

The only real battle so far in Brazil was the battle of the ballots. The great naval fight has been postponed owing to the fear that somebody would get hurt.

For the intelligent voter the coming year will be fraught with more interest than a campaign. By what is done this winter the fate of parties and the history of government will be determined.

The single-tax movement seems to be spreading very rapidly in New South Wales, for the land-owners have formed a league to defend themselves against its inroads.

American buggies are superseding those of English make in London and Paris. The combination of lightness, grace and strength is unmatched in the Yankee product.

Right on the heels of the Woman's National Suffrage meet comes a convention of Women's Dress Reformers. Perhaps the idea of skirt-shortening is that she'll have less trouble hereafter in running for office.

Another survivor of the famous light brigade has died. "All that was left of them, left of six hundred," has apparently been an increasing number since the poet sang of that desperate charge at Balclava.

London is to have a great Ferris wheel, bigger than the Chicago specimen, to be known as the "Gigantic Wheel and Recreation Tower." It should be a great success if it lifts the Londoners above their fog.

The class of '06 at Columbia, he said to their honor, on their entrance into the university, made a resolution, by which it has stood, to do all in their power to abolish hazing, cancrashes and other ungentlemanly acts.

Secretaries Herbert and Lamont have decided there shall be no more football contests between the West Point and Annapolis cadets. Our army and navy are both small, and we cannot afford to expose it to destruction at the fountain-head.

Mrs. Charles Russell Lowell, President of the Consumers' League of New York, states that the league has for its object to induce the employers of female help in large stores to treat their employees better, pay them better and more uniform wages, pay them for overtime and provide comforts necessary to the preservation of health. The Post believes that the female members of the league can accomplish wonders if they will themselves treat with consideration, while shopping, the tired girls and women behind the counters.

HONORS ARE EVEN. Some two years ago Mr. Rudyard Kipling published some notes on America and Americans which cut America and Americans to the quick. Then the young Anglo-Indian was "roasted" everywhere in these States. He had been gorgeously entertained and repaid all civilities by lampooning his entertainers (and how he did "go for" Chicago), who were not slow in resenting his boorishness. Now Mr. Richard Harding Davis, one of the youngest and most brilliant writers of today, has gone over to the other side and from England has sent home a series of most readable articles, which have appeared in several of the Harper's publications. These contributions have been widely read, and have not been considered at all severe by readers here, but they evidently are regarded differently in England.

Eleanor C. Gregory writes from the Denney, St. Paul's, to say so. She writes: "Mr. Richard Harding Davis prefaces his tribute to his English entertainers by disclaiming any intention of criticizing those who have been civil to him." This he ingeniously avoids, by causing his criticism to occupy itself mainly with those English people who have been uncivil to him. I would wish to show that the charges he brings against English manners arise in part from his point of view being, we will not say erroneous, but defective. He asserts that shyness is the most conspicuous quality of English men and women. He goes on to say that shyness as a result of self-consciousness, is necessarily a sign of ill-breeding. It is not. English shyness comes, more often than not, from a feeling of being 'of no account,' of being so ordinary, and even so unfitted to grapple with a social emergency of the most everyday description that it produces and fosters a state of idiotic embarrassment. I agree with Mr. Davis that this is not really modesty; it is undue self-deprecation. But he must remember that it does not occur to a people, accustomed to regard themselves so lightly, to bestow upon others an opposite treatment from what they expect for themselves.

Concerning Americans she has this to say: "Mr. Davis is, perhaps, unconscious that, while violently resenting the most trivial remark that they may choose to wrest into adverse criticism, Americans allow themselves the widest latitude in discussing and denouncing every circumstance of English life, either public or private, of which they may disapprove. This in conversation with English men and women. I can assure Mr. Davis that I have had remarks made to me on such subjects by Americans whose friendship I really value, the incredible outrageousness of which makes my memory wince in recalling them."

Americans lost sight of Mr. Kipling's bad taste in writing when he exhibited the good taste of marrying a Vermont girl and coming over to this "blasted" country to reside near Burlington. Now Mr. Kipling has a little Yankee daughter, and his punishment may safely be left to their hands.

Crocuses and dandelions are blooming in the open air in Maryland and fishermen are repairing their seines for the season. Happy State! Land of song and spring, home of terrapin and beautiful women.

How unevenly some things are distributed. In southern California the sand is blown about in drifts and heaps. In Washington there isn't enough, in some quarters, to sand the floor of a kitchen carved out of the shell of a pig nut.

J. S. T. Stranahan, of Brooklyn, the only living American who has a public monument of himself, drives out every pleasant afternoon to Prospect Park and takes a look at his statue. On bleak days he feels that the statue should be wrapped in blankets.

It is an interesting phase of the discussion of the succession to the throne left vacant by E. Barry Wall that many of those most interested are now seriously endeavoring to formulate some rules by which the next king of men's fashions shall be measured.

The anarchist scare in Paris has reached the proportions of a panic. Travelers avoid the French capital whenever possible, and in consequence the hotels are deserted. Residents who can are leaving for their country homes, and business has fallen off greatly.

In the "Correspondence of Joseph Jekyll" the poet Moore is quoted as "amusing the party inexhaustibly with humor all the day. He is a good little fellow, with as much sense as talent and a most independent spirit." This is patronizing of a very edifying sort. Everybody knows Moore now, but who was Jekyll?

The newspaper tributes to Joseph Keppler are without exception kindly and appreciative. In Chicago, where he made many friends during the World's Fair, he is almost as sincerely mourned as in New York. Many a celebrated artist has left a smaller gap in the world when he died than this genial, warm-hearted cartoonist.

The National Central Committee of the Populist party has gone through a prolonged secret session at St. Louis. The outcome of its labors is an address informing the country that the Populists favor the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 1 to 16 and the issue of paper money by the Government alone. Most people knew that before the committee met.

The Alaskan Eskimos who are in Washington to ask for an appropriation for the purpose of importing reindeer from Siberia to Alaska ought to be told that the way to work upon the sympathies of the Democrats in the House is to plead for raw material. Say that reindeer are your raw material. Eskimo ladies and gentlemen, and you will bag the blubber.

Neither Queen Victoria nor Premier Gladstone can pick out any British poet who is worthy of the laureateship. In succession to Tate, Pye and Tennyson. There are reasons against the selection of Swinburne, Morris, young Mr. Watson, or any of the other aspirants. Consequently, the office has remained vacant ever since Tennyson's death.

The Marylanders seem to want to avoid war, but Gov. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, is determined that the Maryland oyster pirates shall be blown to the bottom of Pocomoke Sound or hanged in chains above the oyster beds they have ravaged. Tomkers and droggers armed with horse pistols are being fitted out in the Virginia Navy-Yard, but Gov. O'Ferrall's main reliance is upon boarding. His men will be armed with oyster knives fitted to the ends of long poles, and it is not believed that the pirates can withstand these improved cutlasses. Besides, the buccaners will be so terrified by Gov. O'Ferrall's proclamation, which he will read in a tremendous voice from the quarter deck of the Oyster Avenger, the flagship of the Virginia squadron operating against the pirate droggers, that surrender without resistance is likely to be the programme. We look for a quick and bloodless campaign in the Pocomoke.

From the Notes and Queries department of the Boston Transcript we reproduce some account of the famous Scotch song of "Annie Laurie." The words of "Annie Laurie" were written not far from the year 1700 in Maxwelltown, in Nithsdale, by William Douglas, a native of England, a district of the parish of Carpsburgh, in the shire of Kirkcubright. Sir Robert Laurie, first baronet of the Maxwellton family (created March 27, 1685) by his second wife, a daughter of Riddell Minto, had three sons and four daughters, of whom Annie was much celebrated for her beauty and made a conquest of Mr. Douglas of England, who composed the verses, under an unlucky star, for the lady married Mr. Ferguson, of Craigharroch. It is one of the ironies of fate that the actual Annie Laurie, who has figured in this song for 200 years as the tender type of a loyal woman who "made her promise true" should have been the heroine of many love affairs and rather prodigal of her "promise true." The man she finally married was rich but common-place. As she grew older she became a garrulous neighborhood matchmaker, and was addicted to taking snuff. She lies buried in the old Craigharroch graveyard. The portraits of Annie Laurie preserved at Craigharroch show her to have been of slender physique, the profile of the head being markedly classic and crowned with wavy golden brown hair.

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