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Short Talks.

Brief Comment on Political and Other Matters of Public Interest.

EX-Postmaster Hicks, of Philadelphia, declares that Ashbridge said to him at the beginning of his term of office that he proposed to get all there was in it for Samuel H. Ashbridge.

The Army and Navy Register hauls Roosevelt over the coals for his shabby treatment of General Miles, and declares that it is not possible to justify it or excuse it even on the ground that Teddy has fallen into the habit of losing his temper.

General Wheaton declares that 50,000 soldiers will be needed in the Philippines for at least five years yet. As each soldier costs a thousand dollars a year, and the officers who have charge of the butchering a great deal more, the cost of the Philippines will be \$350,000,000 in addition to what they have already cost.

General Taft, who enjoys the distinction of trying to be governor of the Philippines, like all the other prominent men who have mixed in it, are having a very hard time to show just how he and God are working diligently for the interests of the Philippines whom they love so well.

General Wheaton, an American officer who is trying to subjugate a people who ask that we simply attend to our own business and let them alone, says that men have been imprisoned for such speeches as the one recently delivered by Professor Schurman in Boston.

Warded Off. Mr. Phoxy—Did you send the Borems a card for our music? Mrs. Phoxy—Yes. How could I get out of it?

Had Small Hope. First Physician—I understand the messes have broken out in your neighborhood? Second Physician—Yes, but the families are so scattered I'm afraid they won't catch.—Boston Post.

Debts. Father—How is it you never have any money? Son—It's not my fault. It's all due to other people.—Philadelphia Press.

One man lies in his words and gets a bad reputation; another in his manners and enjoys a good one.—Thoreau.

Democratic Representation.

The Meaning of the Rule Followed by Chairman Creasy in Determining Number of Delegates.

Harrisburg Star-Independent. Whatever else the Philadelphia Democrats may justly claim, their demand for 60 seats in the next state convention is absurd.

The language of the rule is clear and unequivocal. "The representation in Democratic state conventions shall consist of representative delegates, one for each 1,000, or a majority fraction of 1,000, of the average vote cast for the Democratic candidates for state office at the last preceding state election in the respective representative districts of the state; provided, that each representative district shall have at least one delegate."

Besides, the intent of those who made the rule in question, was that it should produce the precise results that have followed. That is, it was observed that once in four years the Democrats of Philadelphia humped themselves, so to speak, and got out a fairly full vote in order to get big representation in the state convention.

The lawyer upon whose opinion the decision of Chairman Creasy is predicted is known throughout the state and at the bar of the supreme court of the United States as among the most distinguished and capable lawyers in the United States.

What They Say.

shame on those narrow-minded individuals who are so hopelessly ignorant as to argue that freedom of speech breeds anarchy. It is just the opposite. As a rule, anarchists are not sons of America; they are sons of tyranny.

The significance of the Babcock iron and steel bill is not affected by the fact that there is little chance for its becoming a law at this session of congress. The bill, coming as it does from a protectionist, is the entering wedge of free trade.

When the Rod Was Not Spared. The change of thought and conditions of mankind is no better illustrated than by the history of the rod. In an article on the morals of the child by Dr. Grace Peckham Murray there is mention made of a Suabian schoolmaster who during his fifty-one years of superintendence of a large school had given 911,500 canings, 121,000 floggings, 200,000 custodes, 126,000 tips with the ruler, 10,200 boxes on the ear and 22,700 tacks by the head.—Delineator.

No Joking Matter. "Joakimsmit, it appears, is married and has gone to housekeeping." "Not at all. What made you think so?" "He's been writing so many jokes about servant girls lately he must have had some experience with them." "Nonsense! If he'd had such experience, he wouldn't joke about it."

Dangerous Curiosity. Laura—Yes, you see she told him her father had lost all his wealth just to test his love for her. Ada—And then? Laura—Well, she will know better next time.—Smart Set.

Further Amputation. "You'd better see to Johnny, dear," said the wife. "I think he's chipping off a piece of your cork leg to make a stopper for the molasses bucket. Bless his cute little soul!"—Atlanta Titration.

Young folks grow most when they are in love. It increases their sighs wonderfully.

His English Friend.

"I've been having the time of my life, I tell you," said the suburbanite gloomily to his city friend at lunch.

"What's the matter? Pipes burst? Furnace won't work? Dog killing the neighbors' chickens?" asked the friend, sympathetically running through the list of the suburbanite's usual grievances.

"No; worse than that," sadly answered the first speaker. "I've been having an English friend visit me. It's years since I've been across the water, so one or two of his ways were a little strange. The worst of his doings was what has broken me up so. He went to bed the first night before the rest of us, and when I came along the corridor an hour or so later there were his shoes standing outside his door and frightfully muddy too.

"I looked at them in astonishment. Then I remembered the English custom of having the boy come up for the boots. We keep only two servants, you know, both women, and of course in the country you have to rub them the right way or they'll leave. I knew perfectly well that if I told either of those free and independent Irish women to clean the Englishman's shoes we'd be left servantless, and that would have been the death of my wife.

"I lifted the shoes gingerly by two fingers and carried them to my room. When I thought the servants must be asleep, I crept down stairs and got to work with a brush. At every sound I would nearly jump out of my own boots and drop his. I fancied every moment that the girls would see my candle and give the alarm of burglars or that my friend would be taken ill and get up and find me brushing his shoes. Oh, I had a pretty time of it! He stayed a week, that Englishman, and what with loss of sleep and overstrained nerves I'm a wreck."

"Well, why on earth didn't you have the moral courage to—"

"Moral courage! I'd like to see the man who'd have the moral courage to tell an English gentleman with a monocle that the ways of even well bred people in this country differ from those he's been accustomed to! My friend, you do not know the breed! And he drowned his sorrows and braced his nerves with a second cup of unsurpassed coffee.—New York Tribune.

Two Faults. "You hunt too much," said Louis XV. to the archbishop of Narbonne. "How can you prohibit your curates from hunting if you pass your life in setting them such an example?"

"Sire," said Dillon, "for my curates the chase is a fault; for myself it is the fault of my ancestors."

A Philosopher. "Pa, what is a philosopher?" "A philosopher, Jimmy, is a man who thinks he has got through being a fool."—Motherhood.

Warm hearted persons are not the ones who complain that this is a cold, cold world.—National Magazine.

THE VICE OF NAGGING.—Clouds the happiness of the home, but the nagging woman often needs help. She may be so nervous and run-down in health that trifles annoy her. If she is melancholy, excitable, troubled with loss of appetite, headache, sleeplessness, constipation or fainting and dizzy spells, she needs Electric Bitters, the most wonderful remedy for ailing women. Thousands of sufferers from female troubles, backache and weak kidneys have used it, and become healthy and happy. Try it. Only 50c, guarantee satisfaction. Green's Pharmacy.

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