon the honor of electors heretofore, and, for one, I would remain on the republican ticket, propose to vote according to the instructions given by the republican convention of Maryland. As stated above, no gentleman could do otherwise.

There is the kernel of the issue concerning the electors who refuse to abide by the action of the party which named them. It is not a legal question at all, but one of gentlemanly conduct, of morals. "No gentleman," as this Maryland gentleman puts it, would put a stain upon the honor of the electors, which has been inviolate for more than a century of the nation's history. No false pretense of "regularity" would justify an elector remaining upon the ticket of a party while he professes at the same time allegiance to those who are striving to destroy it.

Yet this is the program of a party which hopes to come into being as a protest against "political dishonesty"! Verily, the example of personal perfidy and repudiated word, represented by the Roosevelt candidacy, has had a profoundly disturbing effect upon the moral sense of the nation, or a part of it, but the appeal to the moral law made by the Maryland gentleman, already quoted, will doubtless touch the consciences of electors who for the moment are blinded by partisan passion and disappointment to the moral side of the issue.

In war short shift would be made of the soldier or officer who, while he wore the uniform and bore the arms of one side, aided and supported the enemy. Perhaps there is no way to act in such summary fashion with electors who refuse to obey the directions of the party whose commission they hold, but unless they are dead to every rule which has heretofore controlled honorable electors they will cease to cling to the livery of republicanism and come into the open and proclaim themselves what they are.

There is nothing creditable to them in preferring Roosevelt and a third party, but there is something peculiarly dishonorable in taking shelter under a flag which they repudiate, in seeking to confuse the voters by retaining a false position, and in violating the confidence which has always been placed in presidential electors. It has remained for Flinn, under the inspiration of Roosevelt, to propose to electors an act of dishonor of which not one elector has ever before been guilty, and which has not once been suggested as possible.

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Twenty Years Ago—

The West End Improvement club met at Forty-fourth and Leavenworth streets and discussed ways and means of persuading the city to begin improvements in that end of town. P. Schronk was chairman and A. Drum secretary. The boosters wanted Leavenworth street paved from Fortieth to Forty-sixth.

The First Presbyterian church at Seventeenth and Dodge streets was undergoing a thorough renovation, being painted within and decorated within.

Samuel Orchard, who was thrown out of his buggy in a runaway when he and his son were returning from Courtland beach, was progressing nicely, but still confined to his bed.

John McNery, an easterner, proved a plaything in the hands of Farmer Burns in a wrestling match before the Omaha Athletic club.

It was a hot night and Luke Morgan, a lodger at the Home hotel, 412 South Thirteenth street, took his blanket and pillow and laid down to sleep on the window-sill, where he would get all the air going. About 10 o'clock Corporal Maul received a telephone message that a man had fallen out of a window at the Home. Morgan was evidently asleep when he fell, and he never awoke. His neck was broken.

Governor Boyd was unable to go to Lincoln owing to a severe attack of cholera morbus.

Ben S. Baker left for Broken Bow to make a republican speech to the people of Custer county.

Lieutenant Quay, son of Mathew S. Quay of Pennsylvania, was at the Paxton, having come to report for military duty to General Brooks.

Ten Years Ago—

The body of Mrs. Robert Robertson, who died at an Omaha hospital, was taken to Lyons, Neb., where the family resided, by her son, William Robertson of Cozad, for burial.

A gorgeously feathered parrot fluttered through the window of License Inspector Sam Scott's office and perched on Sam's good right arm as if it was his longest brother. Sam took the bird in and christened it the mascot of the city hall.

Major R. W. McClaughrey, warden of the federal prison at Leavenworth, was a guest at the Millard.

Lieutenant James Wallace Broatch, who had been visiting his father, W. J. Broatch, and friends in Omaha, received orders to report for duty at League Island, in the Philippines. It was said to be one of the most desirable assignments a young officer could receive.

Charles Grollemunt was found dead in his rooms at 924 1/2 South Thirteenth street. His death was caused by heart disease, it was said. He was a Swiss, about 46 years old, and employed at the Iler warehouse. Under his bed in a battered old tin can was found \$640.

WHO IS WALL STREET'S CANDIDATE?

Not Taft Nor Wilson—If Any, It Is the Colonel.

New York Financial World.

Newspapers and politicians opposed to the re-election of President Taft are trying to create the impression that he is the favorite of Wall street, which means the financial, railroad and big industrial interests of the country. There is not the slightest proof of this. Neither the big interests, as far as the trusts are meant, nor the railroads have evidenced any enthusiasm for the president. While he has not talked about "rich malefactors" and wealth acquired by wicked methods, as has his predecessor, he has acted in a way to displease Wall street. It is Mr. Taft who has hit more trusts than Mr. Roosevelt. It was Mr. Taft's attorney general, who, in 1906, frustrated by injunction proceedings the railroads' plans to raise freight rates. The Sugar trust, as the Powder trust, the Bathbut trust, the Shoe Machinery trust, the Harvester trust and others. Wall street men did not lift a finger to help the president in the campaign preceding his nomination.

The Standard Oil people are not at present in politics. Their combination stands dissolved and it seems that they do not care who may be the next occupant of the White House. They seem to rely for their salvation, not on political pull, but on their own business ingenuity. Whatever money has been furnished by Wall street men to help a presidential candidate has been used in behalf of the noisy colonel for the simple reason that

the Perkins element hate Taft for the reason that he went after the Steel trust and the Harvester trust, the two trusts which, under Roosevelt's administration, enjoyed immunity.

These two biggest trusts and their beneficiaries contributed, according to current estimates, about \$2,500,000 to renominate Mr. Roosevelt and they stand ready to contribute more should he run as a third candidate. Perkins is the chief figure now at Oyster Bay. He and his men don't expect Roosevelt to win, but only to use him to defeat Taft's re-election. This would not give them a president of their liking, but enable them to get even with Taft for his attacks on their pet trusts, but if they cannot carry their point, they want at least vengeance and vengeance is sweet to such as they. Just as Taft is not a Wall street candidate, so Woodrow Wilson is not. There are in Wall street probably as many in favor of Wilson as there are for Taft. The Wilson men of Wall street are either Princeton alumni or are those against both Taft and Roosevelt. There are also in Wall street many who look upon Wilson as a harmless theoretician.

As matters stand, Wall street as an entity has no favorite at present, but if any candidate can be called Wall street's favorite, it is the colonel, because in furtherance of his political fortunes more money has come from Wall street men than ever before for any presidential candidate.

INNOCENCE AT OYSTER BAY

The Colonel's Ignorance of the Steam Roller of 1908.

New York Post (Ind.).

The colonel is really too innocent for this wicked world. He had never heard, before this year, of any steam-roller methods in a republican convention. He writes:

"In 1908, when Mr. Taft was fairly nominated, there were no 'steam-roller' methods, as far as I know, and if anything dishonest or improper was done in the effort to nominate him, it was without my knowledge, and if it had been brought to my attention and I had had any power in the matter I would have interfered with it."

There is much virtue in these "ifs," and another one is suggested by turning back to Washington dispatches in 1908. If they did not greatly misrepresent President Roosevelt, he was chuckling over the way in which his steam-roller was day after day crushing the anti-Taft forces flat. And he must have been the least informed of men if he did not know that a number of contests, almost as great as this year, were ironed out by his own steam-roller four years ago.

Last month, the number was 362, and in 1908 it was 216. Mr. Victor Rosewater, who sat with the national committee on both occasions, writes in this week's Independent:

"Four years ago the fact soon developed that of the 216 contests presented to the national committee, the vast majority of them—I should say nine-tenths of them—were absolutely fictitious and trumped up by inspiration of trouble-breeders. That the same was true to almost as great an extent this year, when the number of contests totaled 362, likewise quickly became apparent."

But, of course, the colonel knew nothing of all this. He is not even so well aware of the facts as a foreigner, the editor of the Economiste Francaise, who declares of these contests in the republican party that they constitute a sort of "fraude chronique." As another bit of apposite French opinion, we may cite the conclusion of the Paris Temps that the nomination of Wilson was "un coup terrible" to Mr. Roosevelt. Americans had guessed that.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Only one question will be asked by the colonel when a third party delegate presents himself: "Are you a good listener?"

Denver Republican: Some day Mr. Belmont and Mr. Perkins will get together and have a good long talk about how fast the money goes when one tries to make a man president against the will of the people.

Brooklyn Eagle: Ten dollars, \$15, and \$20 a seat are stiff prices to pay for admission to the third party convention. Intending spectators should compare the charges with those for regular vaudeville and govern themselves accordingly.

Indianapolis News: With the regular republicans determined to have nothing to do with the bull moosers and the bull moose determined to have nothing to do with the regular republicans, a political agreement is apparent that makes it look as if the campaign were going to be a good deal more harmonious than it may turn out to be.

Boston Transcript: Senator Borah, who won his fight in the primaries for re-election, files his bill of expenses, as \$300,000. This is a facetious way of doing it, but it should not obscure to any observer the big fact, namely, that Borah's campaign was won by honest means and without contest. It should furthermore serve to call attention to the fact that Borah is a really big man. He is a progressive and radical in many ways, but he is opposed to the recall of judges and refused to follow Mr. Roosevelt into the third party. Such a serene and strong champion of moderation in politics ought to have a splendid future.

Screams and Silence. Pittsburgh Dispatch. General Orozco and General Reyes are complaining of the Mexican steam roller. The Cuban insurgents are not complaining, owing to disability imposed by their demise.

RESTRICTING PATENT MONOPOLY

Proposed Amendments to the Patent Laws. New York World.

Three amendments to the patent laws are urged by the house committee on patents to meet the decision of the supreme court in the Dick mimeograph case. They (1) prohibit the purchase of patents designed to secure a monopoly of patents in a general industrial line; (2) permit the use of patented machines with materials not specified as a restriction upon their use, and (3) amend the Sherman law to punish patent monopolies.

It is hardly to be doubted that the Sherman law is adequate now for the prohibition of monopolies in patent monopoly, such as are referred to in the first of the above provisions. The second of the three is therefore the important one and should be enacted speedily.

This is the way to overcome the four-to-three decision in the Dick mimeograph case, which has the effect of letting patent holders extend their monopoly to any material for use by the patented machine. The court never decided that this was a proper power for patentees to hold. It merely decided that such power is allowed by existing law.

It is the law which needs amendment, not the decision which needs to be reviewed and reversed. Congress can correct the situation within a week and its failure to do so at this session will be without excuse.

Joys of Persistence. Cleveland Plain Dealer. The Portuguese royalists are about as persistent and fully as successful as the prohibition party in the United States.

A Marked Difference. St. Paul Dispatch. A study of news every day leads to the conviction that too many people grow confused over the difference between the high cost of living and the cost of high living. Yet the difference is plain and simple.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

Another wedding of importance was that of Mr. August Williams, better known as "Gus" Williams, assistant foreman of Pioneer Hook and Ladder company of No. 1 and Miss Clara Maylander at St. Mary Magdalene's church. Among the many and handsome presents are enumerated a handsome marble table from the Hook and Ladder company, a silver casket from F. H. Koster, a set of flatirons from T. and H. Drexel, and many others, to say nothing of the fine diamond ring presented to the bride by the groom.

The alley back of the old court house is being graded.

Judge Savage has formally resigned his position as district judge.

Uncle Sam's letter boxes, forty in number, have all received a new bright coat of green paint. The artist was T. T. Galligan.

Two new cars have been added to the Red line of the Omaha Horse Car company, making seven cars in all. The Park and Green lines run four cars each.

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Smiling Remarks.

"Have you selected your party emblem?" "No," replied the amateur suffragette. "There are only a few animals that can be used for hat trimming, and they go out of style so rapidly!"—Washington Star.

"What's the trouble with the campaign slogan club?" "Disbanded. Our best tenor got leucous because he thought the candidate was getting more attention than he was."—Baltimore American.

"My daughter wants to marry a duke." "Mine wants to marry a poet." "Well, I believe I'd rather support a poet than a duke. From all accounts a poet won't eat much, and I don't think he'll want to play the stock market all the time."—Kansas City Journal.

"Papa, you know that George, who proposed to me last night, is coming for his answer this evening, don't you?" "Yes."

"O, thank you, papa! That is the answer I was going to give him anyway!"—Chicago Tribune.

Galleigh—Here's the dress suit you loaned me, old man, and thanks. It didn't fit me very well so I had the tailor make a few alterations.

Green—The duce you did! Well, of all the—

Galleigh—Oh, it's all right; I told him to send the bill to me.—Boston Transcript.

"Mr. Chuggins considers himself a public benefactor because he owns an automobile."

"He likes to take his friends riding!"

SMILING REMARKS.

"Yes. But he doesn't count them. What he figures on is the crowd he always entertains when the motor stops and he gets out and tries to fix it."—Washington Star.

TO A LADY GOLFER.

New York Sun. The daisy is an inoffensive flower. Likewise the clover; And you stand and beat them for an hour.

And sometimes over; Though dandelions are a nerve reviver. One is not meant to pluck them with a driver.

His garden wall delights, I have no doubt; Our next door neighbor; To pummel it and try to knock it out Is waste of labor; You cannot overthrow those stones and mortar.

With balls that cost a dollar and a quarter.

Those bushes were a constant source of pride To all beholders. Now branchless, they adorn the countryside.

Mixed up with the boulders. Naught could have caused this devastation; Save dynamite or your destructive putter.

The landscape all has changed since you have been Our fellow-member; Those lawns are scarred and torn that seemed so green.

But last September; And so I state in language that's biting. How much I hope you'll stick henceforth to knitting.

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People Talked About



Everybody is wondering how Joe Orkin, working head of Orkin Bros., is going to find arms to take care of his business interests if he continues to branch out in the next ten years as he has in the last few. Master Joe is so young, and looks so young, that his looks deceive strangers. A book agent tried to sell him a set of histories the other day, arguing that Joe would need them before he had finished college. Over 2,000 more marriages took place in California the year women worked to get the vote than the year before. The militant suffragette leaving home and mother to fight for the ballot touches the heart of man and he marries her to protect her temporarily until the vote arrives. How else can the nervous be explained?