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PERTINENT POLITICAL POINTS.

Possibly Cuba is rejoicing that Spain herself now has a taste of Weyler's methods.

Tuan says he is tired of being reported beheaded. If the thing isn't going any further he wants it to quit.

Mr. Morgan wrote checks amounting to \$75,000,000 last week. But what of it? Anybody can write checks.

Electricity is said to be responsible for driving the English sparrows away from the cities. This is another merit of the electric light.

Queen Wilhelmina is said to be the only woman who has received the Order of the Garter. That's odd, considering everything.

News comes by cable that Swat is to be incorporated in India and the Altkoons pensioned off. He won't be much Altkoond henceforth that Swat's the matter.

If this country has got to listen to the Sampson-Schley controversy for the next century, it will sooner or later begin to regret that it ever started out as a world power.

Mrs. Nation made a bad mistake when she attacked a cold storage company's plant. She might have known that she would be punished for attacking a legitimate industry.

Russia pauses to remark that it is very sorry, and will be very glad when the United States also gets sorry enough to permit her to get glad again.

Colonel Bryan wishes it understood that he was never an actor. Of course not. All the acting he did was during the Spanish war, when he played soldier for a while.

In calculating as to what Teddy will do in the seclusion of the Vice Presidency, it should be remembered that he has already taken several other posts equally obscure and made himself markedly prominent in all of them.

A woman's rights woman wants to know right away why men should be favored with a dozen pockets while women have none at all. Seriously, an accurate answer to this question would go to the very root of the difference between the sexes.

Embassador Choate has prodded King Eddie, calling to his attention the fact that the Hay Pouncefote convention will expire on March 4, and that if he intends to do anything, he had better get a move on. The country really doesn't care much whether Eddie acts or not. Congress can settle the subject without his aid.

Waldersee wants gore. Not content with having devastated China as no country has been devastated for a hundred years, he is preparing to extend the field of his operations and attack parts of the country that hitherto have suffered merely from sporadic cases of robbery and outrage.

That Ripper Bill.

A Republican majority of nearly 100,000 majority in Philadelphia, says the Inquirer, was significant. It was for a candidate opposed to the bossism of the old Combine Machine, and by the election of Mr. Davidson as Tax Receiver the last breastworks of the machine have been captured. It has taken Philadelphia five years to overthrow the old bosses, but the work has been done. All of the recent vilification of the city and all of these sensational newspaper stories of vice and corruption were concocted for the sole purpose of preventing the triumph of the cause of the people. The political highwaymen have died hard, and the yellow journals have been powerless to place them again upon the throne. The revolution has been sweeping, and the old Combine Machine is now a hopeless ruin.

But it is different out in Pittsburg, where William Flinn holds the people by the throat. There is no opportunity for the voters to escape his power, for the voters are not consulted in the matter. It is proposed to give them an opportunity to help themselves, and that is why Mr. Flinn and his political slaves so strongly oppose the new charter, which they call the Ripper bill. The charter wipes out present conditions and starts afresh, leaving it to the people at the municipal election for Mayor to decide whether they will restore Mr. Flinn to power or will absolutely cut loose from him. It is very apparent that Mr. Flinn fears to leave his case in the hands of the people.

The Ripper bill has got through the Senate, and has passed first reading in the House. It will come up for second reading this week, and a pitched battle is expected. It is significant that Representative Nisbet, of Pittsburg, who has always been a Flinn supporter, has taken strong grounds in behalf of the measure. He says that the people of Pittsburg want the new charter, and, judging from the sentiment expressed by the newspapers and by the action of the Chamber of Commerce, he is right.

OH, FOR A PANIC!

(A DEMOCRATIC PRAYER.)

Grant us, thou sovereign dispenser of mortal ills, a financial cyclone that will wreck the country and bring dismal poverty to every household, for without such a cataclysm, we are, indeed, doomed to wander in the cheerless outer darkness of an eternity and never hope to bask for a single moment in the joyous sunshine of a Federal pie counter. Let stocks fall with the velocity of a clown sliding down a greased rope. May one mighty run be made on the banks till every door is closed and Mack and Mark are made to tremble like an earthquake. Put fear and distrust into the hearts of the people and the devil into the leaders of all the railway and labor organizations through the land until strikes and shutdowns are made to cover the United States as the waters cover the sea. We've got to have a panic or our name is mud. The only hope for the party is in the misfortunes of the people. And oh for some soup houses to point to, that we might say to the Rads and Hanner crats "We told you so." Thou knowest Master Satan, that we have served thee well in the past. We have told all the political lies we could think of. We yelled for a war and pushed McKinley into one, now we are sorely vexed because we have to help pay for it. We've yelled "Hannercrat," "gold-bug" and "trusts" and "imperialism" and everything else we could think of till our throats are blood raw. Now give us a panic or something that will disturb the administration and we'll serve thee more and yell for anything thou wouldst have us yell. Amen.—Yellow Jacket.

Notice.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Down's Elixir if it does not cure any cough, cold, croup, whooping cough or throat trouble. We also guarantee Down's Elixir to cure consumption, when used according to directions or money back. A full dose on going to bed and small doses during the day will cure the most severe cold, and stop the most distressing cough. For sale by L. Taggart, and R. C. Dodson. 1-3teow

Subscribe for the PRESS; only \$1.50 a year in advance.

The Billion Dollar Congress.

Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, has been making a speech on what he terms extravagance. Let us quote:

We were shocked at the idea of a billion dollar Congress, and before we know it we will have a billion dollar session.

What Mr. Hale means is that instead of appropriating a billion dollars for the term of two years we shall use that sum in a single year.

Well, what of it? Suppose we do, what then?

It simply means that we are growing—as we ought to grow.

What is the use comparing the country of today with the country of twenty, forty or fifty years ago? Of course we spent less money then. If we were not spending more now we would have shown no progress.

The question is not one of extravagance, not one of comparison with past years, but one of present and living opportunities and needs. We are developing this great country of ours. Stop developments and it would be very easy to get back to old time conditions and appropriations. But who wants to turn back the wheels of progress? Does Mr. Hale?

Here is the whole pith of the situation: Is there anyone who feels that he is being taxed for governmental expenses? Men pay taxes for local use, but do they know that they are not paying taxes for the general government at Washington?

We want to make that inquiry very plain: Is there an ordinary citizen of the United States who really feels that he is being taxed for the support of the Federal Government?

We take the responsibility of answering that question with an emphatic NO.

Then why all this talk about extravagance and billion dollar sessions? The government collects a certain amount of money and pays it out again. If this money goes for public improvements, men are put to work, and the men who work do not complain. These men do not protest that the government is extravagant. It is only Millionaire Hale who is doing the protesting. The average citizen very naturally will ask, What is his objection?

If we have become a billion dollar country, so much the better. Let us hope that shortly we will become a two billion dollar country.

WHEN TWO MAKE ONE.

The Twins, the Confident Mother and the Astute Conductor.

"Fares," demanded the Jefferson avenue car conductor.

The tall, thin woman handed out 8 cents for herself and two youngsters.

"Three cents more, please," reminded the conductor.

"They are twins," she explained, "and only equal to one child."

The conductor scratched his head and tried to remember his instructions. Evidently he recollected nothing governing twins; but, being something of a philosopher, he pondered and said:

"Twins are out of the ordinary, therefore singular. Perhaps you're right, and yet you spoke of the twins as 'they.' That's plural," and he gazed around triumphantly.

The fat man nodded. He was a bachelor and detested children.

"No," spoke up the comical man; "she is right. They have only one birthday between them. If they equaled two children, they would have two birthdays."

"I guess that's so," acquiesced the conductor. "Anyway I'll look it up."

"They take up two seats," growled the fat man.

The conductor paused and forgot to hand back 5 cents change. "Say," at last he broke out, "what's their names?"

"Wilbur and Marie," replied the mother pertly, failing to see the Delvet trap she was walking into.

"Huh! Boy and girl, eh? Well, I'll have to have another fare. You can figure on boy twins equaling one boy, but half a boy and half a girl don't add up."

She paid.

"He's a diplomat," whispered the fat man in admiration. "He ought to be down in the legislature."—Rochester Post-Express.

Something in a Name.

The advantages that fall to the lot of a man whose surname occurs early in an alphabetical list are well known. As a candidate for office upon an Australian ballot, for example, a man named Abbott has a far better chance than the most eminent Zweigler. But the benefit that comes from the possession of a short name has not heretofore been generally recognized. Not long ago the promotion of one of the auditors of the treasury department at Washington created a vacancy to which, upon a formal recommendation to that effect, the candidate having the shortest name, being also a competent man, was appointed. His chief duty is to affix his signature to accounts, and as he needs to make but six letters in signing he can do twice as much in a day as a man whose name contains 12 letters.—Youth's Companion.

What Hurt Her.

Mrs. Heartless—Just to think my husband fell and broke—and broke—

Mrs. Simpythetik—There, dear; I heard all about it. The poor man broke his leg. It's a great affliction, I know, but—

Mrs. Heartless—Oh, I didn't mean that! You haven't heard the worst. He was carrying my new Venetian vase when he fell, and broke it too.—Ohio State Journal.

A MAYOR'S MIRACLE.

He Made the Blind See, the Deaf Hear and the Lame Walk.

From the many anecdotes of Bampfyde Moore Carew's rogueries in Arthur Montefiore Brice's essay on that "Amazing Vagabond" we quote one in which Carew and his gypsy crew who had rigged themselves up as cripples and gathered at Bridgewater fair to plunder the junketers came off second best.

When the mayor of Bridgewater heard that this motley group of cripples had arrived, he announced to some of his friends that he was possessed of a power they perhaps little suspected—that, in fact, he could make the blind see, the deaf hear and the lame walk. Bets were freely made that he could do nothing of the kind, and thereupon the mayor had the gypsies arrested and immediately brought before him and, after hearing their harrowing tales, ordered them to be confined for the night in the lockup.

About 10 o'clock at night, however, the municipal surgeon entered with a lantern and announced that he would examine them all in the morning in order to report to the mayor whether or not they really suffered from deformity of one kind or another, and he went on to say that those who were found to be impostors would be treated by the mayor with severity so extreme that, moved to pity, he would allow any such misguided wretch to escape there and then from the lockup on condition that he immediately left the town.

At this intelligence a great commotion arose, and in less time than it takes to write it the whole crowd surged out of the lockup, flinging away their crutches and wooden legs, patches and bandages, and made off down the town at topmost speed, the blind leading the way with unerring steps, the dumb crying aloud their fears, the deaf replying to them, and the lame sprinting along at a rattling pace. Now, just opposite the lockup, on the farther side of the street, stood the witty mayor and his friends, convulsed with laughter at the success of his scheme.—Argonaut.

CATCHING CICADAS.

How Certain Malays Obtain a Curious Delicacy.

Certain natives of the Malay peninsula catch cicadas and eat them and that as a considerable luxury. To eat a cicada seems distinctly curious, says the London Daily Mail, when we reflect that this insect is in reality a glorified member of that insect group which contains as its most prominent representative the diminutive and swarthy creature which shall be nameless here for evermore.

The way in which the Siamese proceeds was related to the Zoological society the other day by a naturalist who has spent some time in the Malay peninsula observing men as well as insects. At night, when these insects fly, the native sallies forth armed with a torch and but little raiment. The torch is deposited in a convenient place, and the swarm of natives proceed to clap their hands in a perfectly regular fashion so as to produce a considerable sound.

It is the combination of light and sound that allures the cicada from its haunts to its destruction. The insects come also in swarms and settle upon the bodies of the applauding natives, whence they are easily detached, preserved, cooked and eaten.

The Greek sage remarked that happy are the cicadas in that they have voiceless wives. It is apparently the lady cicadas who are attracted by what they fondly believe to be the love cry of the male and are thus lured to their fate by that most dangerous of passions.

Victoria and Dickens.

Literary celebrities, as a rule, were not those who attained to any high degree of personal favor at the hands of Queen Victoria, but she paid Charles Dickens a delicate compliment. Dickens, who, by the way in his youthful days was devoured by a grand passion for the youthful queen, was invited when at the climax of his fame to dine at Windsor castle. He was after dinner presented by the queen with a copy of her book "Tour in the Highlands," and on the fly leaf was inscribed in her own hand this sentence:

"From the humblest to the most distinguished author in England." The queen afterward showed many favors to Lord Tennyson, but even in making him a peer of the realm she did not bestow as great a compliment.

Trafalgar Hats.

The year 1805 was a memorable one, as on Oct. 21 was fought and gained the battle of Trafalgar, and then, as now, fashion complimented heroes by devising toilets named in their honor. So Nelson was commemorated by a hat—the "Trafalgar"—and every woman and child adopted the wondrous structure, which would outdo even the headgear of the present day, for these hats were of enormous width and breadth, something of the size of a round table, and so loaded with plumes that the wearers must have looked all hat.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Question of Ownership.

"Need of counsel? Come up and let me introduce you to my lawyer."

"Your lawyer? Do you own a lawyer?"

"I—er—well, no, certainly not. He owns me."—New York Press.

Cold Cure for Busy People.

Many people neglect a cold because they say they have no time to attend to it. Krause's Cold Cure is a remedy which can be taken without danger while performing your daily duties, and will relieve the most aggravated cases in 24 hours. Price 25c. Sold by L. Taggart. Feb

Even the highest personages in Turkey are not exempt from suspicion.

Their movements are watched and reported to the palace by an army of spies who swarm in every quarter.

Belgium holds the world's record in canals, having 535 miles, which carry 8,000,000 tons a year.

ALL SORTS.

For the weakness and prostration following gripe there is nothing so prompt and effective as One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation is highly endorsed as an unfailing remedy for all throat and lung troubles and its early use prevents consumption. It was made to cure quickly. R. C. Dodson. Sly

It is alright to labor for love, but he that laboreth for his mouth is better satisfied.

Don't let the hand of time paint wrinkles on your face. Keep young, by keeping the blood pure and the digestive organs in a healthful condition. HERBINE will do this. Health is youth, disease and sickness brings old age. Price 50c. L. Taggart. Feb

The hoary head is a crown of glory, yet there is still a great demand for hair vigor and its attendant coloring effects.

Recent experiments show that all classes of foods may be completely digested by a preparation called Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which absolutely digests what you eat. As it is the only combination of all the natural digestants ever devised and demand for it has become enormous. It has never failed to cure the very worst cases of indigestion and it always gives instant relief. R. C. Dodson. Sly

He that mocketh the poor is undogly, yet most any will slur a tramp.

Nervous children are almost always thin children. The "out-door-boy" is seldom nervous. WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE is the best preventive of nervousness. It strengthens the system and assists to that sort of flesh, which creates strength and power of endurance. Price 25 cents. L. Taggart. Feb

It is well to preach the art of returning good for evil, but it is a mighty hard practice to follow.

A powerful engine cannot be run with a weak boiler, and we can't keep up the strain of an active life with a weak stomach; neither can we stop the human machine to make repairs. If the stomach cannot digest enough food to keep the body strong, such a preparation as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure should be used. It digests what you eat and it simply can't help but do you good. R. C. Dodson. Sly

He that hath knowledge sparoth his words; hence a wise man is seldom heard in a street argument.

Are you nervous, run down, weak and dispirited? Take a few doses of HERBINE. It will infuse new energy, new life into the exhausted nerves, the overworked brain or muscular system and put a new face on life and business. Price 50 cents. L. Taggart. Feb

He that is slovenly in his work during the day may be the neatest dressed man on the streets at night.

There is always danger in using counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The original is a safe and certain cure for piles. It is a soothing and healing salve for sores and all skin diseases. R. C. Dodson. Sly

He that is first in his own cause may be unjust, but he will come out the best in the end.

When pain or irritation exists on any part of the body the application of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT will give prompt relief. Price 25 and 50 cents. L. Taggart. Feb

The fact that Pierpont Morgan is going to Europe leaves little hope that he will assimilate the base ball geezers.

Reports show a greatly increased death rate from throat and lung troubles, due to the prevalence of croup, pneumonia and gripe.—We advise the use of One Minute Cough Cure in all of these difficulties. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Children like it. R. C. Dodson. Sly

Cuba is disposed to be too libre.

There is probably no disease or condition of the human system that causes more suffering and distress than piles. TABLET'S BUCKEYE PILE OINTMENT cures them quickly, without pain or detention from business. Price 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents. L. Taggart. Feb

Mountain lions are breathing easier.

Like bad dollars, all counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are worthless. The original quickly cures piles, sores and all skin diseases. R. C. Dodson. Sly

The woes of the mover are thickening.

You can help anyone whom you find suffering from inflamed throat; laryngeal trouble, bronchitis, coughs, colds, etc., by advising the use of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP; the great remedy for coughs and colds. Price 25 and 50 cts. L. Taggart. Feb

Old Terra Firma is again asserting herself in spots.

Millions of people are familiar with DeWitt's Little Early Risers and those who use them find them to be famous little liver pills. Never gripe. R. C. Dodson. Sly

Winter will soon begin a series of farewell performances.

See a woman in another column picking grapes for Speer's wines. Read all about it. Excellent for weakly persons and the aged particularly for females. 50-8t

Working Overtime.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless, little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing indigestion, biliousness, constipation, sick headache and all stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe sure. Only 25 cents at L. Taggart's drug store. Feb

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Headache Causes.

Headache is usually caused by living in poorly ventilated rooms, overindulgence in food or drink, insufficient exercise, mental strain, excitement or malaria. Krause's Headache Capsules quickly cures the most severe cases, and leaves the head clear and cool. Price 25c. Sold by L. Taggart. Feb

In other years we usually had the pennant cinched by this time.

A Fireman's Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa., "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by L. Taggart. Price 50 cents. Feb

Neither Bryan or Adlai has thus far applied for a place in the parade.

Persons who cannot take ordinary pills find it a pleasure to take DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They are the best little liver pills ever made. R. C. Dodson. Sly

The wilds of Kansas are still feeling the effects of the joint-smashing impulse.

Had to Coquer or Die.

"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C., "I had Consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It's an unrivaled life-saver in consumption, pneumonia, la gripe and bronchitis; infallible for coughs, colds, asthma, hay fever, croup or whooping cough. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at L. Taggart's drug store. Feb

Four times in jail in one day is a new high record for the Kansas hatcheter.

For Shattered Nerves.

A remedy that will soothe, build up the wasted tissues and enrich the blood is indispensable. Lichty's Celery Nerve Compound has been wonderfully successful in cases of nervousness, as thousands of grateful people will testify. Sold by L. Taggart. Feb

The unexpected in the way of sitting down is liable to happen than it was.

N. Y. Board of Health on Wines.

Dr. James of the N. Y. Board of Health says: "I take pleasure in testifying to the superior qualities of the wine produced by Alfred Speer. I recommend it as a superior wine for the sick and debilitated." The Port and Burgundy have no equal. 51-cow-8t

With Pingree in Europe and Pettigrew soon to go out of the Senate the country is likely to fall into an awful state.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap.

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Bosehoe's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try ONE bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Sold by L. Taggart.

Get Green's Prize Almanac. 2n34eow

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

Has world-wide fame for marvellous cures. It surpasses any other salve, lotion, ointment or balm for cuts, corns, burns, boils, sores, felons, ulcers, tetter, salt rheum, fever sores, chapped hands, skin eruptions; infallible for piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c at L. Taggart's. Feb

The styles of spring bricks are unchanged but prices are stiffer.

Signature of E. W. Moore

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

Cuba has given McKinley many busy days and promises to keep it up.

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For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson