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OUR GREAT TALKER.

Our president has so often shown his free disposition to talk and to keep all others from talking whom he can control, that it is no surprise to see him shut up Admiral Brownson and the other naval officers who have, it seems, been restive under the imperfections of our iron clads, that the public now hears of, and that it is time to hear a great deal more of, now that the situation has attracted its attention, and will surely receive that of Congress.

It seems that these imperfections of our war vessels have been well known to the administration, and further seems that the president, sending out the great Pacific fleet, has been very bold, if not indiscreet, because of the unending of the imperfections which he might have been sure would follow. It is this reflection which inclines us to give ear to the conclusion that they exist in the serious degree which is intimated. Certainly it would not have been wise to send out for display to the Oriental world a fleet fairly open to severe criticism of its fighting power. We may suspect, therefore, that whatever its imperfections are, they are not so serious as to detract very greatly from their fighting power, though they may be serious enough to call for radical corrections.

Until we hear, at the hands of Congress, just what the degree of trouble is, we may well suspend judgment about it, but we note now what seems to be obvious, that the president has closed the mouths of the naval commanders to criticism that they conceive to be well founded. This he may have done because he deemed it inexpedient that the world at large should be advised of our warship defects; but if this has been his view, it is not easy to understand why he should have sent them off on an around-the-world cruise.

We prefer to account for the president's action in accordance with his well-known disposition to do all the critical talking for the nation himself and to seal the lips of all its other officials to aught but words of praise for it and its.

—Lancaster Intelligencer.

Prohibition and Local Option.

Just now you hear considerable about local option and many look at the matter in various ways. A local option law is sure to put all saloons out of business; in fact, it is sure that many would continue in business and legally, at that. Local option is not prohibition but is just what the term implies. It makes it optional with each locality whether liquor should be sold or not, the matter to be decided by vote of the regularly qualified voters. The majority in some precincts will be in favor of continuing licenses, in others against it. To many minds the idea of local option and prohibition are practically the same.

The State Directors' Department of the State Educational Association will meet in the 13th Annual Convention in Assembly Hall, High School Building, Harrisburg, on Thursday and Friday, February 13 and 14.

THE OUTLOOK.

Enter New Year With Encouraging Prospects.

There is no doubt that the financial stringency is gradually disappearing. In some cities savings bank depositors who were stricken with shakes sixty days ago and clamored for their money decline to take it when it is offered them at the expiration of that period, and are said to be making fresh deposits. The reports of the condition of the state banks and trust companies in New York are on the whole distinctly favorable. It is estimated, moreover, that in January not far from two hundred million dollars will be disbursed in interest and dividends. This should aid materially in furnishing funds to do business with. The country is reasonably entitled to face the New Year with confidence and courage. It is undeniable that there has been a sharp curtailment of production in many industrial branches. But the prophets who declare that this will not only continue, but be still further emphasized, furnish no tangible proof to back up their assertions. There are nearly ninety millions of people in the United States, who must be fed, clothed, housed and supplied with the ordinary necessities of existence. Ample means exist for performing this task in the multiplicity of industrial plants, and the crops, which are abundant enough to afford provisions for the country and leave a handsome surplus for export. The latter process is going on all the time. It is a factor whose influence in bringing in cash from abroad has been forcibly felt in the past month, and is likely to be equally useful in the future.

There is no use Fighting Nature.

Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy does nothing of that kind. It acts tenderly and in sympathy with what Nature is trying to accomplish. Do you have trouble with your digestion, your liver or kidneys? Does rheumatism pain and rack you? Is your head thick and heavy? It will charm away these ailments almost ere you are aware.

All for Parcels Post

Except Express Companies Who Do Not Agree With Demand.

The State Grangers, in expressing themselves in demand of a parcels post, have lots of company, for almost every one, with the exception of the express companies, is in agreement with that demand, says the Lock Haven Express. It is absurd that this boastful country, almost alone among civilized nations, has not extended the functions of its postoffice to the carriage of sizeable parcels and permits the people to be mulcted for about five prices whenever they wish to forward a package with dispatch.

Weak Lungs Bronchitis

For over sixty years doctors have endorsed Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs, colds, weak lungs, bronchitis, consumption. You can trust a medicine the best doctors approve. Then trust this the next time you have a hard cough.

The best kind of a testimonial—
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Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.
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HAIR VIGOR.
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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2, 1908

In his Boston speech, Secretary Taft very clearly defined the difference between himself and Mr. Bryan. Mr. Taft emphatically advocated government control of railroads as the one antidote for government ownership which Mr. Bryan regards as the only satisfactory ultimate solution of the railroad problem. Mr. Taft has frankly committed himself on every public question. Mr. Bryan has made his views very clear, but no one of the other candidates has adopted this manly course. Governor Hughes is slated to make a speech at the Union League Club in Chicago and his friends are hoping he will summon up sufficient courage to declare himself on such subjects as the trusts, the tariff, the railroads, etc. The fact is that the Governor is trying to ride two horses going in opposite directions. His entire strength in New York rests on the fact that his old friends and associates regard him as opposed to the Roosevelt policies and his strength outside of New York, in so far as he has any strength, rests on the belief that he is in sympathy with those policies. Mr. Hughes cannot see how to commit himself without forfeiting his strength in one place or the other.

Representative Barchfield of Pennsylvania, the manager of that indefinable something referred to out of compliment to Senator Knox, as the Knox boom, has been in New York recently and returns to Washington with the announcement that "Some of the gang who don't vote are yelling for Hughes, but I find that all the boys who will do the voting are lining up for old man Cannon, of Illinois." Evidently Mr. Barchfield has some little bills up his sleeve which he hopes the Speaker will allow to go through at this session of Congress. Incidentally, Mr. Barchfield attempts to quote the President as for Knox, a somewhat silly attempt in view of the energetic manner in which Mr. Roosevelt is working to secure the nomination of Secretary Taft. The hardest blow the incipient Cannon boom has received was delivered by Representative Townsend of Michigan who has been an ardent Cannon man in Washington but who, on going home and finding the way the wind was blowing in his district, came out in a strong interview announcing that he was for Taft.

People in the East would like to hear more from Governor Johnson of Minnesota. The Governor came to Washington recently and at a banquet made a speech which excited great admiration and enthusiasm and some of the people in this section are wondering if the Democracy has not some finer presidential timber in the Minnesota governor than they have realized heretofore. The boom of Judge Grey, of Delaware does not seem to take any hold on the imagination of the people. It is hard to say why it does not flourish but it is probably due to the general belief that Mr. Bryan has the call in the next national convention. Whatever may be thought of Judge Grey's boom, there is no doubt but that he commands the respect and regard of the people who know him best.

The Navy war, precipitated by the President's decision to place a navy surgeon in command of the naval hospital ship, Relief, goes merrily on with every prospect of some action by Congress. It is generally expected that Congress will pass a law prohibiting the placing of any naval vessel under the command of an officer who is not a sailor and it is assumed that it is because the President is aware of this fact that he hesitates to issue the order which would place Surgeon Stokes in command of the Relief.

There is also some prospect of an investigation into matters of naval construction by Congress. It is asserted by the experts that the armor belt has been placed so low on the modern naval vessels that it is almost entirely under water and in support of this argument are shown pictures of the flagship Connecticut as she sailed out of Hampton Roads on her way to the Pacific. These pictures do show the armor belt almost entirely submerged. Another fact which is not stated, however, is that in times of peace naval vessels become loaded down with a great quantity of paraphernalia which would be discarded in war. Extensive awnings, super-structures, launches, etc., are carried on the decks. When a ship clears for action this stuff is cast overboard. The launches are turned adrift to be picked up later or allowed to sink and, too, it is not likely that naval vessels about to go into action would be as heavily laden with coal as were the ships starting on their long cruise to the Pacific. Of course with all this truck overboard the ships would sit much higher in the water than they can with it on board.

The New Years reception at the White House was an unusually brilliant function, despite the lowering skies. The President, refreshed by his little rest at Pine Knot, where he tramped the hills and dales with his two younger boys, seemed exceptionally happy and greeted the brilliantly uniformed diplomats and army officers and the somberly gowned judges of the Supreme Court each with some felicitous remark and good wish. For several hours the President stood in line and shook hands with several thousand people. From now on social Washington will be all gaiety, as the White House dinners and receptions follow each other in quick succession.

Indicted for Fraud.
Sears, Roebuck & Co. Charged With Fraudulent Use of Mails.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., the Chicago mail order house, must stand trial in the federal court at Des Moines, says the Leader of that city, on charges of using the United States mails to defraud. An indictment containing three counts was returned against the firm by the federal grand jury. The penalty upon conviction will be a fine of \$500 on each count.

The indictment is based on three cases in which it is alleged the company misrepresented articles listed for sale in its catalogues, which were sent through the mails. Besides the catalogues, it is claimed that the concern used letters, circulars, pamphlets, order blanks and letter heads to deceive and defraud its customers.

The first count charges that on June 13th the company devised a scheme to obtain money by false pretenses from Dr. C. F. Spring, 231 Utica building, Des Moines. On that date a letter was mailed to him in which the following statements were made:

"All our paints contain white lead made in our own great paint factory under the supervision of the finest paint experts. They have given universal satisfaction, and we are able to place over them our most liberal guarantee, which you are doubtless familiar with."

As a matter of fact, so the indictment sets out, Sears, Roebuck & Co. did not manufacture paint in its own factory. Its paint was not of the highest grade and was not equal to any ready mixed paint on the market, regardless of price, as advertised in its catalogue. Furthermore, the paint did not contain white lead, so the indictment charges.

R. H. Miles, rural route No. 1, Des Moines, is the victim named in the other two counts of the indictment. On May 25 Mr. Miles ordered a ring advertised in the Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalogue to contain four pearls and four sapphires. The ring that he received did not contain either pearls or sapphires and was materially inferior in quality to the ones described in the catalogue.

On May 6 Mr. Miles ordered another ring advertised to contain twelve pearls and two rubies. The ring he received contained neither pearls or rubies. Both the catalogues and the rings were sent through the mails, making the alleged misrepresentation a violation of the federal statutes regarding the use of the mails.

THE BEST CHEF

uses a White House Cook Book because he knows the recipes are practical and that the merit of each is fully established, economical and explicit. It is the most complete and popular work of the kind on the market. This book retails for \$2.00, some stores charge \$2.50.

The Philadelphia Press will mail the Daily edition of the paper one year and the cook book—all charges prepaid—for \$3.50. This Means the Book and Paper, daily one entire year for practically the cost of the Paper. Write to-day.

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ON

WINTER SUITS

AND

OVERCOATS.

TOWNSEND'S CORNER.

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MISSION FURNITURE.

- Mission, Weather and Golden Oak Morris Chairs, broad arms complete with Velour, Corduroy and Leather cushions \$5 to \$15
- Mission Rockers with broad arms and panel backs—solid wood seats \$4.75 to \$6.75.
- Mission Rockers with leather seats and panel and inlaid backs \$7.00 to \$13.
- Mission Rockers with leather upholstery on back and seat, \$8.00 to \$15.
- Mission Arm Chairs and Rockers complete with loose leather cushion \$10 to \$15.00.
- Golden Oak Saddle Seat Rocking Chair, panel back and shaped arms from 1.75 to \$11.50.
- Wisconsin roll seat Rockers in Golden Oak and Mahogany finish, the very picture of comfort, bolted and riveted—built for service, \$2.50 to \$10.00
- Elegant Mahogany Rockers and corner chairs—same with plain veneered seats, others upholstered in leather or green hair cloth \$4.00 to \$14.00.
- Polished Golden Oak Rockers—luxurious leather seats—high and low panel ed or upholstered backs, \$3 to \$15.00.
- Antwerp Oak Rockers—back and seat—shaped arms, splendid, upholstered in plain and embossed Mexican leather, \$14, \$14.50 and \$15.00.
- Mission Screens filled with plain burlap and heavy tapestry, also wood panels, \$5.00 to \$9.50.
- Mission Library Tables, drawers and shelf, for magazines—plain and quartered oak stock, \$5.00 to \$10.
- Mission Writing Desk (for men) complete with pigeon holes and drawers, \$10.00 to \$16.50.
- Mission magazine and book shelves, \$1.98 to \$6.00
- Mission weathered oak hanging hall racks with beveled plate mirror \$3.75.
- Women's Mission Desk Chairs \$3.00 to \$3.50.
- Mission Card Tables—leather or green felt tops, close folding, \$3.98.
- Umbrella Racks, Tabourettes, Dinner Gongs, Smoking Sets, Pipe Racks, Foot Stools, and numerous other items in Mission Furniture that go to make up the perfect Den.

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