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"Unclean! Unclean!"

The personality of Woodrow Wilson has powerfully impressed the country. His obvious sincerity of purpose and his clear moral vision have given him strength out of all proportion to the peculiar economic theories he espouses.

Stockholders for Rapid Transit

The greatest corporation in this community is the municipal corporation. In it every citizen is a stockholder. Whatever the stockholders of the Union Traction Company, through their directorate, decide to do—or not do—will be within their rights to do or not do whatever they please—the stockholders in the municipal corporation are overwhelmingly for rapid transit.

Golden Days of Opportunity

HOME have come the vacationists, the seashore harvest has been reaped, play-time is past, the thousands who laid down daily tasks to relieve mind and body are again in the toils of daily occupation. The ivy on walls is touched with red, the trees have taken their fringes of gold, while the late corn, the pumpkin and the grape alone remain to be gathered—the very air breathes of the fall time.

A Good Pilot to Drop

MAINE has sounded the warning. The Republican party must clear for action, clean the debris from the decks, sweep overboard Penroseism, Burmesism, Lorfierism and all the other "isms" which have fastened themselves on the quarterdeck.

Emergency Patriotism

THE old idea of party government has been given a severe jolt by the war. England furnishes a case in point. It is worth considering, even after the smoke of battle has cleared away and peace or armed neutrality is restored.

A Truce for Three Years

GOVERNMENT by personality is something that we can never get away from in this country. It is legitimate and inevitable, but it is not by any means sufficient for the purposes and requirements of democratic self-government.

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

WHAT constitutes a successful play? W asked David Belasco in reply to a question. And then the little wizard of the American stage—the greatest producer in captivity—delivered an hour's discourse on a subject in which he is concededly a past master.

What's the Use?

THE rehabilitation of the Republican party is essential to the prosperity of the nation. It cannot be rehabilitated in one State; it must be rehabilitated in many States. It cannot be rehabilitated at all until the sore spots on it are cured.

Mexicans Entitled to Govern Themselves

THE only excuse for keeping American troops at Vera Cruz would be the intention to keep them there for all time. Mexico is as quiet as it is likely to be for many months. There is a minimum of revolution.

Not Blue But Sane Laws

IF THOSE interested in innocent Sunday amusements for the masses will present rational arguments to the next Legislature that body may consider the repeal of antiquated blue laws. The great mass of the public, men, women and children, who have not the means to go to the shore or country in summer, should have the legal right to quiet amusements on the one day available.

A Strong Pull Together for the Port

THE decision of the majority in Washington to keep the "pork" in the Rivers and Harbors appropriation bill and exerce appropriations for such obviously necessary work as the Delaware channel emphasizes the blunder of depending too much on the National Government for assistance.

Francis B. Reeves, of the Girard National Bank, visited Russia in days gone by and, as a matter of course, made a flying trip to the estate of Leo Tolstoy—altruist, materialist, dreamer—the bete noir of the Russian reactionaries.

A Kicking Bee

While kicking a mule for kicking another mule, Worn Holloway, was severely kicked by his father's mule, which was correcting. Had he not received the kick on the arm, no doubt he would have been more severely hurt.—Prescott (Ark.) News.

At Least

Our office mathematician has it figured out that if all the war strategists who never saw Europe, never read a book of military tactics, never even pulled a trigger, were chloroformed and laid end to end (as we often wish they might be), they would form a line long enough to circle the earth 11 times at the Equator.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Equality of Sex

There is a little girl in Springfield, Mass., who, like many of her sex, resents the imputation that the feminine mind is not so strong as the masculine. One day her mother remarked on the apparent lack of intelligence in a hen.

The Battle of the Ballots

The conflict in Maine is described as follows by the New York World: The battle in Maine appears to have been a great strategic victory. The army of the Crown Prince of the Progressives, which occupied the extreme left of the line, was forced back upon the Roosevelt fortifications, and the first, second, third, fourth and fifth armies of the old Nelson Dingley standstillers, pivoting upon Portland in an attempt to effect a turning movement, were cut in two and put to rout.

Forgotten

When the drums begin to rattle and the legions clash in battle, Who is Wied? When the cannons do their roaring, and the airships high are soaring, Where is Wied, Willie Wied? Does he seek an hour of quiet, free from wrangle and from riot? Is he somewhere idly fretting 'cause he had to stop Mprettings? Where is Wied, Willie Wied? —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR

Circular Evolution
"Jim"—errand boy.
"James"—office boy.
"Brown"—clerk.

A Fine Poem

It's tough to dock a Congressman. For work he isn't done. It is a fine, and I opine It isn't any fun.

Too Persuasive

"But how did he happen to get engaged to the girl if he doesn't love her?" "Why, he says he was convincing when he merely meant to be plausible."—Judge.

The Minister—and Others

"Our minister," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "appears to be a real atheist." "Oh, I think you must be mistaken," replied Mrs. Gotaltole. "It seems to me by the sound of his voice that he must be a bass."—Judge.

The Retort Juvenile

Mamma—Johnny, see that you give Ethel her share of that orange. Johnny—Yes, ma. Ethel—Mamma, he hasn't given me any. Johnny—Well, that's all right. Lions don't eat oranges.—Kansas City Times.

A Sharp Lad

"What do you expect to be when you grow up, little boy?" "A man, father." "Very good; very good. And what sort of a man?" "One that isn't always asking questions."—Detroit Free Press.

The Sword and the Censor

It is remarked by the Boston Transcript that the blue pencil is mightier than the pen. While kicking a mule for kicking another mule, Worn Holloway, was severely kicked by his father's mule, which was correcting.

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Belgium also is fighting for home rule. Sir Lionel Carden will soon talk himself out of the diplomatic class. The German colors are being driven out of France, but American dry goods manufacturers can't get enough of them.

The Dum-dum Myth

The Kaiser's charge that both France and England have been using dum-dum bullets is merely an echo of a similar accusation against the Germans made at the outset of the war by the French. Both charges are surely unfounded.

CURIOSITY SHOP

Asaop's fable about the youth who cried "wolf" until no one believed him is based upon the silence of the Ameycaens. So often had the inhabitants of Ameyca been alarmed by the rumors that the Spartans were coming that they made a decree that no one should ever again mention the matter.

DONE IN PHILADELPHIA

FEW readers were worried when they read a few weeks ago that a strange sect, holding a camp meeting in West Philadelphia, had announced that the world was coming to an end on the 29th or the 30th of the present month.

OPPOSED TO DOCTOR BRUMBAUGH

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Your support of Doctor Brumbaugh and of Senator Penrose is very mystifying to me, if not to many other voters throughout the State.

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