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Primitive Philosophy. Animism is the name of a theory originally propounded by Stahl, about 1707. It asserts that the soul is the vital principle and only cause of life.

Boasts and Knocks. How comes it that the evil which men say spreads so wildly and lasts so long, whilst our good, kind words don't seem somehow to take root and bear blossom?

Pain and Grief Common to All. It is not surprising that "accidents are always happening." Even kings and queens cannot live through calm and peaceful days.

This Must Mean New York. American men and women to-day hire their wives and husbands as they hire their houses and carriages.

Spectacles. The invention of spectacles is variously attributed to Alessandro di Spina, who died at Pisa in 1313; to Al Hazen, the Arabian (eleventh century), and to Roger Bacon (1214-92).

Causes of Quarrel Removed. "Is your husband thoroughly domesticated by this time?" "Oh, yes. He never has any loose change in his pocket, and is careful not to leave any of his private letters lying around the house."

A True Republic. The only country we can think of where republican traditions are properly followed out is the little state of Andorra, and there they have no politicians; everybody works.

A Non-Subscriber. A south Missouri editor refused to publish a death notice of a non-subscriber. "People who don't take the home paper," he said, "never were alive, and their passing away has no news value."

Good Work by Workhouse Boy. Possibly the best interpreter of the Bible is Kitto. His Scriptural lore was the admiration of all his contemporaries. He was reared in a workhouse.

A Waste of Money. Hub—Reckless and extravagant—? When did I ever make a useless purchase? Wife—Why, there's that fire extinguisher you bought a year ago; we've never used it once.

In the Middle. "The thief always suffers in the end." "Not always. My little boy stole some green apples the other day and that is not where he suffered."

The Real Victim. After a man has been sick a week his wife looks worse than he does from taking care of him.

The Philosopher of Folly. "Some give according to their means," says the Philosopher of Folly, "and others according to how mean they are."

The Wonders of Science. "Oh, mamma," said little Albert, who was having his first view of an aeroplane in action, "see the cattle pen flying."

SAME OLD PERFORMANCE IN THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE SHOW



NO "PORK BARREL" MAINTAIN INTEGRITY OF LAW

PRESIDENT TAFT'S POSITION ON WATERWAYS PROJECT.

Assurance That Wise Supervision of Large Sum Needed Will Be Exercised Will Be a Source of Satisfaction.

President Taft's speech at St. Louis gives assurance that his administration does not intend to tolerate either reckless enthusiasm or sectional favoritism in the government's policy of waterways improvement.

Each project, he declares, must be taken up strictly on its merits; whether the territory to be affected will justify the expenditure, whether the improvement will be useful when done, whether it will be beneficial to the entire country.

Under no considerations would he have the funds dedicated to any waterways enterprise merely because it would boom certain sections and boost certain congressmen back into office.

The president's declaration will tend to reassure those who have been staggered by the project of placing a bond issue of from \$500,000,000 or \$1,000,000,000 at the tender mercies of congress for the purpose of improving our waterways.

Only a strong hand and an informed head to oversee the appropriations of these vast sums can hope to insure their wise and legitimate employment in the monumental task to which they would be dedicated.

Neither the independent and enthusiastic expert, seeing all things in the light of an ideal, nor the conservative, time-serving politician, with vision restricted by the present, is here a reliable guide. There is a sane, practical, middle ground that will seek to make a beginning on sound and broad economic foundations, and to outline a future policy capable of gradual fulfillment without ever embarrassing the nation financially or interfering with its other needful projects.

We hope that President Taft will prove the man who can act the harmonizing buffer between the various elements who will come to loggerheads in the framing of the government's policy toward waterway improvement. His plain speech at St. Louis encourages our belief that the hope is well-grounded.

Tillman and Taft Agree.

Senator Tillman's refusal to pay \$10 for his dinner, even though he ate it in the company of the president of the United States, will awake a grateful echo, we imagine, in Mr. Taft's own bosom. It is a fact calling for the attention of the professional sociologist that the president should have been most exposed to the horrors of the \$10 dinner among the thoroughbred Democracy of the far west and that his meals should have grown simpler, and incidentally more nutritive, as he has made his way back to the effete and hyper-civilized Atlantic border.

The situation has one moral for congress which is very plain. It is that the statute should be so amended as to permit the comptroller to use penalties on a graduated scale. A provision that banks would forfeit all interest on excess loans might serve very well as a penalty for a first offense.

The President Feeling His Way.

President Taft's message to the sixty-second congress is complete. He has written it on the slopes of the Rockies, in the alkali dust of the inter-mountain states and on the blushing fruit lands of the Pacific slope. Little is lacking from the document save the executive's benediction to the lawmakers and a few recommendations handed him by members of his cabinet.

INCALCULABLE HARM WILL BE DONE IF CONFIDENCE IN PURE FOOD MEASUREMENTS IS DISTURBED.

A singular, and, if it were to be credited, decidedly disturbing assertion is made by a Washington correspondent with reference to the impending tariff war with France.

The statement is unauthorized and it is hoped will remain so. There could be nothing more likely to destroy confidence in the integrity of the enforcement of the pure food law than the currency of such a report as this.

Plainly under the law if French wines are adulterated they must be condemned; while if they are pure they must be approved.

Rev. Harry E. Woodcock, who was ordained as a minister of the Congregational church in 1848, celebrated his ninety-third birthday in Kansas City by preaching a sermon.

The national apple show opened in Spokane, Wash., with exhibits from commercial orchards in all parts of the northwest and a prize list of \$25,000.

COMPTROLLER MURRAY AND BANK LOANS.

National banks are restricted in the size of the loans they may make to any one person. Up to a few years ago the restriction was very great—too great, indeed, to be practicable or desirable.

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SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

Latest News of Interest Boiled Down for the Busy Man.

PERSONAL.

Senator Aldrich in an address before the bankers of Des Moines declared that if a central bank of the United States should ever come it must be the servant and not the master of existing financial institutions.

Commissioner Henry W. West of the District of Columbia has sent his resignation to the president. Mr. West was appointed seven years ago by President Roosevelt. He resigns to resume newspaper work in Washington.

W. Cameron Forbes has assumed the office of governor general of the Philippines. The formal inauguration will take place November 24.

James J. Corbett, a bricklayer and former Bostonian, who when last heard from was seeking employment at Pittsburg, Pa., is heir to \$250,000, which will be turned over to him when he puts in an appearance at Boston.

Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, has purchased a rare portrait, probably the finest of its kind in the world, in Limoges enamel, for which it is understood he paid \$100,000.

Franklin Taylor, who ran for municipal judge in the New York election and lost, filed an expense account of \$832.23, accompanied by the remark that "A fool and his money are soon parted."

Mrs. Sarah T. Rorer, the well-known culinary expert, shocked the Mothers' club of New York by declaring that men were not fit to bring up their own sons.

Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard has been elected president of the Lincoln University Endowment association, to succeed the late Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dr. Charles W. Elliot, as president of the National Conservation association, authorizes a statement on the danger of the monopolistic control of water power and coal lands, which is declared to be urgent.

Rear Admiral John Hubbard, naval aid to the assistant secretary of the navy, has been ordered to command the third squadron of the Pacific fleet, now stationed in the orient.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Southern Homeopathic Medical association was held in Hot Springs, Ark.

The grand encampment of Illinois Odd Fellows began in Springfield. Advocates of an inland waterway from the Mississippi to the Apalachicola and thence across the Florida peninsula to the Atlantic met in convention in Jacksonville, Fla.

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George G. Gilbert, who represented the Eighth Kentucky district in congress from 1898 to 1906, is dead at Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce by Justice Mills, sitting in the supreme court at New York city.

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An immense crowd attended a meeting at the Unitarian church in Salt Lake, called in honor of the late Prof. Ferrer, executed at Barcelona.

A conference on the prevention of infant mortality opened at Yale university under the auspices of the American Academy of Medicine.

Thomas J. Hall, aged 17, the son of a Louisville furniture dealer, entered the Merchants' National bank at New Albany, Ind., and in an attempt to hold up the institution shot and killed J. H. Fawcett, the cashier, and seriously wounded President J. K. Wood-

to start. In attempting to escape young robber was reportedly injured a collide of the river after latter failed chase and only escaped the vengeance of a mob by a ruse on the part of the sheriff.

Deputy United States Attorney General Stimson at New York is making preparations to push criminal proceedings against the sugar trust which, it is charged, has stolen \$30,000,000 from the United States treasury through underweighing importations in the last 20 years.

The possibility that President Taft will include Great Britain and Canada in a proclamation directed at France in connection with tariff discrimination against the United States was discussed in the negotiations between Ambassador Jusserand of France and officials of the state department.

That Mme. Steinheil, aided by some unknown accomplice, murdered her husband so as to obtain her freedom to wed the wealthy and infatuated Maurice Bordeler, but that the killing of her stepmother was unpremeditated and merely incidental to the tragedy, is the theory of the state as outlined by Trouard Riolle, the judge advocate, in opening the argument of the prosecution at Paris.

A jury in the New Jersey supreme court returned a verdict for \$3,500 in favor of Miss Jeannette Fried of Newark in her breach of promise suit against Charles Nissenon. Miss Fried claimed Nissenon jilted her after a promise of marriage. He testified that he lost his love for the young woman because she was too fond of drinking cocktails and other stimulants in public places.

Seven persons were injured, some probably fatally, in a wreck on the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, five miles south of Henryetta, Okla. Two passenger coaches left the track and turned over.

Arthur George, who shot and killed his divorced wife at Brighton Beach, Seattle, Wash., on May 13, was convicted of murder in the first degree and will be sentenced to death. The case attracted attention because it was the first in which a new state law which limits the use of the insanity plea was applied.

Four Chinamen who had been smuggled into the United States from Canada and billed to St. Louis as "merchandise" were taken from a freight car in the yards of the Wabash railroad at St. Louis. They told the police that they had been placed in the car in Montreal.

Frank Pierce, assistant secretary of the interior, it is announced, has refused to grant a right of way to the proposed Oklahoma Pipe Line Company, holding that the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, a Standard Oil branch, is already in Oklahoma and should handle Oklahoma oil.

A young woman and a man are near death as the result of an automobile accident on Long Island and their identity is concealed. The number on the wrecked car is that of an automobile owned by Rodman Wana-

Mrs. Jeannette Ford-Stewart, accused by C. L. Warriner, the defaulting Cincinnati treasurer of the Big Four Railroad Company, denies that she shared in his peculations by blackmailing him, and declares she will tell the whole story in court. She says her tale will disclose some sensational facts.

President Taft, in a speech at Richmond, Va., outlined his annual message to congress and put reclamation and irrigation first in importance, with anti-trust, interstate commerce and postal savings banks following.

On the eve of final adjustment, the litigation between the American Sugar Refining Company and the Pennsylvania Refining Company came to a sudden halt at New York when the United States circuit court granted a restraining order forbidding the compromise agreed upon by the two concerns.

A jury at Chicago acquitted Valentine B. Caugh of the killing of John A. Sjosladt, who died following a blow struck by Caugh in defense of several girls. In their verdict the jurors lauded Caugh for asserting his manhood.

President Taft arrived in Washington in splendid spirits from his 13,000-mile journey through the west and south with 266 speeches to his credit. Suit pedals and other equipment for the famous chimes of Trinity church, New York, now being put in, are intended to make the chimes play "with feeling."

Robert Simpson died at Somerville, N. J., while under the hypnotic influence of Prof. Arthur Everton of Newark. An autopsy showed Simpson died from aneurism. Everton was arrested.

George W. Foster, the contractor who built the great lock at Sault Ste. Marie, died in Cincinnati, aged 79.

Dies for a five-cent piece bearing the head of George Washington, to take the place of the coin now in circulation, have been prepared by engravers at the mint in Philadelphia. If the government adopts this coin it will be the first to bear the head of the first president of the republic.

The supreme court of the United States has decided against the complainants in the case of 13,000 Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians excluded from the citizenship rolls by Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department March 4, 1907. The Indians had asked for redress.

BOY ROBS BANK TWICE

SHOOTS ASSISTANT CASHIER AND TAKES ABOUT \$1,000.

Youthful Bandit Then Flees With the Booty, but Wounds Himself When Posses Close In On Him.

October 28.—Earl Bullock, the with a companion, robbed and robbed it again. He is 20, probably from a self-inflicted wound, while Fred Starr, assistant cashier of the Kaw Valley State bank of Eudora, suffers from a bullet wound inflicted by the bandit. In his first hold up of the Eudora State bank Bullock shot and killed a policeman.

As officers had about decided that Bullock had left the state with the loot of the previous hold up, he and McKay entered the State bank about closing time. While the robbers were at work Starr entered the Eudora bank, which is the town's clearing house. In his hands were the day's clearings and the robbers turned on him and shot him through the jaw.

Grabbing all the ready money in sight, about \$1,000, the bandits then ran out through the back door of the bank. Harry Wilson, a son of Cashier Wilson, spread the alarm and citizens armed with shotguns, rifles and revolvers pursued the bandits across the fields. In attempting to swim the Kaw river the boys lost ground and a few minutes later the pursuers were at their heels. McKay then surrendered, but Bullock, wrenching the revolvers from his faltering partner's hands, sped on into a woods.

John Miller, a farmer, who knew nothing about the pursuit, stepped in to Bullock's path and the boy, thinking him a pursuer, fired several shots that barely missed Miller. Seeing that the youth was ready to shoot at anyone, the pursuers fired a score of shots at Bullock, who returned the fire. Thus the chase continued for some time, none of the shots exchanged between the citizens and their quarry taking effect. The hunted robber gradually lost ground and with scant hope of escape, he stopped and shouted defiance at the fast approaching hunters.

"I have only one bullet left, but I'll beat you yet," he shouted and fired his remaining bullet through his own head. McKay was later captured.

STORMS AND FLOODS DAMAGE

Believed that Many Lives Have Been Lost in the West Indies—Large Amount of Property Destroyed.

Kingston, Jamaica, via Holland Bay. From fragmentary reports that are arriving here from the countryside, the damage resulting from the storms and floods which have raged throughout the island since November 5 is enormous. The greater portion of the railway and the coast line on the north side of the island have been seriously damaged. Landslides are numerous on the main railroad, and communication has been completely cut off. Many bridges also have been carried away.

No communication has been possible between this city and interior points since the 6th. There have been many deaths from the floods, it is believed, and many maritime disasters, though these cannot be definitely described. Numerous sloops have been lost off the coast. The Norwegian steamer Amanda and the Bradford of the United Fruit Co. went ashore at Port Antonio and the Bradford is a total wreck. The bark Avalon before reported ashore at Woodstock point, went to pieces in the gale. She belonged to the Atlantic Fruit Co. The submarine cable of the Danish West Indies Co. has been broken.

Property in and around Kingston has suffered severely, the damage sustained thus far being estimated at \$500,000.

The banana plantations in the north and northeastern portions of the island have been badly hit by the storm.

GENERAL TRADE IS BUOYANT

Open Weather Helps Outside Construction Work, but Retards Opening of Winter Wear Lines.

New York City.—Bradstreets says: Continued mild weather is helpful to building and other outdoor construction work and facilitates fall plowing and winter wheat growth, but at the same time is a source of considerable complaint as to its effect on retail trade in heavy dry goods, clothing and heavy wearing apparel.

In other wholesale lines, however, reports are still to a high degree favorable, holiday demand is especially active and spring business is being booked in good volume, except where, as in cotton goods, high prices and uncertainty as to future prices of raw material check selling operations. The general tone of affairs commercial is buoyant. In industry generally the report is still one of well filled order books and of full time run. Iron and steel production is active.

Power Sites Held Out.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Ballinger has issued an order for the conservation of the water power rights on 8,000 acres of land located in the states of Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Washington, Wyoming and New Mexico.

Noted Woman Doctor Dies.

New York City.—By the death here from heart disease of Dr. Harriette C. Keatinge, America has lost one of its most noted women physicians.